



# LUNATIC HOLDS MURDER ORGY

## RAIL TARIFFS REDUCED ON FARM PRODUCTS FOR ATLANTIC COAST SENATE NOW PREPARED TO HEED WARNING ON VETERAN'S MEASURE

### POSTPONEMENT OF BONUS BILL WHEN VOTED ON IS CERTAIN

Agreement Reached to Put Matter Before Solons On Friday, Senator Lodge Announces

### BLOCK OTHER BILLS

Democrats Fight Bitterly Against Granting Request of President, But Prove Unsuccessful

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 13.—An agreement for a vote Friday at 3 o'clock on the motion to recommend the soldiers bonus bill was reached by the senate late today by unanimous consent.

The result of the vote, leaders of both factions agree, was not in doubt. Recommendation as requested by president Harding is declared certain.

Senator Lodge, republican leader, announced the agreement at the close of another day's assault by democratic senators. He said the recommendation was in the way of other important measures such as the anti-heer and maternity bill. In agreeing to a vote, however, democrats gave notice that they would not only oppose the republican motion but would seek to instruct the finance committee to report the bill back at an early date.

Senators Watson of Georgia and Heflin of Alabama lead the democratic attack today on the motion to recommend.

The voting agreement involved holding the bonus measure and the recommendal motion before the senate continuously until the roll call Friday. It was reached after the republican side gave up hope of securing a vote either today or tomorrow. That President Harding had exceeded his constitutional limitation in asking the senate to postpone consideration of the bill was asserted by Senator Watson. The republican move, he said, was to send the bill "to a chloroform committee presided over by a chloroform senator." That the republicans proposed "putting the bill to sleep forever" was asserted by Senator Heflin.

Senator Heflin charged that big money interests had contributed to the election of a republican president and congress and now were saying "deliver the goods." The same interests, he said were threatening to cause a panic if the bill should be passed. He contended that the treasury was amply able to bear the burden.

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### "Pomona Blue Law" Unconstitutional

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, July 13.—The "Pomona Blue Law" an ordinance prohibiting the operation on Sunday of amusements which charge admission, which was passed recently by the city council of Pomona, near here, was declared unconstitutional here today by Superior Judge Burnell. He held that it was class legislation in permitting churches to operate and take up collections, which he held was the same legally as an admission fee.

### MORE POWERS JOIN LIMITATION PLAN

GREAT BRITAIN AND ITALY ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON WORLD PROBLEMS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 13.—Additional pledges for co-operation reached Washington from several quarters today in response to President Harding's proposal for an international conference on limitation of armament and other world problems. Definite acceptance of the president's invitation were received today from Great Britain and Italy, while informal advice came that a favorable reply from China might be expected.

France having previously expressed her willingness to take part, the only invited power from which no sort of an expression has been received tonight is Japan. Administration officials were confident of an acceptance from the Tokyo government, however, and in Japanese quarters here it was indicated that the delay undoubtedly was due to the formalities of consideration among various branches of the Japanese government which are necessary in the decision of an important public question.

### EX-KAISER REFUSES TO PAY DUTCH TAXES

(By Associated Press.) DOORN, Holland, July 13.—The former German emperor is ignoring the repeated demand for payment of his municipal tax on the plea that his stay here is involuntary, to which the municipality retorts that it has not the slightest objection to his departure.

### R. P. MERRITT TO HEAD RICE GROWERS' ASS'N.

(By Associated Press.) CHICO, July 13.—A committee representing the Pacific Rice Growers' Association was named at Sacramento today to meet Ralph P. Merritt in San Francisco next Friday and offer him the presidency of the association for the next two years, according to word received here.

### GERMAN SUB SUNK IN AERIAL EXPERIMENTS

ON BOARD U. S. S. DELAWARE OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES, July 13.—Army airmen recounted today for the former German destroyer Z-102 in what was regarded by army and navy officers as one of the greatest spectacles in the history of the American air service.

### PRELUDE OF IRISH PEACE CONFERENCE STARTS TODAY

Both Factions Reluctant to Discuss Details of the Session Although All Are Optimistic

### INTENSE ACTIVITY

Belief Certain That Irish President Will Not Press for the Establishment of a Republic

(By Associated Press.) BELFAST, July 13.—Sulphurs were busy here again tonight. Two men and a boy were wounded. The truce has proven remarkably effective in Galway. Hundreds of members of the crown forces attended the races at Traim today unarmored and unbothered. People are walking about freely in the lately deserted streets, and many men who have not been seen for months are now entering the town.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 13.—A conversation which it is hoped may mark the last act of one phase of Ireland's troubled history and serve as a prelude to the long sought peace in the island, is to take place in the dingy old cabinet room in Downing Street tomorrow. The British prime minister, Lloyd George and the Irish republican leader, Eamonn De Valera, will meet in an effort to clear the stage for holding a "three party" peace conference in which Great Britain, Sinn Fein and Ulster will endeavor to compose their differences.

