

DANIELS WAS DELAY CAUSE SAYS PALMER

Wartime Chief of Bureau of Navigation Says Secretary Thought Department Had Too Many Reserves.

FLETCHER COURT READY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—"Procrastination on the part of Secretary Daniels was responsible for a serious shortage of personnel which proved a serious handicap to the navy in the war," Captain Leight C. Palmer, wartime chief of the bureau of navigation, testified today before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

The navy, Captain Palmer declared, was unable to appreciate the necessity for obtaining and training men in advance of the declaration of war.

"Too Many Reserves."
"Even after war was declared," the witness said, "he used to say, 'we have too many reserves now.'"

"Just before the United States joined the allies, when the bureau of navigation was striving to recruit reserves, the witness continued, Secretary Daniels ordered enrollment in the reserves stopped.

"Did you stop?" asked Chairman Hale.
"No, we needed the men and went right ahead. I talked to Mr. Daniels the other day, and he does not remember anything about that," said the witness, "but he did order me to stop enrollment then and several other times."

Others to Be Called.
There were still a number of officers called by the committee waiting to testify before Secretary Daniels and officers scheduled to defend the department's conduct of the war, appeared.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The naval court of inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher's removal by Admiral Sims from command of American naval forces at Brest in October, 1917, convened today with Admiral Fletcher as the first witness. Admiral Sims and a number of witnesses for both sides later will be heard and it is expected the presentation of evidence will require about 10 days.

Main Street is Ordered Flushed; Will Take 150,000 Gallons of City's Water

For the first time in two years Main street will be given an official scrubbing. The board of works Monday instructed the street commissioner to flush Main street, North E street, Ft. Wayne avenue, and other streets he deemed necessary, soon. Many complaints have reached officials. Officials estimate that it will take at least 10 hours for the street department to flush the streets, and at the rate of 250 gallons of water a minute, a total of 150,000 gallons of water would be consumed. Under present conditions it will be necessary for the water to be metered so that the water company can charge the city correctly. Using 150,000 gallons at 20 cents per 1,000 gallons, the water will cost the city approximately \$30.

14 Year Old Boy Held For Alleged Robbery

Cecil Eversman, 14, and another boy, arrested by police Wednesday charged with breaking in and robbing the residence of David Golden, 313 North Ninth street, were bound over to the juvenile court Thursday. The boys will be arraigned within the next few days.

Eversman is alleged to have taken several small articles from the Golden home. When searched at headquarters he had a string of beads, a deck of cards, a flashlight, a skeleton key, a pack of cigarettes and \$3.36 in money. He claimed that the beads and money had been given him, that he had found the key and that his father had given him the flashlight. Eversman says his home is in College Corner, O. The other boy was with Eversman.

William Poor, Say the Dutch.

(By Associated Press)
THE HAGUE, March 24.—Dutch officials claiming to know the real financial condition of former Emperor William, of Germany, are greatly amused at various reports emanating from Berlin to the effect that William gave monetary support to the reactionist revolt of March 13.

"In reality the former emperor is virtually a poor man" an official told The Associated Press today. "There is a question whether he has enough money to pay Count Bentinck, owner of the castle at Amerongen, where William has been staying since November, 1918, what he owes him."

Would Make Fiume Republic.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, March 25.—Fiume is on the eve of momentous events, says dispatches direct from that city. Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio and the Fiuman national assembly have decided to proclaim Fiume a republic, but will probably not take this action until after the meeting of the supreme allied council at San Remo, Italy, on April 21.

At a meeting of officers and prominent citizens Captain D'Annunzio reaffirmed his determination not to abandon the city until it was either "racially independent or a heap of ruins."

"Watch Out, Men!" Cry of Maid Turned Politician



Miss Jessie Stephens.

LONDON, March 25.—"There is a sex war on, and women must look after their own interests nowadays." So says Miss Jessie Stephens, a former domestic servant and now labor councillor and poor law guardian for the London district of Bermondsey. Miss Stephens is to be one of several women candidates of the Labor party at the next general election for parliament, and she expects to win the seat assigned her to contest. She is a fearless and very capable speaker.

