

GERMANS HURL REINFORCEMENTS AGAINST ALLEES—MAN CONFESSES KILLING EIGHT

STATE ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY PLAN TOTTERING

Republicans Draft Substitute For Labor Department Bill to Keep Bryant From Losing Job

ENTIRE PROGRAM MAY BE HELD UP

Move to Save Commissioner Expected to Arouse Democratic Legislators and Governor, While Majority is on Anxious Seat Because of White's Bait From Rank

From present indications the whole program of economy and efficiency as outlined by the report of the Economy and Efficiency Commission will go to smash. Despite the unanimous recommendation of the commission to the Legislature that it pass the eight bills which carry out the suggestions of the commission, Senator Walter E. Edge of Atlantic City has succeeded in convincing the Republican majority of the Senate that an exception should be made in regard to Senate bill No. 5, which deals with the State Department of Labor.

REPUBLICANS HOLD PROGRESSIVE FATE

G. O. P. Will be Let Decide Whether They Will Have Congress Committee Places

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Whether Progressives will be recognized in the new House as a distinct party will be left to the Republicans. This was stated today by Democratic leaders on the eve of the Democratic caucus tonight to organize the next Congress.

Many Representatives-elect are here for the caucus. Democrats will nominate a speaker and a complete list of House offices—all certain of election—members of the Ways and Means Committee and a caucus chairman. Speaker Clark has no opposition. Neither has Representative Kitchen for Majority Leader. Representative Foster of Illinois, and Saunders of Virginia, are candidates for caucus chairman, to succeed Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania. Foster seemed the best bet.

For the six Democratic vacancies on the Ways and Means Committee Representative Allen of Ohio will succeed Representative Ansbury; Representative Casey of Pennsylvania will succeed Representative Palmer; Representative McGillicuddy of Maine will succeed Representative Mitchell of Massachusetts; and Representative Melvin of Kansas will succeed Representative Hammond of Minnesota. For the two vacancies from the south by retirement of Representatives Underwood and Stanley, there is a three-cornered race between Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, Barkley of Kentucky and Crisp of Georgia.

Whether Democratic committee representation shall be reduced and more Republican given places because of the greatly decreased number of Democrats in the next Congress will also come before the Caucus. The Republicans will be allowed to decide if the seven Progressives shall be given committee assignments.

BABY DIES FROM AWFUL BURNS RECEIVED WHEN BOILING WATER SCALDS HIM, FOLLOWING PRANK

Pulling a kettle of boiling water from the kitchen stove on himself, yesterday afternoon, while his mother was in the yard hanging up the clothes, Adolph Garthe, 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Garthe, of 833 Beatty Street, was so badly scalded that he died early this morning at the parents' home.

KINKHEAD RESIGNS, VOTE CHALLENGED

Supporter of Wilson's Immigration Bill Veto Suddenly Quits His Berth

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 4.—Congressman Eugene F. Kinkhead today resigned his seat in Congress. The resignation came after Mr. Kinkhead, who is also sheriff of Hudson County, had been informed by Congressman John L. Burnett, of Alabama, that he would challenge Mr. Kinkhead's right to vote.

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The coroner's inquest into the deaths of the eight persons he named died on the days he specified. All of them were found dead in their beds. At the coroner's inquest it was shown that in only one case, that of the man who died reported on the same day it occurred, The Home's physician, Dr. E. M. Juster, will be called to explain the matter before Coroner James P. Dunn today.

SHIPPING BILL IS STILL IN BALANCE

Wilson Adherents Fighting to Keep Off Unconditional Commitment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—While each day of delay seems to be bringing the ship purchase bill nearer to passage, the Democratic leaders are still working hard to straighten out the complication into which they have fallen and to prevent the bill from being re-committed unconditionally to the Commerce Committee and thus killed.

Another caucus of the Democratic Senators is being held. Efforts are being made to round up enough votes to block re-commitment. Last night, Senators Martin, Simmons and Fletcher found after careful canvasses, they were one vote "shy" and consequently they fought off a test of strength until today.

