

Senator Fall's Committee Starts Probe on Border

HIRAM JOHNSON ACCEPTS DEFY OF PRESIDENT

California Senator Opened His Campaign for Republican Presidential Nomination in New York Last Night.

New York, Jan. 14.—Senator Hiram Johnson, opening his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination here last night, offered as the issue the defense of the constitution, its powers as against those of the league of nations, and the privileges enjoyed under it by the people of the United States. Johnson demanded the action of the New York legislature in suspending five Socialist assemblymen.

"The constitution must be obeyed and respected," Johnson declared.

In declaring he would accept President Wilson's challenge, Johnson said: "I do not care whether the people accept this gage of battle or not. For one I accept the issue and, so far as I can, upon it, I shall go to the people of the United States."

Asked whether there was any doubt as to his candidacy, Johnson replied: "Yes, I am a candidate and I want everybody to know it. I hate these damned hypocrites who are willing to get the office, but who stand loftily aside and pretend they are not in the race."

Regarding selection of San Francisco as the Democratic convention site, Johnson said:

"We will give them a real California welcome, but so far as carrying California is concerned the Democrats have about as much chance as I have of walking off the roof of this hotel."

JURY AT NOON STILL OUT IN THE NEW CASE

After Twenty Hours Deliberation No Agreement Reached Among Twelve Men Trying Son United States Senator.

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—Twenty hours of deliberation have failed to bring an agreement among the members of the jury in the case of Harry S. New, accused of murder.

After having told the court shortly before 11 o'clock today that they were not ready to be discharged the jury continued deliberations until noon and then took an hour for lunch. The refusal of the jury to be discharged and the fact that it voluntarily asked to be sent to lunch and then be brought back for further consideration of the case, strengthened the belief that a single point is delaying the verdict and that an agreement eventually will be reached.

NEW YORK BAR COMMITTEE TO AID SOCIALISTS

Charles E. Hughes Heads Delegation to Fight for Reinstatement of Five Men Refused Seats in State Assembly.

New York, Jan. 14.—Following an all-night session of the New York Bar association, Charles E. Hughes and four other members were chosen to represent that organization in the fight for reinstatement of the five suspended Socialist assemblymen.

In addition to Hughes the legal committee will include Morgan O'Brien, Joseph M. Proskauer, Louis Marshall and Ogden L. Mills.

The resolution authorizing appointment of the committee and placing the association on record as protesting against suspension of the Socialists, following a bitter debate of several hours, was adopted 174 to 117. Most of the opposition developed from the fear of certain members that participation of the association in the matter would only result in providing political capital for the Socialists.

RICH GOLD STRIKE REPORTED IN NEVADA

Austin, Nev., Jan. 14.—Gold ore assaying thousands of dollars to the ton has been encountered in the Birch Creek Mining company tunnel near here, it was learned today.

The tunnel which is being run on the company's property on Birch creek is in the center of a district known to be rich in mineral bearing formations.

Investment American Capital In Foreign Nations Delayed By World Political Situation

Secretary of Commerce Alexander Deplores Making Peace Treaty Subject of Debate in This Country—Addresses American Manufacturers Export Association Annual Meeting in New York.

New York, Jan. 14.—"At a time when there is acute need in Europe for stabilization, political and economic, it is very unfortunate that the peace treaty should be made the subject of political debate in this country," J. W. Alexander, secretary of commerce, declared in a speech before the American Manufacturers Export association here today.

"The investment of American private capital in foreign countries, it is fair to state, is being delayed by the world political situation. If the peace treaty were ratified and the league of nations in operation, American investors would have greater confidence in putting their money into foreign securities."

