

'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.

By United Press
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.

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 instantaneously; 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 swallow 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.

BARIE 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 Schick, and Josephine Kennedy.

Confessione Pleds Bankruptcy

Isidor Grossman, wholesale confectioner of South Bend, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court, scheduling liabilities of \$3,860.34 and assets of \$1,046.30.

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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 law cases.

A black court heard 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 us so. I—" Then she fainted.

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

The woman is 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

deed," the court said. "It is to be decided 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 errant husband of but a few months brought before him.

The vamp in the case will be en-

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?

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 on 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 to a toothache last October. He said he soon got the habit and his life became a nightmare to obtain funds to buy drugs.

Police were convinced that many pupils are victims of the drug peddler and launched an immediate investigation.

SPEAKERS OPEN CRUSADE TO DECREASE FIRE LOSS

Figures Show Indianapolis Ahead of Other Cities.

More attention should be given by Federal, State and municipal governments to the problem of bettering fire insurance, Richard Lieber, director of the State department of construction, said in the first of a series of seven lectures on fire prevention at Caleb Mills hall Tuesday night.

Frank C. Jordan, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce fire prevention committee, stated that while cities in the United States as a whole showed an increase of twenty-five per cent in the number of fires in 1922 as compared with 1921, Indianapolis showed a decrease of fifty-two per cent.

Airplanes on landing fields have full right of way over all other traffic. Airplanes landing have right of way over airplanes taking off.

Seaplanes maneuvering on the water under their own power are subject to the same traffic rules as ships, but in landing or taking off they have right of way over other craft.

When two planes meet in the air they must turn to the right and not pass each other by diving or rising above.

A machine overtaking another from behind must pass to the right.

Fraud Is Charged

Edward Hines, 2170 Hazel St., was under arrest today charged with disorderly conduct and profanity. When a policeman started to enter the Hines home Tuesday night he was almost knocked down by Hines' wife, making a hasty exit. Close on her heels came the spouse, armed with a poker. Other police intervened.

250 MINERS ARE TRAPPED

Explosion of Fire Damp in Silesian Colliery Is Reported.

By United Press

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Two hundred and fifty miners were imprisoned by an explosion of fire damp in the Helmitz mine at Benthen, Silesia, according to a Central News Berlin dispatch today.

Several dead have been brought out and only slight hope is held for rescuing the rest.

Holcomb-Hoke Meeting

An exceptionally good year was predicted by officials of the Holcomb & Hoke Company to managers in convention here today. Monday night a reception was given for the managers at the home of J. I. Holcomb, Cold Springs Rd. Tuesday night a banquet was held at the Columbia Club. The sessions held at the company's office are devoted to discussion of sales problems.

Cup Presented Cothrell

A. L. Cothrell, retiring president of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, was presented with a silver loving cup and tray at the annual banquet in the Hotel Severin Tuesday night. James S. Cruise, known as the "Daddy" of the board, made the presentation. Scott R. Brewer, president of the board, accepted the cup.

Bernhardt Has New Part

PARIS, Jan. 31.—"I have accepted a part in Rostand's new play 'The Sphinx,' which will be produced soon," Sarah Bernhardt told the United Press.

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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 jest ridiculing 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 Vote

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 he "needn't come home to dinner unless he voted 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 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 \$430,000,000.

Here's where all this coal goes: Railroads consume 28 per cent of the soft coal; industrial concerns, 35 per cent; coke ovens, 15 per cent; domestic consumers, 10 per cent; public utilities, 4 per cent; bunkers, 2 per cent; and mines, 2 per cent. Coal carries constituting one-third of the freight business of the railroads.

The capture was effected last night, ten hours after the hold-up took place. The men were caught single-handed by Robert Dewey, New York City, a visitor at Langley field today on a charge of theft of the post's \$42,000 pay roll and kidnaping of the five Army men in charge.

The money, with the exception of \$2,000, was recovered. It was found in small amounts in different parts of the men's clothing, it was said.

The men will be given a court-martial.

OFFICERS UNDER BOND AFTER SHOOTING FRAY

Are Charged With Participating in Slaying of Two Men.

By United Press
CORBIN, Ky., Jan. 31.—J. K. Rich mond and Fred Day, special 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 & Nashville railroad dispatcher, and George Yaden, special guard, were killed. Fred Yardin and Jeff Barker, switchmen, were wounded.

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 committee 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" on the latest social scene 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 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 one should not be afraid to be a mother," she said.