

CALL GUARDS TO STOP GATHERING

Members of Oklahoma House of Representatives Barred from Capitol.

GOVERNOR CENTER OF QUIZ

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Prevented from meeting at the state capitol by National Guardsmen today, a majority of the members of the house of representatives went to a local hotel, convened, discussed the situation and recessed until tomorrow morning. E. P. Hill, speaker of the house announced.

As chairman of the house committee investigating various state departments, Mr. Kight has declined to reveal the exact nature of the charges against the governor, which are five in number. Kight said an indictment with three counts against Harry B. Cordell, president of the state board of agriculture also was ready for presentation.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Barred by National Guardsmen from convening in their chamber at the state capitol, members of the Oklahoma house of representatives were called upon today by Speaker E. P. Hill to meet in the streets of Oklahoma City to receive impeachment charges against Gov. Henry S. Johnston.

After being held at bay for more than half an hour by 80 armed guardsmen who occupied the floor containing the legislative chambers, the legislators congregated about a roped enclosure on that floor.

Speaker Hill and newspapermen were permitted to enter the enclosure. The speaker explained that session leaders had been unsuccessful in their efforts to persuade Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett to permit the meeting in the legislative chamber and that the session would be held in the streets. The group immediately dispersed.

The legislators did not leave the capitol in a body, but in small groups and singly.

"The house will meet right here in Oklahoma City, the seat of government," H. Tom Kight, chairman of the house investigating committee told newspapermen.

"Watch us for the next 12 hours," "Will you take this matter to the federal courts?" he was asked.

"I should say not."

Won't Recognize Guards.

A member of the senate said that body would not recognize the military guards, and would proceed to hold a session if the house succeeded in placing charges before it.

Warren K. Snyder, attorney for governor, was called to the adjutant general's office for a conference regarding on what action would be taken regarding the proposal to "march in the streets of Oklahoma City" and what action should be taken should the senate court of impeachment order the military commander to withdraw the guards.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Oklahoma National Guardsmen today were summoned for the second time in four years to prevent a self-convened legislature from assembling in the state capitol building for the announced purpose of instituting impeachment proceedings.

First intimation that Gov. Henry S. Johnston, on whom the legislative investigation centered, planned to mobilize the guards came shortly before dawn when soldiers began to assemble at the armory here. Brig. Gen. Charles E. McPherson then admitted that the governor had authorized mobilization of three units of the guard. While general McPherson refused to reveal the specific orders for the guard, he said he expected the soldiers would occupy the capitol to prevent the house of representatives from assembling there.

Machine Guns Included.

The three units ordered out were from the 17th Infantry. A machine gun company was included.

As the soldiers started for the capitol, Adj. General Charles F. Barrett made public a proclamation from Gov. Johnston authorizing the mobilization.

The proclamation instructed the adjutant general "to use and employ all necessary force to quell, subdue, remove or destroy any insurrection, and to suppress all insurrectionary meetings whether held at the capitol or any other place in the state."

The soldiers were dispatched with instructions to bar entrance to the capitol before 10 o'clock when the house of representatives was scheduled to convene to discuss five charges against Gov. Johnston and three counts against Harry B. Cordell, president of the state board of agriculture.

General McPherson, who was a state senator when Gov. J. C. Walton was impeached four years ago, was in command. He is commander of the 9th Infantry brigade.

Representative H. Tom Kight, chairman of the lower house investigating committee which prepared the charges against the state officials, said a conference of session leaders would be called as soon as possible.

Refuses to Comment.

Other than to state that "the constitution gives us the right to meet in peaceful assembly," Mr. Kight refused to comment on the governor's proclamation, which dealt at length with the demands of the legislators for an inquiry and their efforts to secure authorization for a special session.

Representative James Nace declared that as no order had been issued proclaiming martial law, none of the soldiers had any more right to prevent the meeting than any citizen.

"If I try to go into the house and one of them shoots me, he has committed a high crime," Mr. Nace said.

Makes His Own Funeral Plans With Undertaker

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Announcing that his wife and mother had died recently and the prospect of going through the holiday season in loneliness was too much to bear, a man who introduced himself as C. Montague, New York attorney, called at an undertaker's office here Sunday and arranged for his funeral. He said he intended to kill himself within an hour or two. He left a note ordering the coroner to turn the body over to the undertaking firm.

The visitor said the funeral expenses could be paid out of his insurance. Police started a search for Montague but were unable to locate him.

START QUERY OF MEXICAN CHARGE

Subpoenas Issued for Mexican Consul and William Randolph Hearst.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Tumulting for facts in its investigation of charges that President Calles of Mexico, sought to pay \$1,200,000 to four American senators, the special senate committee has unearthed a problem that may require diplomatic settlement.

