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MEMBERS FRENCH CABINET HAND IN THEIR PORTFOLIOS

ACTION LEAVES LAVAL FREE TO ACT IN RECONSTRUCTION OF MINISTRY

PARIS, Jan. 12. (AP)—The entire French cabinet followed Briand's example and placed their portfolios in the hands of Laval, leaving him free to do as he wishes in reconstruction of the Ministry.

This action followed a conversation between Premier Briand, whose ill health compelled him to ask last week that he be permitted to retire as foreign minister, and the sudden death of Andre Maginot, Minister of War, also precipitated a cabinet crisis.

The Premier sent for Edouard Herriot, chief of the Radical Socialists, whose support he needs if he is to form a National Union government something like England's to face the impending international conferences.

Heretofore Herriot declared he would collaborate with Laval.

BE BURIED IN TACOMA

JUNEAU, Jan. 12. (AP)—The body of Dr. F. L. Goddard, 70, is being brought here from Goddard Hot Springs enroute to Tacoma for burial.

PROSECUTOR IS SEEKING MURDER INDICTMENT

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12. (AP)—Prosecutor Gorman is seeking a first degree murder indictment against Charles Bischoff, 45, confessed slayer of Marion McLean, age six, and arranged to present the case to the grand jury.

Bischoff remained unemotional and took the attitude no crime was committed. "I couldn't help it," he said, but he expected to go to the electric chair.

JIM REED LOOMING ON THE HORIZON AS A PRESIDENT NOMINEE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 11. (AP)—Former Senator Reed of Missouri sounded what is believed by several thousand Democrats to be his resolution to accept the anticipated Democratic Presidential nomination when, in making the principal address in the annual Missouri-Jackson Day dinner, Reed let slip a phrase which was the signal for cries of "Jim Reed for President."

"Now I speak for Reed," he said, introducing a program of remedial measures; the principal point being a demand for decentralization of government.

He seemed more concerned with economic issues and treated prohibition briefly; he also advocated withdrawal from all European controversies.

RECONSTRUCTION BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. (AP)—The \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction bill passed the Senate by a vote of 63 to 28 and is expected to be voted on in the House tomorrow or Thursday.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS PERMITTED REENTER THE CITY OF HONOLULU

HONOLULU, Jan. 12. (AP)—Soldiers and sailors, forewarned against violence, reentered the city for the first time since the killing of Joseph Hahahawai, who was charged with attacking Mrs. Thomas Massie, thereby precipitating a reign of near terror.

A grand jury has been drawn to meet Friday. A panel jury will hear the trial on murder charges. The jury will be drawn Thursday.

HINDENBURG TERM IS NOT TO BE EXTENDED GERMAN GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, Jan. 12. (AP)—The government's proposal to extend President Von Hindenburg's term one year or more was given less than an even chance for success by observers.

Dr. A. Hugentert, Nationalist party leader and recent Fascist ally, was expected to cast the deciding vote in negotiations between Chancellor Bruening, Adolph Hitler and himself. The government was optimistic regarding the outcome chiefly because Hitler was understood to favor the extension on the condition that Bruening call for new elections for the Reichstag this year.

Nationalists, however, emphasized their belief that the conferences would end in a deadlock and that a popular election would be necessary.

A late report from Berlin was to the effect that the Reichstag in a resolution announced that it had been decided not to extend the term of Von Hindenburg. To continue as President, Hindenburg must now be elected at a popular election and it is the hope of the Fascist party that they can rope him into running as their candidate.

EQUIPPING NAVAL BASE

TOKYO, Jan. 12. (AP)—An unconfirmed report prevalent here is that Port Arthur, captured by the Japanese from Russia a number of years ago, is being reequipped as a naval base by the Japanese.

GANDHI REMAINS IN JAIL; LAWYERS ACTIVE

BOMBAY, Jan. 12. (AP)—Attorneys interested in obtaining the release from prison of Mahatma Gandhi, decided to postpone application for a writ of habeas corpus until they had an opportunity for further study of the statute of 1827 under which Mahatma was sent to jail.

They require about a week longer. British authorities said even if he is released he will be re-arrested under new ordinances.

DAWES IS SQUARELY BEHIND HOOVER FOR G.O.P. NOMINATION

CHICAGO, Jan. 12. (AP)—Dawes stepped from the ranks of possible rivals for the G. O. P. nomination and was enlisted as a loyal supporter of President Hoover.

Calling newspapermen together with the explanation that politicians were seeking "as usual to read petty political significance out of his return to Chicago," he handed out a brief statement in which he said: "Any intimation to the effect in any possible way or under any possible contingency that President Hoover will not have my loyal entire support is an insult to me."

SS VICTORIA ENROUTE SEWARD AND WAYPORTS

SEATTLE, Jan. 12. (AP)—The SS Victoria, of the Alaska Steamship Company, sailed at 9 a. m. today for Seward and wayports, carrying 78 first-class passengers and 16 steerage, of which 18 are booked through to Seward.

Seward passengers are as follows: J. N. Watman, A. N. Severn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Morton, W. F. Scott, G. M. Marchand, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Messer, Wm. S. Christensen, Carl Messer Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Hangel, F. Berger, Mrs. Marie Shively, Mrs. Ailene Sewell and three steerage.

