

# G. O. P. STRIFE POT BOILS AS HAYS MEETS LONGWORTH

Republican National Chairman Will H. Hays is here to hold a series of conference today with several of the leading members of the next Congress. There is widespread speculation at the Capitol as to the object of Hays' unscheduled visit. He came to Washington unannounced, and without some of the principal supporters of Congressman James R. Mann of Illinois knowing he was here until after they had been informed that he had dined last night with Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Ohio at the Longworth residence. It was reported that Speaker-elect Gillett and other Republican Congressmen who have joined Longworth in his opposition to Mann's control of the Republican steering committee of the next House, were present at the dinner.

**Gillett Is Reticent.**  
Gillett was averse to discussing the situation created by the issuance by Longworth of a long statement on Monday in which the Ohio Congressman declared the Mann-controlled steering committee was "absolutely not" a representative, not only of the spirit of the Republican party of today, but of its hopes and aspirations of the future, nor "representative" of all sections of the country and of all classes of our citizenship. Gillett permitted it to be known, however, that he intended to support Longworth's threatened fight to have the membership of the steering committee increased in the final caucus of the Republican Congressmen who will meet before the next House meets. Longworth would have four Congressmen opposed to Mann added to the committee and thereby have Mann's control of the committee.

It shall vote to increase the membership of the steering committee, Gillett said, after he had conferred with Longworth. Mann supporters declared that Longworth would not succeed in the fight he announced he intended to wage upon their domination of the Republican organization of the next House as it is now constituted. Mann and Congressman Martin R. Madden, also of Illinois, who had charge of Mann's unsuccessful candidacy for the Speakership, were both "on the job" at the Capitol today. They expressed themselves as "not at all unwilling" that Hays should call on them.

"I may even call on Mr. Hays," said Madden, smiling. Republicans who desire harmony, instead of discord, in the ranks of the majority in the next Congress, said they were deeply interested in the purpose of Hays' visit. Mann adherents recalled that Mann, in a public statement, had blamed Hays, as well as Senators Lodge and Penrose, for his defeat for the Speakership. They added that they wondered what would happen if Hays and Mann met. Congressman Mondell of Wyoming, chosen by the Mann forces as the floor leader of the next House, was one who said he expected to see Hays. Other Republican leaders said they were puzzled as to what would be the outcome of Hays' visit, especially as Longworth insisted that he intended to pursue his avowed efforts to overthrow Mann's leadership.

## A Startling Announcement!



## MANY DROWN AS SCAFFOLD FALLS

**BRISTOL, Pa., April 1.**—Four bodies have been recovered from the icy waters of the Delaware, and many rescue parties are dragging the river today for other bodies buried into the river late yesterday, when a platform on which they were viewing the launching of the cargo carrier Waukau collapsed. The number of missing is variously estimated at from twelve to eighteen. Police are experiencing difficulty in checking up the list of missing, as some of the occupants of the platform were spectators and other workmen of the Merchant Shipbuilding Yards, where the accident occurred. The disaster occurred when the structure, known as the patrol bridge, gave way under the weight of more than two score men. Twenty-eight living persons were taken from the river soon after the accident. The Waukau hid the patrol bridge from view of many of the spectators gathered to witness the launching, and several minutes elapsed before the main audience learned of the disaster. Meanwhile the vessel was launched on time. Police believe the suction of the \$,800-ton ship as it struck the water may have drawn some of the bodies far into the channel. Police launches are dragging the river between Philadelphia and Trenton.

## BRITAIN SEES END OF LABOR TROUBLE

**PARIS, April 1.**—Arthur Henderson, famous British labor leader, assured the peace conference today that the labor troubles in England were on a fair way to settlement. Mr. Henderson held a conference with Col. E. M. House, of the American delegation, regarding socialist representation on the League of Nations.

## HER WOUNDED HERO FRAUD, SAYS WIFE

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was compelled shortly to return to England that it was essential to his happiness that she go with him as his wife. Grimwood told her she was a widow, with two daughters, twelve and fourteen years old, that he had once stood for Parliament, and that he had a substantial income, the wife alleged.