Secretary Meadood has taken a hand and was instrumental Wednesday in having a hurry message sent to Senator Lewis urging him to come. The fact that Lewis was absent Wednesday and could not get a pair was the cause of much worry to the leaders. Without his vote they were very weak, and all they could do was play for time.

The situation, as to whether the bill will be unconditionally re-committed to the Commerce Committee, is so close that it may go either way. A tie is a possibility, in which case Vice President Marshall will vote and prevent re-commitment.

Present plans of the Democratic leaders are, if they can get the votes to prevent unconditional re-commitment of the bill, to bring about its amendment with the substance of the Norris amendment. This can be done by re-committing with instructions to the Commerce Committee to amend and report the bill back forthwith.

POISONED EIGHT IN ODD FELLOWS HOME FOR AGED

Statement By Yonkers' Institution Attendant at First Led to Belief That He Was Insane

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FAMOUS LANDMARK DESTROYED BY FIRE

Parnell Mansion at Bordentown Goes Up in Smoke—Loss About \$5,000

BORDENTOWN, Feb. 4.—One of the oldest landmarks of New Jersey was wiped out this morning when fire destroyed the Parnell mansion here. The building had been occupied the last few years for offices of the Industrial School for Colored Youth. The loss is placed at about \$5,000. No one was injured.

NEWSBOYS RETURN LOST POCHE BOOK

Pasquale Malorino and Carl Chiaseze, two newsboys, found at the post office yesterday a pocket containing \$20. They ran with it to the owner and received 25 cents reward.

RECEIVE CLASS PINS

Members of the sophomore class of the State Model School have received their class pins today. They are both of pretty design. The inscription is "S. M. S. 1915." The committee in charge of procuring them was made up of LeRoy French, Emily Harris and Madeline Shaw.

WHEAT OPENS AT \$1.60

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Wheat opened at \$1.60 a bushel for May options and 13 1/2¢ for July. There were advances respectively of 3/4¢ and 1/2¢ over closing prices yesterday.

STOCKS OPEN FIRM

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Stock Market opened generally firmer today. United States Steel continued its rise, selling 1/4¢ at 40 1/2. American Sugar was the only leader to sell off, being down 1/2¢ at 10 1/2.

75 INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURORS

Final Report for Term Made. Two Bills for Murderers in Number

Mercer County's January Grand Jury ended its session this afternoon when it reported to Supreme Court Justice Trenchard that it had found seventy-five indictments. The first day of its session, making seventy-six true bills. The jurors were excused indefinitely by Justice Trenchard with the thanks of the court, but were told to keep themselves ready, as there was an important offense necessitates recalling them.

One of the true bills found is for murder. It is believed that the defendant was against Alpha Fiorelli, who murdered his wife on Swan Street early Tuesday morning. This is the second murder indictment found this term. The murder was against Francesco Conti, who shot to death a fellow-countryman in the Italian spaghetti house, Clark Street and Hamilton Avenue, about six weeks ago.

Other pleas entered follow: Bertha Hart, adulteress, not guilty; Nihilor Kondalino, grand larceny, guilty; Charles Bragg, assault upon an officer, guilty; Edward Fink, petit larceny, guilty; Vincenzo Palomieri, petit larceny, not guilty; Joseph Hunt, seduction, not guilty; Salvatore Jacinto, atrocious assault and battery, guilty; Patrick Kelly, breaking and entering, not guilty; John Kosiah, burglary, not guilty; Abraham Krakow and Joseph Abrahams, breaking and entering and larceny, not guilty; James E. Nash, atrocious assault, not guilty; William Nelson, attempting to break and enter, not guilty; George Nengel, assault and battery, not guilty; Fred Sweeney, grand larceny, guilty; Mike Smith, breaking and entering and larceny, not guilty; Robert Smith, larceny, not guilty; Norman S. Clair, false pretense, not guilty; Harry Stiner, attempted larceny from a person, not guilty.

PUDDLERS WILL ACCEPT REDUCTION OF WAGES

READING, PA., Feb. 4.—Puddlers of the various departments of the Reading Iron Company who are receiving a 50 cents a ton cut in wages February 8, today decided to accept the reduction with the understanding that as soon as conditions warranted the wages will go back to the former scale.