SMALL PACKAGE IN ITALIAN POSTOFFICE CREATED A FUROR

NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 12. (AP)—Two clerks in the postoffice stepped back in alarm, as they combed through thousands of sacks of mail brought by the steamer Excalibur, they uncovered a suspicious looking package from the United States labelled "medals" and addressed to the King.

The package was only four inches long but the bomb squad took it to a vacant lot so nobody would be hurt. They carefully removed a wrapping while an expert stood by disclosing an American half dollar dated 1832 and with it a note to the King from Modestino Derosa, a barber of Newark, N. J., saying: "I send you this coin, a hundred years old, as a token of my affection."

The King is a coin collector. Other packages were opened, addressed to the King and Mussolini, including a photograph album from American admirers.

NO OFFICIAL COMMENT

LONDON, Jan. 12. (AP)—Although no official comment was made here on Britain's reparations policy, Prime Minister MacDonald declared that Chancellor Bruening's statement emphasized the need for readjustment of inter-governmental debts.

IS A MEMBER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. (AP)—Sir George Foster, "Grand Old Man" of Canada, died at the age of 84 years.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

JUNEAU, Jan. 12. (AP)—Harry I. Lucas, business man, announced he would file his candidacy for Territorial Auditor in the Republican primaries in April after his return from Seattle on a business trip. He sailed today.

HIRAM JOHNSON IS BEING URGED TO ENTER PRESIDENTIAL RACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. (AP)—Republican opponents of President Hoover came forward with the request that Hiram Johnson, of California, enter the Presidential race.

Nye and Fraizer, both North Dakota Republican Senators, urged Johnson to enter their State's primary March 15; Johnson gave no answer but an early break in silence is expected as it appeared Johnson would have the united support of anti-Hoover forces centering in western Republican independents should he make a contest.

FRANCE CONDEMNS REPUDIATION OF WAR DEBTS BY BRUENING

PARIS, Jan. 12. (AP)—Chancellor H. Bruening's announcement that Germany was unable to pay her war debts, was answered by condemnatory editorials and semi-official statements, asserting that France might refuse future financial aid to Germany and bring pressure in other capitals to render Germany financially helpless.

The French government also might retaliate by invoking economic and military sanctions as provided by the Versailles Treaty, the Young Plan and the Hague Agreement and might even occupy the Ruhr Valley, it was indicated.

Although the French government was intensely aroused over Bruening's declaration, it was pointed out that Germany has taken no official action and a repudiation announcement will probably be made by Germany as a move to improve her position at the Lausanne Reparation Conference on January 25.

SCATTERED BATTLES

TOKYO, Jan. 12. (AP)—Many scattered battles have been taking place in the Chin Chow area between Japanese troops and Chinese bandits and many casualties are reported for both sides. From indications at Chin Chow it appears that Japan's armies are not making any strong effort to advance but are confining their activities to bandit chasing.

CANNOT PAY

BERLIN, Jan. 11. (AP)—Chancellor Heinrich Bruening informed England that when the Lausanne reparations conference convenes that Germany will tell the world that her ability to pay reparations is at an end. Bruening has told Sir Horace Rumbold, British Ambassador, that not only for the present but for an indefinite time to come Germany will still be unable to pay her debt obligations.

"BIG NAVY" BLOC CONGRESS SPONSOR EXPENDITURE BILL

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE NAVAL AFFAIRS ASKS CONGRESS FOR \$18,000,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. (AP)—Expenditure of \$616,250,000 during the next 10 years to modernize the American Navy and the immediate appropriation of \$18,000,000 to begin laying keels in June was to be asked of Congress in a bill presented by Chairman Vinson, of the House Naval Affairs Committee. A bitter fight is expected over the measure on the floor of the House.

The bill, calling for construction of 120 new warships including three aircraft carriers, 85 destroyers nine six-inch cruisers and 23 submarines, is supported by the "big navy" bloc in the House and Senate.

The proposed construction, authorized under the terms of the London Treaty, is a replacement program and makes no attempt to give the U. S. parity with Great Britain as provided by the terms of the pact, Vinson said.

JAPANESE DETACHMENT AIDS CHINESE CAVALRY

TOKYO, Jan. 12. (AP)—A Rengo News Agency dispatch from Chin Chow said a Japanese detachment went to the relief of the Koga cavalry, a unit of Chinese surrounded by bandits and defending itself against tremendous odds.

The report said several thousand Chinese irregulars and city Chinese are burning all communications. The Japanese line is cut off excepting carrier pigeons; reinforcements are being rushed.

DEMOCRATS ARRAIGN REPUBLICAN LEADERS ATTACK POLICIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11. (AP)—Democrats far and wide gave spirited assent Friday night to speeches by their leaders in past campaigns and arraigned the Hoover administration and demanded its repudiation at the polls in November.

Leading off with the Jackson Day dinner, Al Smith especially attacked the way the economic situation has been handled and said private relief for unemployed was insufficient. He proposed a huge Federal bond issue for public works to give jobs.

Davis and Cox joined him in charging failure after failure to the Republicans and hailing the coming of the Democratic day. Nothing was said of Presidential candidacies.

Prohibition was decried especially by Smith who called the spending of \$100,000,000 annually for enforcement a "flea bite."