

# INSIDIOUS AND POWERFUL SOCIAL LOBBY SWAYS CONGRESS'

## SENATOR BORAH SEES OPPOSITION TO PEACE PARLEY

Idaho Solon Admits He Will Have Trouble in Senate.

## RESOLUTION IS TABLED

Harding Regards Resolution as Untenable at This Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Borah may find his strategic ability taxed to the utmost in seeking expression from the Senate on his newly offered international economic conference resolution.

This he admitted Tuesday after introducing his resolution authorizing and requesting President Harding to call a conference to study and possibly suggest a cure for Europe's ills. The resolution, by Borah's consent, now lies on the table against the propitious moment when its sponsor can make his speech and stimulate his colleagues to do the same for or against the proposition.

Borah realizes that the legislative scene has shifted somewhat since he offered to withdraw his first resolution and plainly embarrassed the Administration leaders. President Harding regards any proposition for an economic conference as untenable at this time. If Harding thought an economic plan necessary, it was said, he would take the step instantly; and in the same belief, he would have taken the step long ago, but historical precedents demonstrate that the informal discussions of the last few months have proved conclusively the futility of the conference idea.

Such a warning, however, may not deter Borah, and it is held possible that Senator Capper—whose daily mail contains requests for such a world conference—may follow the lead of the Senator from Idaho and join him in debate in behalf of the sympathetic members of the farm bloc.

## ACTION STARTED ON SHOALS PLAN

Ford's Strongest Supporters Admit Defeat of Project.

By ROBERT TALLEY  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—After hanging fire in Congress for more than two years, the Henry Ford proposition to take over and operate the Muscle Shoals waterpower project to produce fertilizer and power, is about to be acted upon.

Even Ford's strongest supporters admit they are defeated, and predict that Ford will be denied Muscle Shoals.

The alternative will be Federal development and operation of the Muscle Shoals project, it is thought here now.

"There is no use in holding out false hopes," says Representative George Huddleston, Birmingham, a strong Ford supporter and a plain talker. "Suppose the House does accept the Ford offer—it wouldn't have any more chance in the Senate than a snowball in Hades."

Representative Edward Almon, in whose district Muscle Shoals is situated, is more hopeful. He says Administration leaders are now favorable to a vote on the Ford offer at this session and expresses the belief that it would pass the House. In regard to its fate in the Senate, though, he is dubious.

## BARRIE PLAY TO BE GIVEN

Arsenal Tech Seniors Announce Selection of "Quality Street."

"Quality Street" by James Barrie is the class play chosen by the June seniors of Arsenal Technical High School for presentation in March. Parts will be distributed Thursday and Friday. Tryouts will be held next week.

The committee which selected the play: Chester Lafferty, chairman; Frederick Schick, Earl Beyer, Agnes Search and Josephine Kennedy.

## Confectioner Pleads Bankruptcy

Isador Grossman, wholesale confectioner, of South Bend, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court, scheduling liabilities of \$3,850.84 and assets of \$1,046.30.

## Are You Too Thin?

Do you have corners and knobs where there should be curves and plumpness? Do the scales show you are below the standard of weight for your age and height? Are you too thin?

If you are, our Washington Bureau is prepared to help you. A Washington Bureau, Indianapolis Times, 1322 N. Y. Ave., Washington, D. C.

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## Love and Law Clash as Wife Steals so Husband She Loves, Can Get Divorce

Wanted Him to Be Happy With Other Woman, She Said.

BY ROY GIBBONS  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Love or the law? Which is more powerful?

The law of love holds love covers all sin.

The law of man punishes all offenders against it.

For love, Mrs. Eve Bernard here purposefully turned thief to provide her husband with statutory grounds to divorce her so he could marry and be happy with "the other woman," according to testimony introduced in court here in one of Chicago's strangest love and legal tangles.

A blasé court wearied with the routine of justice was openly startled when Mrs. Bernard walked in and voluntarily confessed the theft of a \$60 dress from a downtown department store without having attempted to make an easy escape.

Would Be Felon  
"I'm guilty, judge," she declared simply. "I took the most expensive dress I could find to make the theft a felony. That gives you the right to send me to the penitentiary."

"I don't want a trial. Give me the limit. I love my husband sufficiently to die for him. With me out of the way he can easily get a divorce on the grounds of my imprisonment in a penal institution. The lawyer told me so. I—"

Then she faltered.