There is certainly to be a general election by May at the latest," she said, "and labor has gained such strength since the last one that I am confident we shall win at least 200 seats in the next house of commons." When Miss Stephens was asked what special privileges for women she will fight for, and when she can write M. P. after her name, she answered:
"The special legislation which women need would make a long list. But there are two or three things which are uppermost in my mind right now. First comes mothers' pensions. I want to see a national law to that end, similar to the best state mothers' pension acts in America. Then there is the question of maternity grants. At present the law only allows thirty shillings (normally \$7.50) to poor mothers. That amount doesn't even pay the doctor's bill. It must be increased."

Father Offers \$25,000 For Kidnapped Boy; Nothing Heard From Kidnapper

(By Associated Press)
LEXINGTON, Ky., March 25.—Although R. R. Little, Lexington capitalist, had announced that the demanded ransom would be paid, Paul Little, his 11-year-old son, was still a captive today of the kidnapper who lured him away late yesterday. It was stated that the kidnapper demanded \$25,000 ransom. Little announced all demands would be met, declaring: "I do not care about \$25,000 if I can get my son back safely." The boy disappeared with an unidentified white man in the late afternoon. The lad's playmates said he had told them that the man had promised him a dollar to deliver a box of candy.

Threats to Kill Boy.
Later, another note was delivered to the Little home by a messenger boy, but the father refused to divulge the exact contents of the message. He did admit, however, that it contained threats to kill his son if the ransom was not paid. No attempts to arrest the kidnapper would be made, he indicated, and no questions would be asked if the boy was returned safely.

It was reported today that the note to Little contained a statement to the effect that Little had apparently injured the man at some time and said:

"You have torn my heart out. I have had a pistol in your face twice, but my heart failed me. I am taking this way of getting even."

Anyone and never had an enemy as far as he knew. The note was printed on six pages of paper, believed to be hotel stationery, from which the heading had been torn out. It is believed the writer printed his words for fear Little would recognize the writing. The family is prostrated.

Wilson's Stand On 3RD TERM IS ASKED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Both Democrats and Republicans cheered as statement in the house today by Representative Humphreys, Democrat, of Mississippi, that President Wilson should make an immediate announcement that he was not a candidate for a third term.

Under no circumstances should Mr. Wilson ask for re-election. Mr. Humphreys said, recommending passage of an amendment limiting presidential eligibility to one term. Public advocacy by the president's friends and members of the cabinet that he run a third time has allowed the country to believe that he will break an ancient precedent, the speaker declared.

"I regret therefore, all the more that he has remained silent as to his intentions in the matter of a third term," he continued. "I believe the accomplishment of his administration under his great leadership will secure for him a place high on the roll of our great presidents."

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BOLSHEVIKI OPEN SPRING DRIVE ON POLES; REPULSED

WARSAW, March 25.—Bolshevik attacks have been launched against the Polish line at scattered points along a front approximately 400 miles and the long planned spring attack by the Russian Soviet armies apparently has commenced.

While the Bolsheviks have made small advances at some places despite the desperate resistance of the Poles, the latter have been holding the enemy in check in most sections, say official statements.

The Reds have been compelled to retreat from several newly acquired positions along the front, but fighting still continues, the Soviet troops using heavy artillery, tanks, armored cars and other apparatus captured from General Denikin on the south Russian front.

Severe Fighting Takes Place.
Most severe fighting took place on Tuesday on the Polesian-Podolian front near the Galician frontier, the Bolsheviks concentrating their attacks on this sector in an effort to capture Rovno, an important railroad center and Kamenetz-Podolsk, a city highly prized because of its strategic importance. Further north in the region of Rzeszyca and Kalenikowicz, northeast of Mowil, the enemy took several small villages which were recovered by the Poles after a day's fighting.

Heavy engagements also are reported in the vicinity of Zaslava, south-east of Rovno and Staro-Konstantinov, where the Reds attempted to cross the Slutsk river. East of Kamenetz-Podolsk, the battle is still going on, both sides using artillery and bringing up reinforcements. Some crack Bolshevik divisions are in line along this sector and cavalry is being used.

EATON COMMERCIAL CLUB REJUVENATED

EATON, Ohio, March 25.—Eaton Commercial club will not disband, but instead is to be rejuvenated and made a commercial club in fact as well as name. This was determined Wednesday night in a meeting of the club members and local business men. The club had been inactive many months and the meeting Wednesday night was for the purpose of bringing the organization to life or to prepare for its disbandment.

Reorganization of the club was effected by electing Charles B. Cokelair, president; William E. Reel, vice president; L. Brown, secretary, and John M. Gale, treasurer.

Revision of the club's old constitution and by-laws will be made by a committee made up of Judge Elam Fisher, Charles B. Unger and L. L. Brown.

