

LODGE MAY CONSENT TO A MODIFICATION OF TREATY RESERVATIONS

After Confering With the Republican Majority Leader To-day, Senator Pomerene, a Democrat, Said He Was Hopeful That Compromise Would Be Framed.

PROPOSED CHANGES ARE CONSIDERED

Sen. Hitchcock, Democratic Leader, Continued His Efforts Among Senators of Both Parties, Following the Suggestion of the Mild Reservation Group of Republicans.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Compromise proposals for ratifying the peace treaty were discussed to-day at a conference between Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and Senator Pomerene of Ohio, a Democratic member of the foreign relations committee, who voted at the last session for ratification with the reservations framed by the Republican majority.

Both senators declined to discuss the conversation in detail but it was understood that several definite modifications in the majority program were considered.

DECKER TOO ACTIVE TO SUIT BAKER

So Rear Admiral Was Removed from His Post at Madrid, According to Secretary Daniels.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Discussing the refusal of Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker to accept a navy cross on the ground that it was "inadequate" reward for his services in Spain, Secretary Daniels to-day disclosed that Admiral Decker was removed from that post at the request of the state department, acting upon representations from Ambassador Willard.

GIRL KILLED HERSELF

Had Been Ill and Unsuccessful in Getting Employment.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Agnes Christi, a young woman who registered Saturday at the Brooks settlement house in Chandler street, died to-day from the effects of an anesthetic which she is supposed to have taken with suicidal intent. She was found in a room at the settlement house last night.

MINISTER STOVOL HOME

Arrived To-day at New York Accompanied by His Wife.

New York, Dec. 31.—Pleasant A. Stoval, United States minister at St. Gallen, arrived here to-day on the steamer Nieuw Amsterdam from Rotterdam, Boulogne and Plymouth. He was accompanied by his wife.

SENT DISTRESS SIGNALS

But Fishing Steamer Albattross Failed to State Where She Was.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The fishing steamer Albattross reported by wireless to-day that she was in distress off Georges Bank and needed assistance. The nature of the trouble was not mentioned and the message failed to show her position, only the latitude being given.

FRANCE'S RIVERS ARE BANK FULL

Higher Water Is Expected and People are Beginning to Move Some of Their Property.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Floods continue unabated throughout France, giving increased anxiety. The Rhine, Rhone, Marne, Meuse, Oise, Aisne and Caronne are bank full, while tributaries of the Seine continue to rise. Navigation is reduced to almost nothing.

MAY TAKE OVER HOBOKEN PIERS

U. S. Shipping Board Considers the Facilities Needed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Negotiations have been opened with the war department by the shipping board for the transfer to the board of the six former Hamburg-American line piers at Hoboken, which were turned over to the army during the war for the use of the transport service.

SUGAR BOARD ON BRINK

Its Life Depends on Action Taken by President Wilson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Unless President Wilson approves the McNary bill to-day, the sugar equalization board automatically will be dissolved at midnight to-night. It was said at the White House that the president had not yet reached a decision on the measure, which would extend the life of the board for one year.

ARMED DEPUTIES CALLED IN

To Suppress Disorders by Steel Strikers at Lackawanna, N. Y.

Lackawanna, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Fifty deputies armed with shotguns arrived here to-day to suppress disorders by steel strikers which Mayor Toomey informed Governor Smith and Sheriff Bradley of Erie county he was powerless to stop. The streets were quiet to-day.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Mayor Clarke of Portland, Me., Is One of Seven Candidates.

Portland, Me., Dec. 31.—Mayor Charles B. Clarke to-day announced that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from the first district at the June primaries. He was re-elected early this month for a third term by the largest plurality ever given a mayoral nominee in this city. Three York county men and three from this county already had announced their candidacies for the nomination.

STILL AFTER REDS

Investigators at Buffalo Call in Police and Agents of State.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Evidence of the activities of communists and members of other radical organizations was taken here to-day by the Lusk committee of the state legislature. Police officers and agents of the state who took part in the raid on communists' headquarters on Monday were the principal witnesses.

CALL COMPROMISE AN "INSULT"

Haverhill Wood Heel Makers Go Out on Strike.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN DEAD

S. S. Barney Died at His Home in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—Samuel S. Barney, 63, former congressman, and recently judge of the court of claims at Washington, died to-day at his home in this city.