It lies in the committee's subpoena issued for Arturo M. Elias, Mexican consul general in New York, half-brother of the Mexican president, and alleged to be the central figure in the handling of the million dollar fund.

Similar subpoenas are demanding that testimony be given by William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the newspaper printing the charges against Calles, and Victor Watson, managing editor of the New York Daily Mirror. Watson was served in New York but there was no confirmation of service upon the other two.

The committee's right to summon Elias is questioned by the Mexican ambassador here, Manuel C. Tellez, who maintains that under international law consular officers are immune from subpoenas.

Whether the committee's plan of action definitely will lead the Elias problem to the state department for discussion with the Mexican government has not been revealed. The state department has kept clear of the Embassy controversy thus far, although a disposition was noticeable to agree with the Mexican ambassador's viewpoint.

The committee's public hearings will begin Thursday.

WOODSMAN COMMITS SUICIDE ON TRACKS

Man, Apparently Made Desperate by Hunger, Slashes Throat With Razor.

Financially embarrassed and apparently made desperate by hunger, George Nykanen, 40, a woodsman, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by slashing his throat with a razor while walking along the South Shore railroad tracks a short distance west of the Monrovia section house near North Ironwood.

The body was found lying face down between the rails approximately 400 yards west of the section house by Manie Lakkonen, 12, when she was walking along the tracks at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She notified Edwin Nelson and Jacob Nyman at the section house and they investigated and found that the man was dead.

Identified by Papers.

The sheriff's office at Escanaba was notified and two deputies, Leo J. Jankowski and Dennis O'Leary, together with Coroner Charles Nyberg, went out after the body. The position of the body indicated that Nykanen had been walking along the track when he decided to end his life. He had set his pantsack at the side of the track and, taking his razor, cut his throat from one ear almost to the other in one slash.

Death was almost instantaneous, as bruises on the face indicated that he had fallen immediately after slashing his throat.

Papers found in his pantsack furnished the identification. Receipts for money orders sent to Finland in 1921 and 1922 gave his address as 251 South First Avenue East, Duluth. In 1917 he had been living on the same street at a different address, according to a draft registration card. The Duluth police were notified, but by 9 o'clock this morning had been unable to locate any relatives.

Photograph of Woman.

The condition of the body indicated that Nykanen had not eaten anything for about two days. No money, with the exception of a Finnish 25 penny note, was found in his pockets. His belongings consisted of a few articles of clothing, a chain watch that he had apparently purchased a few days ago, a mending kit, and four photographs, one of them of a young woman in Finnish costume.

One of the other pictures was a (Continued on page two.)

WANT TO HELP OLD ST. NICK?

Santa Claus Looking for Helpers to Make Ironwood Families Happy.

FILL OUT BLANK TODAY

In poorly furnished homes in Ironwood and the district surrounding it there are children who will not be happy on Christmas—children who will have lost faith in Santa Claus when Christmas morning breaks and they jump out of their meagerly clad beds into the cold chill to run joyously to see what has been left in their stockings.

Tears will stream down tiny faces and sobs will choke the throats of the little boys and girls who have been misled by the good St. Nick. To the cold atmosphere of these humble homes will be added the grief of some small child, heart broken because faith in one of the world's most pleasant legends has been broken.

Eliminate Such Scenes.

The Ironwood Social Service association is making plans, however, to eliminate such scenes during the coming Christmas holidays. The association itself does not intend to distribute baskets and gifts, but will act as a clearing house for all lodges, organizations and individuals who may be interested in bringing smiles of happiness to some little boy or girl, according to J. B. Patrick, vice president of the service association.

At a meeting of the organization held Friday evening it was unanimously agreed that the service association would aid in the distribution of Christmas cheer to the needy families of the community, the vice president said. The Good Fellow plan was adopted for this vicinity with the association acting as a clearing house for all of the good fellows, Mr. Patrick explained.

Fill Out Blank Today.

A blank to be filled out by the prospective Santa Claus or Good Fellow will be found in another section of this paper every day until Christmas Eve. In it the prospective Good Fellow will be given his choice of the district where he wishes his charity to go and will be given the choice of the number of children or families he wishes to make happy.

Miss Ruth Thornblade, social service worker, will have charge of the investigation committee for the social association and will assign children or families to each organization or person who cares to take part in providing gifts for the poor.

"The aim of the association is to provide Christmas cheer for every needy family in the community, including Ironwood, the locations, Ironwood and Erwin townships," Mr. Patrick pointed out.

Avoid All Duplication.

"By making a thorough investigation, and handling the charity through the social association, we will avoid all duplication and will be assured that no needy family which comes to the association's attention will be overlooked. Last year through this agency 100 families were provided with Christmas dinners and in many cases clothing and toys after an investigation by the social service worker. This year we expect to increase the number cared for, although it will be up to the lodges, organizations and individuals who provide the gifts to decide what will be given."

