

PLANS ANNOUNCED BY J. S. HOOD ON NEW CISCO HOTEL

E. B. GUDE ALTERS ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS BLOCK AND WILL BUILD FOUR-STORY STRUCTURE ON BROADWAY TO BEGIN SOON.

LEASED FOR FIVE YEARS

Hood, Former Manager of Daniels, Returns and Signs Contract at \$99,000 Figure, Building to Be Modern in Detail With All New Features.

A four-story, 75-room hotel was contracted by Cisco Tuesday, with the return of J. S. Hood, former proprietor of the Daniels and veteran Texas hotel keeper, the deal being made for the Gude building now under construction.

The hotel will have 50 rooms with bath and 25 with shower. The lower floor will consist of an office, sample rooms and a private dining room.

The rooms are to be large and so constructed that all will have an outdoor exposure. Each will be furnished with full carpets and equipped with every modern hotel convenience.

Leaves for Michigan. Hood left last night for Grand Rapids, where he will buy the furniture. While there he will purchase such material as can be shipped in time for the opening of the building.

Hood and Gude have given me an opportunity to design a very complete hotel," said Gibson, the architect. "While the building has been originally designed for only three stories, the change can be made and occasion no delay. The exterior will be completed three stories of the dark brick now being used, while the fourth story will be in white composition. This will permit the completion of the building in the time agreed as there will be no delay in getting material."

LABOR PARTY STARTS

Request for Meeting March 22 to Select Candidates Sent All Over the United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Central labor unions over the country were requested today by the American Federation of Labor's political campaign committee to meet March 22 to select candidates for the coming presidential primary.

"Labor must make this campaign memorable," said the request. "It must strain its every fibre to achieve success. Your organization has a place in the ranks; it has a responsibility to meet which must be met. In order that there might be nation wide action at the earliest moment, labor's national non-partisan campaign committee requests that every central body call a meeting to be held March 22, 1920, at which a committee of five of your able and devoted members should be appointed."

Your committee will manage the local non-partisan political campaign in your district in accord with the national committee. The request was signed by Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and James O'Connell, composing the executive committee.

The call to the central bodies bore this slogan: "Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them. Oppose our enemies and defeat them, whether they be candidates for president for congress, or other offices; whether executive, legislative or judicial."

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN HONDURAN REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Martial law has been declared by the Honduran congress in the southern department of the republic including the city of Tegucigalpa, the state department was advised today. The dispatch from the Honduran capitol did not explain this action of congress but recent advice reported demonstrations resulting from the elections held a few weeks ago.

W. E. Wilson, salesman for the Radford Grocery company, returned today from Brownwood, where he attended the funeral of his sister, Lisa Lydia Wilson.

UNIONS WANT WILSON VETO ON RAILROAD BILL

PRESIDENT WILL BE ASKED TO WITHHOLD SIGNATURE UNTIL PROTEST IS HEARD.

TEST CONSTITUTIONALITY

Plans Withheld Until President Acts on Re-Organization Bill; Provisions to Be Condemned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Railroad labor decided tonight to ask President Wilson to veto the railroad re-organization bill.

In a memorial to be submitted probably tomorrow the president's intention of the two million union workers will be requested to withhold his signature from the measure until they can present a brief of their reasons why it should not have executive approval. Announcement of the union decision was made by B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway employees' department, American Federation of Labor, who with E. J. Marion, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, will draft the communication.

The next step in the union program, if the bill is approved, is to test the constitutionality of the law. Various methods of bringing that about were suggested but all will be held in abeyance pending the president's action.

Decision of the union officials to present their views to Mr. Wilson was reached suddenly. There had been insistent clamoring for such action by many of the local committees, called to discuss the president's wage settlement proposal. The course was not decided on, however, it was said, until it appeared no other plan would be generally accepted by the rank and file.

Will Condemn Provisions. Labor provisions of the bill admitted by the union, but the plan also contemplates attack on the financial sections, which labor holds to be "unfair to the tax payer and a burden on the government." The dividend provision of the law also will come in for condemnation, it was indicated.