Judge Schulman who has the case in hand admits he's gravely perplexed.

The woman is a confessed thief. For that, the law inexorably charges him to administer justice—of the man-made variety.

But, on the other hand, the law of love has already acquitted the 19-year-old bride.

"This woman has loved much, in-



MRS. EVE BERNARD

joined from further interference, he promised.

The wife's plight has moved the husband nearly to conciliation.

In such an instance—

What would you have done?

Had you been the wife?

The judge?

The husband?

Do you think that love is more powerful than the law and that it offers sufficient penalty in itself for a crime committed in its behalf?

deed," the court said. "It is to be disputed whether or not the alleged crime already had not been expiated before a higher tribunal than this."

Viewed in this light it is hardly fitting that I should review a case appealed from such a pure source. To send her to prison would be a crime."

Then he issued summons to have the errand husband of but a few months brought before him.

The vamps in the case will be en-

## DRUG EVIL IN HIGH SCHOOL

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Drastic steps to end the traffic in drugs to high school students here were taken today following sensational disclosures made to police by George Roth, 18, who is near death from self-inflicted wounds.

Roth told authorities he shot himself after an unsuccessful fight to throw off the drug habit. He was a student at the Lane Technical High School.

Roth said he got drugs from a "peddler" who was fast becoming wealthy by selling dope to the students.

The Roth tragedy followed closely an investigation at another high school which revealed, according to police, the sale of drugs and liquor to students who staged a series of "wild parties."

A. J. Roth, father of the boy, declared he had received a note in which his son told him he was "at the end of his rope" and begged for forgiveness.

"Don't blame me, blame the drug," the note said.

Roth told police he first took the drug for a toothache last October. He said he soon got the habit and his life became a nightmare to obtain funds to buy drugs.

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## Warning

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—George Roth, high school dope addict who tried to commit suicide, wrote the following farewell letter:

"Dear Mother and Dad:

"Tonight will be my last. I have bummed, loafed and quit school for a simple reason. I have been a victim of dope. I will tell you the facts. One day I had a headache and a cold and so went across the street where a guy came up to me and asked what was the matter. I told him. He said he had some medicine that would cure me and so I was shot full of dope. I didn't know it until I craved it again and again. Now they have ruined me and I don't care what happens. I will take my own life as I am no good to you and never will be.

"I am at the end of my rope so I will drop off.

"During the spells when my mind went drug crazy I committed many irregularities around the house.

"Please forgive me. Your always wayward son, George."

"P. S.: Please watch the other kids closely."

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Work Done in Drawing Rooms and Around Dinner Tables of Nation's Capital—Amazing Ramifications Disclosed

by Man Who Probed Mulhall Exposure.

By RAYMOND CLAPPER,  
United News Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A social lobby is at work in the national capital today which is more powerful and insidious in its pressure on Congress and Federal officials than the one which was disclosed in the Mulhall exposure a decade ago.

This statement was made to me Tuesday by the man who furnished Woodrow Wilson with some of the facts which led him to go to Congress and make that famous protest against the "insidious lobby" which was hamstringing the Federal Government.

"The Mulhall investigation disclosed amazing ramifications which showed that big business interests were directing legislation to a degree no one has suspected," my informant said. "But there is a far more powerful lobby working here now."

"It does most of its work at night in the fashionable drawing rooms and around the brilliant dinner tables of the capital. The real lobbyists are never seen at the Capitol. They invite the Senators and Congressmen for dinner and a discreet word dropped here and there, a sly just dripping a Senator or Congressman who is on the 'wrong' side—these are the delicate tools of the new lobbyist."

"Mrs. Poindexter's frank description of parties given by lobbyists here have aroused so much excitement in the capital because they disclose in a frank, naive way, a situation here which the country had not suspected," he said.

Dictated Newberry Note

There is the Senator's wife who told her husband the day that the question of seating Truman H. Newberry in the Senate was to be voted on that she "needed for Mr. Newberry."

Washington knows a number of men who ostensibly are retired gentlemen of leisure, living here on their income just to be in the circle of official society. Their wives entertain with formal dinners many times a season. Clever young diplomats are invited. Such occasions are festive. Sandwiched among the guests are humble Congressmen and Senators. It is a thrilling experience for those wives who come from small cities out Main St. way. And if they and their husbands make themselves popular, they will be invited to such functions often.

