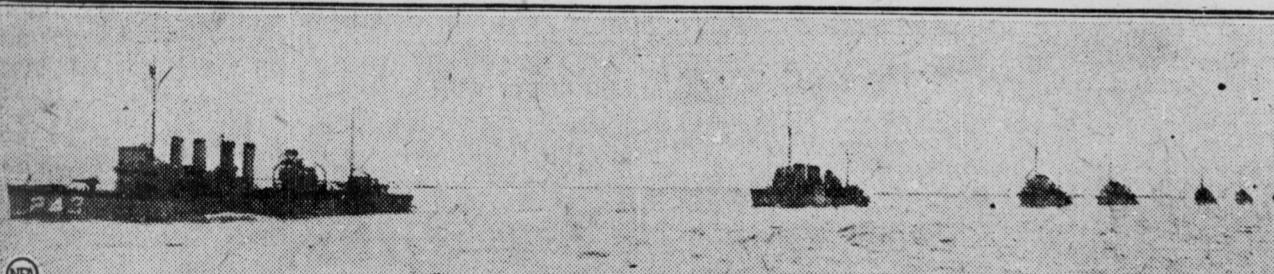


CHINESE FORCE HOLDS AMERICAN BUILDING

Cuba Nearer Nicaragua Than Virginia



STECK MANFULLY 'EATS' WORDS IN AIDING BROOKHART

Iowa Senator Woefully Short of Facts in Hurling Lobbyist Charges.

Times Washington Bureau, 1225 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Daniel F. Steck of Iowa, 45, and boyish in appearance, is learning today that a United States Senator cannot term another Senator a "paid lobbyist" unless his charge is supported by facts.

Steck got the count from the Senate in a contest with former Senator with W. Brookhart. Iowa voters promptly re-elected Brookhart last fall. Iowa politics was behind Steck's charge that Brookhart was "paid lobbyist" in behalf of Cyrus Woods of Pennsylvania, candidate for the interstate commerce commission.

The Senate was in a tumult over the allegation; it was a reflection on the integrity of that body, Senators thought. An investigation was promptly ordered.

Didn't Have Facts

Steck faced Brookhart and a senatorial jury late yesterday. Senators wanted the facts. Steck did not have them. His insinuations collapsed completely. Steck, whom Senators had counted into his seat, faced several of these same Senators and uttered all his words. He withdrew all intimations that Brookhart was in the pay of Woods or any one importuning the Pennsylvanian. Watson, a hard-boiled Republican; Ouzens, a liberal Republican; Wheeler, a progressive Democrat; and others, all without regard to party lines or their opinion of the Woods nomination, went at Steck without mercy.

In a prepared statement Steck admitted that "in fairness to Mr. Woods and Mr. Brookhart I wish to state that I have no evidence of any connection between them. I withdraw any intimation that Mr. Brookhart was in the pay of Mr. Woods."

Senators still were not satisfied.

Thought He Read It

They wanted from the young democrat an admission that he was guilty without conclusive knowledge that Brookhart was a "paid lobbyist" for farm organizations—another intimation of his. Steck thought he had read something to this effect in the newspapers. Prodded by the newspapers, he was told, the committee met at a special session and after a delay Steck appeared, much embarrassed, with an admission that his secretary had been unable to find the newspaper. In the meantime, Senate indignation accumulated.

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Destroyers of the United States fleet nosing southward out of Hampton Roads for winter battle practice in Cuban waters, much nearer turbulent Central America than the Virginia Capes. Their departure followed closely the sailing of other men-of-war from Newport News to reinforce Rear Admiral Julian Latimer's command, supporting the Diaz conservatives in Nicaragua.

Legislative Calendar

SENATE

Bills Introduced

S. B. 2—Harrison. Concerning contracts to pay money, making unlawful contracts under power of attorney given before cause of action. Judging B. 1—Baldwin. Requiring licensing and examination of insurance agents. Insurance.

S. B. 4—Payne. Repealing requirement of state of State printing and other services. Cities and Towns.

S. B. 5—Perkins. Making South Bend school board sinking fund available to 10 per cent depositors. Cities and Towns Committee.