The teams will conduct a membership campaign. Charles C. Spring will captain one team, while Charles B. Cokelair will captain the other. Captain Spring has selected the following men for his team: W. E. Reel, Ralph Wood, John E. Voge, L. L. Brown, H. E. Havil, Warren A. Spring, D. L. Waters, J. A. Landis, V. Locke and R. J. Scheld. Captain Cokelair's team consists of John M. Gale, W. H. Bucke, W. O. Gross, Charles B. Unger, Harvey Flory, Elam Fisher, Russell McNeal, George W. Longnecker and Henry Oldham.

The teams will announce the result of the campaign in a meeting next Tuesday evening.

The various business and professional interests in the club membership will be grouped and each group will hold its meetings in the clubrooms in its own specific interests, according to present plans. Eaton Commercial club was organized in 1905.

Balloonists Sail From Florida to Illinois

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, March 25.—Four naval flyers left Chicago for the United States Naval air station at Pensacola, Fla., today, after completing a 1,200-mile balloon flight from that station to Murdock, Ills., yesterday.

They landed yesterday in an open field near Murdock in gale which was blowing 55 miles per hour according to the estimate of the pilot, Lieut. Theodore C. Longquest. The landing was made after the party encountered a snow storm at an altitude of 5,000 feet, the balloon was not injured.

The flight, which started Tuesday evening, took the balloonists across Alabama, Mississippi, into Arkansas and Missouri, and back across the Mississippi into Illinois. They traveled approximately 1,200 miles.

San Francisco Now Can Reach That Dear Cuba

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 25.—Passenger steamship service between San Francisco and Havana, Cuba, beginning May 8 when the steamer Sackheim will sail from this port was announced today by the Pacific Mail steamship company. The voyage will take 16 days to the Panama canal and four additional days to Cuba.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Rain tonight and Friday. Colder Friday.
Yesterday.
Maximum.....69
Minimum.....43
Today.
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore
Occasional heavy showers and probably thunder storms tonight and Friday, changing to colder Friday.
General Conditions: The extensive western storm continues to move slowly eastward. Strong winds and March gales are blowing around the center. Colder weather is following and will arrive here within the next 36 hours, having been slightly delayed because of high barometric pressure on the Atlantic coast. Temperatures are far below freezing in western Canada.

MANY CANDIDATES PLEDGE ATTENDANCE AT G. O. P. MEETING

Tuesday, April 20 has been set by members of the Wayne county Republican committee for the official "blow-off" of the political campaign in this section. On that date, the Republican love-feast announced recently will be held, and members of the committee said Thursday that all of the gubernatorial candidates, and possibly all of the presidential candidates will attend the meeting.

Members of the committee were in Indianapolis Wednesday conferring with campaign managers of the various candidates.

Managers of the gubernatorial campaigns said Wednesday that the candidates would all be here for the big event, and presidential campaign managers were all favorable to the proposed meeting and promised to do all they can to arrange their candidates' calendars to include a date at Richmond on April 20.

Harding Fairly Sure.
The manager of ex-Governor Harding's campaign said Wednesday that the ex-governor intended to be in Indiana and Ohio that week, and that it will be an easy matter to arrange for his coming.

J. S. Baldwin, manager of Governor Lowden's campaign started working on the matter as soon as he was approached by the Wayne county committee, and a telegram was dispatched by Governor Lowden, asking him to arrange for attending the Richmond meeting.

General Wood's campaign manager for Indiana was not in Indianapolis when the Wayne county men visited the Wood headquarters, but office workers there said that the matter would be taken up with the state manager when he returned to Indianapolis on Friday, and that efforts would be made to bring the general here.

Johnson is Possible.
Senator Hiram Johnson, according to his Indiana manager, is arranging for a speaking tour of Indiana, but it is not known whether it will be possible for him to arrange for the Richmond meeting.

He is planning, his manager said, to be in Nebraska just before the state primary on April 20, and he may be able to arrange his speaking dates to be in Richmond.

Members of the county central committee said Thursday that the meeting will be held in the Coliseum, and that an overflow meeting will probably be arranged. No partiality will be shown any of the candidates, but members of the committee believe that the meeting will be one of the biggest political meetings in the city's history.

Each of the candidates will be given an opportunity to address the meetings and explain his views on national and state problems.

