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## PEACE COMMISSION EXPENSE INCREASES

### President Asks Congress For \$825,000 For Bills Up To January, 1920.

Washington.—Congress was asked for an additional appropriation of \$825,000 for the expenses of the American peace commission in Paris from July 1 last to the end of the present calendar year Thursday by President Wilson.

The president submitted an itemized list of expenses, as follows:

Expenses of the American commission to negotiate peace. Expenses from Dec. 1, 1918, to June 30, 1919: Travel and subsistence, \$15,843.48. Subsistence, \$144,914.03. Salaries, \$103,815.95.

Wages to employes of Hotel Crillon, \$53,345.33.

Stationery, office supplies, printing, furniture and fixtures, repairs, newspapers and miscellaneous expenditures, \$40,432.71.

Rents, \$5,720.06.

Food and hotel supplies, \$128,828.10.

Hire of laundry for hotel linens, \$31,583.48.

Fuel, heat, light and compressed air, \$20,038.78.

Telephone, \$166.17.

Inventories and legal services, \$3,329.75.

Special allotments to investigating committees dispatched to the Baltic provinces, Poland, Turkey, the Balkans, Russia and Caucasus, \$705,610.26. Confidential expenses, \$13,578.19.

Purchase of automobiles, \$14,602.26. Total, \$666,859.29.

Traveling expenses, stationery and supplies (disbursements by the department of state in Washington), \$38,009.02.

Total, \$704,868.31.

Reimbursement of the government by members of the American commission to negotiate peace on account of subsistence furnished their wives; official entertainment by the secretary of state and Edward House; unexpended allotments and miscellaneous items, \$18,721.42.

Total net expenses Dec. 1, 1918, to June 30, 1919, exclusive of the rent of the Hotel Crillon and telegraph charges, \$688,146.89.

The president states:

"It is obviously not possible at present to estimate how much longer the conference may be in session, but assuming that its work shall extend to the end of the calendar year, Dec. 31, 1919, which I think may be regarded as the maximum, the sum of \$825,000 will be required for expenses."

## 130 GIRLS NOW CONFINED TO COLONY FOR FEEBLE-MINDED

Austin, Tex.—There are now 130 girls in the state colony for the feeble-minded with a waiting list of seventy. The institution contains no boys, but expects to have accommodations for them in about a year. The last legislature made an appropriation for a boy's dormitory at the institution, and the money will be available after Sept. 1. Designs will be asked and bids requested, after which contracts will be awarded. The funds assure accommodations for only sixty boys and at this time there are applications on file from nearly 100 boys with 80 in approved form. With a total waiting list of 70 girls and 100 boys, the institution is far from accommodating the feeble-minded children of the state. There are more applicants waiting than patients in the institution.

## PRICES OF FOOD BEING FORCED DOWN

Washington.—Prices are beginning to decline in various parts of the country, but the slump has not yet gathered momentum sufficient to affect purchases being made for immediate use, according to reports to the department of justice.

Attorney General Palmer, asked how soon results could be expected from the campaign to reduce the cost of living, said all the government wanted was a fair chance to show what can be done to take the artificial inflation out of the market. He said officials were well pleased with the success so far attained, and that cumulative results were expected when congress enacts amendments to the food control law, by which criminal penalties can be imposed on profiteers and hoarders.

Propaganda, which apparently is nationwide, on the part of shopkeepers seeking to induce purchases now on the pretext that prices will be materially higher next season, was condemned by Mr. Palmer as one certain thing which would make prices continue rising if heeded.

## CARNEGIE ESTATE IS WORTH \$30,000,000

### The Steel Master Gave Away \$350,000,000, But Died With Millions to Good.

New York.—Having given away more than \$350,000,000 during his lifetime, Andrew Carnegie died leaving a fortune of between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, according to his will, which was filed for probate Thursday. It was his oft-repeated intention to die a poor man.

The will disposes of \$960,000 to public and charitable institutions, and leaves annuities of approximately \$300,000 to friends and relatives, including \$10,000 each to former President Taft and Premier Lloyd George of England and \$5,000 each to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, widows of former presidents.