This plan is far reaching and open for every one. Mr. Patrick declared, as he pointed out that more families could be served and more people will be given an opportunity to aid.

THE WEATHER

UPPER LAKES: Increasing south-west to south winds, becoming fresh by Tuesday on Superior and Michigan; partly cloudy to cloudy, snow by Tuesday or Superior and by afternoon or night on Michigan and Huron.

UPPER MICHIGAN: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, snow by Tuesday; rising temperature tonight and in east and south portions Tuesday.

WISCONSIN: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably snow by Tuesday; rising temperature tonight and in east and south portions Tuesday.

MINNESOTA: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, snow by Tuesday, warmer tonight, somewhat colder Tuesday in extreme west portion.

TEMPERATURE: Maximum for 24 hours ending at 12 o'clock noon today, 17 above; minimum for the same period, 4 below.

Survivors of Wrecked Ship Are Found Drifting in Bay

LEAGUE IS FOR SMALL NATIONS

Bold Where Tiny Countries Are Concerned And Timorous With Big Ones.

BIGGEST DISPUTES SECRET

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles by Milton Branner, foreign correspondent discussing the situation in Europe today.

BY MILTON BRANNER

London, Dec. 10.—(AP)—"But there is always the League of Nations."

That is the reply one is apt to get when one talks about how Europe is still an armed camp and about how powder barrels in the shape of new Alsace-Lorraine are scattered all over the map of Europe awaiting only a spark to start an explosion.

But the plain truth is that the league is shriveling up. It started out to be a league, but that dream ceased abruptly when America would have none of it.

Then the most populous country in Europe—Russia—with the biggest Asiatic possession in the world—Siberia—refused to have anything to do with the league. Then Spain gave notice that it intended to withdraw, because it was not given a permanent seat in the council and some of the South American states grew cold towards the league.

The league tends more and more to be a league principally of European states dealing with European matters. Also it tends more and more to be a debating society.

"Open Covenants"

But that is not all. When President Wilson was battling for the principle of the League of Nations and a new diplomacy, he spoke of "open covenants openly arrived at." That meant full publicity, dealing in the open in front of witnesses who represented press and public.

No longer were a few old men, sitting in secret session, to decide the fate of nations. The League of Nations, in solemn convocation assembled, was to prevent wars. The league, by its massed opinion and its massed power was to force nations to keep the peace.

Well, the plain truth is that the league is bold where small nations are concerned and timorous where the big ones are the principals. More and more the tendency is to keep away from the league some of the greatest European problems.

Instead of these being discussed in the open by the League of Nations they are discussed in secret by the ministers for foreign affairs of the big four—England, France, Italy and Germany. These ministers attend the meetings of the League of Nations but their most important work is done outside the league. It's the old diplomacy all over again.

Albania vs. Yugoslavia

Take the recent dispute between the little state of Albania and the bigger state of Yugoslavia. Albania never would have dared make faces at Yugoslavia if big brother Italy was not at her back. And because Italy was there, the matter was not taken up by the League of Nations.

The big powers advised that the matter be settled outside the league. There have been other matters in which Italy has had an interest where the league has abstained from interfering. It abstained because it was known Mussolini would not hesitate a moment to take Italy out of the league and declare his intention to have freedom of action.

Henry de Jouvenel, prominent in the French Parliament, former head of the French delegation to the League of Nations, has refused to serve this year, because, as he puts it, he has the double regret of not seeing France submit to the league international difficulties which he thinks can only be resolved by it, and also because he sees France lending itself to an adjournment of the grave questions which can only accumulate difficulties for the future.

Aristide Briand, French minister for foreign affairs, has replied in a querulous tone in which he admits that there are questions that have been settled outside the league. He thinks there is an advantage in this.

Briand cites matters which the league has successfully undertaken and (Continued on page two.)

Bill's Passage Would Give Son in Law Right to Talk



Kills Husband

A quarrel with her husband over a bridge party which she desired to attend preceded the slaying of Thomas E. West by Mrs. West (above), 21-year-old blonde, according to her confession in the hands of Perry (O.) police. After she had killed him with a clawhammer and table leg, she went to the party, according to the confession.

'REDS' CONTROL CITY OF CANTON

Advices Tell of Indiscriminate Looting and Fires Following Fighting.

Hongkong, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Persons arriving from Canton today stated that Chinese gunboats on the Canton river shelled the Sun Sunday.

They declared that revolting communists had wrecked the police bureau, liberating prisoners who augmented looters and terrorists. The gates to the Shamoon bridge leading to the foreign settlement were closed.

A pamphlet issued by the reds declares that the coup which gave control of the city to them was executed by Communist laborers, peasants and soldiers whose object was to suppress all anti-red elements in the city. The reds claim they will make Canton the center of the Communist movement in China.