**Says She Hesitated.**  
Mrs. Grimwood says she hesitated at these proposals, not because she suspected her suitor, but she wanted to be sure of the depth of her own love. Her parents had never met him. The supposed hero of many battles wooed with an ardent equivalent to his self-credited valor, and won the girl's consent to marriage. The ceremony was performed in the Little Church Around the Corner July 27, 1916, just twenty-two days after her arrival in New York.

In the morning of the wedding day the girl called her parents on the telephone and told them of her intentions. After the ceremony she sent a telegram announcing that she was Mrs. Grimwood. The couple went to the Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville, and remained there several days before going to Washington, where they were met by the bride's parents. She relates that her family was delighted at the Englishman's charm of manner. They went back to Bronxville and extended their honeymoon until Thanksgiving. She then went to her parents, while he went about the country raising money for war relief organizations. They met in various cities, and the wife relates they were very happy.

**Shocked When He Is Arrested.**  
Mrs. Grimwood says she was shocked when, on January 7, 1917, her husband was arrested in Washington on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. She relates that he was sent to the Washington Asylum and Jail for medical treatment and was there until November 5 of the same year. She asserts he was tried and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, but she adds this was suspended, and he was allowed to go on probation. He returned to England. Before the arrest, Mrs. Grimwood continues, her husband was always affectionate and considerate. He showed her with presents and gratified her every wish. A daughter, Rosemary E. Grimwood, was born June 21, 1917.

**"Fraud of the Worst Kind."**  
The wife's family began an investigation, and, according to the papers filed yesterday, discovered that Grimwood was a fugitive from justice and had been guilty of several misdemeanors. He is called "not only an adventurer but a fraud of the worst type," a masquerader under an assumed and stolen name. His real name is said to be William Robert Archer. His statement that he had studied medicine is declared false. Although he says he adds this to represent his age as thirty-two, the investigators reported that he is forty-five. As a youth, Archer was arrested by a solicitor, William F. G. Griswold.

## Irish Americans Sent to Paris Peace Conclave

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make a quick retirement in their military automobile to avoid arrest and possible internment by the Holland authorities, if not court-martial proceedings in the American army, provided their identity should become known. Promises Full Statement. Colonel Lea did not desire to have the story of his escapade become known at the time. It is his intention to make a full public statement regarding all the details of the kidnaping attempt as soon as he is discharged from the United States army. The possibility that he might even yet have to face a court-martial for having crossed into Holland on such an expedition, and that those who were with him might be similarly dealt with, has been one of Colonel Lea's motives for extreme reticence in the matter. While in France he and those who were with him remained exceedingly quiet about the matter because they were in constant fear that they would be court-martialed.

Colonel Lea has expected that he would be discharged from the military service of the United States some time during the coming week along with the other members of the 11th Field Artillery Regiment, which he led back from France for demobilization. This regiment goes at once to Port Cockerthorpe, where it is scheduled to be demobilized during the next four or five days. Immediately after his arrival at Newport News last Sunday Colonel Lea slipped up to Washington to visit his mother and sister, who live here, and whom he wanted to see in connection with the recent death of his wife. It was not until the transport Finland was within three days of Newport News that Colonel Lea learned of his wife's death.

**Admits Story In True.**  
When the 11th Field Artillery arrived at Newport News there were a number of Tennessee newspaper men there to greet the regiment. In some manner word had reached Tennessee that Colonel Lea commanded the "kidnaping party," and those of the Tennessee newspaper men who were sent to Newport News who had a "tip" on the story were very anxious to obtain full details from Colonel Lea. He told them the story was true, and that, while he intended to tell the whole story later, he did not care to discuss the facts so long as he was an officer in the uniform of the American army. He related some of the details to several with whom he talked and told them that the party of more than a dozen American officers and soldiers was made up of men from all parts of the United States. There were four commissioned and three non-commissioned officers in the party besides some others. Three of them were from South, among them Capt. J. M. Brown, of Charleston, and Lieut. Ellsworth Brown, of Chattanooga.