U. S. POSITION.

"The United States has assumed a moral responsibility in foreign affairs which cannot be ignored. The future of America industry and commerce, moreover, is dependent upon more active participation in foreign affairs than ever before. This is a question appertaining not only to the bankers and exporters, but to all classes of American industry, at all kinds of American labor. American products, which enter into our export trade, come from every section of the country comprising foodstuffs, raw materials, and manufactured products. The prosperity of the United States demands that there should be an adequate outlet for the surplus production. Whatever the views and inclinations of various men in favor of keeping out of foreign affairs, we must recognize that we are committed to foreign relations, both politically and economically, which we can not to our profit escape. We are going forward to meet our new responsibilities and opportunities in the energetic, enthusiastic spirit of American enterprise."

ENTRANCE THIRD PARTY INTO CAMPAIGN DEPENDS ON WHETHER CERTAIN RADICAL PLANKS ARE ADOPTED BY OTHER PARTIES

Fight to Get Certain Measures Into Platform Seems Likely to Materialize at Democratic Convention—Bryan Believes Partial Government Control Railroads Will Be Biggest Issue Before Voters in November.

By HUGH BAILLIE.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—Entrance of a third party into the presidential campaign depends on whether certain radical planks are incorporated in the platforms of the Republican or Democratic parties, according to political indications in Washington today.

The fight to get these planks into the platform seems likely to materialize at the Democratic convention. The Republican platform will be studied out and prepared in advance, at least tentatively, and there does not appear to be much chance on a convention clash over it.

The radicals—this does not mean reds—want government ownership of railroads and mines and more government aid for farmers. If such legislation is promulgated by the major parties, the inclination of the backers of these issues is to form a third party.

BRYAN GIVES VIEWS.

W. J. Bryan said during his recent visit here that partial government control of railroads would be the biggest issue before the voters in November. Many believe he will make a strong fight at the San Francisco convention for incorporation of such a plank in the platform.

Other important problems, however, are before the platform planners of both parties today. The Republicans are expected to lay much stress on governmental economy, possibly advocating consolidation of government departments and bureaus along the lines followed by Governor Lowden in Illinois and general retrenchment so taxes may come down.

A permanent arbitration body, modification of the lines of the federal commission, has been suggested.

It was pointed out that labor differences could be brought before such a tribunal just as unfair trade practices are laid before the trade commission.

Bryan is advocating a great system of national highways and will make an effort to get it into the Democratic platform.

THE SOLDIER VOTE.

A bid for the soldier vote is likely to be made by both parties, through planks promising aid to veterans of the great war. Many Democrats think the measure on this subject pending in the house and known as the Mondell bill, is inadequate.

Sentiment is developing for an even bigger army than provided in the pending bill, in case the United States should remain permanently out of the league of nations and in this connection it is suggested that provision should be made for several more training schools like West Point and Annapolis, on the Pacific coast and possibly in the middle west.

Americanism is likely to make its appearance in both platforms, probably in the shape of a plank declaring party loyalty and denouncing reds.

A pronouncement advocating continuation of income tax legislation probably will be put into the Democratic platform. Party leaders hail the

IRRIGATION BOARD FROM THE WEST ASKS IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE

(Capital News Special Service.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—The adjutant general, Lake Irrigation Congress, presided over by Senator Davis of Idaho, today decided to call a conference immediately with the senate and house steering and appropriation committees to bring pressure to bear for appropriation of \$250,000,000.

IDAHO LABOR TALKS PLANS ENTER POLITICS

Resolution Introduced Empowers Executive Committee to Take Such Action—Ray McKaig Addresses Convention.

(Capital News Special Service.)

Pocatello, Idaho, Jan. 14.—At the opening session of the third day of the convention of the Idaho Federation of Labor, a resolution was introduced which empowered the executive committee of the organization to take a more active part in the politics of Idaho.

The resolution did not provide for the formation of a labor party, but it is said by leaders that such a party will probably be formed at a meeting called for Saturday.

That a branch of the National Labor party may be formed in this state is the opinion of many of the delegates.

A resolution was introduced at noon today urging the federation to buy newspapers in various parts of the state. It is said that this has been

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MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS RUSHED TO SUPPRESS OBREGON

Opponent of Carranza for Presidency Mexico Too Popular in State Sonora—Other Expenses Are Employed.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Mexican federal troops are being rushed to the state of Sonora to "suppress" the popularity of General Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency, according to unofficial advices from the border received here today.

