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## COMPROMISE ON TREATY IS TURNED DOWN

Senator Lodge, Republican Leader, Forced by Irreconcilables to Re-affirm Unyielding Position.

## ARTICLE X OBSTACLE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—An early and unfavorable vote on ratification of the peace treaty was forecast in the senate today, when Republican leaders, replying to the demands of the treaty's irreconcilable opponents, reaffirmed their decision not to accept any change of substance or of language in the Republican reservation to article X.

Both sides conceded that enough Democratic senators to defeat ratification are determined to stand with President Wilson and vote against the treaty unless the article X qualification is modified.

The Republican decision today was followed by evidences that all the elements in the senate fight would cooperate to end debate and let the treaty issue go undecided into the campaign.

Some of the leaders predicted a final vote by Thursday, but others thought it would not come before the first of next week.

To Support Program.

Under the agreement between the Republican leaders and the irreconcilables, the latter will not carry out the proposed program of prolonged debate. They will support the Republican reservation program as they did at the last session, but will vote, as they did then, against ratification.

Today's decision grew out of a conference between the Republican leader, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, spokesman for the irreconcilables.

Previously Senator Borah had conferred with Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the Democratic leader, and it is understood the information laid before Senator Lodge convinced him that no ratification would be possible either with or without modification of the Article X reservation.

If it were modified it was indicated, the irreconcilables might feel disposed to prevent a ratification vote. If it were not modified, it was said, a combination of irreconcilables and administration senators would vote down ratification.

Backed Up By Wilson

In the unyielding stand they have taken on Article X the administration forces are understood to have been backed up by a reaffirmation of President Wilson's decision not to accept the Republican reservation.

Although it was said no formal communication came from the white house, it was understood administration senators had taken steps to satisfy themselves that Mr. Wilson had not changed his mind and that he intended to pocket the treaty if it were ratified with the Article X reservation unchanged.

## SENATOR BANKHEAD, OF ALABAMA, DIES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, died here today after an illness of several weeks, from grippe.

Senator Bankhead was 77 years old, and had been a member of the senate since 1907. He had been in feeble health for months, and had been confined to his bed for a month.

His condition had not been regarded as serious, however, and until today, his physicians had reported him as steadily improving.

## GEDDES ELIGIBLE, BRITAIN NOTIFIED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The British government has been formally notified by the state department that the appointment of Sir Aukland Geddes, as British ambassador to the United States would be thoroughly agreeable to President Wilson.

The embassy here recently inquired as to this selection to succeed Viscount Grey.

## Attempt in Helsingfors to Kill Lord Alton

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 1.—It is authoritatively learned that an unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate Lord Alton, the British minister to Finland, at Helsingfors.

## Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.

Today's Temperature..... 37

Yesterday's Temperature..... 25

Maximum..... 25

Minimum..... 16

General Conditions: Somewhat unsettled, but probably fair, tonight and Tuesday.

Japan Next Germany?

"If Japan gets control of this portion of China, she will mobilize its men and resources, and will be on her way to try Germany's game over again. China will not submit to this injustice without a struggle, but its form will depend largely on the circumstances of the northwest, but is somewhat warmer over middle Mississippi valley. Rapid changes in weather are probable during the next several days.

## "Prettiest Girl in West" Title Awarded This Maid



Gladys Geelan.

At the annual beauty show held recently at Venice, Cal., Gladys Geelan was chosen as the prize winner from an entry list of several hundred and awarded the title of "The Most Beautiful Blond in the West."

## Shantung Clause Endangers Peace Of Our Grand Children—W. C. Dennis

The Shantung provision of the treaty of Versailles is purely a case of the United States and the other allied nations going through China's pockets to pay Japan for her services during the war, says W. C. Dennis, former legal advisor to the Chinese government, who is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. D. W. Dennis, on West Main street.

Mr. Dennis is strongly in favor of the Lodge reservation to the Shantung provision, as presented to the senate at the time of its original consideration by that body.

"The senate reservation, as originally proposed, was the best thing that could be done, and I believe it should be carried in the acceptance of the treaty. Would Benefit China.

"I do not know how it now stands, but with the original reservation, there is nothing that would vitally affect the league of nations, and it would be of great benefit to China," he said.

"The Shantung provision is neither defensible or respectable," Mr. Dennis said, "but is merely a means of paying Japan for what that nation did during the war, or to my mind, what she did not do, namely, line up on the side of Germany.