SPECIAL TRAIN FROM TRENTON TO "BILLY" SUNDAY TABERNACLE, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 19

Trentonians, a limited number, at least, will be given an opportunity of hearing the Rev. "Billy" Sunday, evangelist, at the Philadelphia Tabernacle, the evening of Friday, February 19. Reservations for a number of Trentonians have been secured for that date and a special train will be run from this city to accommodate those who may desire to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the revival.

The tickets will be placed on sale next Saturday morning at the Young Men's Christian Association, the Wilbur Branch and the Young Women's Christian Association. The fare will be \$1.40 for the round trip. The limited number of tickets will be disposed of on the "first-come-first-served plan."

The "Billy" Sunday special will leave the Clinton Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 6:38 o'clock in the afternoon and will arrive in Philadelphia at 6:30 o'clock. The train will stop at Morrisville at 5:30 o'clock. Returning, the train will leave the Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at 10:15 o'clock and will arrive in Trenton at 11:10 o'clock.

SUNDAY GRIPS THE TOILERS AND 342 OF THEM HIT THE TRAIL; STOPS SUICIDES, REUNITES COUPLE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Billy Sunday's plain preaching of an everyday gospel has penetrated the hearts of the toilers. In the month of campaigning here, this fact has not been more strikingly manifested than it was at the tabernacle last night.

Three-fourths of the tabernacle was reserved for men and women employees who marched in by delegations. They represented twenty different business firms, from the men who make paint to the women who make millinery.

They piled the tabernacle platform full of gifts of flowers, bouquets, fruit, similar and green paper, their mark of appreciation to the evangelist who has captured their hearts while he is trying to win their souls. They sat spellbound while he told them the Bible story of Zaccheus as though they were listening to a thrilling chapter from a novel—and that's the way Mr. Sunday told it. He had Zaccheus "shining down the tree" to see Jesus to invite Him to his house; Zaccheus, the tax collector one of "the most unpopular crowd of his day."

"They corresponded to the saloonkeeper and the brewer of our days," the evangelist said, and the crowd laughed and applauded. Finally, these thousands of toilers heard Billy Sunday's invitation and they answered. Two hundred and seventy-six took his hand last night, which number, added to the 66 of the afternoon, made a day's total of 342. Mr. Sunday's theme in his address was "Samson's Flight." His (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

HINT VAN HORN MAY BE BEHIND ROEBLING FIRE

German Held in Maine for Dynamiting International Bridge Said to Have Been Here

POLICE NOW SEEK FOR INFORMATION

Captain Dettmar Told That Van Horn Showed to Trenton People Papers Exactly Like Those That He Has Given Out in Maine Jail—Spent Several Weeks in City

Whether Werner Van Horn, the German now under arrest at Vanceboro, Maine, for attempting to dynamite the international bridge over the St. Croix River between this country and Canada, was in any way connected with the recent mysterious fire at the plant of the John A. Roebling's Sons' Company, is being investigated today by the local police authorities.

Captain Dettmar of the Second Precinct received information shortly after noon that Van Horn spent several weeks in this city previous to the dynamiting. As the origin of the blaze has never been ascertained, the officials have set to work on this latest theory and an effort will be made to have him identified.

According to the report made to Dettmar, Van Horn showed to several persons here certain papers which he has shown to the police in Maine; at least, the description of those made public there is said to correspond exactly with those seen in this city. The papers had to do with the man's discharge from the German army, etc.

VAN HORN RE-ARRESTED BY MAINE AUTHORITIES

VANCEBORO, Maine, Feb. 4.—Charged with defacing and injuring buildings in Vanceboro, Werner Van Horn, held here for attempting to dynamite the international railroad bridge over the St. Croix River, was arrested today on a warrant issued by the Maine authorities. The damage to the local buildings resulted from the shock of the exploding dynamite when Van Horn tried to demolish the bridge.

GERMANS CRITICIZE NEUTRALITY OF U. S.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—That Germany has placed before the United States a concrete case that she believes will test American neutrality was learned officially today.