Mrs. Carnegie, his wife, and his daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Roswell Miller), were provided for during his lifetime. This is set forth in a clause of the will which reads:

"Having years ago made provision for my wife beyond her desires, and ample to enable her to provide for our beloved daughter, Margaret, and being unable to judge at present what provision for our daughter will best promote her happiness, I leave to her mother the duty of providing for her as her mother deems best. A mother's love will be the best guide."

## HUNTERS TO BE WATCHED BY STATE GAME DEPARTMENT

Austin, Tex.—At the game, fish and oyster department Friday it was announced that preparations have been made to keep a close watch on hunters throughout the state to see that the law is observed following the opening of the dove season, Monday, Sept. 1. Bags are limited to fifteen doves per day, and if unscrupulous and unsportsmanlike persons should take advantage of the privilege to go in the field with gun and kill quail, vigorous prosecutions will result. The quail season is not open.

Announcement was made that persons who hunt outside of the county of their residence must pay the \$2 license fee, even though they should hunt on their own land. Under the old law a man could hunt outside of his home county without paying the license fee if he confined his hunting to his own land in any other county. The new law makes no such exception. The fee is collected from every person who shoots outside of his residence county.

The oyster season opened Sept. 1, and Colonel W. G. Sterret, game, fish and oyster commissioner, is now visiting coast points in connection with the opening of the season. The department has purchased an extensive dredging apparatus to be dragged by the departmental boats to relieve oyster reefs of congestion, and also to gather oysters for planting elsewhere in order to increase the number of beds and the supply of bivalves. Attempts will be made to regulate the fresh water flow adjacent to certain beds so as to save a large portion of the oysters. The oyster thrives in water alternating fresh and salt. Too much of either kind of water is destructive.

## THE GOVERNMENT TO OPEN RETAIL STORES

Washington.—Further steps to bring down soaring prices were taken Tuesday by the government, the war department announcing plans for opening retail stores in a number of cities through which surplus household commodities and clothing will be made available to consumers throughout the country.

Meantime, congressional committees continued consideration of legislation designed to reduce the high cost of living.

Through the retail stores to be opened by the war department, the army's large surplus stocks of socks, underwear, shirts, raincoats, blankets, gloves, tobacco, soap and other household commodities will be sold. Consumers in the large cities where the stores will be operated will be able to purchase over the counter, but the stocks also will be made available to persons in other communities through the parcel post.

Price lists are being prepared and these will be furnished to all post offices for the convenience of the public.

The prices are expected to be considerably below the prevailing market.

# IN THE LIMELIGHT

## GLENN E. PLUMB MAN OF THE HOUR



that his work as counsel for the four brotherhoods would mean the direction

The man of the hour is Glenn E. Plumb, the author of labor's plan to nationalize the railroads. A few days ago he was as unknown to the man in the street as any chief in Patagonia. His name is in the headlines now, and will stay there a long time. The spotlight has been thrust upon him with dramatic suddenness. He is a corporation lawyer who gained his experience in transportation matters in Chicago.

Mr. Plumb clings steadfastly to the assertion that the railroad unions aim "to eliminate the motive of operation for profit and substitute the motive of operation for service," to which he adds the corollary that "it means democracy in industry, without which democracy in politics is a mere shell and sham."

He lives with his family in Chevy Chase, having moved there from Chicago recently, when it became apparent

## CROWELL URGES AIR DEPARTMENT

Concentration of the air activities of the United States, civilian, naval and military, within the direction of a single government agency, with an official holding a place in the president's cabinet at the head, is recommended by the special American aviation mission, headed by Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell, which has been studying aircraft development in Europe.

The proposed department of aviation, the mission asserted, should be charged with full responsibility for "planning and maintaining our country in the front rank among nations in the development and utilization of aircraft for the national security and in the advancement of civil aerial transportation and communication arts."

The report of the mission, which is divided into three parts, dealing with general organization, commercial development and technical development, is based on studies made in England, France and Italy after conferences with air ministries of the three governments, ranking army and navy commanders, and the foremost aircraft manufacturers.



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## SIMON LAKE, U-BOAT INVENTOR



Simon Lake has been at work perfecting the modern submarine since 1896. And while he was perfecting the submarine for destruction he was also evolving one for salvage. Today his plans are complete, and out in Long Island sound lies the submarine.

