

BRITAIN AGREES TO DIVISION OF SEAS; CROWD RESENTS ATTACK ON CLARA HAMON

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SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND

BRITISH TO TAKE ATLANTIC AS JOB

At Same Time Washington Intimated That Nation's Naval Strength to Go to Western Seas

By Ed L. Keen
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London, Mar. 15—Great Britain and America have agreed to an amicable "division" of the seas, according to general belief here today.

As a result of the agreement, it was believed, Great Britain will police the Atlantic ocean, America the Pacific.

This impression was strengthened by two announcements from London and Washington on the same day.

From Washington came the statement that the Pacific fleet probably will assume more importance than the Atlantic.

From London came the announcement that Great Britain will reduce her naval budget by \$70,000,000 thereby abandoning any thought of competition with America's naval program.

There was a general belief here that friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain would be greatly strengthened if America goes through with its proposed program of concentrating naval power in the Pacific. There will then no longer be any question raised by the British as "to who America is building against?"

Reports from Washington that America was considering putting its fleet in the Pacific were regarded here as indicating that the United States wants to impress Japan with its naval strength.

The presence of a big American fleet in the Pacific will probably influence Japan that war with America at the present time is not feasible, many experts believe.

MASONIC HOUSE WARMING DATE IS POSTPONED

It is announced by those in charge of plans for the house warming of the new Masonic Temple that instead of being held on April 29 as was originally planned, the celebration will be held on May 6. This change in plans was made necessary on account of the fact that Grand Master Charles Ketchum of Key West found it impossible to be present on that date due to previous engagements and the committee on arrangements announced the change of date to May 6. The contemplated plans will make this one of the largest and most important events local Masons have ever staged in Palatka.

PALATKA DEGREE TEAM GIVEN SIGNAL HONORS.

The degree team of Red Wing Council D. of P., left today for Orlando to put on the degree work for Cherokee council No. 12. There will be candidates from all over the state to be initiated. Over 100 delegates will be present from Jacksonville to see the crack Palatka team work.

SENATE ADJOURNS

(By United Press
Washington, Mar. 15—The Senate adjourned sine die at 11:30 today.

PATRONAGE PESTS BESIEGE HARDING AND CLOG WHEELS

PRESIDENT HAS LITTLE TIME EXCEPT TO LISTEN TO APPOINTMENT PLEAS

SHIPPING BOARD IS BIG PROBLEM

Reorganization of Governmental Departments May Not Take Place Despite Promises

By Raymond Clapper
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Washington, Mar. 15—Patronage troubles are forcing President Harding to neglect temporarily the big international problems demanding his attention.

Even domestic questions are for the most part untouched because about ninety per cent of the president's working time since his inauguration has been devoted to listening to claims of office seekers or their backers.

Harding's worst difficulties center in the shipping board. Because of the demand of shipping and business men generally that the new board be appointed quickly, the president is devoting most of his time to it, but he has not found a suitable chairman. He probably will lay his troubles before the cabinet which meets today.

The capinet is also expected to take up the question of reorganizing the government department. Although the question will be fully threshed out during the next few cabinet meetings, it is predicted that nothing of a sweeping character will be undertaken for many months—probably not until the next regular session of congress meets next December. Cabinet members have decided that they can do no more than make minor changes within their own departments until congress has enacted a law providing for the shifting around of guisines from one department to another.

The decision to hold up for reorganization does not meet the approval of all of Harding's advisers, it is known. Some of them believe that unless the reorganization is accomplished within six months, the popular demand for it will have subsided while the opposition to it will have increased enough to defeat it. It is impossible, however, to make sweeping changes without congressional action.

President Harding expected to send another batch of nominations to the senate today. It was doubtful of the shipping board would be among them. He had counted upon securing James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation as chairman of the shipping board but Farrell would not take the job. R. A. C. Smith, former dock commissioner at New York, who was understood to be his next choice is being vigorously opposed by Republican political leaders in New York.

Meanwhile Harding is leaning on Admiral Benson, the present chairman, to keep the board functioning until new members can be selected. Benson can continue on the board under Harding if he so desires, it is believed.

President Harding is expected to give his consent to an adjournment of the senate today and this will leave him free of congress until April 11, when the extra session begins. He will have a chance in the meantime to clean up the bulk of his appointments and formulate his legislative policies.

BLISS IS NAMED THIRD ASSISTANT STATE SECY.

(By United Press.
Washington, March 15—Robert Woods Bliss of New York, has been named third assistant secretary of state, it was learned today. Bliss has spent a number of years in the American diplomatic service and at present is head of the division of western European affairs in the State Department. His nomination is expected to go to the senate today.

