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## TWO KILLED AS SEAPLANE SWEEPS BEACH

### SENATE CALLS FOR CONFERENCE OF U. S., JAPAN AND ENGLAND

Wants Naval Disarmament Considered by These Three Countries.

PRESENTED BY BORAH  
Passes Senate After Seven Hours' Debate and Attached to Naval Bill.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—By unanimous vote, 55 senators answering the roll, the senate tonight attached an amendment to the naval appropriations bill a section calling upon the president to call a conference of the United States, Japan and Great Britain to consider naval disarmament.

The proposition originally presented by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, was put before the senate under unanimous consent agreement by Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, and the vote was taken upon his amendment. The vote was taken after seven hours of debate which included an executive session at which foreign affairs particularly in reference to Japan were discussed.

The senate frankly discussed relations between Japan and the United States for two hours today behind closed doors, but the situation as presented by republican leaders failed to shake opposition to the naval appropriation bill. After the doors were opened, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and other leaders in the fight against the bill, declared emphatically that the measure in its present form could not be passed before congress adjourns Friday.

The motion for the secret session was made by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, and chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. He suddenly interrupted the debate on the bill by expressing the hope that the measure would be passed by this congress and adding that there were some angles of the question which should not be discussed in public.

When the galleries had been cleared, Senator Lodge was understood to have presented new information regarding controversies between the United States and Japan which has been discussed in the California alien land law. One of the matters said to have been discussed was the Pacific island of Yap over which Japan holds a mandate. The United States has vigorously protested against this mandate to the council of league of nations and also has taken the subject up direct with the Japanese government. Several senators were reported to have expressed the view that the controversy with regard to the island was certain to become a serious and delicate problem in the near future.

Senator Lodge was said to have told the senate that in view of the present controversies with Japan and the position of the United States in world affairs this country should continue its naval building program. He also was reported to have emphasized the desirability of advising Japan that the United States was ready to spend thousands of dollars to protect its rights in the Pacific.

President-elect Harding also was understood to have been quoted as advocating an adequate navy. Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, sharply challenged the position taken by Mr. Lodge. He was said to have used bitter sarcasm in criticizing the closing of the senate doors and characterized the Japanese relations argument as a "bugaboo." He and others were reported to have promised to repeat in open session the discussions behind closed doors.

### GERMANY DON'T LIKE THE TERMS

Makes Counter Proposition That Is Flatly Refused—Conference Adjourns.

(By The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 1.—When the German delegates faced the allies around the table in Lancaster house today with the object of coming to a final settlement of the German indemnity, a gulf was created even wider than any prediction had forecast. Germany's counter proposals fell so short of the allied program drawn up at Paris that the British prime minister declared: "The German government appears to have a complete misunderstanding of the realities of the position," and tersely adjourned the conference after Dr. Simons, German foreign secretary, had presented the document and tried to advocate its reasonableness.

The British viewpoint held in the allied camps tonight is that negotiations have ended and that the allies are on the eve of action. Their reply is expected to be an ultimatum, clear and imperative.

The following bulletin was issued after a brief meeting of the heads of the allied delegations this afternoon: "It was decided to consult the judicial and military advisors tomorrow with a view to informing the German delegation on Thursday as to the measures the allies propose to take." The word "measures" and mention of the judicial and military advisors are considered significant.

Dr. Simons offered what experts estimate would amount to 2,500,000,000 pounds sterling, of which Germany claims 1,000,000,000 pounds sterling has already been paid in money and supplies. This is coupled with the conditions that Upper Silesia remains German, and that free commercial privileges shall be restored to Germany throughout the world.

Compared with this proffer, the allies' terms required the payment of 13,000,000,000 pounds sterling, and the lowest Germany was expected to put forward was something over 7,000,000,000 pounds sterling, while Germany wants 400,000,000 pounds sterling raised by a German foreign loan, in which she professes to believe America would cooperate.

