

HIGHEST MEN IN FINANCIAL WORLD DRAWN INTO INQUIRY

House Committee Probing Alleged Leak Summons Morgan, Davison, Vanderlip and Others

LAWSON TELLS IN DETAIL HIS TALK IN THREE-HOUR CONFERENCE WITH HENRY

He Admits Broker Who Claimed Complete Control Over Member of Cabinet Was "In His Cups" When He Spoke.

"Unless Your Chairman Said What I Said He Said, I am Guilty of Foul Perjury and Unfit to Be Anywhere Outside of Prison," Declares Lawson in Reply to Denial of Chief of Probe Committee That He Had Told Witness of Stock-Gambling Officials in Secret.

Washington, Jan. 16.—With administration officials, bankers and other well-known men waiting to testify on Thomas W. Lawson's statement that he had heard they were connected with a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note, the house rules committee today resumed its hearings with Lawson on the stand. Secretary McAdoo, who Lawson said he was given to understand was the mysterious cabinet member involved in his statement; Secretary Tumulty, who Lawson said one of his informants told him was connected with the alleged leak; Paul M. Warburg of the federal reserve board, who Lawson said had knowledge of the leak machinery, and a half dozen other men were waiting to testify under subpoena or had come before the committee voluntarily. Before Lawson had been on the stand an hour today the scope of the investigation broadened to take in some nationally known names not hitherto mentioned.

On motion of Representative Harrison, democrat, the committee subpoenaed J. P. Morgan, J. S. Bache, Henry P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderlip, Arthur Lipper and Sol C. Wexler, all prominent bankers. Mr. Harrison did not disclose his reason for asking for the appearance of the witness, except to say that he thought the committee might get some valuable information.

His Talk With Henry. At the outset of today's hearing Lawson went over his recital of how he said Chairman Henry himself told him a cabinet member, a senator and a banker were in a stock gambling pool. Referring to Henry's denial that he ever told Lawson any such thing, Lawson dramatically declared: "Unless your chairman said what I said he said, I am guilty of foul perjury and unfit to be anywhere outside of a prison."

Representative Campbell questioned Mr. Lawson.

What He Told Publishers. "You stated that when you left Washington after talking with Chairman Henry that you went to New York and talked with several publishers. Will you state the substance of what you told them?"

"I asked them their opinion of what had happened in Washington," Lawson began slowly, "and told them I would like to get their advice on whether I should go further or drop the entire matter. I said much more than I related here yesterday. I laid before them Henry's statement in the press that morning and called their attention to it."

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GERMAN STRATEGIST GOES TO GREECE IN SUBMARINE VESSEL

Von Falkenhayn, Recently Commander in Rumania, Goes From Kavala.

London, Jan. 16.—The presence in Greece of General Von Falkenhayn, former German chief of staff and of late in command of part of the forces engaged in the campaign against Rumania, is reported in French official quarters at Saloniki, according to a Reuter dispatch from that point.

General Von Falkenhayn is said to have embarked on a submarine at the Greek port of Kavala, now in hands of the Germans, and to have landed at a point on the Greek coast, whence he made his way to Larissa. The absence of his name from the official Berlin war reports has been noted for some days.

Previous messages from Saloniki said it was General Baron Von Falkenhayn, a member of the German military command who went to Greece in 1915, who made the trip in the submarine.

"BEEN TALKING THROUGH YOUR HAT, UNCLE?"



COMMITTEES ON TAXES TO HOLD JOINT SESSIONS

It is Understood, However, They Will Make Separate Reports.

HOUSE QUARRELS OVER MATTER OF EMPLOYEES

Memorial Favoring National Prohibition Will Be Introduced.

Special to the Post. Helena, Jan. 16.—Steps were taken this afternoon to devise a plan to hear testimony and receive evidence in the inquiry into the taxes of mining and certain other corporations, authorized by resolutions passed by the senate and the house. It is expected that the inquiry will get under way at once. The house committee, appointed yesterday afternoon, has employed three clerks to assist it. The senate committee met this afternoon to discuss the situation. It is understood that the two committees will meet in joint session, but that they will make separate reports to their respective bodies. While this plan has not been announced, it is said to be practically agreed upon. It is known that the committees propose to call in many witnesses and that they will go into the subject of taxation as far as their authority and time permit.

Still on Payroll.