As a result of the decision to ask for presidential veto, the consideration of the proposal for settlement of the controversy, submitted by the president and Director General Hines, will be largely prefunctory at tomorrow's meetings of the labor representatives. Many of the delegates planned tonight to leave Washington immediately.

WORLD NEWS WIRE BRIEFS

MADRID, Feb. 24.—The chamber of deputies today by a vote of 144 to 17 gave an expression of confidence in the government's ability to pass the budget and settle urgent impending questions.

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 24.—Miss Anita White, 14 years in the state penitentiary on a charge of criminal syndicalism. She is well known as a social and charity worker, writer and lecturer.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24.—A petition bearing the requisite number of signatures to place the name of Champ Clark in the Georgia presidential primary, April 20, has been received by the state democratic executive committee, it was announced here late today.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 24.—F. A. Foley, 36, a stationery engineer, was found dead at 5 o'clock this afternoon in a water front shack. The inquest finding was that he died from drinking wood alcohol. This is the second death within a week from wood alcohol.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 24.—A request that federal troops be sent to Montesano, to remain during the removal of the trial of alleged I. W. W. members accused of the Centralia armistice day killings, will be made immediately by Governor Hart, prosecuting Attorney Allen announced late today.

ABILENE, Feb. 24.—A large number of early date by Tom Hays of Eastland and associates, it was announced here. Three lots of Hays and North Sixth streets have been leased for a term of years and eighty-one carloads of lumber are now on the way to this city.

RAILROAD UNION HEAD CHARGES HINES WITH PARTICIPATION IN INTER-LABOR CONSPIRACY

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—In a statement mailed today to members of congress, P. P. Richardson, president of the American Federation of Railroad Workers, an independent organization with headquarters in Chicago, made a series of charges against officers of the United States railroad administration, intimating that there was a conspiracy between the officers of the American Federation of Labor and railroad administration officials, including Director General Hines.

Mr. Richardson's statement alleged that from 65 to 95 per cent of the members of the American Federation of Labor craft unions were literally handed over to those organizations by a form of conscription exercised by the railroad administration. Richardson charged that threats of force and violence were resorted to and that one of Samuel Gompers' aides employed in the government service had told Richardson he would be killed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO LOSE W. A. DOWNING

Water Downing, secretary of the Cisco chamber of commerce, astonished the directors of that body Tuesday evening when he tendered them his resignation to take effect March 1. His resignation was discussed but not acted upon.

Downing did not explain his reason for leaving the commercial body other than to say that he was going into the oil business. He has been the secretary of the chamber since the first of last July and since that time has been instrumental in the launching and successful completion of many new projects of benefit to this city.

GENERAL RUSS EXODUS URGED BY NEW UNION

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A movement with the avowed object of bringing about general exodus from America, all Russians, "as a protest against the government's conduct of alien deportation cases," was announced today by workers' defense union. The union stated that it had received an invitation from a group of Russians to attend a conference in Washington at some future date to discuss details of the contemplated exodus.

Start for Camp.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Sixteen members of the St. Louis Americans, tonight departed for Taylor, Texas, where they will begin training Thursday.

NEW PACKER PROBE OPENED UP BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

TRADE COMMISSIONER COLVER AND REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON, AUTHOR OF BILL FOR REGULATION OF INDUSTRY, HEARD UNDER PROTEST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Opening another congressional inquiry into the packing industry and the activities of the "big five" Chicago packers, the house agricultural committee today heard Federal Trade Commissioner W. B. Colver and Representative Anderson of Minnesota, author of a bill for regulation of the industry.

Some members of the committee demurred at the proposal to hold the hearings, Representative Rainey, democrat Illinois, pointing out that five congressional inquiries had been held since 1916, while other members suggested that the exceedingly extensive records of previous inquiries, which cost the government \$2000 a volume, should be considered sufficient basis for action.

The vote, however, was ten to three in favor of holding the hearings. Adjournment was taken for the day with Mr. Colver's testimony uncompleted.

Representative Anderson, arguing support of his bill, said that present conditions necessitated divorcing the packers from ownership of refrigerators and stock yards, confining their business to the handling of meat products and establishing a commission to regulate them otherwise.

Mr. Colver touched on the recent agreement between Attorney General Palmer and the packers with the remark that "of itself it is an argument for legislative regulation."