Obregon is a candidate in opposition to Carranza's party. The majority said Carranza was about to put the state under martial law, that he had ordered several battalions of troops to the scene and that his forces were reported already disembarking at Guaymas on the Gulf of California.

Carranza, in sending troops declared that "a state of lawlessness" existed in Sonora, according to the dispatch.

Sonora, which is Obregon's home state, borders on Arizona and the Gulf of California. Sentiment in favor of Obregon has been on the increase there for some time, advices said. The state troops, suspected by the federal government of being too favorable to Obregon, will probably be disbanded, according to the dispatch and Governor De La Huerta, who supports Obregon for the presidency, will be supplanted by General Pesquiera, a member of Carranza's party.

There have been repeated rumors recently that Obregon was planning a revolt against Carranza, if it became apparent that the latter would not give him a fair chance to be elected president.

SUPREME COURT DISMISSES SUIT TO DISBAR BAUM

American Falls Attorney Criticized, However, for Some Acts—Chief Justice Morgan Dissents.

The state supreme court has dismissed the disbarment proceedings instituted against O. R. Baum, American Falls attorney, against whom 16 charges of unprofessional conduct had been filed.

State-wide interest was created in this case. Baum was appointed by Governor Davis as judge of the fifth judicial district to succeed J. J. Guheen, deceased.

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FREIGHT CARRYING CAPACITIES ROADS MUST BE INCREASED

Editor Railway Age Tells Pittsburgh Rotary Club Country Faces the Worst Financial Panics in Its History.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14.—Immediate large increases in the freight carrying capacity of American railroads is the only hope of avoiding one of the worst financial panics in history, Samuel O. Dunn, editor of the Railway Age, told the Rotary club here today.

"The people and congress of the United States are living in a fool's paradise so far as the railroad situation is concerned," Dunn said. "The listing of stocks upon the stock exchanges and other evidence shows we are engaged in investing billions of dollars annually and even monthly in other industries while only a trifling amount is being invested in railway facilities.

"Even now the railroads are unable to handle all the commodities that the industries of the country can produce. The freight traffic actually carried has increased 45 per cent in four and one-half years, while the number of freight cars in which to carry it has increased only 2 per cent and other railway facilities in proportion."

Dunn called attention to the fact that lumber mills in the northwest are closed down, because the railroads can not furnish care to haul the lumber, that Governor Allen of Kansas recently stated 45 per cent of the Kansas wheat crop was still in the hands of the farmers because the railroads would not handle it and stated that coal operators are constantly complaining that they can not get enough coal cars.

Dunn said at least two billion dollars a year should be invested in railroads for the next three years.

STATE SIEGE IS DECLARED IN GERMANY BY PRESIDENT EBERT; SCORES KILLED BERLIN RIOTS

Party Leaders Claim Credit Cutting Cost

London, Jan. 14.—Latest reports from Berlin this afternoon indicated the situation in Germany was serious, but has not reached the gravity of a revolution.

Yesterday's demonstration and rioting before the reichstag apparently was inspired by the Independent Socialists, who frankly are out to overthrow the government, dispatches said.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A state of siege has been proclaimed throughout Germany with the exception of Wurttemberg, Saxony and Bavaria, as a result of widespread riots.

The proclamation was issued by President Ebert late today.

Scores have been killed in riots in Berlin and more than 100 men and women wounded.

The fighting occurred when police and soldiers attempted to disperse a great mob which had formed in front of the reichstag building. Hand grenades were used by the police with fearful result.

The mob began gathering shortly after noon in response to requests for a demonstration against pending labor legislation in the reichstag.

MEETING ORDERLY FIRST.

At first the meeting was orderly. Then radical speakers so inflamed the people they attempted to rush the reichstag. Fighting followed.

Less than a score of guards were about the building, but they hurriedly called reinforcements.

Machine guns were brought into use.