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S. B. 8—Perkins. Making uniform fiduciary law defining banks. Banks Committee.

S. B. 9—Dickerman. Permits insurance company with "trust" in title to operate in state.

Resolution 1—Lockard. To make joint memorial to Congress asking repeal of Federal inheritance tax on estates. Judiciary A.

HOUSE

Bills Introduced

H. B. 2—Bender and Dentlinger. Repealing absent voter law. Election.

H. B. 4—Huffman. Providing for management of national forests in towns of third class Cities and Towns.

H. B. 5—Bond. Providing penalty of 10 days imprisonment for failing to pay taxes.

H. B. 6—Gilbert. Defining and making penalty. Criminal Code.

H. B. 7—Phiel. Regulating heating of railroad cars.

H. B. 8—Perkins. Requiring examination for advertising.

H. B. 9—Wright. Increasing penalty for robbery by force. Criminal Code.

H. B. 10—Wedeking. Increasing penalties for legislation expense and increasing legislators salaries to \$10 per day.

CHANGE BANDITRY CHARGE TO THEFT

Harold De Witt Will Face Larceny Count.

Harold DeWitt, 24, of 617 Coffey St., said to be one of the "Chrysler roadster bandits," who held up over a dozen filling stations and pedestrians over the State, was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday afternoon on a charge of robbery. He is being held under \$3,000 bond. Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter dropped charges of vagrancy and auto banditry against De Witt, saying that De Witt was guilty only of grand larceny.

De Witt was arrested after a search of about five weeks, following the arrest of Forrest Strother, 18, of 1996 Rockwell St., and Forrest Simich, 25, of 329 E. Tenth St., said to be members of the same group. Strother was bound over to the grand jury a week ago on charges of auto banditry and robbery, while Smith is awaiting removal to Evansville for trial.

Mrs. Anna Shortridge, 702 N. Alabama St., an employee of the Armored Automobile Company, North St. and Capitol Ave., said De Witt and Strother were two of the men who Nov. 30, held her up at North St. and Capitol Ave. and robbed her of \$155 of the company's money.

SIMPLIFY MARRIAGE

CONSTANTINOPLE.—The business of being married in Turkey has been simplified greatly by the new marriage code. The ceremony is performed by a marriage clerk. Only the bridegroom of his proxy has to appear. The bridegroom hands in a statement of his intentions and there is no fee.

Establishment of a training school in central Alberta for young Jewish farmers, similar to that being operated by the Federated Jewish Farmers of Ontario, is under way.

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FIREMEN BATTLE DOWNTOWN FIRE FOR TWO HOURS

All Apparatus Within Mile of Business District Answer Alarm.

Battling against weather hazards, firemen fought for two hours against a blaze at the W. H. Johnson & Sons Company, 330 E. St. Joseph St., early today. The fire started at 1:30 a. m. The fire was confined to the rear half of the building and the loss was \$7,500, according to firemen. All apparatus within a mile of the downtown district responded to the second alarm, sounded by Battalion Chief Roseco McKinney.

Richard Shirley, president of the company, and R. E. Porter, vice president, today worked with fire officials endeavoring to find the origin. Although firemen estimated the damages at \$7,500, company officials said it will reach \$15,000.

The building, two stories high and a half block long, is 150 feet wide. The office, in the front of the lower floor, was not damaged except for smoke. The remainder of the two floors were filled with machinery, which was damaged by water.

Shirley and Porter could not estimate the full damage.

An electric wiring fire caused a \$100 loss at the W. N. Ward, vulcanizing shop, 601 N. Illinois St., during the night.

The entire downtown apparatus responded to an alarm from the W. H. Block Company where a smoking fire was found.

An overheated furnace at the home of Fred Long, 712 E. Fifty-First St., caused a fire damage of \$500. The blaze was inside the center wall and firemen were forced to tear it out to extinguish the blaze.

SCHOOL HEADS RENAMED

Vonnegut Elected President Again. Commissioner Johnson III.

