

PROGRESSIVES MOVE TOWARD 'CLEAN-UP' IN U. S. TREASURY

TIGER OF FRANCE GIVES LIE DIRECT TO 'SECRET PACT'

Clemenceau Agrees to Pay All Reparations if Statement Can Be Proven.

By United Press
PARIS, Feb. 7.—Bristling savagely one minute, gruffly good natured the next, old Georges Clemenceau, "Père la Victoire," gave the lie direct to a statement credited to Lloyd George in an interview in the London Chronicle to the effect "The Tiger" and Woodrow Wilson signed a secret pact during Versailles days.

"I never signed a secret treaty with anybody. I cannot understand Lloyd George's object in saying so," Clemenceau growled.

"Why," he exclaimed, "let anybody show me any secret treaty signed by me and I'll engage to pay all the reparations myself."

"Evidently," he said, "Lloyd George didn't reflect Wilson was the only one who could not have signed a secret treaty. He was dependent on Congress. He repeatedly reminded us of that during the negotiations."

"Besides, what aim could a secret treaty have had?"

"It would have been futile. Was it concerned with occupation of the Rhineland? You cannot occupy such a region and hide your troops."

"Consequently, such a treaty, had one existed, would have been public property quickly."

FUROR SWEEPS BRITAIN

Lloyd George Promises Statement on Alleged Wilson-Clemenceau Pact.

By United Press
LONDON, Feb. 7.—A tremendous furor swept the British Isles and the continent today on the heels of a charge by ex-Premier Lloyd George that Woodrow Wilson and Clemenceau fixed up a secret pact behind his back whereby the American President agreed to occupation of the Rhineland by French troops for fifteen years.

The French and British foreign offices were busy as beehives; the former issued a flat denial of Lloyd George's charge; the latter put the matter up to the former prime minister for further explanation.

Meanwhile Lloyd George was pressed to produce the pact, or at least to answer the indignant denial of the French foreign office. He promised a statement later today.

FILES MAY GIVE ANSWER

Wilson's Private Papers of War Period Likely to Solve Charges.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Woodrow Wilson's private files may yield up an answer to the controversy now raging between London and Paris over Lloyd George's charge that Wilson and Clemenceau arranged a secret pact on the Rhineland occupation, while Lloyd George's back was turned.

While Mr. Wilson left no memoirs, he had a voluminous file of private letters, which he planned to use in preparing a purely historical and impersonal volume on the war and post-war period.

What will now be done with these letters depends upon Mrs. Wilson's wishes. No decision will be reached for the present, it was indicated today.

OUTSIDE BANKS HIGHEST

Chicago and Detroit Bidders Offer Big Premium on Bond Issue.

Banks outside Indianapolis proved highest bidders for a \$400,000 local park bond issue in bids opened at the office of Joseph L. Hogue, city controller, today. The bonds will finance construction of Pleasant Run Blvd.

The Northern Trust of Chicago and Detroit Trust Company, bidding jointly, had the highest bid at par, secured interest and premium of \$15,720. A joint bid of the Meyer-Kiser Bank, Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Glenview-American National Bank and Fletcher L. Payne offered a premium of \$8,101, while the Union Trust Company bid a premium of \$8,200.

Hogue took bids under advisement until late today.

Sanitary Bonds Mourns

Resolutions mourning the death of Mrs. Sarah Shank were adopted by the sanitary board today. Copies were sent to Mayor Shank. The resolutions praised Mrs. Shank as one who knew the duties of citizens and performed them with energy and tact. She was characterized as one whose religious creed knew no bigotry. Her record on the park board was pointed out as one of the most valuable service to the city.

