

FRIENDS OF TREATY WIN FIRST VOTE

Only Twenty-Six Democrats and Four Republicans Join in Move to Alter Pact—Vote Stands 55 to 30

Washington, March 14.—After another stormy debate in which the administration treaty program was discussed from several angles, the senate late today rejected by a division almost on party lines the first two of the proposed amendments to the four-power Pacific treaty pact.

At the peak of their strength with eleven short of the full membership present and voting, the opposition to the treaty marshaled twenty-six Democratic and four Republican votes, within two of a third of the full senate membership, but three less than enough to overcome the two-thirds needed for final ratification, if all senators participate in this vote.

The first of the two amendments, offered by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, provided that the four powers should refrain from aggression against non-signatory as well as signatory nations, and that all interested nations whether signatories to the treaty or not should be invited to any conference over a Pacific controversy.

In the debate preceding the first vote nearly all the issues of the treaty fight were revived and both Democrats and Republicans indulged in prophecies of what might happen if the arms conference treaties become an issue between the Republican and Democratic parties.

Lisbon, March 14.—Over one hundred arrests have been made as the result of bomb explosions in projected Socialist uprisings.

ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY

John T. Brunen, Circus Proprietor Killed, Wife Suspected of Crime

Riverside, N. J., March 15.—County authorities are investigating a letter written by John T. Brunen, the circus proprietor, who was slain at Los Angeles Friday to a sister in Illinois, that told of an attempt on his life by his wife and his intention of making a will cutting her off with one dollar.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFF

Railroad Executives and Workers Fail to Agree

New York, March 13.—Negotiations between executives of fifty-two Eastern railroads and representatives of conductors' and trainmen's unions looking toward an agreement as to wages and working conditions were broken off late today without any settlement having been reached.

AMENDMENT OFFERED TO PACIFIC TREATY

Washington, March 15.—Senator Pittman, Democrat from Nevada, has introduced an amendment to the four power treaty providing that in future all controversies outside of nations having Pacific interests would be called into conference for consideration of the subject.

STATES HAVE REMNANT OF RIGHTS LEFT

Interstate Commerce Commission Has No Authority Over Intrastate Railroads

Washington, March 13.—The interstate commerce commission was held today by the supreme court to be without authority to authorize or compel the abandonment of a strictly state railroad.

The decision, which was handed down in a case brought by the state of Texas against the Eastern Texas Railroad company to prevent that railroad from dismantling under an order issued by the commission, declared that where a railroad lies entirely within a single state, it is owned and operated by a corporation of that state, and is not a part of another line, and where its continued operation can not be of more than local concern the commission is without jurisdiction.

Interstate and foreign commerce will not be burdened or affected by any shortage in the earnings nor will any carrier in such commerce have to bear or make good the shortage of the Eastern Texas railroad, Justice Van Devanter stated in delivering the opinion, to which there was no dissent.

It is not as if the road were a branch or extension whose unremunerative operation would or might burden the main line, he added, "and thereby affect its utility of service as an artery of interstate and foreign commerce."

For the courts to hold the decision said, that congress in authorizing the interstate commerce commission to regulate the extension and abandonment of old lines intended that the commission should deal with the abandonment of such a road as to intrastate as well as interstate and foreign commerce, would raise a serious question as to the constitutional validity of the law.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Republicans Looking For Successor to Francis H. Weston

Columbia, March 15.—Information received in Columbia today is to the effect that the department of justice at Washington and leaders of the Republican party are this week looking around for a successor to Francis H. Weston, of Columbia, as district attorney for the Eastern district of the state.

GOOD BYE TO HELLO GIRLS

Automatic Telephone System Installed in Columbia

Columbia, March 15.—The new automatic telephone system, with automatic centrals and "hello girls" will be put into operation in Columbia at midnight next Saturday.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT UNDER NEW PLAN

States To Be Grouped in Eighteen Districts Under Divisional Chiefs

Washington, March 13.—Division of the country into 18 districts as the enforcement territories of the federal force of general prohibition agents was announced tonight by Commissioner Haynes, E. C. Yellowsly, chief of general prohibition agents, will be in direct charge of the districts. Each of the divisions, Mr. Haynes said, will be in charge of a divisional chief who will be under direct control of the prohibition commissioner acting through Mr. Yellowsly.