**SEND TRADE ENVOY TO CZECHS.**  
V. A. Gerding, of Chicago, has been appointed trade commissioner to Czechoslovakia, the Department of Commerce announces. **"BAYEER CROSS" ON ASPIRIN**  
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**PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW'S  
BAND CONCERT**  
BY THE U. S. SOLDIERS HOME BAND ORCHESTRA AT STANLEY HALL, BEGINNING AT 8:15 P. M.  
March "Swing Music" (Barnfield)  
Overture—"William Tell" (Rossini)  
Barcarolle, "Tales of Hoffman"  
Excerpts from "The Bohemian Girl"  
Fox Trot, "By Hook or by Crook"  
Two Old Favorites:  
(a) "When You and I Were Young"  
(b) "Silver Threads Among the Gold"  
Finale, "The Boatman"  
"The Star-Spangled Banner"  
This will conclude the winter season outdoor concert on the bandstand, which will be resumed on April 10th, to be given each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

## COL. LEA LED PARTY TO KIDNAP KAISER

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With the war out of the way, the Government today is planning to restore its old-time "trust busting" policy, and several organizations are known to be on the list for investigation by the Department of Justice. The Corn Products' case, which has been in the courts since 1916, was formally closed yesterday by order of the Supreme Court here and by Judge Learned Hand in New York. The company was ordered to dispose of all of its holdings with the exception of three plants. The corporation is capitalized at nearly \$50,000,000. Nine other corporations also had action postponed, due to the Attorney General's desire to avoid financial disturbances during the war period.

**FREEZE TEMPERATURES.**  
Freezing temperatures are probable tonight as far south as South Carolina, the Weather Bureau said today. Frost was said to be probable as far south as northern Florida.

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## WEBSTER'S FATE IN HANDS OF JUDGES

BALTIMORE, April 1.—Carlyle P. Webster, thirty-five years old, alleged slayer of his bride, Bernard Chaney Webster, twenty years old in the Hotel Belvedere last October, whose trial was begun in the criminal court Thursday before Judge Heister and Dawkins will probably know his fate today. Testimony for the prosecution and defense was closed yesterday afternoon. The plea for conviction of murder in the first degree, it is understood, will be made by State's Attorney William F. Broening and Deputy State's Attorney Roland R. Marchant. W. Trickett Giles and former State Senator E. M. Hammond will present the defensive argument.

As far as testimony is concerned the case is one of the most remarkable to be tried in a criminal court here for some time. The prosecution has offered a bulk of evidence bordering on the line of promedication. On the other hand, the defense has kept its case clearly on the lines of its plea of "not guilty" because of insanity and drunkenness. Both sides got into the record the testimony of alienists—Dr. Charles G. Hill and Dr. William R. White for the defense and Dr. J. Percy Wade and Dr. John R. Oliver for the prosecution. Apparently it was an even break for the alienists—Dr. Charles G. Hill and Dr. William R. White for the defense and Dr. J. Percy Wade and Dr. John R. Oliver for the prosecution. Apparently it was an even break for the alienists—Dr. Charles G. Hill and Dr. William R. White for the defense and Dr. J. Percy Wade and Dr. John R. Oliver for the prosecution. Apparently it was an even break for the alienists—Dr. Charles G. Hill and Dr. William R. White for the defense and Dr. J. Percy Wade and Dr. John R. Oliver for the prosecution.

He said Webster was in sound mind, in his opinion; that he knew the nature of his act. On cross-examination Dr. Wade was asked by Mr. Hammond if a sane man would lie beside the body of a dead person for many hours. The alienist replied: "An insane man would have given an alarm, but a sane man would control himself."

Samuel E. Carey, of Washington, a witness for the defense, told of the abnormal behavior of Webster when he was a boy and how he was seized with an uncontrollable anger at slight provocation. Ira Webster was called by the defense and testified that Webster's father and mother were first cousins.

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