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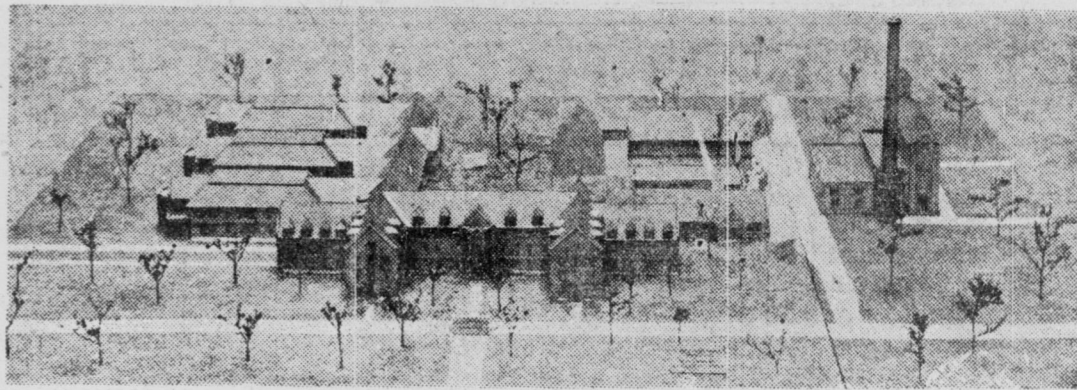
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Where Children Will Find Road to Health



The architect's conception of the completed James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for children is shown in this photograph of a model on exhibit at the John Herron Art Institute.

The model, which was made by Robert Frost Daggett, the hospital architect, reproduces faithfully the administration building, ward and service buildings, power house

and heating plant, and the large park which will surround the \$2,000,000 children's hospital. The first unit of the institution, which will accommodate 120 children, will be opened late in the spring.

WIFE OF WALDRON PASTOR TESTIFIES IN ARSON CASE

Says She Knew Husband's Whereabouts on Night of Church Fire.

By Times Special
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 7.—May Johnson, wife of the pastor was the first witness for the defense today in the case of the Rev. U. S. Johnson, pastor of the Waldron Baptist Church.

He is being tried here on charge of arson in connection with a fire at the church building, which caused a damage of \$800 on the night of May 10, 1923.

Mrs. Johnson denied statements made by witnesses for the State, and said that her husband had been with her the evening of the fire at a meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union at the church annex in another part of the town.

Witnesses for the State said that Johnson had not been seen between 9:30 and 10 o'clock the night of the fire.

Knew Husband's Whereabouts
Mrs. Johnson stated that she knew the exact whereabouts of her husband at all times on the night of the fire with the exception of about five minutes when he left her to put the car up. She said he was gone about five minutes and then they walked home.

After arriving home she told of the discovery of the fire in the church just as men arrived on the outside with the warning.

She said she did not leave the house, but heard Johnson telling the men to stay out of the church that it was dangerous.

Three other witnesses testified for the defense. Defense attorneys expect to close their case Friday and the case probably will go to the jury Saturday.

Twenty witnesses testified for the State Wednesday, making thirty-seven during the two days devoted to State's evidence.

Walter Wertz, Shelby County commissioner, testified he met the defendant in the corridors of the Shelby County courthouse prior to the fire, and that Johnson had asked permission to construct a bulletin board near the edge of the highway, near the church in Waldron.

New Church Discussed
Wertz also said that the pastor had asked permission to pile building material along the road, saying that the material would be used in the construction of a new church.

Pleasant Trees, another witness, said he attended revival services at the Waldron Baptist Church and that following a meeting which filled the building to capacity, the defendant had said that he "wished a storm would blow down the old building."

David Worland, insurance salesman, who wrote the fire protection for the building, was asked if the amount of the policy had been increased a short time before the fire. An objection by the defense attorneys was sustained and the answer was stricken from the court record.

FIRES ON INCREASE

State Marshal Says Gain Is 212 Per Cent.

A total of \$238,214 in insurance was involved in eighty-three fires investigated in 1923 by the State arson division, Newman T. Miller, State fire marshal, told the convention of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies today.

"Seven confessions and four convictions were obtained," Miller said, "while the total number of fires reported has increased 212 per cent in several years."

Fire causes were given by Miller as: Lightning, 3; spontaneous combustion, 3; sparks from engines, 3; defective wiring, 3; incendiary, 9, and unknown, 29.

Of course, Americans trust in God. You can tell that by the way they drive.—Sharon (Pa.) Herald.

