

## COMMITTEE TO GET POINTERS ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

### LEAK INQUIRY IS RESUMED BY HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Lansing and Tumulty Are Among Witnesses Ready to Testify.

### SO IS THOMAS W. LAWSON

Reporters That Were Summoned Were Also on Hand.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Inquiry into the alleged "leak" to Wall Street on President Wilson's peace note was resumed today by the House Rules committee with a number of witnesses on hand ready to testify.

Among those on the list were Secretary of State Lansing, Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President; Thomas W. Lawson, Boston financier; Charles H. Sablin, president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York; Bernard M. Baruch and Otto Kahn, New York broker. Washington representatives of the Wall Street Journal, Financial America and Central News Association and managers of local branches of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

All but Secretary Lansing and Secretary Tumulty had been subpoenaed. Thomas W. Lawson occupied much of the session with a running row with the committee which ended in much of his statements being expunged from the records and concluded with the declaration that he could tell where the leak was but wouldn't.

At the outset of the hearing Secretary Tumulty read a statement endorsed by President Wilson that he had no knowledge of the President's note before it was announced to the newspapers. Secretary Lansing gave testimony about the handling of the document after it got to the State department. Both denied they had been able to find any "leak."

Lawson began his statement to the committee with a general direction which soon led into an uproar. It ended by the clerk of the House forcing him to his chair and the committee voting unanimously to expunge the whole exchange from the record. The stenographer had skipped much in the conclusion. Finally when Chairman Henry got Lawson down to cross examination the Boston financier said he could tell but wouldn't and at that point the committee recessed for lunch.

### GERMANS ADMIT RUSSIAN GAINS

But Report Taking a Rumanian Town and 4,000 Prisoners.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 8.—Russian troops made an attack yesterday with strong forces on the northern end of the Russo-Galician front near the Gulf of Riga.

Today's official statement says the Russians succeeded in gaining more ground on the An river but elsewhere were repulsed. The Russians and Rumanians were dislodged yesterday from strongly fortified positions over a considerable front in southern Moldavia, the war of five says.

The important Rumanian town of Fokshazi has been taken and nearly 4,000 prisoners with it. Six aeroplanes were lost by the Entente forces yesterday on the Franco-Belgian front, says the statement on operation in that war area.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Patrol engagement occurred last night in the regions of Bouchavesnes, on the Somme front and in Parroy forest in the Lorraine, otherwise there was little activity.

### The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight. Local Readings: F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 8 a. m. today 31. Yesterdays weather, clear; temperature, maximum 51, minimum 30; precipitation, none.

### Supreme Court Upholds Yost Prohibition Law

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Webb-Kenyon law designed to prevent liquor shipments from "wet" to "dry" states was today declared constitutional by the Supreme Court by a vote of seven to two which also upheld West Virginia's prohibition amendment prohibiting citizens from receiving liquor for personal use shipped by common carrier in interstate commerce.

Justice Holmes and Vandevanter were the two dissenting justices. The all reaching power of the government over liquor is settled, said the Chief Justice in announcing the decision. "There was no intention of Congress to forbid individual use of liquor. "The purpose of this act was to cut out the root the practice of permitting

violations of state liquor laws. We can have no doubt that Congress has complete authority to prevent paralyzing state authority. Congress exerted a power to coordinate the national with the state authority."

Attorney for the national liquor organizations who were in court said the decision upholds and applies the Webb-Kenyon law "in its broadest sense." Wayne B. Wheeler, council for anti saloon league of America who with Fred Blue, state prohibition commissioner of West Virginia, argued the case before the court made this statement on the courts' decision.

"The state may now prohibit the possession, receipt, sale and use of intoxicating liquors and not be hampered by the agency of inter state commerce.

### SUTHERLAND FILES HIS CERTIFICATE

Next Move Will be An Objection Filed on Chilton's Account.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Congressman Howard Sutherland received today from Governor Hatfield the long delayed and long expected certificate of election as United States Senator over Senator Chilton. He filed it with the Clerk of the Senate.

When it comes from committee before the Senate, objection to admitting Sutherland to membership of the Senate will probably be made by some Democratic senator representing Senator Chilton, who is contesting Sutherland's election.

### FLACCUS GLASS CASH RECOVERED

Was Found hid in Woods in the Original Package.

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.—Camello Turco, the Adams express messenger in charge of the payroll of the Flaccus Glass company when it was stolen by anti bandits at Tarentum near here last Saturday, was released from jail today order of R. H. Jackson, district attorney, who decided Turco was not a party to the robbery.

The other three men under arrest, D. E. King, driver of the glass company automobile from which the money was stolen; John Hummel and Karl Schwartz, business men of Breckridge, Pa., were still being held by the county authorities.

Later John M. Dun, assistant district attorney, left the court house with Hummel and a party of county detectives and, guided by Hummel, went to a point in the woods near Tarentum where they recovered the money. It was still in the satchel in which it had been packed at the bank.

