

G.O.P. LEADERS WORRIED OVER VEXING TANGLE

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PRIMARIES HIT

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Republican leaders of Congress frankly admit they are worried over the existing legislative tangle which is threatening to carry the present session well into or even through the coming congressional campaign.

The Republican party "whips" outside, as well as within, Congress are known to be much worked up over the prospect of the session continuing during the spring and summer primaries in which one-third of the Senate and the entire House membership must first go to bat for re-election.

TARIFF AND 'BONUS' TO PROLONG SESSION.

With Senate and House Republicans at cross purposes over the tariff and the "bonus," which Republican leaders are fearful will become one of the chief issues and upon which the Democrats are banking to regain control of the House, the plan for an adjournment not later than June 1, seems now to be a farce.

The President recently expressed a desire that the Senate put the armament conference treaties ahead of the tariff. Indefinite delay is menacing the Administration program for early ratification of the several pacts because of the demand for further information made by the Republican "irreconcilables" and Democrats constituting a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with respect to the four-power Pacific treaty and the status of the Pacific possessions and naval bases provided by Article XIX of the Naval Limitation Treaty.

LONG CONTROVERSY OVER 'BONUS' IN PROSPECT.

The mix-up over the soldier "bonus" in both the Senate and House renders uncertain what kind of a "bonus" bill will be passed eventually, or how soon one can be passed by both chambers. A number of Republican Senators have joined the Democratic minority of the Senate in opposing a sales tax to pay for a "bonus," but the controversy in the upper chamber is believed to be inevitable in a "bonus" bill containing such a tax as is passed by the House.

The action of the Republican members of the Senate committee in dropping the American valuation plan incorporated in the Fordney "permanent tariff" bill passed by the House, and in reverting to sales valuations as a basis for levying ad valorem duties has brought them in serious conflict with House Republican leaders who favor the American valuation scheme.

The President may be forced to intervene again, it is generally believed, in an effort to end the impending deadlock over the tariff.

Groninger Puts City's Bureau Share at \$4,500

A basis for a possible compromise in the argument between the city and State industrial board over whether the municipality shall continue to support the Indiana Free Employment Bureau at Main and State streets, an avenue with a \$6,000 a year appropriation, was arranged today by Thomas A. Riley, member of the State board, and Taylor E. Groninger, corporation counsel.

Mr. Riley said that Mr. Groninger had agreed to submit a proposal to the board of public works that it authorize an appropriation of \$4,500. Mr. Riley said that it will be up to the board to find a way of cutting the bureau's annual budget to \$9,000, instead of \$12,000. The State supplies an appropriation equal to that of the city. Mr. Groninger asked that if the city participates it be given the privilege of naming one of the employees of the bureau. The industrial board member said he referred Mr. Groninger to Governor Warren T. McCrary on this question.

Prisoner, Who Fears Verdict, Falls Dead.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Fear of death has killed a prisoner at the Berlin Criminal Court.

Franz Hoppe, a business man, was charged with murdering and robbing a woman resident of Konigswiesenhausen. While the jury gave their verdict in the absence of the prisoner, in accordance with German custom, Hoppe listened eagerly from his cell door. He thought he heard the words, "We find the accused guilty of murder."

Hoppe was brought into court and stood pale and trembling, as the Judge began: "You are found guilty of—"

At that moment Hoppe murmured, "I know," and fell dead.

As a matter of fact the jury only found him guilty of manslaughter.

FIVE KILLED IN DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant Head of the British military forces, was killed and a British sergeant and three civilians were wounded in an affray in a Dublin suburb late today.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

BELFAST, Feb. 20.—The American steamship Balsam Moore, from Philadelphia, went ashore today in Lough Foyle on the northern coast. Her position is not dangerous.

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Landis had agreed to retire at this time. Weis declares in a letter to the President, it would be impossible to impeach him for accepting the position as high commissioner of baseball, should Congress pass a law making it necessary for a Federal judge to resign his activities to fill judicial duties.

Payment of Loans Show Conditions Much Improved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The improvement in agricultural conditions is beginning to manifest itself in an analysis of the financial position of recent repayments to the War Finance Corporation in connection with its export loans, as well as its loans for agricultural and livestock purposes. Eugene Mayer, director of the War Finance Corporation, said today, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, including a total of \$15,233,000 has been repaid to the War Finance Corporation. Of this sum \$3,920,000 represents repayments on account of loans made under the war powers of the corporation. Of the latter amount \$1,000,000 was repaid on cattle loans and \$3,750,000 on railroad and public utility loans.

FALL TO DEATH FROM 4TH STORY

Two Men Die as Result of Fight Over Favors of Woman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—An inquest will be held this afternoon into the death of John Haase, 30, and Joseph Hines, 26, who plunged through a fourth story window while fighting for the favor of a woman. The woman, Miss Irene Nolan, is held a witness.

The struggle occurred in an apartment occupied by Miss Nolan. According to the police, the men had quarreled before and the dispute was renewed when Haase, who was engaged to Miss Nolan, called and found Hines conversing with her.

During the fight the two men almost lost the furnishings of the apartment as they struggled they unconsciously approached the front window and plunged through.

Both were dead of fractured skulls when the police arrived.

SARRAUT GETS BACK TO FRANCE

Head of Parley Delegation Given Warm Reception.