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Love Song of Schwab's Wife Gives Singer Chance With Opera Company

Merle Alcock Protege of Wealthy Woman Gets Chance as Prima Dona.

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Just a song at twilight—But it spelled romance for a struggling engineer named Charles M. Schwab and an unassuming girl named Euraudia Dinkley.

It wove itself into these events which raised Charles M. Schwab to be one of the great millionaires of the world and gave to Euraudia Dinkley Schwab the world's most beautiful collection of jewels.

And finally it reached out and brought into a childless home a girl who was finding the road to fame and fortune pretty rocky.

The girl is Merle Alcock who was signed up by the Metropolitan Opera Company the other day. All singers sooner or later expect to make the Metropolitan. Maybe Merle Alcock would have made it anyway.

But the road was considerably shortened because Mrs. Charles M. Schwab, remembering a certain song back in 1883, reached out a helping hand. It is the first hint of the real romance in the life of a woman who has consistently kept herself away from the public. This is the way Merle Alcock tells it:

Girl Was Singing
"Mr. Schwab was an engineer for some steel company back in 1883 when he had occasion to call upon a Mr. Dinkley in Loretto, Pa. In the living room a girl was singing. It was a simple song—the kind that music teachers give their pupils."

"Mr. Schwab paused by the door. He loved music and had himself learned to play the piano. He went in and asked Euraudia Dinkley if he might not play for her while she sang. Euraudia said he might."

"After that he wanted to come again and again, but Euraudia would only let him come when her professor had given her a new song to learn. A few months later they were married."

Prosperity is a pleasant thing, but Mrs. Charles M. Schwab found that it leaves very little time for the cultivation of one's musical talents. She sang the old songs less and less.

An organ was set up in the great stone mansion at Riverside Dr. and Seventy-third St., and Archer Gibson was regularly employed to play upon it. Artists of the concert stage were invited in to sing.

Had No Personality
Then one night back in 1916 there was introduced a girl, dark-haired and a little frightened. She was Merle Alcock, and somebody had just told her she'd never be a success because she hadn't any personality.

Merle Alcock sang, and Mrs. Schwab, listening, forgot the stone mansion and the expensive organ and the dinner guests. She saw instead a modest living room back in Loretto, Pa., and a girl with her heart in her throat and a young man bending over the music.

"My dear," she told Merle Alcock afterward, "your voice sounds just as mine did when I was a girl."

Fortwith Miss Alcock became the protegee of Mrs. Schwab. She will do many of the things that Mrs. Schwab might have done if she hadn't been the wife of a millionaire.

All of which is the story of how a little song reached through the years and made three people happy.

PAGE SHARP SHOOTERS

Adjutant to Attend Rifle Practice Promotion Meet.

Brig. Gen. Harry S. Smith, adjutant general of Indiana, will leave Tuesday to attend the annual meeting Wednesday and Thursday, of the Board of Promotion of Rifle Practice at the office of the assistant Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Gen. Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, Assistant Secretary of Navy Theodore Roosevelt, and Maj. Gen. George C. Richards, chief of the military bureau, are members of the executive committee.

The 1924 program will be adopted and plans made for the national matches at Camp Perry in August.

Man has begun to use high explosives in his war against insects. Dynamite, which we usually think of in connection with the destruction of big things, is now being employed against little mosquitoes. It is used to blast these dangerous disease-carrying pests out of existence by digging ditches which drain the mosquito grounds.

If Australia could be transported into the Atlantic Ocean, it would fill up all the space between the United States and Great Britain.



MISS MERLE ALCOCK (LEFT) AND MRS. CHARLES M. SCHWAB.

HOSPITAL REPORT SHOWS INCREASES

Patients Admitted in 1923 Number 601 Over 1922 Figure—329 Patients in Hospital Daily Is Average.

General increases are shown in city hospital departments in 1923 in a report made public today by Dr. Cleon A. Nafe, superintendent.

Number of patients admitted during 1923 was 601 over 1922. They were confined to a total of 8,851 days. In 1922 an average of 303 patients were in the hospital daily. Dr. Nafe said, but in 1923 this amount increased 26 a day.