Representative Haugen of Iowa, chairman of the agriculture committee, criticized the argument, saying: "That consent decree the packers will take admits all the evil practices which they have been in the process of doing for it, specifies that they are to be given two years more to continue all of them, but after that time they are to confine their robberies to the farmers, who produce butter, eggs, cheese, poultry, doesn't it?"

Commissioner Colver smiled without direct answer. Remembering that he was not disposed to "mention minor scandals," Commissioner Colver said that the commission had found that the Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilson and Morris concerns had an "agreement with respect to the purchase of live stock in all the principal markets."

This agreement, he added, "had all the effect of a restraint of trade." Independent packing concerns, he said, were dying off at the rate of one every three months, and this was the result of the "packer practice."

AMERICAN RELEASED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Released of Joseph E. Askew, an American citizen captured by Mexican bandits, was reported to the state department today by the Toluca company of New York, which employed him. The information was based on a letter from Askew saying he was on his way back to Lerdo, where he was taken prisoner by Villa and his troops.

Officials of the state department expressed belief that if the news were true arrangements had been made for payment of \$20,000 ransom demanded by Villa from Alvarado Mining company claiming it to be due him for conveying a large shipment of bullet to the border.

A letter has been received in Mexico City from Askew, according to the official dispatches, saying that he was well treated by the bandits.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Feb. 24.—J. E. Askew, an American citizen, seized by bandits near Lerdo, Mexico, early this month and recently released, telegraphed a friend here today that he would arrive in Torreon, Mexico, tonight. Askew is manager of the San Fernando ranch near Lerdo.

ABILENE SELECTED FOR AMERICAN LEGION MEET

ABILENE, Feb. 24.—The executive committee of the American Legion of the 17th congressional district has selected Abilene for the annual convention in July of this year, subject to acceptance by the local post of the Legion.

Dr. Feris A. Bass of San Saba, district commander, states that the attendance will reach 4,000. The convention will last for three days, the dates are to be selected later.

JOHNSON MAY ENTER OHIO PRESIDENT RACE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 24.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California, at the request of Senator Warren G. Harding, today consented to allow use of his name as second choice candidate for the republican presidential nomination in Ohio, where a number of delegates have indicated they would like to make him such a choice. George B. Christian, secretary to Senator Harding, announced tonight.

THE CENSUS.

Despite the notice in Tuesday morning's issue of The News citizens are still slow in reporting in to city officials in cases where they have not been enumerated, it was announced Tuesday afternoon by Miss Helen Williamson, enumeratrix. Although a number of citizens, prompted by the "story" in The News, reported at the city hall by telephone, the number was very small. Cisco has until Saturday night, February 28, to complete her census. It is earnestly urged that all not enumerated report at once.

NEWBORN YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE PLEDGES AID TO CENSUS AND PROPOSED LEAGUE BALL CLUB

If every nose in Cisco isn't counted in the present census, it won't be the fault of 53 young business men, who at a meeting held at the city hall auditorium Tuesday night stood up and pledged to meet this afternoon at 1:30 to assist the federal enumerators get statistics on Cisco.

This action and naming a committee of five men to co-operate in the organization of a ball club for the West Texas league were the only points in civic affairs acted on by a gathering of live young citizens who met to perfect a young men's business league.

The temporary organization was retained until a committee of five has been drafted by laws and outlined the scope of the club. It is to report at a meeting to be held Monday, at which time a permanent organization will be perfected. Roy C. Griffin is temporary chairman and J. L. Kelly temporary secretary.

The matter of getting a complete census of Cisco was brought up by Arch M. Calmore, who suggested that the young business men owed it to the community to see that every one is counted. A committee meets this morning with the local census takers to see what can be done to assist them in their work.

When the chairman asked how many would volunteer to assist in completing the work and report at the city hall auditorium at 1:30 today, 53 responded. Promoter M. B. Murphy of the proposed Cisco ball club in the Oil Belt league, explained in detail his proposition. Only in the program of Mr. Murphy, State Chairman, Conner, Perry and Fulwiler, was named to assist Mr. Murphy in raising the necessary funds to assure Cisco of a franchise in the league.