The force of general prohibition agents, he said, "under the direction of divisional chiefs will not in any manner, be a part of the forces working under the supervision of federal prohibition directors but will be a separate and distinct organization wholly under the control of the prohibition commissioner."

The districts include: Fourth district, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and part of Virginia. Fifth, North Carolina and part of Virginia.

TELEPHONE BILL NOT YET SIGNED

Gov. Cooper Still Holds Foster Bill Under Consideration

Columbia, March 15.—Governor Cooper has not yet signed the Foster telephone bill, which became an act in the closing days of the recent legislature.

The Foster act would put the telephone rates back to the prices in effect the first of 1921, before the rates were increased, under authority of the railroad commission.

RESERVE BANK UPHELD

Collection of Checks at Par is Approved

Atlanta, March 13.—Collection at par by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank of all checks payable on presentation which are deposited for collection was upheld by Judge Beverly D. Evans in Federal District Court here today.

The decision rendered in the case of the American Bank and Trust Company, of Cordele, Ga., and other State banks of Georgia, also held that the reserve bank was not inspired by any desire inaugurating its par clearance rule to coerce or injure a non-member bank.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Columbia, March 15.—The high school basketball championship of the state will be decided in a game here Thursday night, when Charleston's team, champions for the lower half of the state, meets the team from the Spartanburg high school, champions for the upper part of the state.

REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS IN A HOLE

Pledge to Hand Out Bonus to Soldiers Cannot Be Re-deemed Without Bankruptcy Government

Washington, March 13.—Republican leaders were confronted today with the possibility that they might be unable to bring about a vote in the house on the compromise soldiers' bonus bill under suspension of the rules next Monday.

With a favorable report by the ways and means committee promised by Chairman Fordney they generally were agreed that the bill should be disposed of early next week.

Inability, however, to ascertain whether Speaker Gillett, who is in Florida with President Harding would entertain a motion to suspend the rules, which would require a two-thirds vote for passage of the bill and would automatically bar all amendments, coupled with the reports that he might decline to do so, threw the whole question of procedure into the air.

Republican members of the ways and means committee who at the morning meeting decided to proceed with their plans for a report of the measure at the meeting of the full committee schedule for tomorrow despite objections to its provisions voiced by Secretary Mellon and Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, held a conference later in the day with members of the Republican committee and several others including Representative Walsh of Massachusetts, acting speaker, and Representative Fess of Ohio and Representative Towner of Iowa.

It was agreed at this meeting not to make final decision as to procedure until the views of the speaker could be learned.

SMUTS IN CHARGE IN AFRICA

London, March 13 (By the Associated Press).—Latest advices from Johannesburg tend to show that the situation, which last week was extremely grave, with many hundreds of casualties on all sides in the fighting, is now well controlled by formidable forces of the government which were devoted to the task of suppression after the proclamation of martial law.

The fighting has been accompanied by the most exciting incidents, such as airplane engagements, aviators' escapes after great risks and daring and gallantry on the part of besieged police and troops. In some cases loyal forces have been humiliated for two or three days before airplane relief enabled them to fight their way out.

HUGHES WEAK ON GRAMMAR

Senator Ashurst Raises Laugh in Senate at Expense of Hughes and Lodge

Washington, March 13.—The senate paused for a laugh in the midst of the solemn treaty debate today while Senator Ashurst of Arizona exhibited a grammatical error in its terms for which he declared "any school boy would be marked down."

CHARLESTON BANKER DIES

Charleston, March 13.—Mr. Ernest H. Pringle, president of the Bank of Charleston for more than thirty years, died suddenly at his home here of heart failure last night. He was one of the ablest financiers of South Carolina.

SECRETS OF GAMBLING EXPOSED

Fight on Little Exchange Brings Out in Court Some of the Methods

New York, March 13.—Criticism of methods of operation of the American cotton exchange during the "John Doe" inquiry into its affairs today, Chief Magistrate McAdoo declared it appears that the exchange "had no cotton on which to base its trading unless it purchased across the street from the New York cotton exchange."