### SITUATION DELICATE

One of the most convincing indications of the reality of the hope that the meeting will result successfully is the reluctance of both sides to discuss the details of the session. Both parties feel that the situation is so delicate that a single unfortunate word might jeopardize the entire proceedings.

Both sides are silent although both sides have "Propaganda mills" fully organized, but while there was little word for the public, the eve of the conference shows intense activity in both camps. The premier reviewed the situation with a large staff of advisers at his home, while De Valera spent the day and evening in consultation with Arthur Griffith and others.

The government unofficially sought to encourage the idea today that De Valera's party had already been in close touch with the premier, even suggesting that members of the party had been at Tacquer Court during the afternoon, but De Valera's secretary stoutly denied that there had been any such conference. The only contact of any sort between the two parties, it was asserted, was the premier's letter suggesting the hour of meeting and the Irish leader's reply agreeing.

### POLICY ALTERED

Whether De Valera will enter the conference with a definite policy to which he is pledged, is a question which one of his associates today dealt with as follows: "Two weeks ago many of us could have answered that query briefly and certainly, but the position is altered now." Those who have followed recent events closely interpret this as an indication that the Irish leader would not press the claim for an independent republic but would parry in an effort to learn the utmost Great Britain was disposed to give, then submit the matter to Dail Eireann.

### FREIGHT RATES TO EAST ARE SUBJECT TO SLASHING CUT

Farm Products and Canned Goods to Benefit Chiefly By New Schedule Effective Soon

### TO AID RANCHERS

Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Announce Reductions Jointly; Export Trade to Benefit

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Reduced rates on shipments of canned goods and farm products from California points to New York and Gulf ports for export shipment to foreign countries to be effective in about 19 days were announced today by the Santa Fe Railroad, and lower rates on apple shipments and canned goods and varied farm products from California to eastern territory effective July 21 and August 22 respectively were made public by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The reductions range from 20c to 85c per hundred pounds.

The new Santa Fe rates on export shipments will be as follows: Dried fruit in boxes 95c, in sacks \$1.15; canned goods 80c; beans 90c; barley 50c; rice 80c. Today's rate announcement by the Santa Fe followed one made yesterday stating that in about ten days rates on shipments of beans, canned goods, condensed milk, canned salmon, dried fruit in sacks and boxes from California points to eastern territory would be decreased from 15 to 55 percent.

The Southern Pacific through G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager, made public a new rate schedule on apple shipments to the east to be effective July 21. The new schedule is as follows: Apples; minimum carload weight, 30,000 pounds, not subject to storage in transit, \$1.50 per 100 pounds; the old rate was \$1.66 2/3. Apples—minimum carload weight 30,000 pounds, subject to storage in transit, \$1.60; old rate \$1.75 1/2.

Luce also stated that reduced rates announced by the Southern Pacific on shipments of beans, canned goods, canned salmon, dried fruit and rice made public several weeks ago, would be put into effect August 22.

### MOUNTAIN RESORT IS DESTROYED BY BLAZE

(By Associated Press.) CHICO, July 13.—Fire tonight destroyed the settlement of Coutouline, a resort 25 miles from here. The flames starting from a defective flue in the Coutouline hotel, rapidly enveloped four adjoining buildings "Cottage City," close to the main section of the resort, was threatened by the fire which is still burning unchecked.

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### OREGONIAN JOBBERS PLAN OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN CAL.

Appeal Made to Interstate Commerce Commission for Revision of Freight Rates

### REQUEST OPPOSED

Klamath Falls Interests Allege Discriminatory Tariffs Now Favor San Francisco

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Klamath Falls jobbing interests made an appeal at an interstate commerce commission hearing today for a revision of interstate freight rates in southern Oregon and northern California that would enable them to compete in northern California territory against Sacramento and other California jobbers.

Commercial organizations from Portland and Medford also were present to urge the removal of discriminatory rates which they said enabled San Francisco and Oakland to reach southern Oregon more cheaply than Portland could.

The California railroad commission on the other hand intervened in the case to resist any effort to bring into question its jurisdiction in interstate rates on which the San Francisco-southern Oregon rates are based. The railroad commission and the San Francisco and Oakland chambers of commerce objected to revision of the California rates.

Seventy percent of the freight moving between Sacramento and San Francisco is now carried by automobile trucks, W. P. Goerry, rate expert for the California commission, said. He asserted that a raise in California rates would throw all the business to the truck lines.

### JAPANESE MISSION IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Thirteen prominent Japanese forming an unofficial mission, arrived here today aboard the liner Siberia Maru from Japan. The party includes Captain T. Takoka of the general staff of the Japanese army and H. Kasaki, director of home affairs for the Kanagawa department. They will study American commercial and agricultural conditions.