To Arrange Hotel Accommodations.
Arrangements for hotel accommodations and headquarters for the candidates will be made by the county committee, and in addition to the presidential and gubernatorial candidates, practically every other state district and county candidate will attend the meeting.

Letters were sent today to the managers of the state and national candidates, asking them to inform the committee if they will be able to attend, and letters of invitation will be sent to all other candidates soon.

Barnes To Be Quizzed On Grain Movement, by Chicago Attorney

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, March 25.—Upon his arrival here today, Julius S. Barnes, head of the United States Grain corporation, will be asked to explain recent grain sales and movements, according to a statement by Charles F. Clyne, federal district attorney, who is investigating an alleged attempt to "corner" the corn market.

No evidence of illegal market manipulation sufficient to warrant prosecution under the Lever food control had been found, Mr. Clyne said yesterday after he had interviewed a number of members of the Chicago board of trade and railroad officials. He also received reports from federal agents engaged in a survey of the market.

Reports that the United States grain corporation had been used by speculators in an effort to bring about a "corner" in the market will be investigated, Mr. Clyne said.

Market experts and transportation officials told the district attorney yesterday that high prices and scarcity of corn were due to natural causes.

"The rumored corner is the result of short selling in anticipation of spring grain movements and inability of the railroads to supply sufficient cars to carry the crop to primary markets," they said.

Talk Suffrage in Delaware.

(By Associated Press)
DOVER, Del., March 25.—Public hearings at a joint session of the Delaware legislature were the principal events scheduled today in the contest for ratification of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment by securing this state's vote.

The small capitol overflowed with spokesmen and cohorts of the suffragists and "anti" with women in the large majority, some wearing the suffragist colors and others the red robes of the opposition. Hundreds of spectators sought the two score seats.

TO DETERMINE CHANGES IN GRADING TO WHEAT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary Meredith will conduct a hearing at Chicago April 2, to determine whether changes in the federal grades for wheat are desirable. Changes recently were proposed by Washington by a delegation representing the state boards of grain appeals at Minneapolis and Duluth, certain state officials of Minnesota and North Dakota, and others, who contended there was dissatisfaction in the central west over the present grades.

Named on Commission



Mrs. Helen H. Gardener.

Mrs. Helen H. Gardener of Washington, D. C., has been nominated by President Wilson for membership on the civil service commission. She will succeed Charles M. Galloway of Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Gardener was born in Winchester, Va., 62 years ago and has been prominent in suffrage work. She has written short stories and essays.

INSURANCE BILL APPROVED; RELIEF POLICY DISCUSSED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Legislation destined to bring the government war risk insurance into closer touch with former service men was approved today by the house interstate commerce subcommittee in charge of war risk insurance bills.

Collection of insurance premiums at postoffices, establishment of state war risk insurance offices, and funds for advertising the benefits of the government insurance are privileged.

For establishing regional offices and other sub-offices, the bill carries \$1,000,000 while \$25,000 is proposed for advertising.

With hearings on pending soldier relief measures ended, the house ways and means committee expected today to take preliminary steps to decide the future policy of the committee. Appointment of sub-committees to work out various features of the first step toward drafting any bill.

Sentiment in the committee is divided. Some members hold that present financial conditions will not permit the payment of adjusted compensation through a bond issue, while others argue that the necessary revenues should be raised through taxation. Several plans including additional taxes on large incomes or placing of a consumption tax have been suggested.

Board Will Appoint Light Co. Expert Monday; Orders Change in Parking Cars

Appointment of an engineer to analyze the city light plant will not be made until Monday, members of the board of works said Thursday. The board will make the appointment as a result of action taken by council, in special session Wednesday night.

In view of the fact that it is impossible for fire trucks to get through any of the streets in question, the street car company was ordered by the board to stop parking cars on Fort Wayne avenue, North West Fifth street, and at the foot of the hill on North D street.

The bond and contract of the Barrett company of Cincinnati, was approved. The company was recently awarded the contract to supply the street department with Tarvia, a road preparation, for the season.

Stock Exchanges Decide To Open Hour Earlier

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—The Philadelphia stock exchange today decided to conform to the New York daylight savings hours. Beginning next Monday the exchange will open at 9 a. m.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Trading on the Chicago stock exchange will be advanced one hour beginning next Monday in conformity with the change of hours in the New York stock market under the New York daylight savings law. The board of governors of the Chicago exchange voted yesterday to fix the hours of trading from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. on week days, and from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m., on Saturdays, until such time as a daylight savings law may be adopted here.