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SIMS CRITICIZES DANIELS' POLICY DURING THE WAR

Washington, Jan. 14.—The controversy between Rear Admiral Sims and Secretary Daniels took a new turn today when Daniels announced he had received another letter from Sims severely criticizing his policy in conducting the navy during the war.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS FACE HARD TASK IN FOREIGN DISTRICTS; WOMEN AID IN WORK



Miss Mary Kelly, enumerator, interviewing Leo Mack in New York Chinatown and fish dealer being questioned by census taker.

An army of 85,000 enumerators is now taking the fourteenth federal census to find out a host of facts about folks in the United States. The work is expected to take weeks in the larger cities with big foreign elements and is extremely difficult.

SAYS MEXICANS GIVEN FREEDOM TO JOIN ARMY

Fall Committee Investigating Conditions in Mexico Told That Slayers of Americans Are Not Put to Death.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 14.—Charges that Mexicans sentenced to death for outrages against Americans in Mexico were freed upon enlistment in the Carranza army were made today before the Fall committee in its investigation here into the conditions in Mexico.

George F. Blalock, first witness, told of the killing of five members of the "Chumal colony," of which he was the organizer.

The first colonel killed, he said, was found in a well. Three Mexicans, Blalock said, were convicted and sentenced to be shot. Later, he declared, they turned up in the army.

A later trial of Mexicans for killings in the colony was interrupted and taken from the hands of the civil by military authorities, Blalock asserted, and some witnesses for the Americans were sentenced to be shot. They were saved by intervention of the civil judge, he added. Army service was a common substitute for death sentence, the witness charged.

The killing by three Mexicans of the daughter of Matthew Gourd, American rancher of the Itasca colony, which occurred while Blalock was taking a herd of cattle there for delivery drew death sentences. The last Blalock heard of the men, however, he said, was when they were placed aboard a train for San Luis Potosi for execution.

FILES CHARGES AGAINST COAL TROUBLES

Head of Illinois Mine Workers Declares Member of Wilson's Commission Acted in Interest the Operators.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Charges that one of the employes of President Wilson's coal commission acted in the interest of coal operators were made today by Frank Farrington, head of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers.

Farrington was before the commission, which is to settle the coal controversy, said the employe against whom he made his statements. Farrington urged the commission to demand the miners a six-hour day, declaring there are 50 per cent more miners than necessary. During the six years ending with 1918, he said, Illinois miners averaged only 201 working days a year. With the six-hour day, miners would be able to work the year round, he said.

PRESENT PEACE TREATY TODAY TO HUNGARIANS

Pact Recently Completed by Peace Conference Will Be Handed to Enemy Delegates This Afternoon.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Hungarian peace treaty, recently completed by the peace conference, will be handed to the enemy delegation headed by Count Apponyi in the French foreign office at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

During yesterday's secret sessions of the "big three" Nitti made his final concessions in the Adriatic dispute, it was understood. The Italian premier, it was said, agreed to give up all Italian claims in Dalmatia, except the special regime at Zara, agreed to give up neutralization of part of the Adriatic coast and part of the Italian mandate over Albania. He insisted only upon retention of certain strategic islands which President Wilson previously had conceded and that Nitti be placed under Italian sovereignty and connected with Italian Italy by a narrow corridor.

Should the Ugo-Slavia accept this solution today, Nitti, who is accompanied by several ministers for that purpose, will immediately propose to the final treaty which is considered extremely difficult.

WEATHER

Forecast for Boise and vicinity—FAIR and CONTINUED COLD TONIGHT and THURSDAY.

For Idaho—Tonight and Thursday, fair; continued cold.

SHIPPERS' FORECAST.

Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going west to Baker, 12 degrees; east to Pocatello, 8 degrees. Minimum temperature in Boise tomorrow about 12 degrees. Highest temperature yesterday . . . 30 Lowest temperature this morning . . . 12 Mean temperature yesterday . . . 21 The sun rises tomorrow at 7:17 a. m. and sets at 4:33 p. m.