GERMANS HAVE NOT FULL POWER

So Formal Peace May Not Be Possible by Jan. 6, as Was Fixed To-day

DELEGATES MUST SECURE AUTHORITY

Switzerland Is Informed That League of Nations Will Decide Reservations

Paris, Dec. 31.—Although the supreme council to-day fixed Jan. 6 as the date for signing the protocol and exchanging ratifications of the German peace treaty, complications are developing which it is thought by some persons in council circles may again cause the postponement of the ceremony of putting the treaty into effect.

It has developed that the German technical delegates who are here to arrange the multitude of details connected with the plebiscites to be held in territories which must decide whether they desired to be detached from Germany, do not appear to have full power to act.

The signing of the protocol on Jan. 6, therefore, may depend upon whether the Germans can obtain these powers immediately, in order to complete the arrangements which it is thought in council circles ought to precede the exchange of ratifications.

The council to-day agreed upon the reply to be made to the note to the Swiss government applying for Switzerland's admission to the league of nations, with reservations. The note informs the Swiss authorities that the council regards the application as a question for the league itself to pass upon when it is organized.

The fact that there are 80,000 German troops in upper Silesia, where a plebiscite is to be held, was brought to the attention of the council, which unanimously reached the opinion that Germany should be informed that the troops had better be withdrawn.

The attention of the council also was called to the fact that Hungarian troops continue to occupy a part of western Hungary, which was given to Austria by the peace treaty. It is proposed to send a mission of allied officers there to supervise the withdrawal of these troops.

COLLEGE MEN IN SPORTS

Statement of the Number Was Made at Conference To-day.

New York, Dec. 31.—The first definite statistics showing the extent to which college men participated in various sports during the past year were presented to-day at the annual meeting of the Athletic Research society. Many college physical directors, here for the annual college association meetings, attended the session as guests of the society.

WILL NOT TAX FOREIGN CAPITAL

Brazil Senate Rejects Proposal for Discrimination.

Rio Janeiro, Tuesday, Dec. 30.—The bill levying a five per cent tax on foreign capital invested in Brazil was rejected by the Senate to-day.

MONTPELIER

Mrs. Timothy Hornbrook is taking her annual vacation from her work in the insurance commissioner's office.

C. A. Smith, deputy probation officer, is in Stowe to-day in connection with his work.

A meeting of the State Historical society is taking place this afternoon in the new state building. It is the annual meeting and the election of officers will occur. W. W. Stickney is the president and D. B. E. Kent the secretary of the organization.

Alderman W. B. Stratton received 30,000 trout eggs which he placed last evening in his hatchery in the cellar of his home. It is a very interesting job to handle them, but Alderman Stratton has a well equipped hatchery. He will place the trout in a private preserve when the proper time arrives.

The trial of Tony Guerra before Montpelier city court in Waterbury is still in progress to-day. State's Attorney E. R. Davis is prosecuting, while Hoar and Fay are defending. Guerra is charged with illegal keeping of intoxicating liquor. The defendant has raised the question of whether the state's attorney has any authority to prosecute since the decision made by the United States supreme court. He holds that the district attorney is the only man under that decision having authority to prosecute now that this matter has become a federal proposition instead of a state matter, and that he is not and cannot be until to-morrow designated by V. A. Bullard, the district attorney, to prosecute under the federal laws.

Among the few accident reports that reached the secretary of state's office this morning was a report of an accident to the automobile owned by Mrs. Mary Beck of Barre, in which her car collided with the automobile numbered 1068, driven by a Mr. Houston. The report is signed by W. J. Beck, and states that Mr. Houston assumed the responsibility for turning around in such a manner that the Beck car ran into his machine.

ARREST GIRL IN DEATH CASE

Cecile Beatrice Vestor Stoutly Maintains That She Is Innocent

CHARGE IS MURDER OF J. STANLEY BROWN

Miss Vestor Was Surrendered to Authorities at Mount Clemens To-day

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 31.—Cecile Beatrice Vestor was surrendered to the authorities here shortly before 8 o'clock this morning and placed in the county jail on a charge of murdering J. Stanley Brown.

The girl, who stoutly maintained her innocence, was brought here in a taxi cab from Detroit, where she spent Tuesday night under a guard employed by a Chicago newspaperman, who located her Monday night at Kalamazoo.

DRY'S VICTORY BANQUET WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

Various Organizations Will Participate in Demonstration to Be Held in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Conventions of national reform organizations usually held in Washington in December will meet Jan. 11 to 16, to inaugurate the first "saloonless year" on the effective date of the constitutional prohibition amendment. It was announced to-day that many senators and representatives will be in part to encourage the industry. This policy carried out will mean that more men will be given opportunity to work with the company and to participate in its benefits, and that those employees who remain with the company will share increasingly in its earnings.

