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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 \$4.36 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's, are greatly amused at various reports emanating from Berlin to the effect that William gave monetary support to the reactionary 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 Fiume 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 certain 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 in-

Student Soviet Just Splash for the Faculty Folks, Says County Prosecutor's Report

HAYS, Kas., March 25.—The student "soviet" of the Fort Hays normal school has ceased to exist. In fact it never did exist, according to the county prosecutor, except in the mind of one of the faculty members who was made a victim of youthful exuberance and who, with two others, was doused in a pond.

This faculty member, P. Casher Harvey, so the county attorney reported to the state's attorney today, represented an implication of coercion in an "ultimatum" delivered by the student body to the effect that everyone connected with the institution would have to help lay the school running track yesterday or take a ducking.

Whereupon, so the investigation disclosed, Professor Harvey and Professor James Start, with a student named Lindquist, objected to this seeming interference with personal liberty and refused to take any part in the work.

In consequence whereof there were three splashes in the pond near by and Professor Harvey, upon emerging from the water, immediately hastened to the telegraph office and informed the state board of education that the students had seized control of the institution, and that a virtual "soviet" was in power.

And that, said the county attorney in his report, was all there was to it. The track was built the non-workers were ducked and the incident was closed—officially.

Balk at Car Raise; Strike?

(By Associated Press)

TOLEDO, O., March 25.—This city today faced the prospect of another complete suspension of street car service because of the ultimatum from the Toledo Railways and Light company that the wage increase demanded by the crews must be paid by the public.

BOLSHEVIK 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 Denikine 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 Rzeczyca and Kamenetz-Podolsk, northeast of Mozir, the enemy took several small villages which were recovered by the Poles after day's fighting.

Heavy engagements also are reported in the vicinity of Zaclava, southeast 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 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, 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. Cofekoff, president; William E. Reel, vice president; L. 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. Cofekoff 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, A. V. Locke and R. J. Schedl. Captain Cofekoff'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.

Balloons Sail From Florida to Illinois

(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."

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 Sachem 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.

Noon 68

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 Possibility.

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 present 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