The German delegates still are of the opinion that their proposal and the statement of Germany's economic conditions may be taken as a basis for settlement.

### ST. ANDREWS FLYER KILLED IN ALABAMA

(By The Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 1.—Lieut. Everett L. Kirkpatrick of Miami and Private Clyde W. Pratt of St. Andrews, Fla., were instantly killed when a plane in which they were flying fell at the intermediate depot today just before 3 o'clock. After the crash the machine caught fire and the bodies of both men were burned.

It is not known just what caused the accident as the machine was destroyed by flames after it had fallen, it is said. The men had reached a lofty height when the machine crashed to the ground, killing them instantly.

### WOOD MAY GO TO PHILIPPINES

Selection of Labor Secretary Not Finally Decided Upon.

(By The Associated Press.)  
MARIION, Ohio, Mar. 1.—Three more appointments to the cabinet were definitely confirmed by President-elect Harding tonight, leaving only one selection in his official family of ten secretaries still to be given to the public. The vacancy is in the portfolio of labor, and an announcement assigning that is expected tomorrow.

The three whose selections were made known tonight are Andrew W. Mellon, a Pittsburg banker, to be secretary of the treasury; Will H. Hays of Indiana, republican national chairman, to be postmaster general; and Albert B. Fall, now United States senator from New Mexico, to be secretary of the interior.

No formal statement was issued in connection with the three appointments, but Mr. Harding indicated that he might have some more detailed observations to make when he announces tomorrow the name of his secretary of labor. It is known that from the start, conflicting advice has been urged upon him in regard to the place, and that although he reached a virtual selection last week, the supporters of at least three available men still are bringing pressure to bear.

The man whose name has been written opposite the labor portfolio in the tentative cabinet list is James J. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., a former steel worker, who is now supreme dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose. There have been no evidence that the designation has been changed; but the activities of those who would rather see James D. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, or T. P. O'Connor, of New York, chosen, puts a last minute turnover well within the range of possibilities.

Late in the day Mr. Harding conferred with Major General Leonard Wood, who has been selected for governor general of the Philippines, and during the evening he accepted initiation into the Knights Templar order at a ceremony which brought to Marion many of the leading Masons of the country.

### WILSON DEFENDS BARUCH-RYAN

Charges as "Irresponsible Gossip" Statements That They Had Fixed Copper Price

SERVED THE GOVERNMENT  
Says They Devoted Their Time Unselfishly to the Nation During the War.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson flatly denied today charges made in the house by Representative Mason, republican, Illinois, and others that Dr. M. Baruch and John D. Ryan had profited out of the government as a result of the fixing of the price of copper during the world war.

Writing the Representative Garrett, democrat, Tennessee, the president characterized the charges as "irresponsible gossip" and declared that he could not allow this occasion to pass without again expressing his "great confidence" in Mr. Baruch and Mr. Ryan.

"There was not a suggestion of scandal connected with either of these gentlemen in any of the war activities in which they played so important a part," the president wrote, "and I wish, before the closing days of this administration, again to say how admirably they served the needs of the nation and how unselfishly they devoted their fine talents to the government in every crisis which faced us during the critical days of the war."

The president said that neither Mr. Baruch nor Mr. Ryan had anything to do with the fixing of prices and added: "To state that either Mr. Baruch or Mr. Ryan had influenced the action of the federal trade commission in ascertaining the cost of production or attempting to dictate the recommendation either of the war industries board or any of the price-fixing committees, is utterly foolish and without foundation."

"The price of copper was fixed solely by me upon the recommendations of the war industries board and the federal trade commission, after full examination into the costs of production and without any attempt upon the part of the copper producers or Mr. Baruch or Mr. Ryan to exert any pressure upon this government or upon anybody connected with either of the boards having to do with these vital matters."