The device is apparently simple. A noncollapsible steel tube permits the salvagers to have an operating base on the floor of the ocean. A flight of stairs run down this tube. One end of the tube is attached to the surface vessel and the other to an operating chamber. Water-ballast tanks are distributed throughout its length so that the structure can be placed in equilibrium with the water when ready for submergence.

Under perfectly normal conditions a man can walk down these stairs to the bed of the sea. He can step from the submarine and walk in perfect safety and comfort on the floor of the ocean. There is an airlocked chamber which enables a man to go out through a door into the sea, but which prevents the water from coming in.

## FISKE GIVEN AERO CLUB MEDAL

The board of governors of the Aero Club of America have awarded the gold medal of the club to Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, U. S. N., retired, for his invention of the torpedo plane, patented on July 16, 1912, which was used effectively during the war. Announcement is also made of the receipt of a letter from Admiral Fiske which says, among other things:

"To be awarded the gold medal of the Aero Club of America is an honor that is exceptional, because the standing of the Aero club is exceptional. But though the standing of the Aero club is high, the effective work which it carried on throughout the war is not fully appreciated by the nation for the reason that its work was unofficial, and therefore not recognized officially.



"Like many another unrecognized agency, however, its influence was potent and profound. Acting as the advance scout of aeronautic progress, the Aero club continually gave information to the country of the possibilities of naval and military aeronautics, insisted that those possibilities be utilized, and demanded that congress appropriate such sums of money as would enable the government departments to utilize those possibilities completely and in time.

Admiral Fiske concludes by paying a tribute to the patriotism and intelligence of the press in air matters.

## HOME AND ABROAD

CONDENSED ITEMS OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS.

### THE ENTIRE GLOBE CIRCLED

Important News of the Week Gathered for the Busy Reader—State, Domestic, Foreign.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS.

Only two men of the thousands of the American expeditionary force who went into battle against the Germans remain unaccounted for, according to a casualty list issued by the war department. The previous list showed more than 100 missing in action. All casualties now are placed at 291,732.

In approving the report submitted to him by Major General Francis J. Kernan, head of the special war department board on courts-martial and their procedure, Secretary Baker has taken the official stand that the present system should not be changed except in minor details. The secretary upheld General Kernan's views that courts-martial have always been agencies for creating and maintaining the discipline of armies, rather than agencies for the "nice exemplification of technical rules of law."

In a message to congress Monday, President Wilson asked that the passport law in effect during the war be continued one year after the proclamation of peace and requested an appropriation of \$750,000 for the use of the state department in administering the law during the remainder of the fiscal year.

#### STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

The attorney general of Texas Friday approved \$800,000 of Tyler County special road bonds, serials, 5s, and \$94,000 city of Del Rio waterworks bonds, serials, 5 1/2s.

A shipment of armored tanks has been received at Camp Stanley, San Antonio, Texas, and will be used for instruction purposes for troops stationed there.

Texas school land once permitted to lapse for nonpayment of interest is now the center of a controversy in the general land office and is supposed to be worth several million dollars. It is 160 acres in Stephens County, on which there are three or more oil wells flowing about 800 barrels each and with other wells approaching or on the sands. It has been declared vacant land in an opinion by the attorney general, who advised the land commissioner to that effect, but the land commissioner refuses to accept the attorney general's view of the law and declines to issue the papers recognizing the vacancy.

The Humble Oil and Refining company's No. 8 Japhet was brought in at West Columbia, Texas, Tuesday, making 8000 barrels of pipe line oil. The well is in the neighborhood of 3200 feet deep.

New Orleans, La., through the joint request of the wheat growers of North and West Texas, has appealed to the United States railway administration in Washington to place in effect at once rates for the transportation of grain from the interior of Texas to New Orleans which will be on a parity with the rates now applying from the same sources to Galveston.

Governor W. P. Hobby, standing on the steps of the Culberson County courthouse Thursday, pleaded with West Texans to stay in the harness of the democratic party and pull for the continuance of the moral, intellectual and industrial progress of the state. His address was the feature of the Old Settlers' Reunion at Van Horn, Texas.