The idea underlying the plan is that justice is greater than charity, that instead of spending money on men and for men in so-called philanthropic ways, it is better to give them opportunity to work at a wage that enables them and their families to provide for their own future. There is no charity in it.

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HOT WATER TANK EXPLODED

Injuring Three Men, Two of Whom Were Passing the Store.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 31.—The explosion of a hot water tank used in connection with the soap fountain in the F. A. Easton company store here to-day caused damage estimated at \$5,000 and injured three men. Two of these were passing the store when the explosion occurred and were severely cut by flying glass from the big plate glass window. Several customers in the store had narrow escapes when the Pleasant street windows landed with a crash in the center of the store.

SHIPPING GOLD TO INDIA

More Than \$2,000,000 Went To-day to Stabilize Exchange.

New York, Dec. 31.—Gold bars valued at more than \$2,000,000 are being shipped to-day to the National bank of India for the purpose of stabilizing exchange. The shipment, which will be followed by others in the near future, is being made by the Anglo-South American bank and other institutions.

NEW CANDIDATE POSSIBLY

Gov. Morrow of Kentucky Is Being Groomed By His Friends.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—Republican leaders in Kentucky are grooming Governor Edward P. Morrow as a presidential candidate, according to announcement here to-day.

Governor Morrow was elected in November by a majority of approximately 40,000.

ANOTHER OIL RAISE

One Grade Raised 25 Cents a Barrel, Others 15 Cents.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—The principal oil purchasing agency here announced to-day another advance in the price of crude oil. Pennsylvania grade being lifted 25 cents a barrel to \$5. Other prices were raised 15 cents a barrel.

OVER \$8,000,000 BONUS AT FORD PLANT

And Employees are Given a Chance to Buy 6 Per Cent Guaranteed Stock Certificates.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—An elaboration of its profit-sharing plan, whereby all employed will be enabled to purchase certificates of investment in the company, guaranteed to return 6 per cent a year and a distribution of bonuses that will total between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000, was announced to-day by the Ford Motor Co.

Approximately 90,000 employees of the Ford Motor company and other interests of Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, it is announced, will be eligible to participate. In a statement accompanying details of the new policy, it is announced that the two steps outlined constitute "only a beginning," and that "other plans for enlarging the income and increasing the purchasing power of the dollar of our employees are under consideration."

The amount of the bonuses, which will be in addition to the distribution of profits under the original profit-sharing plan, will be based on an employee's daily wage and length of service. They will range from \$50 in the case of a worker in the company's service three months and receiving the minimum wage of \$6 a day, to \$270 in the case of a worker with five years of service and receiving a wage of \$18.80 a day. Salaried employees receiving more than \$250 a month will participate proportionately on the basis of the length and value of service.

The certificates of investment will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and are to be non-negotiable and non-assignable. They will be restricted to employees in the actual and active service of the company.

The investment certificates are to be purchased only with wages received from the company, or with the bonuses received. Not more than one-third of the employee's wages may be invested.

In announcing the new policy, the Ford Motor company states: "It is believed that simple economic justice demands that a greater portion of the earnings should go to the employees and in part toward encouraging the industry. This policy carried out will mean that more men will be given opportunity to work with the company and to participate in its benefits, and that those employees who remain with the company will share increasingly in its earnings."

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COOLIDGE NOT AFTER THE VICE-PRESIDENCY

He Withdraws His Name from Consideration in the South Dakota Primaries.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Letters in which Governor Coolidge withdraws his name as a candidate for the Republican nomination as vice-president at the March primary elections in South Dakota were made public at the State House to-day.

This in no way detracts from his deep appreciation of the honor that has been given him or from his pleasure at having such an expression of confidence from the people of South Dakota.

The second letter, written yesterday to Secretary Burkhardt in confirmation of a telegram to the same effect, said that Governor Coolidge wished to withdraw his name from the ballot. The letter concluded:

"As heretofore explained, I am deeply appreciative of the very great honor that my fellow Americans have extended to me in your state by their action, but I do not wish to have my name on your ballot as a candidate for this office."

MAJ. GEN. WOOD IS CANDIDATE FORMALLY

Filed Announcement of His Intention to Run for the Presidency by Going Before South Dakota Voters.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 31.—Major General Leonard Wood to-day filed a formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination with the South Dakota secretary of state.