While city hospital is regarded as a charitable institution, the new arrangement whereby patients, when able to pay, are charged, netted \$34,061.93, an increase of \$14,171 over 1922.

The 1924 total is expected to reach \$50,000.

Approximately 66 per cent of the patients during 1923 were full charity patients, the report says.

Dr. Nafe stated in most cases patients would rather pay a small amount than accept full charity.

While hospitals over the country showed an average cost of \$5.15 per day for each patient, city hospital operated at an average cost of \$3.50, or 69 per cent lower than the lowest other hospital of the same classification.

The charge basis was instituted Dr. Nafe said, because of the increase in the upkeep of the institution which would have overburdened taxpayers.

In keeping pace with the advance of medical science and other hospitals, a clinic for heart, diabetic, orthopedic, rectal, eye and obstetrical cases, was installed in 1923. A total of 692 patients were cared for in this clinic and 2,252 examinations made.

Dr. Nafe said that with the addition of the social service department and the modern X-ray rooms recently, the local hospital ranks with the leading institutions of the country.

WHEAT POOL BOOMS

Indiana Farmers' Associations Plan Intensive Campaign.

Things are booming for the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations in their campaign to form a wheat pool among Hoosier farmers. Elevator men over the State have offered to lease or rent their elevators to the federation should the plan go through.

John Manly, wheat grower and treasurer of the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association, will speak at Noblesville Feb. 11 and at Lafayette and Greencastle the following day.

Walton Petet, Chicago, secretary of the Farmers' Cooperative Association, will speak the following week in the interest of cooperative wheat marketing at La Porte, Plymouth, Logansport, Delphi, Frankfort, Lebanon, Crawfordsville and Anderson.

REHEARSAL OF DEATH

Everything Ready for Execution by Gas of Three Murderers.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 7.—A "rehearsal of death" was held at Nevada State penitentiary today to assure officials in charge of the lethal gas execution of Gee Jon, Chinese, and Thomas Russell, Mexican, condemned murderers. There will be no hitch in the grim business set for tomorrow morning.

A cat was placed in the cell, the gas turned on and through the glass windows witnesses observed the passing of the cat.

Bankruptcy Petition Filed
William R. Rooks, 225 N. State St., an oil prospector, today filed a petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court. He listed assets of \$233 and liabilities as \$19,720.

Committee Named to See That Charges of Liberty Bond Duplication Get Public Airing—Fear for 'White Wash' of Scandal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Convinced a gigantic bond fraud has been uncovered by Charles B. Brewer, assistant attorney general, progressives in Congress will meet tomorrow to plan a campaign for "cleaning up" the Treasury.

After examining evidence of duplication of Liberty bonds Wednesday a volunteer committee of progressives was appointed to see that the whole affair gets a public airing. This committee will decide:

1. Whether Brewer's evidence should be presented to a grand jury at once, or
2. Whether a congressional investigation will precede court action.

Representative King, Illinois, who has followed Brewer's investigation for more than a year and now has the keys to the same deposit vaults

where the evidence is stored, is opposed to a congressional investigation. He said it is more likely to result in a "white wash" and "covering-up process" than "getting at the facts."

"From the preliminary inspection of Brewer's evidence," King said, "I am convinced there is something rotten in the treasury and the bureau of engraving and printing. We must clean it up if the people of this country are to continue to have any confidence in their government. I think that grand jury action should be taken at once."

King said Brewer had the names of several high officials involved in the bond duplication. These names will be withheld "until time comes for grand jury action," he said.

COOLIDGE BACKERS CLAIM 878 VOTES ON FIRST BALLOT

Far Beyond Necessary 556 to Elect—Declare Johnson Is 'Fizzle.'

By LAWRENCE MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A total of 878 votes on the first ballot in the Cleveland convention were claimed today for President Coolidge by his campaign managers. This is far beyond the necessary 556 votes.

The way the campaign managers size up the situation Hiram Johnson's campaign has fizzled and no other rival has appeared.

Ten States of the forty-eight are conceded by the Coolidge managers as "doubtful." None of these has been definitely conceded to Johnson, but they are not being claimed for Coolidge. They are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Washington and Wisconsin.