### PLACE BLAME FOR WRECK

Engineer Long and Fireman Block of Michigan Central Are Held Responsible

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Henry Scherer, general manager of the Michigan Central lines, tonight announced that the road's investigation had proved that the engineer and fireman of the Michigan Central train were to blame for the wreck at Porter, Ind., Sunday night in which 37 persons were killed.

"After careful investigation of the facts with all interested employees and conference with officials just completed," Mr. Scherer's statement said, "it has been determined that Engineer W. S. Long and Fireman George P. Block on engine No. 806, train No. 20, violated rules and regulations in failing to observe and properly obey signal indications and will therefore be dismissed from service."

### NOTED TENOR REPORTED AS "DOING VERY WELL"

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 1.—Enrico Caruso, world famous tenor, was successfully operated on early today to relieve him of a pus accumulation in the lower pleural cavity and was reported tonight to be "doing very well."

Three tanks of oxygen were taken tonight to the apartment of Enrico Caruso to relieve him of a collection of pus on one side of the pleural cavity.

The significance of the further delivery of oxygen, the first renewal since the tenor suffered his first relapse and was troubled with a weakening heart action, was not explained.

### STATE RESTS IN MATEWAN TRIAL

Asks for Verdict of "Not Guilty" Against Two of the Defendants.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WILLIAMSON, W. Va., March 1.—Seventeen defendants were standing in the Matewan battle case this afternoon instead of 19, after the state had rested and asked the court to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty against "Ab" Albert Blumberg and Williams Star. It was said by the state that it had failed to establish sufficient evidence to warrant continued prosecution of the men who were indicted on charges in connection with the killing of Albert C. Felts, who met death with six other Baldwin-Felts detectives in the Matewan gun fight last May.

The men were formally arraigned in this specific case but still are under indictments on other counts arising from the death of the remaining detectives.

The defense placed two witnesses on the stand to rebut the state's case. In cross examination, counsel for the state brought out that Gallion was an eye-witness at the start of the battle. Mr. Coffey, in direct examination, failed to touch upon this point, and when the fact was brought out by the state, he said he had no previous knowledge that Gallion had witnessed any part of the fighting.

S. E. Avis, of counsel for the state, admitted a variation of the story by Gallion today and that he gave before the grand jury. Gallion testified today that he saw Albert Felts standing in front of a hardware store, surrounded by a crowd and that he later saw Felts shoot over his shoulder with his right hand into the doorway of the store and then shoot with the other hand toward Mayor C. C. Testerman, who was wounded fatally in the fight. The state claimed that the grand jury testimony did not coincide with the statement as to which pistol Felts is alleged to have fired first.

Gallion told the jury that prior to the battle he heard a conversation between two of the Baldwin-Felts men, Albert Coffey and C. R. Cunningham, during which one of them remarked: "If we can get rid of this Chief Hatfield, Squire can handle the rest. Blankenship has no money, anyway."

### NAVAL ENSIGN COMES TO GRIEF WHEN MOTOR OF PLANE GOES BAD

Accident, Near Muscogee Wharf, Causes Death of Two Colored Women and Two Children, Also Colored—Another Expected to Die.

### NAVAL BOARD OF INQUIRY TO HOLD AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCIDENT

Statements of Eye Witnesses Say That Ensign Alcorn Was Having Trouble With Plane and That Catastrophe Was Unavoidable.

Ensign John Walter Alcorn, U. S. N. (T), is being detained at the naval air station pending an investigation by a naval board of inquiry of a seaplane accident near Muscogee wharf yesterday afternoon in which two negro women were killed and two children received injuries from which they died shortly after. A fifth is expected to die. The police are seeking an unknown woman who is said to have flown with Ensign Alcorn just before the accident.