By a vote of 48 to 42 the house today refused to discharge 11 attaches of the cloak room who had been employed as "clerks." A majority of the committee on employees recommended that these employees be released, on the ground that there already were more than enough cloak room employees and the law limited the number of clerks that might be employed. Plutarch, of Silver Bow, chairman of the committee, and Searles opposed the majority report, and the minority prevailed. After a long and sharp debate, the question was referred to the judiciary committee to determine the legal status of the employees added to the payroll. White, favoring the discharge of these employees, said that there were altogether too many handsome girls in handsome gowns standing around the cloak rooms. These employees, he said, were purely ornamental and ought not to be kept on the payroll. He declared that there were so many pretty women hanging around in the guise of committee clerks that the young men of the assembly were becoming cross-eyed and that the older fellows were suffering from eye-strain. Notwithstanding other criticism of the character of the new employees were permitted to remain. Bernard's bill relating to the committee (Continued on Page Twelve.)

DEMAND ACTION OF COMMITTEE BE REPUDIATED

Perkins and Colby Want G. O. P. Executive Committee Action Rescinded.

NAMING OF ADAMS CALLED AFFRONT TO PROGRESSIVES

They Turn Deaf Ear to Harmony Overtures by Subcommittee.

New York, Jan. 16.—George W. Perkins and Everet Colby in a signed statement today on behalf of progressives demanded a meeting of the entire republican national committee for the purpose, in effect, of rescinding the action taken yesterday by the republican executive committee in naming John Taylor Adams of Iowa vice chairman of the national committee. The statement expressed a wish by progressives to bring about harmony with the republicans. The statement by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Colby charges the "old guard" with taking over control of the republican party.

Why Hughes Lost. "The states lost to Mr. Hughes last fall," it said in part, "were lost primarily because independent voters believed that behind the cloak of his name the machine leaders who were in control of the organization of the republican party would handle it against the public interest and for non-public ends. The actions yesterday absolutely justifies these fears."

Another Harmony Move.

Progressive members of the republican national campaign committee were today invited to join with a committee of the republican national committee in the formation of a supplementary committee for the purpose of bringing harmony between republicans and progressives in the management of the republican party.

Decline Invitation.

Perkins and Colby late yesterday evening issued a statement declaring they must decline the invitation to a dinner that evening by Chairman Wilcox to members of the executive and campaign committees. They said they took this means of showing their protest against the selection of John Taylor Adams of Iowa as vice chairman (Continued on Page Five.)

PERSHING'S MEN SOON WILL HIKE BACK TO BORDER

Decision Reached at Cabinet Meeting Today—Fletcher to Go to Mexico.

NO FORMAL STATEMENT OF MOVE WILL BE MADE

Secretary Lane Makes Final Report on the Efforts of Joint Commission.

Washington, Jan. 16.—After today's cabinet meeting, at which Secretary Lane made his final report on the work of the Mexican-American joint commission, it became known that the withdrawal of Major General Pershing's troops from Mexico and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to the Mexican capital may be expected in the near future. No formal announcement is expected but the decision of the administration probably will be made known through action.

VILLA FORCES TAKE SANTA YSABEL CITY

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 16.—Foreign refugees arriving here early today from Chihuahua City brought the news of a battle fought yesterday between Satevo and Santa Ysabel, southwest of the capital. The 1,500 Carranza troops sent against the Villa forces were defeated, according to the refugees, and they said Villa troops now occupy Santa Ysabel, having driven the de facto forces back to Palomas, 18 miles west of Chihuahua City.

RUSS COUNTER AGAINST FOES ON THE SERETH

Bitter Fighting in Progress on Moldavian Front Near the Danube.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

The Russo-Rumanian defense of the Sereth line in northern Rumania has turned to the form of heavy counter attacks, which are being delivered both along the Moldavian frontier and between Fokshani and the Danube. The most ambitious attempt to push back the Teutonic front was made along the main Sereth line between the mountains and the Danube, in the vicinity of Fundeni. Russian troops in mass formation were thrown into a storm attack yesterday. The Teutonic lines were reached, but could not be held by the attacking forces. Elsewhere there has been little fighting, so far as the reports of the official staff reveal.

Another report from a correspondent with General Sarail's army declares the entente forces in Macedonia are to be augmented preliminary to an offensive which will have for its object the cutting of the Berlin-Constantinople railway running through Serbia, Bulgaria and Turkey.

SWITZERLAND WILL MOBILIZE MORE TROOPS

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 16 (via London).—Official announcement was (Continued on Page Five.)

CITY HOSPITAL PLAN TO BE INTRODUCED BY SWANSON

Alderman Favors Establishment of Place Where Sick and Injured May Be Cared for Free of Charge. Wants a Free Maternity Ward.

Plans for a bond issue in support of a city hospital will be embodied in an ordinance to be introduced before the city council at a meeting soon by Alderman Swanson, who has been working on the idea for more than a year. The alderman believes a hospital can be supported on the dollar per month plan, and he advocates a place where all sick and injured may be taken care of free of charge. "I have been planning for a year to introduce an ordinance to provide

for the establishment of a city hospital," said the alderman this morning. "Butte is the only city of its size in the county that has not a place for its sick and injured. The emergency hospital is all right, but it handles only emergency cases. I believe the people of the city will heartily support any movement in this direction. "The other day I heard a case of a child being born in a house where eight children slept in two rooms. Every child at least is due a proper place in which to be born. If this hospital plan goes through I'll favor a free maternity ward where children will have proper surroundings when born." Alderman Swanson has talked with other aldermen about his plan and has been assured of their support.