All of New England and the entire south, east of the Mississippi are sure to vote solidly for Mr. Coolidge from the start, his backers claim. In all the doubtful States except Wisconsin they say he has a chance, even in Hiram Johnson's home State of California. In Wisconsin, the La Follette influence is so strong Coolidge managers expect that delegation will vote for La Follette from start to finish of the balloting.

John P. Adams, chairman of the national committee, called upon the President today. Adams was asked what he thought of the Coolidge managers' claim to the 878 votes.

"Of course," he replied, "I cannot know anything about that, but I may say I have heard rumors to that effect."

President Coolidge has directed thorough investigation of charges by Governor McAdams, South Dakota, that Standard Oil has raised price of gasoline at refineries 130 per cent.

Resolution introduced in Senate requires Attorney General Daugherty to report what steps have been taken to "break up" packer combine.

Dr. Henry Crosby, internationally known economist, director of pneumonia today aboard steamer President Lincoln, en route from Shanghai to San Francisco.

Senator Norris Nebraska has introduced bill in Senate providing entire Muscle Shoals project be turned over to special government corporation.

Teapot Dome scandal has called off Secretary of Navy Denby's proposed trip to Cuba to watch fleet maneuvers.

President Coolidge urges organization of consumers into "purchasing cooperatives" in letter to national Council of Farmers Cooperative Marketing Associations in session at Washington.

Louis Meyer, merchant, is second victim of gun battle growing out of political feud at Palmetto, La. Mrs. Roland Clark, candidate for mayor, was first victim.

Gustave Salomez, Middleboro, Ky., refused to leave the poorhouse to claim a million-dollar estate today. A nephew identified Salomez as the heir by tattoo mark.

Federal reserve board would be required to bolster credit of failing banks under bill introduced in Senate by Senator Bursum, New Mexico.

Faulty Construction Charged
Faulty street construction at Shirley City, Ind., is charged in a report of the State board of accounts made today by A. L. Donahoe, field examiner, to the office of Attorney General U. S. Lesh. The report recommends that the work should not be accepted until it conforms with plans and specifications.

For Stiff Joints
Pharmacists say that when all other so-called remedies fail Joint-Ease will succeed.

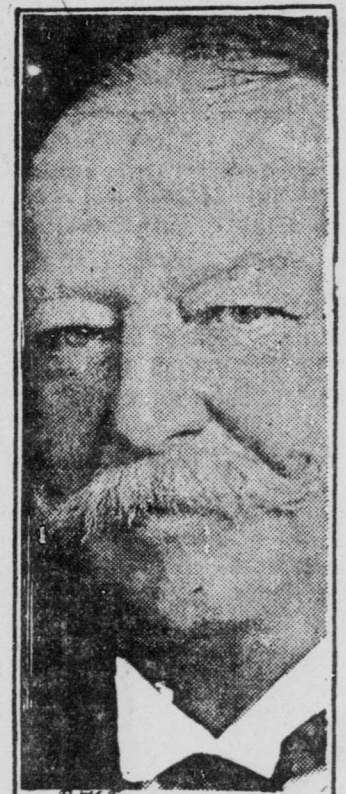
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Illness Forces Chief Justice to His Bed



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT MUST TAKE TWO WEEKS' REST

Chief Justice in Ill Health for Some Time—Condition Unchanged Today.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—William H. Taft, former President and now chief justice of the United States, will be required to rest for a period as the result of an attack of indigestion.

Mr. Taft today was reported to be about the same as Wednesday, when he was too ill to attend the funeral of the late President Wilson.

The former President has not been in good health for some time, but it was not until yesterday he was forced to go to bed. Dr. Thomas Clayton, his physician, said he expected Mr. Taft would be able to be up today, but for two weeks must take things easy.

Standholders Show Sympathy
Of \$29.45 given by standholders of the city market for floral offerings at the funeral of Mrs. Shank, a check for \$54.45 has been turned over to W. T. Bailey, assistant city attorney, for charity purposes. A committee representing standholders, headed by Corydon C. Collins officially expressed sympathy on the death of Mrs. Shank.

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