Hong Kong, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Advices from Canton today told of fires and indiscriminate looting there after the attempt of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to disarm certain of his troops. Red workers took control of the city.

Steamship and railroad service to Hongkong was tied up. Telegraph lines were cut. The reports stated the general bank of China had been destroyed.

Gen. Chang Kai-shek, the present dictator of Canton, who was recently denounced by the Nanking Nationalists as a traitor and supporter of Communism, suspected some newly recruited troops of being supporters of Gen. Li Chai-Sun, the former Canton dictator. He ordered them disarmed and disbanded.

The attempt to disarm the troops led to fighting in the eastern suburb. The seamen's union thereupon instituted a strike which tied up steamer and rail service to Hongkong.

The disorderly elements in Canton took advantage of the confusion to start fires and for indiscriminate looting.

A proclamation from Canton announced that the combined workers and peasants forces had taken over control. The red corps of workers, numbering 5,000 occupied all the anti-revolutionary government offices. Armed peasants and working men wearing red brassards swarmed the streets of Canton. All shops were closed.

Other advices stated that 20,000 Communists took advantage of the absence of troops sent to the west river to meet a threatened invasion from Kwangsi. They disarmed police and took control of the city.

2 ARE DROWNED; LOST FOUR DAYS

Forty-three Others Rescued from Two Vessels Wrecked in Recent Storm.

BUFFALO BOAT IS MISSING

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Survivors of the wrecked steamer Lambton were landed at Goulais Bay, 19 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., this morning, after drifting with the storm and waves across the White Fish bay since last Thursday. Two of the crew drowned, a man named Moon of Owensound, and another named Baird, of Marytown, Ont. The survivors are to be brought to Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., this evening.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 12.—(AP)—After 43 men had been rescued from two vessels wrecked in the Great Lakes, coast guardsmen today were searching for 22 members of the crew of the steamer Lambton, that crashed on a shoal at Parissienne Island, near here, and broke in two.

The hulk, buckled amidships, and completely sheeted with ice, was discovered Sunday by the tug General while enroute to Delour with members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Agawa, wreck of the latter vessel off Manitoulin Island.

Unable to reach the Lambton because of dense ice formations, the General called two tugs from here. They circled about the wreck but reported no signs of life. A landing was made on the island where footprints were found in the snow leading from the wreck, indicating the crew had abandoned the ship.

LEAGUE COUNCIL ADJOURNS MEET

Has Four International Problems on Way to Settlement; Gather in March.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—(AP)—With four international problems, including the Polish-Lithuanian controversy, on the way to settlement as a result of its deliberations, the forty-eighth session of the council of the League of Nations adjourned this morning to meet in March.

Officials said that no arrangements to convene the March session at Rome have been made, although Rome has been suggested in some quarters as offering a way of bringing about a meeting of Foreign Minister Briand of France and Premier Mussolini.

The Polish-Lithuanian dispute was liquidated by an agreement of the two countries to enter into direct negotiations with each other for the settlement of their differences and it is likely that a conference soon will be held at Riga, Latvia.

The request of Greece to be freed from obligation to make full payment for the battle cruiser Salamis control for in a German shipyard before the war and the request of the free city of Danzig to have a Polish munitions depot there either removed altogether or placed under partial control of Danzig, were referred to a mixed body and a local conference, respectively for solution.

Another question which was amicably liquidated was the indemnification of Bulgarians who left Greece for Bulgaria, the property affected totalling about \$34,000,000. Both Greece and Bulgaria agreed to accept the rulings of a mixed commission.

LINDY IS UNABLE TO LEAVE FOR 10 DAYS

Consults With Weather Bureau Officials in Regard to Mexico Flight.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh probably will not be able to take off for Mexico City for another 10 days, he said after consultation today with weather bureau officials and officers of the naval hydrographic office. The statement followed a report that a low pressure area existed over the Rio Grande.

Lindbergh called at the office to fill in details of the chart of his New York to Paris flight. After nearly an hour's work over the chart, the flier called on Capt. Henry S. Land, assistant chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics and a cousin of Lindbergh's mother, to discuss details of the navy's cooperation in the Mexico City flight. Capt. Land offered all the facilities of the department and assured Col. Lindbergh that naval communications as well as the bureau of aeronautics would assist him in every possible way.

Practically the entire navy department stopped work to welcome the flier and after leaving the hydrographic office, he was forced to push his way through hundreds of clerks who gathered in the corridors to cheer him.

COAL OPERATORS DECLINE TO ACT AT JOINT MEETING

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Coal operators of Ohio today declined to participate tomorrow in the joint conference of operators and miners called by Secretary of Labor Davis.

S. H. Robins, president of the Ohio coal operators' association in a telegram to Secretary Davis said: "We will not meet with representatives of the United Mine Workers of America with whom we have no contract and with whom we have severed all relations and who have no interest in the properties we control."