The formal announcement from General Wood, accepting the endorsement of the Republican state convention of Dec. 2, came on the last day that candidates for presidential endorsement may file their acceptances.

Wood, Senator Hiram Johnson of California, Governor Lomen of Illinois, and Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, are avowed candidates for party endorsement at the March primary.

The Democratic state convention endorsed President Wilson for a third term when he decides to become a candidate. No communication has been received from the president. James W. Gerard of New York, former ambassador to Germany, filed his petition as an independent candidate for the Democratic endorsement.

Governor Lynn J. Frazier, North Dakota, who was endorsed for president by the Non-Partisan league state convention Dec. 2, has not filed a notice of acceptance.

Major General Wood gave his home city as Bangue, Mass., and his present address as Chicago.

WILSON GETS A SETBACK

Overtaxed Himself on His Birthday When Members of Family Were Present

MORE CARE WILL BE TAKEN OF PATIENT

No Watch Party Is Expected to Be Held at White House To-night

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—White House officials disclosed to-day that President Wilson overtaxed himself on his birthday Sunday, when he celebrated the occasion by having the members of his family present. Consequently it is considered improbable that he will hold a watch party in his sickroom to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, who came to the White House for the president's birthday, are expected to remain over New Year's day.

WOOD ALCOHOL SALE LAID TO STOREKEEPER

Passaic, N. J., Man Accused To-day Following Arrest of Two Others Last Night.

New York, Dec. 31.—Charged with selling the liquor responsible for seven deaths from wood alcohol poisoning in Passaic, N. J., Giovanni R. LoCicero, proprietor of an Elizabeth street grocery store, was arrested at his home here to-day. A technical charge of selling wood alcohol for beverage purposes was made against him.

The arrest of LoCicero followed closely that of Herman Morris and Frank Hopper in Passaic last night. The Passaic police claim that LoCicero sold the poisoned whiskey to Hopper, who sold it to Morris, and that Morris in turn disposed of it to Passaic storekeepers.

BOY STRICKEN WHILE SKATING

Died a Short Time After Being Taken Sick on Ice.

Rutland, Dec. 31.—Philip Harold Grimes, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Grimes of 54 East street, was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock while skating at the Dunklee ice pond on North Main street and died five hours later at his home without regaining consciousness.

The boy, who had not been in the best of health for the last few weeks, went skating yesterday afternoon with his brother, John C. Grimes, 12 years old.

After they had spent some time skating the younger brother complained of having a headache and sat down on the ice. John helped Philip up to a sled and started drawing him home. They had gone but a short distance when the sick boy toppled off the sled, unconscious. John, thinking that his younger brother was playing a prank on him, called upon him to get back on the sled. Efforts to restore Philip were futile, however, and he was placed in a passing automobile and rushed to his home. Doctors were called but their services were without avail. The cause of death is not definitely known, but the family believes that the boy suffered a slight stroke.

Philip Grimes was born in Rutland Sept. 4, 1911, and had lived here all his life. He was a pupil in the second grade of the Holy Innocents school. There are no other survivors besides his parents and his brother, John.

TALK OF THE TOWN

FUNERAL AT WATERBURY

Of J. F. Shipman Was Held To-day—Burial at Danville.

Waterbury, Dec. 31.—The funeral of J. F. Shipman was held this forenoon at 10 o'clock at the home, a large number of people attending. Rev. George Lock, pastor of the Methodist church officiated. The bearers were Grant Russell, E. E. Campbell, Arthur Bailey, D. C. Jones and C. C. Graves, all of this place, and Charles Smith of Lacomia, N. H. The remains were taken by automobile here to Danville for interment.

Those from out of town to attend the funeral were Fred A. Howland, Charles Shipman and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dillingham of Montpelier, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Lacomia, N. H.

A BUSY DEPARTMENT

Vermont Secretary of State's Office Will Not Have Holiday To-morrow.

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"GOOD QUALITY" CLOTHES FOR THREE AT \$149.53

New York, Dec. 31.—It is possible for a man in New York to outfit himself, wife and small boy with clothing of "good quality" for \$149.53 by carefully studying newspaper advertisements of reputable houses and then "shopping around," according to Colonel Miles Friedman of the fair price committee in a report submitted to-day to Federal Food Administrator Williams.