Volunteer workers who will help in completing the census are invited to be at the meeting this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, said Roy C. Griffin, chairman.

HOUSE ARMY BILL TO DROP UNIVERSAL ARMY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Universal military training bill is omitted from the house army re-organization bill, and is the subject of separate legislation at the next session of congress, beginning in December. That was agreed upon tonight by republican leaders and Chairman Kahn of the house military committee, after two days of informal conferences.

The agreement is looked upon as eliminating any possibility of republican action in the house which might be interpreted as a stand on universal training in the coming presidential campaign, and will leave the party's attitude a possible subject for consideration in framing the platform at the national convention.

PROHIBITION FORGES NEARING IRON RIVER

IRON RIVER, Mich., Feb. 24.—Martin S. McDonough, state's attorney for Iron county, today announced he had received a telegram from Attorney General Palmer, regretting that a "misunderstanding had arisen over the enforcement of prohibition laws and expressing the hope that the difficulties would be straightened out."

Mr. McDonough was advised by the attorney general to get in touch with District Attorney Walker at Grand Rapids in an effort to settle the matter. District Attorney Walker telegraphed to Major A. V. Dalrymple, head of the prohibition forces in the central states, asking for a conference at which McDonough could be present and efforts made to settle the case amicably.

Residents of Iron River tonight were peacefully awaiting the arrival of the federal officers, led by Major Dalrymple, who had announced their intention to bring out without warrants the six county officials charged with obstructing enforcement of the prohibition law.

Both H. B. Hatch, United States commissioner at Marquette and District Attorney Walker at Grand Rapids today refused to issue the warrants.

TELLS OF GRIEVANCES OF ALBANY SOCIALISTS

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Louis Waldman, one of the five suspended socialist assemblymen being tried by the judiciary committee of the lower house on charges of disloyalty, late today took the stand in his own behalf, testifying for nearly an hour before "court" adjourned for the day. Assemblyman Waldman laid what he later explained was the foundation of the socialist's promised "exposure" on the workings of political Albany.

The youthful assemblyman described in detail the fate of bills introduced by the socialist delegation concerning "traction matters and other questions of vital interest to the working class."

Nearly all these bills, he said, had been killed in committee. He was still enumerating bills when the session ended.

CONGRESS CRITICIZES PERSHING'S TROUSERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The cur of General Pershing's coat and trousers was debated today in the house. He and other American army officers were charged by Representative Connally, democrat of Texas, with having "aped" European fashions in their uniforms and in carrying canes.

"General Pershing's coat is split up the back and his trousers bagged like the English uniform," said Mr. Connally. "He kept his American head," Representative Wingo, democrat of Arkansas, interjected, "but I too noticed that his tail was very English."

Deplored the adoption of foreign fashions, Representative Connally moved to abolish the title of under-secretary of state and substitute the former title of counselor. In the executive appointment bill, but the motion was defeated 20 to 21.

CRANE RE-APPOINTED CHINESE MINISTER

STRENGTHENS CITY ELECTION DECLARIES FOR OPEN SHOP

BEAUMONT, Texas, Feb. 24.—In one of the hardest fought elections ever held here, B. A. Steinigman was today elected mayor of Beaumont over Dr. E. J. Diefenbacher, running for a second term, by a majority of 550. All votes were polled. Diefenbacher was running as a union labor candidate and charged his opponent with being supported by the open shop association of this city.

Whiskey in Chicago Listed a Necessity Price \$5 Per Gallon

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Whiskey for medicinal purposes will be placed on the federal fair price list along with butter, eggs, flour and other necessities of life, it was announced today by Harry Mager, collector of internal revenue. The action was decided upon at a conference attended by Mr. Mager, District Attorney Clynne, Hubert Howard, state prohibition commissioner, and A. A. Sprague, head of the Illinois fair price commission. The price for whiskey was not decided, but, according to Mr. Clynne, it probably will be less than \$5 a gallon.

REPUBLICANS PLAN HASTENING ACTION UPON PEACE TREATY

DEMOCRATS CONFER WITH COLLEAGUES ON WYOMING FINAL RATIFICATION STAND IS TO BE HITCHCOCK VETES CALCUS.