Never Was Defended

"The provision, as far as I know, has never been defended in principle, by any responsible person. President Wilson, in his San Francisco address, and in his testimony before the senate of the committee, did not defend the principle of the provision, but merely explained its existence. General Bliss and ex-Secretary Lansing, both declared the settlement unjust.

"The Shantung question is not a case of whether the settlement is good or bad, but how bad it really is.

"No great good can be bought by such conduct. We are trying to set up a league of nations with proper respect for mankind, and the league must get its power from the world's respect. To China, which constitutes one-third of the world's population, a great injustice has been done, and the league cannot be successfully carried on, in my opinion, with this injustice left unrighted.

Japan's Promise Worthless

Mr. Dennis declared that Japan's promise to restore China's sovereignty in Shantung is both meaningless and valueless. He declared that Japan, in the first place, had no sovereign rights in China, and that through this act, and the fact that in the past Japan has made a 100 per cent failure to make good on her promises toward China, make the whole settlement without value.

"China regained her rights in Shantung when she declared war on Germany, and to hand these rights to Japan will be a gross breach of faith to the nation that is going to be, as it has been in the past, one of the greatest nations in the world."

All United To Oppose It.

The Shantung settlement has had a great effect on China, Mr. Dennis declared, in that it has brought together all of the Chinese factions to oppose the settlement. He said that China is rapidly forging ahead in education, toward her just place among the nations of the world, and that the injustice of the Shantung provision has done more than any one thing in recent years to unite her people.

In speaking of the probable outcome of the Shantung settlement, if it is made according to the original treaty, Mr. Dennis declared that it greatly endangered the peace and happiness of our grand-children.

General Conditions: The weather has now cleared over the central states, with unsettled condition over the Great Lakes. Wet weather now prevails over Florida, where the weather is colder than normal. Temperatures range around zero in the northwest, but is somewhat warmer over middle Mississippi valley. Rapid changes in weather are probable during the next several days.

## ITALIANS PROTEST PUBLICITY

ROME, Sunday, Feb. 29.—Italian newspapers protest because of the publication of correspondence between President Wilson and the allied premiers relative to the Adriatic by the press of France, England and America, while journals here were not permitted to print the news, which, they say, was chiefly interesting to Italy.

## NITTI IS READY TO COMPROMISE FIUME QUARREL--MESSAGERO

(By Associated Press)

ROME, March 1.—Premier Nitti is disposed to accept a compromise settlement of the Adriatic question, according to the *Messaggero*.

By this arrangement, the newspaper says, Italy would not claim territorial continuity between Austria and Fiume on condition that the city be placed under Italian sovereignty. The league of nations, it is said, will be in charge of the administration of the port.

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 1.—President Wilson's letters in the Adriatic correspondence, just published, are considered by the *Guardian* as a refutation "of the report that his illness has caused some loss of mental force and balance."

It asks: "If President Wilson is suffering from any malady of political judgment could not some American bacteriologist convey us a few germs that we may inoculate our European premiers?" the *Guardian* continues.

## Red Cross Fights Typhus Plague With New Serum

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, March 1.—Mortality from typhus fever has been reduced from 47 percent to six percent by the use of a new serum adopted by red cross workers at Ekaterinodar, in the Kuban District of Russia, according to reports received here. Confidence is expressed that this serum may save Russia from decimation from typhus.

BELGRADE, March 1.—Typhus fever has again broken out in Serbia and is spreading with alarming rapidity among refugees fleeing from the Bolsheviks on the South Russian front.

American Red Cross officers, at the request of the government, are preparing to disinfect every person entering the country.

## 63 TAKEN OFF OF STRANDED STEAMER

(By Associated Press)

HALIFAX, March 1.—Sixty-three passengers of the steamship Bohemian, which struck on Sambro Ledges, off Halifax harbor, in a snow storm, early today, were taken off by tugs and brought to this port.

Tugs stood by the vessel, which was bound for Liverpool from Boston. The 120 members of the crew remained on board.

## SLICK WOULD TURN BACK ASH CONTRACT

(By Associated Press)

The board of works Monday recommended that council accept the offer of F. E. Slick, trash contractor, to give up the practice of law.

The board accepted Slick's proposal to lend the city his entire equipment without compensation to clean up the city of ashes and trash, and give it back as clean as it was when he took the contract last June. The board recommended acceptance.