The American exchange purchased 15,000 bales from the New York exchange simply for use by the brokers in checking the wheel so it would stop at a winning number," he added.

These comments were evoked by testimony of former Judge A. W. Graham, president of the American exchange, who spent the afternoon on the witness stand.

Mr. Graham disclaimed knowledge of a petition, offered in evidence in which exchange officials were advised by members that "the state of trading on the floor is terrible" following withdrawal of a firm which customarily had held 10,000 bales to cover brokers who sold short.

The petition urged the purchase of 15,000 bales to sell at opportune times in the trading when the buyers' demands exceeded sales so far as to halt trading and force prices upward. Revenues of the members would thereby be "doubled, tripled and perhaps quadrupled," the petition said.

Mr. Graham was ordered by the magistrate to present "names of a half-dozen Southern planters who benefited by the chance to speculate offered with the opening of the exchange."

This order was based upon testimony that the exchange was founded in the open market by using ten bales as the minimum unit of transactions, thereby opening the field to smaller growers eliminated from the New York cotton exchange and the New Orleans cotton exchange by a 100 bale minimum unit.

Questioned concerning the duties of his office as president of the exchange, Mr. Graham testified he "opened the mail, presided at meetings of the board of directors and attended to litigation instituted to rid the exchange of certain rascally brokers."

MAY DECLARE BOYCOTT

Labor Federation is Behind Striking Textile Workers

Providence, R. I., March 13.—The decision of the American Federation of Labor to stand firmly behind the striking textile workers of Rhode Island announced by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, in speeches yesterday here and in Pawtucket will result in union garment workers of the United States being called into the contest, it became known here today.

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Red Revolution Being Wiped Out in South Africa

Johannesburg, South Africa, March 15.—Advices from Fordsburg report that government infantry are clearing the streets after the capture of the town from the rebels. Many prisoners were taken. Leaders were dropped by airplanes warning women and children to leave before the town was bombarded.

NEW R. R. COMMISSION MEETS

First Meeting For Purpose of Organization to Be Held Wednesday

Columbia, March 14.—The new railroad commission, of seven members, will hold its first official meeting in Columbia Wednesday. Numerous matters will come before the commission, but possibly the most important is the Columbia Street car strike situation, which a gathering of citizens requested the commission to consider.

The first meeting of the commission will have to do largely with the organization of its work. The recent legislature not only gave the railroad commission the work of the former public service commission, which was abolished, but it authorized a rate department of the commission, to handle freight rate matters. The setting up of this department will probably come before the commission Wednesday.

Under the new railroad commission act the four additional members are to receive a per diem, of \$10 a day each. The legislature appropriated \$5,540 for the pay of the four new commissioners, which means they will get paid for 141 days during the year. At the meeting Wednesday the commission will decide when it will have regular meetings.

TO INVESTIGATE PRICES

Combine to Boost Fertilizer Costs, is Charged

Washington, March 13.—The department of justice will investigate complaints that there is a combination to raise fertilizer prices. In response to statements from Blackwell and other points in his district that the companies within the past ten days had simultaneously put up the already high price of fertilizer \$2 a ton and that if the attorney general would send an investigator to the spot the evidence would be furnished, Congressman James F. Byrnes wrote to Mr. Daugherty expressing the hope that the request to send an investigator would be granted.

BOOZE, GIRLS AND JAIL

Son of Dodge Car Owner Placed Under \$7,000 Bond

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 13.—John Duval Dodge, son of the late John F. Dodge, millionaire automobile manufacturer, was at liberty tonight under \$7,000 cash bail after his arraignment today on charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated and of illegally transporting liquor. Hearing was set for March 21.

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CARNIVALS ATTACK NEW STATE LAW

Greenville, March 14.—Holding that the bill enacted last week by the general assembly prohibiting carnivals showing in South Carolina except during county and state fairs is "in violation of the provisions of the United States constitution, in that it impairs obligation of contract" and of the state constitution because the act is discriminatory attorneys for two carnivals served notice tonight that they will seek an injunction Tuesday before Judge Frank B. Gary of Asheville to prevent officials enforcing the law, thereby making a test case and sending it to the supreme court.

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