### STOLEN SUTRO PICTURES RECOVERED IN SPOKANE

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., July 13.—A nation-wide search for three famous paintings stolen from the Sutro stable near the beach in San Francisco ended today when authorities here reported that they had recovered the masterpieces in a raid on a cheap lodging house at Hilliard, Washington, which adjoins Spokane. The paintings were said to be practically useless except possibly for copying, as they were badly disfigured.

### Messenger Boy Disappears With \$30,000 In Bonds Taken From Mail

But Thirty Days in Firm's Employ When Huge Loss Is Discovered; Police On Trail

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—A warrant for the arrest of Russell L. Griffith, 21 year old messenger employed by McDonnell & Company, a San Francisco brokerage firm, was sworn out today by Robert M. Ridley, general manager of the concern. The warrant specifically charges the embezzlement of \$30,000 in negotiable stocks and bonds, but according to Ridley in all about \$30,000 are missing.

Ridley charges that the securities were taken from the firm's mail. Griffith had been employed by the firm for 30 days, Ridley said, and has been missing since yesterday noon. Police in all California cities have been notified of the warrant for Griffith's arrest.

Thefts from valuable mail received by large corporations have been increasing steadily in the last few months and the police are determined to make an example of the first offender captured. Not long ago a trusted chauffeur employed by a trust company departed for parts unknown while en route to the bank with \$50,000 in cash and negotiable securities. Later he returned \$10,000 to his wife living in San Francisco but she in turn notified the police and refused to accept the money. He has never been located but is supposed to have successfully escaped to South America.

### GREEKS INSTITUTE GENERAL OFFENSIVE

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 13.—The Greek's forward movement in Asia Minor is developing into a general offensive with wings attacking from the Bursa sector on the north and the Ushak area on the south about 80 miles southeast of Bursa. The Turkish nationalists outposts are falling back to strategic positions.

### MRS. KABER COLLAPSES WHEN CROSS EXAMINED

CLEVELAND, July 13.—Whether the trial of Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber on a charge of murdering her husband, Daniel S. Kaber will be interrupted today when Mrs. Kaber breaks down, will depend upon the report of two physicians who are making an examination of the accused woman tonight. The physicians together with two colleagues were indicated tonight as the state alienists to pass upon Mrs. Kaber's mental condition.

### SWEDISH PRINCE IS STRICKEN IN AFRICA

STOCKHOLM, July 13.—Prince William of Sweden was suddenly taken ill with malaria during his hunting expedition in the Belgian Congo and his condition is serious, it was announced here today.

### KANSAS COMMISSIONER ASKS FOR PRICE PROBE

(By Associated Press.) TOPEKA, Kansas, July 13.—J. H. Mercer, Kansas live stock commissioner, today called upon United States Attorney General Daugherty to investigate retail food prices throughout the country. Mercer said that while the producers are receiving the lowest prices in years, there is an enormous profiteering in food-stuff on the part of retailers and eating houses.

### THIRD VICTIM IS SCORED BY SAN FRANCISCO PARK MANIAC

Nurse Is Latest to Fall Under Murderous Weapon in Hands of Mysterious Marauder

### POLICE BAFFLED

Bloodhounds Now Combing Golden Gate; Several Suspects Are Held in Custody

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Heavy details of police were stationed at Golden Gate Park here tonight in an effort to apprehend a supposed maniac who has attacked several persons within the limits of the park with a gas pipe. The latest victim of the man, Mrs. Fred Smith, a nurse, was injured last night. Throughout today police searched the park with blood hounds but failed to pick up the scent of the attacker of Mrs. Smith.

Police Captain Marcus Anderson late today expressed the belief that the man who attacked Mrs. Smith is the same person who some months ago shot and killed Alice Byxbee, a Fresno girl, fatally wounded Thomas Moran las Friday and attacked Thomas J. Pyke Saturday evening.

Two men were taken into custody. George Stoddard was arrested and charged with mischievous conduct, the police alleging he tried to force his attention upon women visitors, and a nude man was captured by the police at Buena Vista park about a mile from Golden Gate Park. The nude man gave several names authorities said, among them Thomas McGuff. He is believed to be insane and is said to have formerly been an inmate of the state hospital at Talmadge, California.

### WIFE KILLS RELATIVE IN DEFENDING HONOR

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, July 13.—Mrs. Nettie Platz, wife of a rancher at Acton, near here, shot and killed her brother-in-law Ernest T. Platz, according to Sheriff Treater here. She told sheriff deputies that her brother-in-law attacked her early today while her husband was absent and that when he retired to his room after she had been severely beaten by him, she took her husband's shotgun, went to his room and fired the fatal shot. She is being held in the county jail here.

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