CITY ATTORNEY ROBBINS and D. H. Harlan, attorney for Slick, will draw up a detailed recommendation for presentation at the council meeting tonight. In event the city takes over the contract, Al Schneider, street commissioner, will be in charge.

JOHN E. PINNICK, city building inspector, was instructed to have the work needed in the city building that could not be accomplished by contract, done at once.

## Railway Expressmen Want \$35 Raise; Strike Alternative

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, March 1.—Railway express employees in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Toledo and other cities will present demands for a flat increase of \$35 a month, Robert E. Shepard, general chairman of the Chicago and Western Lakes division of the International union, announced today.

There are 4,400 employees in Chicago alone.

The wage demands open a revolt against the International union chiefs.

"The grand lodge officers have done nothing for us; all we have had was promises," Mr. Shepard said. "The men need the money and we are going after it."

## Industry Census Begins; Six Months are Needed

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The field work for the government's censuses of manufactures, mines and quarries, oil and gas wells, and forestry and forest products began today.

Ninety-eight trained men from the census bureau here and more than 1200 special agents, residents of the localities which they are to canvass, began early the task of collecting information relating to the industrial production of the country in its entirety.

Director Rogers estimates that more than six months will be required to complete the work and another two months will be required to tabulate the information and give it to the public in the form of general statistics.

## PROTEST COMPENSATING WILLIAM

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, March 1.—Protests against the proposal of the Prussian diet to compensate former emperor William for the loss of his throne, and demands that the estates of the crown be expropriated were voiced in resolutions passed unanimously at a meeting of the socialist party of the Berlin district last evening. Several members of the ministry were present. Warning was given that if the diet's proposal was accepted by the bourgeois parties the socialists would withdraw from the government.

## MIGHT MARCH PROFITEERS IN U. S. THIS WAY

(By Associated Press)

COPENHAGEN, March 1.—Poland is demanding \$1,500,000 marks in gold as indemnity from Soviet Russia in the peace negotiations now going forward, the National Tidende learns.

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## CASH VALUE TO BE BASIS OF COUNTY'S TAX ASSESSMENTS

(By Associated Press)

Assessment prices for stock and produce for the spring assessment, which began March 1, were determined by the township and deputy assessors, who met Monday to receive instructions and supplies. Charles E. Potter, deputy assessor, gave the instructions and presided.

Civil and Mexican war veterans, over 70 years of age, having served over three years for at least 3 months, and who have taxable property not in excess of \$5,000 are entitled to exemption up to \$1,000, by filing certificates, which can be procured from the county auditor, with the auditor.

There will be no set schedule for assessing automobiles. They will be assessed at their true cash value, based on the judgment of the assessor.

## Autos \$300 and Up

The assessment valuations are:

Typewriters, each \$30 and up; adding machines, \$75 and up; cash registers, \$60 and up; pianos, \$100 and up; organs, \$5 and up; automobiles, \$300 and up.

Horses: First class team and farm horses, each, \$200 to \$250; common work horses, \$100 to \$150 each; first class three year old colts, \$125 to \$175 each; first class two year old colts, \$75 to \$100 each; first class one year old colts, \$60 to \$75 each; first class carriage horses, \$150 to \$200 each; first class horses, with records, \$500 to \$1,000 each; registered stallions, \$500 to \$2,000 each; graded stallions, \$200 to \$500 each.

Mules: Jacks, \$200 to \$500 each; first class mules, \$250 to \$300; first class three year old mules, \$150 to \$200; first class two year old mules, \$100 to \$150 each; first class one year old mules, \$75 to \$100 each.

Cattle: Registered bulls, \$200 to \$300 each; common brood sows, \$40 to \$60; stock hogs, per 100 pounds, \$10; fat hogs, per 100 pounds, \$12.

Poultry: Chickens and ducks, per dozen, \$10; turkeys and geese, per dozen, \$24.

## Clover Seed \$30 Bushel

Farm products: Wheat, per bushel, \$2; corn, per bushel, \$1.25; rye, per bushel, \$1.25; oats, per bushel, 75 cents; potatoes, per bushel, \$2; barley, per bushel, \$1; clover seed, per bushel, \$30; timothy seed, per bushel, \$5; flax seed, per bushel, 50 cents; clover hay, per ton, \$20; timothy hay, per ton, \$20; mixed hay, per ton, \$20; shredded fodder, per ton, \$8; bacon, per pound, 25 cents; l