HAIRE, Feb. 20.—Abel Sarrat, head of the French delegation to the Washington arms conference, arrived here today and was greeted by a demonstrative crowd.

The French, who little prepared for France's ideas on disarmament. The other powers had big programs and big nancies which were easily susceptible to reduction. France's fleet had been enfeebled by the war.

"After free discussion, I hope all the governments will reach the same conclusion. We find fault with existing conditions, but we are not thalamus," Johnston, in alluding to the possibilities of this coalition, pointed out there are nearly two million men in the railroad unions alone in normal times; there are 450,000 miners, nearly 1,000,000 members. Then, too, there are the various other unions. This does not count the wives of the workers who also are voters.

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Banquet and Dance in Honor of Bryson

A banquet and dance in honor of Robert H. Bryson, newly appointed postmaster for Indianapolis, and Mrs. Bryson is to be given by four of the post office organizations on the night of Feb. 22, at the Chamber of Commerce. The dance will begin at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The organizations joining in the banquet and dance are National Association of Mail Supervisors Local No. 8, the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, Local No. 130 and its auxiliary, National Association Letter Carriers Branch 200, and its auxiliary.

The committee in charge is composed of Edgar F. Brown of the Supervisors, Albert Greathach of the Clerks and Robert L. Maze of the Letter Carriers.

Robert Gorday will act as toastmaster, and the will be made by Postmaster Bryson, Arthur Grow for the supervisory employees, James Nutt, C. E. Pogue, Mrs. Herman Kettler, Claude Harris and Elmer E. Houze.

German Cable Plan Will Be Discussed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The international communications conference called to be held at the State Department by Acting Secretary of State Fletcher to settle the question of the allocation of former German cables in the Atlantic, will meet in Washington Thursday, it was announced at the State Department today.

The conference also will consider approval of the agreement reached during the armament conference on the disposition of the former German cables in the Pacific.

Muncie's Curfew Will Ring Tonight

Special to The Times.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 20.—The curfew will ring in Muncie at 8 tonight for the first time in fifteen years. Mayor Quirk has given this order at the request of members of the Mothers' Council, which declared that parents' willingness to go to car parties or dances, send their children to school, and to go to church until late at night, thus undermining both their health and morals.

The curfew ordinance was passed here twenty-four years ago, but was never enforced.

Deaths

Laura G. O'Brien, 59, 423 North State, labor pneumonia, Feb. 19.

Daniel McAllen, 87, 267 North Randolph, heart disease.

Mary E. Shoup, 63, Central Indiana Hospital, influenza pneumonia.

James M. Robertson, 65, 118 North Myrtle, influenza.

Charles K. Heller, 34, 204 West Maple Road, acute myocarditis.

Isadore Green, 36, 370 Methodist Hospital, heart pneumonia.

John H. Hartman, 74, 918 South Capitol, arterio sclerosis.

Harvey Hurst, 74, 1820 East Tenth, hypostatic pneumonia.

Cora Ruth Ferguson, 27, Methodist Hospital, cerebral apoplexy.

Virginia Crawford, 82, 810 West Tenth, influenza.

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LABOR-FARMER CONFERENCE TO SEEK U. S. RULE

Leaders Predict Complete Party Ticket in Field Before 1924.

COALITION IS LIKELY

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Representatives of united labor and farmers laid plans here today to gain political control of the United States.

Coalition of the various groups of labor will be effected around the United Farmers "National bloc" formed here Saturday. It was stated on good authority.

Leaders predicted an entire national ticket of the contemplated party would be in the field by 1924.

Until that time, candidates of other parties if satisfactory will be given the support of the new party. In case all other candidates are unsatisfactory, party will put the ticket in the field.

According to William Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Machinists who called the meeting, will succeed to cooperate with the United Farmers "National bloc."

"We expect to build up the Senate bloc and make a real American bloc," he said.

The meeting here is unique, as this is the first attempt to get the various labor and farm groups together.

Leaders will be executive and will continue for three days.

Besides the sixteen standard railway unions, representatives of the Socialist party, the United Mine Workers, American Federation of Labor, American Society of Free Trade, Non-Partisan League, Farmers' National party, Non-Partisan League, and various other groups will be approached the front window and plunged through.

Representatives of the American Teachers' Association and prominent clergymen are also expected to take part in the meeting.

Arthur C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League and said to be one of the leaders of the United Farmers' National "bloc," will take an active part in the meetings.

President Theodore J. Bernd starting an investigation into the administration's \$20,000 unemployed relief fund.

Mr. Bernd has invited all men with experience to the way in which the administration is using the fund to attend the meeting. He said he has several letters from men who said they were refused jobs under the \$2-a-day plan because they were not political workers in behalf of Mayor Samuel Lewis Shantz. He also said he had received complaints from men who were on regular pay rolls as laborers at the rate of 40 cents an hour were transferred to the \$2-a-day plan.

Men have been hired in the street cleaning and street commissioners departments under the relief plan. John F. Walker, superintendent of street cleaning and Martin J. Hyland, street commissioner, are expected to attend the meeting and answer any questions councilmen care to ask.

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Riot Guns Used in Rhode Island Strike

Funeral services for Chester K. Heller, 34, 204 West Maple Road, died on a charge of influenza on Feb. 18, at the home of his son Sunday morning.

At 6 o'clock in the evening.

At the side of Mr. Heller was his wife who often consulted her husband as talesmen answered questions.

Hartman took notes and followed the case with much interest.

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