STEAMER SINKS IN HEAVY LAKE ICE

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 4.—The \$80-ton steamer ILL. of the Goodrich lines sank in Lake Michigan about 10:30 this morning, three miles off Chicago.

Seen This Morning

—The sun and a bit of blue sky. —Gang of city snow shovelers taunting fellow workmen with "nicknames." —Motorman of trolley car "actually" waiting for passengers running from another car at transfer point. —Lot of people, very early this morning, trying to get home quietly and saying things to themselves when they awoke the neighbors by struggling with doors badly swollen by damp weather.

PROBING CLAIM OF BRIDGE DYNAMITER

Washington Not Inclined to Sustain Contention that He Cannot Be Extradited

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Solicitor General Johnston of the State Department today closely scrutinized the British Ambassador's request for extradition of Werner Van Horn, dynamiter, who tried to destroy the American-Canadian bridge across the St. Croix River. What action he will take he refuses to disclose, but it is indicated that if the request is granted, Van Horn will be extradited.

The State Department is not disposed to give much weight to the claim advanced by Van Horn that he is not a military or political offense and that therefore, under the existing treaty with Great Britain he is not extraditable. Such efforts as have thus far been made by the State Department to discover the truth in the claim is (unable have failed to disclose any ground for it, although officials say the entire case must await the decision of the investigating commission.

Van Horn already has indicated his purpose of fighting extradition. In a telegram yesterday from Vanceboro, Maine, he requested the German Ambassador to look after his interests, declaring he was a German subject and "did not put foot on Canadian soil."

The Canadian government in making its application referred to the man as an ordinary civil criminal. Incidentally it is pointed out, this insures Van Horn, in the event of his surrender under extradition proceedings, from being treated as a German spy or even as a military prisoner.

Dynamiter has indignantly denied a widely-circulated story that he was the son of Count Karl Van Horn, former Bavarian war minister and German army general. There is no such person, he has been told by the Canadian side of the border.

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192D DAY OF WAR

FRANCE—Germans, reinforced, battling desperately to take offensive and drive Allies back from coast to Arras. Heavy cannonading around Neuport. German gunners shell Furnes. Massing for another onslaught against British positions between La Bassee and Bethune.

AUSTRIA—Thousand Russians reported captured in Carpathian mountains. Russians on offensive at several points, but attacks being repulsed.

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1,000 RUSSIAN TAKEN PRISONERS, IS CLAIM

VIENNA, via Berlin and Wireless to London, Feb. 4.—Austro-German forces operating in the Carpathians captured 1,000 Russian prisoners and 100 machine guns in a mountain range, it was stated officially today.

The Russians are on the offensive at several points along the mountain. Their attacks were described as "very stubborn," but the war office declared they were being repulsed.

GERMAN WARSHIPS PREPARE FOR RAID

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 4.—Emperor William left Berlin yesterday for Wilhelmshaven, the second most important naval station in Germany, to inspect the warships stationed there. He will have an opportunity to look over the units of the squadron which participated in the North Sea battle, including the Seydlitz, which was squarely hit by one shell, and the Kolberg, which was struck by two.

Emperor William's visit to Wilhelmshaven is believed to be in connection with the warning of the German Admiralty to neutral ships that great activity may be expected off the north and west coasts as a result of German attempts to stop England's transportation of troops.

RUSSIAN ABANDON MARCH ON KONIGSBERG, SUPERIOR FORCES OF GERMANS HALTING ADVANCE

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Russians have abandoned their march upon Konigsberg. For the past three days no mention of the progress of the campaign northeast of Interberg has been contained in official dispatches from Petrograd. Advances received here today said that the Czar's armies have encountered superior forces of the enemy west of Pilkilian and have been forced to halt their advance.

South east of Interberg, a Russian force assigned to push in the northwesterly direction along the railroad leading through Interberg to Konigsberg made desperate efforts to cross the Angerap at Darkehmen on the railroad. The Germans suffered heavy losses from Russian shells, but occupied such strong positions as to prevent the Russian assault upon a strong position held by the enemy on a mountain range, it was stated officially today.

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