MINES ALREADY PAY FAIR PROPORTION OF TAXES OF STATE, THE RECORDS SHOW

Official Tax Proposed Not Justified by the Facts. Mine Owners Pay Nearly \$2,000,000 in Taxes in Montana, Besides Federal Levy. Anaconda Company Alone Contributes Nearly a Million to the Public Revenues. Why Mining Interests Will Oppose Discriminatory Legislation.

That the owners of mining property in Montana pay a fair proportion of the taxes in the state is the assumption of those who will oppose all efforts to discriminate against the mining industry by a special license tax as proposed by several bills suggested by members of the Fifteenth legislative assembly. Facts and figures to bear out this assertion will be presented before the senate and house committees that have been directed to inquire into the subject of taxation as it relates to mining property. At the meeting held in Butte yesterday to plan a state organization in the interest of fairplay for those communities dependent upon the mining industry the statement was made that proof could be produced showing that the mine operators were bearing their full proportion of the burden of taxation in this state under the present system.

DEATH MAY COME TO DEWEY AT ANY MOMENT

Physicians Say He is Slowly Sinking—May Not Live Through Day.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral Dewey's condition late today was said by his physicians to be "distinctly worse" and it was feared he would not live through the day. Dr. Fauntleroy issued this bulletin: "Admiral Dewey has slowly declined during the night and today. His lungs are beginning to become affected. Temperature (by axilla), 102; pulse, 120; respiration, 32. His breathing is more labored and his kidneys depressed. Swallowing is very difficult and his general condition is distinctly worse." The physicians later added: "The admiral is slowly sinking. The end may come at any time."

IMMIGRATION BILL AGAIN UP TO THE PRESIDENT

Literacy Test, Which Has Been Cause of Many Vetoes, is Part of It.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The house today finally approved the immigration bill and it went to President Wilson. May 1 was made the date when it shall become effective. Whether the bill will be vetoed by President Wilson on account of the literacy test, which in similar bills has led to vetoes by three presidents, is not known.

POPE CONGRATULATES WILSON ON PEACE MOVE

Message is Conveyed to White House Through Spanish Ambassador.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Congratulations from Pope Benedict on the recent peace move of the American government were conveyed to President Wilson today by Juan Riano, the Spanish ambassador. The pope sent no suggestions for future moves. The message was conveyed through the Spanish ambassador because the papal legation here has no diplomatic status.

PASSENGER TRAIN FREEZES UP STANDING AT STATION

Westbound Burlington Halted in Butte Four Hours While Air, Water and Steam Lines Are Thawed. Coldest Day in Several Weeks. with a rising temperature tomorrow. The lowest point recorded during the past 24 hours was 11 below. Temperatures for the night vary in different parts of the city and on different instruments, but 11 below seems to have been the coldest in the city proper, while it was between 18 and 20 below on the south side. There was a steady drop of the thermometer from 6 o'clock last evening. The zero mark was not passed, however, until 5 o'clock this morning. The cold wave is general all over the country, it is said, and is particularly severe in the Dakotas and east of Montana. There is little snow falling in the west, the report goes. With the local barometer at 62.8, more cold is expected, although the state weather (Continued on Page Two.)

AVALANCHE KILLS TWO IN ALASKAN MOUNTAINS

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Horace C. Emery, aged 30, manager of the Martin mine in the Willow Creek district, 35 miles from Valdez, Alaska, and Bert Stewart of Anchorage were killed by a snow-slide yesterday while they were visiting the mine, which was closed for the winter. Stewart's body was recovered, and men are digging to recover Emery's body. Emery was a newcomer in Alaska, his former home being Canton, O.

KING OF SPAIN MAY BECOME A DOMINANT FIGURE FOR PEACE

Intimation in Madrid is That Alfonso Will Play Important Role.

Madrid, Jan. 16 (via Paris).—An intimation that the king of Spain may play a prominent part in the coming peace negotiations was given in a speech by Eduardo Dato, former premier, at a banquet given by the moderate section of the conservatives. Great importance is attached to the words of Senor Dato. He said: "On a day more or less distant—and, please God, that day may be near—the great prestige gained by our king may, for the greater good of humanity, make of him a messenger of peace. Let us have confidence, gentlemen, in the destinies of our dear land while expressing wishes for the peace of the world and the prosperity of Spain. May heaven aid his majesty in his noble and patriotic aim."