The group of luxury lobbyists who conduct saloons of this nature represent most of the great interests of the country. One is a lawyer, who came here fifteen years ago as an obscure railroad attorney. Now he represents many railroad interests and is a force to be considered in all railroad legislation of a national character. He is held in high respect by Senators and Congressmen and has never been found to be other than an honorable lawyer conscientiously protecting the interests of his clients. He has recently established himself on a large estate near Washington, where he and his wife and their attractive daughter are entertaining freely. Although this lawyer is too honorable to ask special consideration in return for his hospitality, nevertheless it would be an ungracious person who could fail to be on friendly terms with him after having enjoyed such generous entertainment.

Oil Interests Represented

Then, there is an elderly gentleman living at the Metropolitan Club, where Secretary of State Hughes and many cabinet officers lunch, who was formerly connected with the State Department. He has several connections high in the Harding Administration. He now represents certain large oil interests having business of a vital nature before one of the Government departments.

Out at Wardman Park Inn, where five cabinet officers and many lower officials live, resides a lawyer, who by virtue of service in a State legislature some years ago, bears the honorary title of "Senator." He is said to draw a salary of \$50,000 a year. His special purpose now is to prevent passage of Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer. He represents a great southern interest which is opposing Ford's project.

One of the social dictators of Washington is the beautiful and clever wife of a naval officer. And among her frequent guests are the Congressmen and Senators from the naval committees and, of course, their wives. Examples could be cited indefinitely. Behind every interest subject to attack in Congress there is some mysterious figure here, whose connections are discreetly kept in the background.

"LADY FROM OKLAHOMA" COMMENTS ON "LOBBY"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—"Foolish wives with social ambitions do more to wreck political careers than their husbands' foolish votes."

That cryptic comment came today from Miss Alice Robertson, "the lady from Oklahoma," on the latest social sensation in official circles here.

Miss Alice had no criticism for Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of Senator Poindexter of Washington, whose naive gossip for a western newspaper on the ways of Washington set the capital to buzzing. She said Mrs. Poindexter was "dead right" on many things.

"Women who are ambitious for their husband's political success should remember that in politics the

word is more dangerous than the sword."

"Too many wives of Congressmen come to Washington looking for the prerequisites of office," in Miss Alice's opinion. Her advice to them is "tend to your knitting and children."

Enough coal in U. S. to last for 100 generations

Fact Finding Commission Learns About Nation's Fuel Supply.

By C. C. LYON  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Inside information on the coal industry is gradually coming to light before the United States coal fact-finding commission study here. The next winter your coal supply is cut short, the Government proposes to know why.

Facts galore are now in the hands of the commission. Here are a few of them:

There is enough coal in the United States to last for 100 generations, or about 2,000 years. It is found in thirty-five States.

The only hard coal comes from a narrow strip of 480 square miles in Pennsylvania, where 174 producers are busy mining. However, eight of them control 70 per cent of the hard coal business.

There are 6,000 producers of soft coal, operating 9,000 commercial mines. Their investment is estimated at \$1,900,000,000, while the hard coal operators' mines are said to be worth \$400,000,000.

Here's where all this coal goes: Railroads consume 25 per cent of the soft coal; industrial concerns, 35 per cent; coking furnaces, 15 per cent; domestic consumers, 10 per cent; public utilities, 4 per cent; bunkers, 2 per cent, and mines, 2 per cent. Coal carrying constitutes one-third of the freight business of the railroads.

Officers Under Bond After Shooting Fray

Are Charged With Participating in Slaying of Two Men.

By United Press  
COBBIN, Ky., Jan. 31.—J. K. Richmond and Fred Decker, patrol officers, were released on bond today charged with participating in the slaying of two men and wounding of two others yesterday.

Cause of the gun battle still is in dispute. J. C. Barker, Louisville, and Nashville railroad dispatcher, and George Yaden, special guard, were killed. Fred Yarden and Jeff Barker, switchmen, were wounded.

'PLAIN SPOKEN' TEACHER BACK IN SCHOOL

Is Reinstated After Charge of "Teaching of Sex."

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Miss Harriet Ostrom, grade school teacher, reinstated after fighting a charge of "promiscuous