BRITISH MISSION COMING TO TALK HELP ME POLICY

WILL BE SIMILAR MOVE TO THAT OF FRANCE IN SEND-ING VIVIANI

DELEGATION TO BE HAND PICKED

Wish to Avoid, as Far as Possible, Causing Any Friction With Pro-Irish Elements

By Ralph H. Turner
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Mar. 15—The British government has begun the organization of a special mission, which it proposes to send to the United States within the next month, according to advisers received here today in official quarters.

The mission will formally convey its congratulations and wishes of success to the new administration and then proceed to the discussion of numerous outstanding questions between this government and Britain.

Among the subjects to be discussed it was understood today, are an association of nations, disarmament, German reparations and Britain's indebtedness to the United States.

The first advices concerning the British mission indicate that it will be headed by three leading figures, a statesman chosen from the highest ranks of Britain's public men, a high military officer and a representative naval leader. Aides and secretaries will complete the mission.

Select Delegation Carefully
The personnel of the delegation, it is learned, is being chosen with the utmost care, with the view of eliminating any figure which might arouse hostility among the strongly pro-Irish element in this country. The British government is desirous, first of all, to avoid any embarrassment incident to the Irish question.

So far as can be learned here, the civilian head of the commission has not been determined, although H. H. Asquith, former premier, and Winston Churchill have been mentioned for the post.

The information reaching Washington indicates that formal announcement of the mission will not be made in London for another week or ten days.

The British decision to send a mission to the United States is in line with the action of the French government in appointing Rene Viviani, former premier, to discuss foreign affairs with the Harding administration and may have been prompted by the French move. According to the interpretation here, it is part of an effort to gain America's cooperation in European affairs and is welcomed by this government because of the opportunity it affords the United States to define its position after discussion with the foreign representatives.

The administration's policy on the European situation, it is believed, may depend largely upon the results which attend the coming of the British and French missions.

TERRIBLE DAMAGE NEAR HUSTON'S HOME TOWN

(By United Press.)
Amite, La., Mar. 15—Damage estimated at approximately a half million dollars has been done to strawberries by recent rains and washouts. Growers stated today that many families are homeless due to the swollen Amite river.

Former Native Lives Here

The above despatch from Amite will be of especial interest here as this is the native city of E. B. Huston, of the News staff. Mr. Huston has no interests there now, however, except an I. O. U. from the Amite Times, where he served as chauffeur on the old George Washington for a period.

DELMONT TAKES BEATING

Philadelphia, Pa., March 15—Gene Delmont, New York, surprised fist fans here last night when he stayed the limit with George "K. O." Chasney, of Baltimore.

DISCREET CANUCK DEFENDS NAME OF "FIFI" STILLMAN

BEAUVAIS SAYS INTIMATIONS IN DIVORCE SUIT ARE ALL LIES

GLAD OF CHANCE TO TELL VERSION

Will Refuse to Return to America and Add to Annoyances of Financier's Wife

(By United Press.)
White Plains, N. Y., Mar. 15—Justice Worschauser today granted an indefinite adjournment of the hearing of Mrs. "Fifi" Potter Stillman's motion for additional alimony and counsel fees, pending the trial of the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire husband.

By James P. Kelly.
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Montreal, Que., March 15—Fred Beauvais, the French Indian guide named in James A. Stillman's divorce suit, was found today by the United Press. He was located in a suburb of Montreal.

When I found him he was busily engaged in clipping the stories of the Stillman divorce case from the New York papers.

"It's a lie," he declared, angrily tossing the clippings on the floor. He made a sweeping denial of all the charges alleged to have been brought by the multi-millionaire New York financier, connecting his name with the case.

"This matter has been in court behind closed doors since last November," Beauvais said emphatically, speaking without a trace of an accent. "It was made public at last so that Mr. Stillman's charges implicating me could be given the fight and refuted."

Not an Original American.
Beauvais was very indignant at having been referred to in the newspapers as an Indian and a half breed. He considers himself a French Canadian. Beauvais does not look like an Indian. He has a polished, smooth and courteous manner. He is well dressed, apparently has plenty of money and would not be out of place in any drawing room. He seemed to have been fully informed of all the details of the case.

"I don't want any publicity," he said. Then he added: "Fred Beauvais, the guide, is dead." He declared he was through with earning his living in that way. Beauvais refused absolutely to mention Mrs. Stillman.

"She shan't be discussed," he said. "Her name shall never be bandied about."

He declared he would not cross the border again and that he would have nothing further to do with the case. With regard to the reported raid on the Stillman lodge in Quebec province during which shots were fired, Beauvais said:

"The first I heard of that was when I read it in the newspapers. The only shots I ever heard around the place were those fired by young Jas. Stillman, jr., who did a lot of shooting at targets every day."

Beauvais spoke affectionately of young Stillman, who is 16 years of age. He pointed affectionately at a picture of the millionaire banker's son which was on the mantel above the fireplace in the luxuriously furnished room.