The reorganization meeting of the school board Tuesday night resulted in the re-election of the 1926 officers. Committee appointments for 1927 will be announced at the next meeting.

Theodore F. Vonnegut was re-elected president; Mrs. Lillian Sedwick, vice president, and Martin M. Hugg was rechosen board attorney.

Fred Bates Johnson, who has been

well for several weeks was unable to attend. Other members are: Charles W. Kearn and Charles R. Yoke.

AXLE BREAKS: ONE HURT

Part of Running Gear of Street Car Crashes Through Floor.

James Sheeley, 49, of 3604 E. Twenty-Eighth St., was injured in an unusual accident early today. He was taken to the city hospital by police, where injuries to his right leg were treated.

Motorpolice Norman and Caldwell saw a rear axle of Stockyards street car broke at Kentucky Ave. and Morris St., and crashed through the floor, striking Sheeley.

WOULD PROBE STATE

Accounts Board Investigation Asked by Thomas Adams.

In a telegram to State Auditor L. S. Bowman, Thomas H. Adams, Vincennes editor who started the investigation into the charges of D. C. Stephenson of political corruption in Indiana, recommended investigation of the State board of accounts, of which Lawrence Orr is head. Adams was executive chairman of the Republican Editorial Association.

Adams charged large sums were

spent by the board of accounts in its investigation of alleged misuse of Federal used war materials by the highway commission.

This investigation "turns out to be a persecution," he said. Orr declared all personal calls made from his office were not charged to the State.

SLAY CORRESPONDENT

Russian Villagers Disliked News Reporter, Dies.

By United Press

MOSCOW, Jan. 12.—The correspondent of a Moscow newspaper

stationed in the village of Dniepropetrovsky has been shot and killed by a group of neighbors against whose unlawful activities he had been vigorously campaigning. A number of suspects have been arrested.

Until two years ago, such calamities often befall newspaper correspondents working in small villages and denouncing what seemed to them wrong in the activities of their fellow-villagers. Some village reporters wrote under a nom de plume, but most of them boldly signed their names to their dispatches and some of these were killed.

GIRL SERVES IN ARMY

Fainting During Drill Discloses Sex of Chinese Soldier.

By Times Staff

PEKING, Jan. 12.—A "soldier girl"

has been discovered in the 19th

Fengtien army brigade at Chinchow.

She passed as a man until one day

she fainted during drill, when it was

found that she was a 19-year-old girl.

Hailed before the commanding officer, Miss Jen Ko-sien declared that she despised women's work, and

wanted to be a soldier, had cut her hair, donned soldier's garb, and succeeded in enlisting.

Although it was decided that she

could not remain in the army, her courage was so greatly admired that the brigade presented her a gift of

United States \$25, a large amount in China, and started her home and cheered. Miss Jen insisted that she

would not only smuggle herself into

the army again, but win promotion to a commission.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

J. A. Gallagher, 894 W. Drive

Woodruff Pl., Star, 541-777, from

Capitol Ave., and South Sts.

Robert E. Fox, 3720 N. Pennsylvania St., Chrysler, 547-994, from

22 W. Vermont St.

Edward Mantel, 3235 N. Meridian St., Ford, 598-408, from Indiana Ave., and Ohio St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Glenn Sparks, Pinx Apts., Ford,

found in garage at 15 N. Highland Ave.

Occupies Missionary House at Foochow—U. S. Armed Unit Reaches Shanghai—Strike Strife Looms.

By United Press

PEKING, Jan. 12.—Chinese soldiers have occupied the American missionary building at Foochow, according to word received here today from the United States consul there.

The situation at Shaowu, 145 miles northwest of Foochow, is becoming critical, according to the consul, who said that the lives of all missionaries were in danger, due to activities of soldiers and bandits.

Instructions have been issued to all American missionaries in Foochow and Shaowu to be in readiness for instant evacuation, the consul reported.

PLEA OF HIGHWAY BODY IS FROWNED UPON BY MEMBERS

Request for \$20,000 Annual Budget by Director May Meet Failure.