According to statements made to Judge Will L. Johnson and Police Commissioner F. R. Pou, Ensign Alcorn landed at the strip of beach just east of Muscogee wharf at about 12:30 o'clock and picked up a woman and gave her a seaplane ride of about 20 minutes duration. He then landed her on the beach and then went up again. This time he stunted for some minutes and upon coming down to the water apparently side slipped. His forward speed carried him along the beach at a low altitude for some distance and the three negro women and two negro children were knocked down. Two of the women were killed instantly, one died en route to the hospital and the other died shortly afterwards. The fifth is expected to die. No white people were hurt, contrary reports being false.

At the navy yard last night, Commander Robert W. Cabanis, captain of the yard, said that Alcorn insisted that he did not take a woman on a hop and that he was alone in the plane all the time it was away from the station until it crashed. Records from the flying beach show that Ensign Alcorn left the beach alone in N-9 seaplane No. 2854.

### LABOR'S RIGHTS MUST CONTINUE

If Railroad Agreements Are Broken Industrial Workers Will Suffer.

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, March 1.—A return of what was tantamount to civil war among industrial workers would be prevented by the perpetuation of national agreements between railroads and their employees, the railroad labor board was told today when it resumed hearings on the controversy after a two weeks' recess.

Representatives of the clerks presented a lengthy statement to the board in reply to the carriers' objection to the existing national agreements.

R. P. Dee, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, declared that to abrogate the national agreements "would be equivalent to re-establishing old conditions of armored trains, private detective agencies and all the evils for which they stand."

"Through the national agreements," he said, "a new spirit has been born in the breasts of the workers and we will not peacefully bow down to conditions which prevailed prior to January 1, 1918. The worker has slipped the true meaning of liberty and will not submit to the shackles of industrial slavery being fastened upon him."

### INDICTED NEGRO TO STAND TRIAL

(By The Associated Press.)  
FINECASTLE, Va., March 1.—Edmund Thompson, a negro, was indicted by a grand jury in circuit court here today, in connection with the killing December 15 last of Peck Austin, white youth, and the wounding of three of Austin's companions. Thompson will face trial tomorrow.

### KENTUCKY WINS FROM GEORGIA

(By The Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, March 1.—Kentucky university won the 1921 basketball championship tournament of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association here tonight by defeating Georgia university in the finals 26 to 19, by making a goal from the foul line just as the game was over.

### TO VOTE ON PIECE OR TIME WORK

(By The Associated Press.)  
ROANOKE, Va., March 1.—A vote is being taken by approximately 11,000 employees of the Norfolk and Western railway to determine whether the men would prefer working on an hourly or piece work basis, labor officials here announced today.

### NEW GOVERNMENT FOR GREENSBORO

(By The Associated Press.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., March 1.—The voters of Greensboro today turned their backs on the commission form of city government and by a majority of over 1,000 adopted the council-manager form.

### Southern Commercial Congress In Session at Washington

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Improvement of both rail and water commercial facilities was discussed by speakers here today at the opening of the twelfth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress.

During the afternoon session a committee was appointed to draw up the platform of activities which the congress will work for during the coming year.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, Willis of Ohio, Edge of New Jersey, and Ransdell of Louisiana and Thomas R. Preston, president of the congress, were the principal speakers. Senator Fletcher laid stress on the need of an adequate merchant marine, and the possible lowering of railroad rates as a means to stimulate commerce.

### YOUNG MEN DIED FROM GAS FUMES

(By The Associated Press.)  
MACON, Ga., March 1.—A coroner's jury late today returned a verdict that O. R. Allen and J. J. Thomas, found dead here yesterday at the home of A. B. Crump, came to their death "from inhaling gas fumes."

Witnesses before the coroner's jury testified that a gas heater was found burning in the bath room of the Crump home, while in the kitchen a gas hot water heater was in operation.

### KING NICHOLAS DIES IN FRANCE

(By The Associated Press.)  
ANTIBES, France, Mar. 1.—King Nicholas of Montenegro died here today.

The queen of Italy, daughter of Nicholas, has been advised of the death of her father, and she and King Victor Emmanuel are expected to come here for the funeral.