### GERARD "CALLED" FOR BERLIN SPEECH

State Department Afraid of Its Effect in Entente Countries.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The report of the Over Seas News Agency that Ambassador Gerard at a public welcome back to Germany had said that "never since the beginning of the war had the relations between the United States and Germany been so cordial as now" were officially inquired into by the State department today through a cable to the Ambassador personally.

The action of the department was interpreted as evidence of the importance attached to the possible effect of such an utterance especially upon public opinion in the allied countries where published reports have shown an impression that the president's note was in some way connected with the Central powers peace proposals. Every effort has been made to dispel that belief. It is felt that if the Over Seas News report were allowed to go unchallenged that feeling would be very much increased. As a result the department was prompt in making public its inquiries to the ambassador and probably will give out his reply when it is received.

### WATSON WILL RETAIN POSITION ON COMMITTEE

Friends Persuaded Him to Withdraw His Resignation.

Senator C. W. Watson has withdrawn for the time being his resignation of the post of West Virginia representative on the Democratic national committee. The first intimation that he had decided to reconsider his action of week before last came in the following despatch from Parkersburg Sunday night:

"Three leading Democrats here tonight received telegrams reading as follows:

"At the solicitation of Senator Watson's friends, he has withdrawn his resignation as national committeeman for the present and the call for a State Committee meeting for January 8 at Parkersburg is hereby cancelled. C. L. SHAVER, Chairman."

"The telegrams were dated after midnight at Fairmont, the home of Senator Watson and of Chairman Shaver. The announcement that Senator Watson would resign as national committeeman was given out authoritatively more than a week ago. It has also been widely reported, without denial, that Mr. Shaver would resign as chairman of the State Committee. No announcement on whether or not he had reconsidered was forthcoming tonight."

Senator Watson, who returned to Fairmont this morning from an Indiana resort where he went shortly after the holidays, confirmed the report that he had withdrawn his resignation as National Committeeman of the Democratic party of West Virginia, as was announced in the press Sunday. He said:

"Upon the request of a majority of the members of the state executive committee as well as many of my friends in the state, I decided to withdraw my resignation which I tendered to State Chairman Shaver some days ago. I will probably not request that it be considered until that time when I will leave for Russia on business matters."

### Pythian Sisters at Morgantown

Marion county Pythian Sisters are in Morgantown today in attendance at the quarterly convention of the Second District Pythian Sisters, entertained by Athens Temple, No. 30, of Morgantown. Delegates from 20 temples composing the district are present. The second district included Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Taylor and Preston counties. The first session was called at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by Deputy Millie Evans, of Fairmont.

### British Cruiser Off Pacific Coast.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The presence in the Pacific ocean of a British auxiliary cruiser presumably a former Peninsular and Oriental liner are reported here today by officers of the Norwegian steamer Cuzco which arrived from Mexican ports. The vessel encountered by the Cuzco was a steamship of about 11,000 tons which demanded the Cuzco's nationality when off Cape San Lucas, Lower California. After coming close enough to identify the Cuzco the auxiliary cruiser proceeded south.

### CALONER CAN'T GET HIS \$3,000,000

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—John Armstrong Chaloner, of "Merry Mills," Va., by a Supreme court decision today, lost his suit to annul New York proceedings in which he was declared insane and in which he tried to secure possession from the trustees property estimated at nearly \$3,000,000. The court declined to disturb the insanity proceedings, leaving his property in the trustees' hands.

### NORMAL SCHOOL READY TO OPEN IN ITS NEW HOME

Work of Moving Equipment Was Completed on Saturday.

### WORK BEGINS TOMORROW

Prominent Citizens Will Deliver Addresses at the Chapel Exercises.

The Fairmont State Normal school is now domiciled in the handsome \$200,000 edifice recently completed, the work of moving furniture and equipment from the new to the old building and installing same, having been practically completed on Saturday.

The work of moving and installing this equipment proved to be a stupendous task and required practically the entire time from December 22, when the schools closed for the Christmas holidays until last Saturday, January 6. Under the efficient direction of Prof. E. L. Lively, of the Normal school faculty, whom President Joseph Rosier appointed to oversee the work, the moving was accomplished without a hitch and everything will be in readiness tomorrow for the formal opening of the school.

A number of students reported at the new building this morning for duty and the greater part of the day was taken up in assignment of class rooms to the various teachers and arranging schedules preparatory to the regular opening tomorrow.

Practically the entire student body will arrive here during today and be in readiness to take up the school work tomorrow morning.

While a good deal of the old furniture and equipment have been moved to the new building, yet quite a lot of new furniture has also been installed including practically new office furniture, new library equipment and new desks, tables and stools for the laboratories.

In connection with the opening of school tomorrow an informal chapel exercise will be held at ten o'clock to which the friends, patrons, alumni and general public is invited. Several prominent citizens will deliver short addresses at this meeting and special music will also feature the morning program.

The old edifice on Fairmont avenue has been abandoned. The structure and site are owned by local business men but what disposition will be made of the property is not known at this time.

### HIRAM JONES' TIME PIECES YET MISSING

Nothing New Has Developed Regarding His Young Assaultants.

