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LODGE LIBERAL WITH OFFERS

Wants Nine More Amendments Tacked on to the Peace Treaty

WHAT THEY AFFECT Article Ten and Monroe Doctrine Would Not be Affected by Them

(United Press Service) Washington, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Senator Lodge offered in the senate nine amendments to the Lodge reservation to the peace treaty today.

The amendments were those worked out in the bi-partisan treaty conferences recently held in Lodge's office. They effect the preamble, withdrawal, domestic question, Shantung, naming of American representatives to the league, payment of the U.S. share of league expenses, disarmament, status of foreign nationals under article 16 and voting power. Lodge did not submit an amendment on article 10 or on the Monroe doctrine.

The amendment to the reservation on voting power is the only one of those submitted by Lodge on which virtual agreement had not been reached in the bi-partisan conference. Lodge's action today made the bi-partisan agreement the official program of the Lodge forces in the senate. Lodge hoped to get the support of democrats to the changes because the democrats in the bi-partisan conference had agreed to most of the amendments presented today.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Irreconcilable republican senators are about ready to concede that the senate will ratify the treaty as a result of the decision which will be given next Monday, it was indicated today.

A canvass of the senate has shown the "bitter enders" they said that any loop hole which can be squeezed through will be used by some senator in changing front on the reservation and ratification. The "reconcilables" are convinced that Senator Lodge and his supporters do not want the treaty in the present form. The irreconcilables said today that the supporters of the Lodge reservation are willing to agree to any reservation on article ten. They have changed places with the democrats in this respect he declared and visibly weakening since president Wilson's letter to senator Hitchcock became public.

The plan of the Lodge program supporters, this far said is to offer compromise on article ten so mild that if the democrats reject the responsibility for failure of the treaty will clearly be upon the democrats. In that case if the treaty is ratified by congress, Lodge can show by the records that he did all he could without actually surrendering to agree with the Wilson forces this senator said.

Lodge is understood to have a thorough knowledge of the situation, and democrats know this in a general way at least, just how far they will go next week or later in meeting him on article ten.

VERY LOW WITH PNEUMONIA

Mrs. C. T. Ranier received the sad news that her brother-in-law, Frank Dibble, is very low with double pneumonia at his home in Lansing, Michigan. He had the flu which developed into pneumonia. He formerly lived here, moving to Lansing about six years ago.

BEFORE GRAND JURY

(United Press Service) San Francisco, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Jack Dempsey's war record will be thoroughly sifted in before the federal grand jury now in session here it was stated today.

The grand jury late yesterday questioned Mrs. Maxine Dempsey, divorced wife of the champion, as to her original charge that he was a slacker and dodged the draft and as to her affidavit later exonerating Dempsey. Other witnesses were and the probe continued today.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Part cloudy tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

Washington, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Robert Underwood Johnson of New York, is to be appointed ambassador to Italy by President Wilson today. Johnson's nomination will go to the senate within a few days.

Johnson will succeed Thomas Nelson Page, who resigned the ambassadorship five months ago. Since his resignation the post has been vacant. Johnson is said to be in full accord with the president toward Italy. Page and Wilson differed on disposition of Fiume. Johnson is well versed in Italian affairs and holds the decoration of Cavalier of the crown of Italy.

SCHOOL HOUSES

Contracts Awarded for Grade Buildings at Poplar Grove and Poneto

DECATUR BIDS FILED

Oscar Hoffman, Architect—Berne Contractors were Successful

Contracts for the building of a modern grade school house at Poplar Grove and at Poneto in Wells county were awarded yesterday by the trustees and advisory boards of the two townships with Decatur men numbered among the bidders. Oscar Hoffman, of this city, is the architect for the Poneto building while the general contract was awarded to Hisey and Beabout, of Berne, on their bid of \$39,965. The heating and ventilating contract for this building was awarded to the A. J. Moser company also of Berne on their bid of \$6,350.

The Poneto building is of four rooms, two stories. It is to be erected on the old site in Liberty township. Bids on the Poneto building were as follows:

General contract—Hisey & Beabout, of Berne, hollow tile backing \$39,965, low bid; H. F. Lim, of Decatur, \$45,545; Charles N. Christen, of Decatur, \$42,995; L. W. Kinmel, of Poneto, \$42,000.
Heating and Ventilating—A. J. Moser & Company of Berne, \$6,350; Hartford Hardware Co., of Hartford City, \$6,469.58.

Electric Wiring—Edmunds Electric Const. Co., of Fort Wayne, \$482. Chemical Toilets—Kiger & Co., of Indianapolis, \$1,079.15; and H. Knapp & Son, of Decatur, \$1,148.

The general contract for the Poplar Grove building was awarded to Lee W. Kimmel of Poneto, for \$43,700; the wiring to the Warren Electric company, of Warren for \$762.94; the heating and ventilating to Derner Bros., of Fort Wayne, for \$8,900; and the plumbing to Hutzell & Company, of Muncie, for \$5,217. An additional allowance of \$290 for brick above the brick estimated brings the total cost to \$58,869.94.

The Poplar Grove building of four rooms, all on one floor, including also an assembly room, includes in the general contract a water flushing toilet system. T. H. Koontz, of Bluffton, is the architect.

The Bluffton Banner then makes the following remarks relative to the state tax board's action:

"When the state board of taxation refused to allow the citizens of Harrison and Liberty townships to build the Poplar Grove and Poneto school buildings last year, it cost the taxpayers of these two townships exactly \$31,506.09, according to figures presented this afternoon.

"This is the sum the two schools cost this year over the bids received for the same buildings last year, according to County Superintendent A. R. Huyette.

On the Poneto school the bid, over last year's figure, was \$15,136.15 and on the Poplar Grove building the bid ran \$16,369.94, above what the same building could be built for last year."

NOTICE

All painters and paper hangers will meet tomorrow night at the Carpenters hall at 7:30 o'clock. All painters and paper hangers please be present.

Mrs. Louise Kiefer and Mrs. Mary Waggoner returned to their home in Fort Wayne after visiting their brother Jacob Kiefer, who is at the Decherator hospital.

Mrs. J. S. Peterson went to Fort Wayne to attend the concert of the Detroit Symphony orchestra and to visit her sister Mrs. Edward Wilson.

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SUBS SHOW UP

After Fierce Battle with Sea Lost Submarines Arrived Safely

IN THEIR PORT TODAY

Had been Lost for One Week—Crew on Poughkeepsie have Mutinied

(United Press Service) Washington, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Five submarines caught in severe storms on their trip from the Bermudas and which were several days over due, are now safe in United States waters, the navy department was advised today.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—After battling with the sea for nearly a week four of the five American submarines that have been missing between the Bermuda islands and this country, arrived at Hampton Roads this morning, according to a dispatch received by the navy department.

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