Thomas W. Lawson Arrested in Blue Sky Stock Probe

BOSTON, March 25.—The crusade of Attorney General Allen against promoters and brokers who have been exploiting silver stock, led to the arrest of Thomas W. Lawson today. He surrendered himself at police headquarters to answer to a warrant charging him with violating on four counts, a state law regarding the filing of information regarding stock issues.

Four other operators and brokers arrested yesterday, including L. C. Van Riper, of New York, former secretary to Lawson.

NEW CABINET BEING FORMED BY GERMANY

Compromise Effected by Distribution of Portfolios Among Socialists and Democrats—Hauer Premier.

STILL FIGHT IN RUHR

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, March 25.—An Amsterdam message quoting Berlin dispatches to the Telegraph says it is reported a new German cabinet has been formed with Gustav Bauer remaining as premier, and Dr. Schiffer as vice-premier.

Dr. Herman Mueller is said to have been again given the portfolio of foreign affairs, and Herr Gessler, mayor of Nuremberg, has been appointed minister of National defense. The members of the cabinet are reported as follows: Minister of the Interior, Herr Koch; Minister of Finance, Captain Fisher Cuno; Minister of Transportation, Herr Ball, and Minister of the Treasury, Herr Wolff. Other portfolios, it is said, have been distributed among the Socialists and Democrats.

THE HAGUE, March 25.—Fighting in the Ruhr district of Germany, where it was understood, a truce had been agreed to, has been resumed, according to the Telegraph. Spartacist forces are nearing Wesel, the newspaper says, and a Muenster dispatch to the Rotterdam Courant says the Red Army's strength is now 120,000.

BERLIN, March 24.—Conferences over the reconstruction of the cabinet took place today and it was decided the Ebert ministry will not retire in a body but merely be subjected to a "freshening up." A leading democratic deputy declared that was really all required in view of the proximity of the new elections.

Definite announcement was made that the majority socialists would surrender the post of minister of defense to the democrats, as Philipp Scheidemann's party is only too glad to dodge the uncomfortable assignment of overhauling the army.

It is hinted, too, the majority socialists really did not have a man at their disposal who was suitable for the post. The nomination of Otto Wels, which was tentatively put forward, was quickly withdrawn as he is in bad repute with the independent socialists as a result of his actions as military commander of Berlin during the early revolutionary days.

At that time he earned for himself the nickname of "Bloodhound Wels." Gustave Noske's successor, it is believed will be a Democrat and a civilian whose immediate task will be to weed out the reactionaries in the army which have now assumed a threatening attitude.

Gustav Bauer, will retain the Premiership it is said, and the proposition for a labor cabinet has been definitely jettisoned the majority socialists having succeeded in inducing other parties to oppose the scheme.

BUDERICH, Rhenish Prussia, March 25.—Complete quiet prevailed temporarily at Wesel, the German stronghold besieged by revolutionary workers, but peace between the two forces has not been declared. The correspondence was informed to this effect at 9 o'clock this morning over the telephone by the headquarters of General Habicht, the commander of Wesel, across the Rhine from this town.

It was declared at headquarters there could be no question of a cessation of hostilities through the surrender of the Reichswehr forces.

BERLIN, March 24.—Discussing the political situation growing out of the revolt led by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, Edward David, minister without portfolio in the Ebert cabinet, told The Associated Press today the Baltic troops were a gift to us by the enemy.

He charged the allies had compelled Germany not only to recognize the refractory Iron brigade but had ordered it returned to Germany after the troops were virtually under Russian control.

DUESSELDORF, March 23.—Disruptions of the coalition of socialist parties that usurped control in the Ruhr basin is considered improbable as a result of the Ebert government's military campaign.

Communists here and at Hagen have not been active and moderate programs have been adopted in various cities. The communists, however, are represented on several executive committees and are credited with a disposition to hold out for extreme measures particularly regarding the wages.

Wilson Asked Status of U. S. Troops in Germany

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Wilson is asked in a resolution adopted today by the house to inform congress of the exact status and scope of duty of the American forces in Germany.

The resolution also asks the authority of Marshall Foch over the American forces and in what manner they are governed without the direction of the president. Chairman Kahn, of the military committee, introduced the resolution.

8,000 Americans in Germany

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—An official estimate by the state department today placed the number of Americans in Germany at about 8,000, of which approximately 400 are women.