Nothing new has developed in the cases against Noble Layman, Cecil Hawkins and Ralph Lemasters, arrested Saturday for beating and robbing Hiram Jones. For a time it was hoped to connect the trio with some serious robberies that have been made in the city recently but no evidence substantiating this suspicion could be secured.

Mr. Jones is resting easily although the bruises about his head are very painful. His advanced age makes it hard to judge the extent of his injuries or how soon he may be expected to recover from them. The watches stolen have so far not been recovered, but it is believed they will be located in a day or two. Layman, it is said, displayed two gold watches in a local restaurant about one o'clock Saturday morning.

### Receives Word of Her Brother's Death

Mrs. D. C. Hahn, wife of the proprietor of a popular Main street barber shop, was notified this morning by wire of the death of her brother, Peter Conner, at his home in Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Conner who was about 58 years old was ill but a few days with a carbuncle at the base of his brain. He was unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn will leave tonight for Wellsville. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Brigadier General Bell at El Paso today reported "intermittent fighting" between Villa forces and Carranza troops south of Chihuahua City, but gave no details.

### TOM LAWSON AT THE CAPITAL WITH "LEAK" INFORMATION!



Thomas W. Lawson, Boston millionaire, at left, on the capitol steps, Washington, where he was summoned to give information he is said to have concerning a "leak" reported to have made it possible for men getting an advance tip on President Wilson's peace note to clean up \$60,000,000 in Wall Street. Lawson is shown talking with Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois.

### HOME SWEET HOME IN CHINESE MUSIC

That Will Be a Feature of the Coming Band Concert.

Much preparation is being made for the Greater Fairmont band concert to take place at the Grand, Thursday evening. Among the features of the program will be "Home Sweet Home the World Over," paraded by the following children: Martha Howard, Margaret Linn Hamilton, Jean Hall, Mary Fleming, Mary Nuzum, Florence Jacobs, Lucille Hall, Martha Riggs and Buddy Rock. In connection with this there will be the Chinese rendition of "Home Sweet Home."

The program promises to be one of the most attractive ever given in Fairmont. Tickets are on sale at Martin's drug store.

### MONONGAH PEOPLE AT SCHOOL MEETING

District Superintendent Conley Seeks Cooperation of Patrons.

A very enthusiastic community meeting was held at the Thoburn M. E. church of Monongah last evening for the purpose of developing co-operation between the teachers and patrons of the public schools. The movement was headed by District Superintendent P. M. Conley, who gave a very interesting address. Among the others who talked on the subject were Rev. Mr. Kuhn, Rev. Mr. James Fink and Harry Martin, of Monongah.

Mr. Conley is planning to have a meeting of this kind for each of the 25 schools in Lincoln district. The first of these community meetings was held at Farmington and Downs some few weeks ago. Each of the 57 teachers in the district are also aiding in the movement which is expected to accomplish some remarkable results. At the meeting last evening a well prepared program was carried out among which were several musical numbers by the students. From the beginning the school spirit was dominant and the large number of patrons showed much interest in the movement.

### Eight Cent Meals For New York Cops

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A test of whether a person may live happily and well on three meals a day averaging a cost of eight cents a meal began here today with twelve husky police recruits as the "demonstrators." The diet test is to run for a period of three weeks. The men are on their honor to do all their breakfasting, lunching and dining at the "diet house" and to eat nothing between meals.

### WORK OF BIDDERS ON LOCAL BRIDGES TO BE INSPECTED

City and Chamber of Commerce to be Represented on Tour.

### MAYOR READS REPORTS

Responses from Contractors Are Considered Satisfactory.

Steps leading toward definite action as regards the new bridge construction were taken at the meeting of the Board of Affairs this morning when it was decided to send three members of the board, together with a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, to inspect bridges built and building by the companies bidding for the local river and coal run structures. A meeting was arranged with the Chamber of Commerce committee for this afternoon and at that meeting a definite itinerary was planned and a selection of the members to make the trip made.

Some time ago the city mailed to each of the competing companies a list of questions respecting their abilities and facilities for building structures such are contemplated here, this morning the mayor read the returns from those inquiries and they were in every instance very satisfactory. The companies from whom responses were received are: The Concrete Steel Engineering Company, of New York City; The Monongahela Valley Engineering Company, of Fairmont; The Watson Company, of Cleveland, Ohio; Hoffington, Howard & Ash, of Kansas City, Missouri; Sanderson & Porter, of New York City; Waddell & Son, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Daniel B. Coulter, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mayor Bowen probably will make a part of the trip with the committee and Finance Commissioner Barnes will be with the party for another section of the inspection. The journey is expected to last a week and will permit of an exhaustive investigation.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$102,260.00
Overdrafts	1.76
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	1,500.00
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	115,153.25
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Due from banks and U. S. Treasury	37,495.44
Cash	13,824.15
Total	\$298,234.54
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,979.89
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	236,254.74
Total	\$298,234.54
OFFICERS.	
CARROLL CURRY, President	CARROLL CURRY
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