Reports received Thursday at the department of weights and measures, Austin, Texas, from inspectors were that considerable progress was being made in various sections of the state in the enforcement of that section of the weights and measures act with reference to net containers. The act has been in effect since June 18, but not until recently have complaints been filed, dealers having been given time in which to acquaint themselves with the new law. From now on, it was announced, the law will be enforced to the letter.

Governors of seven Southern cotton growing states have issued a proclamation calling a conference at New Orleans, La., September 8 and 9 to decide upon and recommend a minimum price for cotton. The cost of living and general economic conditions affecting the cotton producers will be discussed at the conference, with the view of arriving at an equitable minimum price which should be fixed.

Lieutenant I. H. Edwards, executive officer at Love Field at Dallas, has received instructions to transfer most of the enlisted personnel to Kelly Field, San Antonio.

#### FOREIGN NEWS.

Dr. Paul Reinsch, American minister to China has resigned.

As the result of the German government's search for new sources of revenue, the feasibility of assessing men who escaped active service during the war has been suggested. It is estimated that 6,000,000 men never wore uniforms and that if an "exemption tax" averaging 20 marks per man were levied, the yield would be 120,000,000 marks.

General Louis Botha, premier and minister of agriculture of the Union of South Africa, died suddenly Thursday at Pretoria, South Africa, following an attack of influenza.

Nikolai Lenine, the Russian bolshevik premier, has sent a delegation to Kishinev to negotiate peace with Rumania.

The Belgian senate Tuesday unanimously approved the peace treaty with Germany.

Five million Germans have filed with the central bureau of immigration in Berlin applications for permission to leave the country. The majority of the intending emigrants are turning their eyes toward South America. A large number also have indicated their desire to settle in Palestine.

Occupation of Odessa, chief Russian port on the Black Sea, by allied forces, is admitted in a bolshevik government wireless message from Moscow, received in London Tuesday. The occupation was effected, the dispatch states, after 30 vessels had bombarded the city for two days.

England alone of the great European nations has declined, for the present at least, to remove restrictions on admission of persons under foreign passports imposed during the war for the purpose of excluding political agitators, persons of doubtful loyalty and other undesirables.

The peace treaty with Germany and other conventions simultaneously signed at Versailles were presented for ratification to the chamber of deputies Tuesday in Paris by Premier Clemenceau.

In the last eleven years England has sent only 881 automobiles to the United States, the value of which was \$2,153,941, while in the same time the United States sent to England 41,182 cars, valued at \$36,710,011.

Bound for the North Pole, Roald Amundsen, Norwegian discoverer of the South Pole, is at present drifting in his ice locked schooner, the Maud, somewhere north of Western Siberia, according to beliefs held by the Seattle Norwegian vice consulate and Vilhalmur Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer.

England's German prisoners number 250,000, and more than 60,000 British soldiers are required to look after them.

Ten thousand American troops are held in France to guard 40,000 Germans taken prisoners by the Americans, who can not be returned to Germany until the peace treaty has been ratified by three powers.

#### CARRANZA HAS OFFERED NO REWARD FOR VILLA'S CAPTURE

Washington.—Denial that President Carranza had authorized a reward of \$50,000 for the capture of Francisco Villa was made Thursday by the Mexican embassy.

"It was recently published in the American newspapers," the statement said, "that President Carranza had authorized the governor of the state of Chihuahua to offer a reward of \$50,000 for the capture of Francisco Villa.

"The Mexican embassy is in receipt of official advice stating that the reward was not authorized by President Carranza, but that it was offered only by the governor of Chihuahua."

#### MEXICANS DEMANDED U. S. TROOPS GET OUT

El Paso, Tex.—Demand for the withdrawal of the American expedition which crossed at Fort Hancock, Texas, last Saturday was made by Mexican officials after the expedition had crossed, it became known Thursday. Troops of the Seventh Cavalry, under command of Colonel Francis M. Clover, crossed the border, remaining in Mexico during the day without locating the cattle thieves. Offers to send Mexican cavalry troops to pursue the thieves were made by the Mexican government officials if American troops were withdrawn. This offer was not accepted, it was said.