LOOK FOR THE DA BACK ON SCREEN; GETS WIRE BOOST

CHAMP VAMP PULLS ONE OVER ON UNITED PRESS AND WE FALL TOO

SAYS PUBLIC IS "CROOL TYRANT"

Will Not Let Her Pull Virtuous Staff, So, Ah, She Must Make Frails Weep Again

By Richard D. Jacobs
United Press Staff Correspondent
New York, Mar. 15—The day of the vampire is waning, Miss Theda Bara declared in an interview with the United Press today.

The actress who has been absent from the screen for a year and a half, following a nervous breakdown resulting from overwork and the unusual strain of her roles, said she planned to return soon but not in the characterizations that made her famous.

Henceforth, she said, she will exemplify "the virtuous vampire."

"Personally, I would prefer to play 'Puritan' roles such as Evangeline and Priscille," she said. "The portion of the public which does me the honor of liking my work won't permit me to do that, however. Since I have been resting, I have received more letters from 'movie fans' than ever before, and the tenor of these communications is:

"Do not give up your vampire parts, but play them with a happy ending—the Magdalene's return to virtue."

Actresses Not Own Boss
"I don't believe that any actor or actress is great enough to do exactly as they want to, in opposition to the wishes of the public. Pleasing the theater goers is the sole excuse for their existence. For that reason, I intend to follow the suggestion made to me."

Miss Bara was asked whether, in her belief, men or women had been most interested in her vampire roles.

"Women!" She replied emphatically. "Women who had been treated badly by men came to see me on the screen and felt, 'ah, here is one of us who is able to treat men as they deserve.'"

Asked to what she attributed the changing sentiment of the American people, from extreme materialism to sane morality, she said:

"No one can know: It is one of those incomprehensible, intangible things said he had just come back from New York where he had consulted with Mrs. Stillman's attorneys.

Arthur also said he had never heard of any fight of any kind during his period of employment with the Stillmans, and he ridiculed the report that a quarrel had taken place in which shots were exchanged, at the Quebec place.

"I have been annoyed for some time by a New York detective," Fred Beauvais said. "It was not until he was certain that I was not a detective, that he would talk."

"I feel very indignant at being referred to as a half-breed," he said with an air of annoyance.

"Our family is one of the oldest in Quebec."

He hastened to produce documents to trace his line of ancestry.

"The statement, which has been printed, that I have recently been at Tarrytown is entirely false" Beauvais said. "I formerly was manager of the Stillman properties at Quebec and Tarrytown, but the last time I was in Tarrytown was over a year ago."

COURT ROOM IS CLEARED TO PREVENT DISORDERS

PROSECUTION DECLARED SMITH FAMILY LIVED ON SHAME OF DAUGHTER

WILD BILL TAKES PART OF ACCUSED

Said Girl's Mother "As Good As That of Any Lawyer Prosecuting Her For This Killing."

WANT TO MARRY CLARA

By United Press
Ardmore, Okla., Mar. 15—Clara Smith Hamon has fifty proposals for marriage, he attorneys said today.

The cosmic urge for the chic and pretty defendant has caused fifty men over the country to swamp her with proposals of marriage.

"I don't care whether you are found guilty or innocent, I want to marry you anyway," said one ardent lover. He enclosed his photograph.

By Carl Victor Little.

United Press Staff Correspondent
Court House, Ardmore, Okla., Mich. 15—Charges that Clara Smith Hamon's mother and family lived "on her daughter's shame," temporarily broke up the Hamon murder trial today.

"We can show that the whole Smith family lived on the Hamon estate," said prosecutor Brown. "Wild Bill" McLean jumped to his feet and yelled:

"This girl's mother is as good as any who ever gave birth to any lawyer in this case."

Handclapping and shouts of approval indicated very clearly how the packed court room stood on the issues. The confusion was tumultuous and the court ordered the room cleared. This required some time, and the noon adjournment came before any testimony had been taken. The row occurred while points of legality in submitting the statement of the defendant without privilege on the part of the state to cross examine her.

Defendant On Stand

After the noon recess the accused took the stand and declared that she killed Jake Hamon in self defense to protect her mother's name and to save her own life. She declared Hamon hit her with a chair as the pistol she held fired.

"He was drunker than ever before" when she killed him, she said, and that he had attacked her savagely, threatening to "slit her throat."

The defendant said that she had married Hamon's nephew "for convenience" but had never lived with him. Tears streamed down the girl's face as she told her story.

things that we can only wonder at. We can't even know how long it will last.

"Some psychologists may argue that we are now undergoing one of those periodic eras of so-called reformation that have always been a part of history. But frankly I don't know. Perhaps it is the reaction from the war. What ever it is, the evidences of a change are more noticeable in this country than elsewhere. Certainly we cannot say honestly that the morale plane is any higher in Germany, France or Russia than it has been."