The man's clothing would cost \$68.23; the woman's, \$58.35; and the boy's, \$22.95. These figures would allow for an overcoat, suit of clothes, shoes, underwear, and hosiery for a man; a skirt, dress, coat, shoes, hosiery and underwear for a woman; and suit, shoes, stockings and overcoat for a boy.

The figures, according to Mr. Williams, represent lower prices than those submitted in Boston, but are slightly higher than in Chicago.

BARRE MEN LEADING

In the State Checker Tournament, Messer and Stephens Being Highest.

The scoring up to this afternoon in the Vermont state checker championship at Montpelier indicated that a Barre man would carry off the championship although there might be some slip in the progress. At that time W. H. Messer, with two games to play, was leading the field with 34 points, and David Stephens, also of Barre, was second with 31 points and five games to play. Stephens has to go up against some of the best players in the tournament in his remaining matches.

The scores up to this afternoon were as follows: Perkins, 12; Hoag, 24; Taggart, 17; Stephens, 31; McLeod, 15; Hyslop, 19; Galt, 22; Perry, 22; Ingalls, 27; Messer, 34; Lamberon, 19; Anderson, 18; Milo, 18; Johnson, 16; Blanchard, 13.

STATE EMPLOYEES MAY QUIT

Unless They Receive More Salary, the Board of Control Hears.

The state board of control was still in session this morning at Montpelier relative to different matters. These included a conference with Dr. E. A. Stanley of Waterbury about the conditions at the state hospital. Frank Austin of Burlington, who has been working on the beautifying of the grounds about the State House, was in conference yesterday with the board over the report made by the national organization of the arts. It is proposed to beautify the grounds which were donated to the state by Miss Katherine Viles.

Some of the officials of the state appeared before the board of control yesterday relative to salaries, for it was made known that some will have part of their clerks under the present scale of wages is increased in their departments.

SEAL SALE BROUGHT \$421,650

Successful Campaign for Anti-Tuberculosis Work Was Held in Barre.

The sale of Red Cross seals in Barre during the recent Christmas season was very successful, Miss Annie Barclay, the director of the campaign, being able to report a total sale of \$421,650, or \$79.50 more than the 1917 drive, which was the last one held. The school children co-operated well with Miss Barclay this year and their total sales amounted to \$232,141. The balance of the amount was sold in some of the stores and through personal solicitation by Miss Barclay.

As already well known, the returns from the sale are used to aid in the fight against tuberculosis in Vermont. The Barre drive was under the auspices of the Woman's club.

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FUNERAL OF G. DINDO

Was Held from His Late Home Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Giuseppe Dindo, whose death occurred Saturday evening at 6:30 after a four months' illness, was held from his late home at 8 Second street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Italian friends and countrymen carried out the customary rituals of the funeral and escorted in a body the remains to Hopewell for burial. T. Zampini, G. Bona Domani, P. Cecchini, G. Buttarini, E. Zori and V. Margaroni, intimates and friends of the deceased, were the pall bearers.

JOHN HENEY'S NEW FIRE CHIEF

Appointed and Confirmed Last Night to Succeed Arthur G. Preble

OTHER PROMOTIONS IN FIRE SERVICE

City Plans to Borrow \$48,000 in Anticipation of 1920 Tax Money

A reorganization of the officer personnel of the Barre fire department was effected by the aldermen in special session last night following the acceptance of the resignation of Chief Arthur G. Preble at the regular meeting of the city council, the resignation of Mr. Preble being brought about by his appointment as deputy state fire marshal with wide powers of supervision. John Heney, a veteran fireman and present first assistant chief, was appointed to the head of the department and unanimously confirmed; Edward Barrett was promoted to first assistant; John Downs to second assistant; and Alto Mariani to be a regular fireman.

John Heney has served in the Barre department 11 years as a call man and a regular fireman, having re-entered the department on his return from overseas service. He was recommended to the position by the retiring chief, and he will assume his new duties on the first day of 1920.

Mr. Preble has been with the department only a few months, having come to Barre from Quincy, Mass., but in the short time he has been at the head of the department he has done much to build up the department as well as to work for fire prevention in Barre. He is a fireman of long experience in Massachusetts and he will take to the office of deputy state marshal the results of that long experience. He expects to continue his residence in Barre, having office at the state insurance commissioner's department in Montpelier. He states that he was ready at all times to co-operate with the new chief of the Barre department either in fire fighting or fire prevention.

Besides accepting the resignation of Chief Preble, the city council accepted the resignation of Dan J. Sullivan as a city auditor; but no move was made last night to fill that office.

Old Schoolhouse Patri