Republicans Still Claim 22 Democrats Are at Their Command; Democrats Say Figures Are Exaggerated; No Prediction As to Final Vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Plans to hasten a final decision on the peace treaty were made by senate republicans today while the administration leaders were taking counsel among their divided colleagues as to what should be the final democratic stand on ratification.

The republican determination to bring the question to a conclusion was announced by Senator Lodge, who said that while today and tomorrow had been allotted to consideration of pressing legislation, he would call up the treaty again Thursday and would ask that it remain the business of the senate until disposed of.

Meantime the democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, vetoed for the present the proposal for a party caucus, sponsored by democratic senators who want to end the long controversy by taking the republican reservations as they stand. Senator Hitchcock said, that to call a caucus would be inadvisable.

In some quarters it was predicted that under the program outlined by Senator Lodge the treaty could be brought to a ratification vote within a week or ten days. The irreconcilable opponents of ratification are expected, however, to insist that there be no ratification, and no one could predict how much time they might consume in debate.

Republican claims as to the number of democrats ready to accept the ratification reservations still stood at 22 today, with a dozen more needed to insure ratification. The administration leaders continued to insist that the figure was exaggerated, but they said today they had made no recent canvass of the situation and declined to give any estimate of the number that might go over on a ratification roll call.

MAN FOR LANSING JOB MAY BE PICKED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson is expected to announce tomorrow his selection of a successor to Robert Lansing as secretary of state.

White House officials tonight refused to discuss the question of whom the president had agreed upon.

The name of Frank L. Polk, secretary ad interim since the resignation of Mr. Lansing ten days ago after a disagreement with the president over the calling of cabinet meetings and previously under secretary state, continuing to be mentioned most prominently for the portfolio. Little surprise would be evidenced in unofficial circles if Mr. Polk were selected.

Speculation as to the possibility of Mr. Polk's selection takes cognizance of the fact that he understands thoroughly the Adriatic question, the most pressing matter now engaging the attention of the state department. Also the appointment of the under secretary as secretary would be in line with the policy followed when Mr. Lansing, then holding an office corresponding to that occupied by Mr. Polk, was made secretary after William Jennings Bryan resigned.

Possibility of the transfer of Newton D. Baker from the war department to the state department also continued to be discussed today along with probabilities that Mr. Wilson might go outside his official family to choose a new secretary.

BATTLE FOR PRESIDENT VOTE LOOMS LIKELY FOR BUCKEYES

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 24.—With announcement of former Attorney General Edward C. Turner as a candidate for delegate at large to the republican national convention, naming General Leonard Wood as his first choice for president, a battle between Senator Warren G. Harding and General Wood for control of Ohio's 44 delegates is looming.

C. P. Swim left today for Abilene on business.

Diplomat Recalled By President Taft is Wilson Choice

TALKED TOO MUCH-KNOX

First Appointment in 1909 Protested by Japanese Whose New Stand Is Unknown—Chinese Accept.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Charles R. Crane of Chicago, business man, millionaire and world traveler, appointed minister to China by President Taft in 1909 and recalled while on the way to Peking for "talking too much," has been selected by President Wilson for the post to succeed Dr. Paul Reinsch.

Mr. Crane's selection re-opens a chapter of diplomatic history which although forgotten by many, was one of the most lively incidents in American foreign relations.

Japanese Objected. It was generally stated that Mr. Crane's recall in 1909 was at the instance of the Japanese government, which was reported not only to have regarded his appointment as offensive but objected also to a man whom Mr. Crane was taking as a private secretary and adviser, a man who was quite well known for writings construed as anti-Japanese.

None of the real inside story of Mr. Crane's recall appears on such diplomatic documents as were permitted to become public and as the records stand President Taft changed his mind about Mr. Crane's fitness for the post in the Far East after agreeing with Secretary Knox that Mr. Crane had "talked too much" and been "indiscreet" in and Mr. Fannie Fripz of Fort Worth, Francisco to sail for China.

Mr. Crane came again to public notice when President Wilson offered him the post of ambassador to Russia, which he declined. Later Mr. Crane was a member of the mission headed by former Secretary Root, which went to Russia, and he has generally been regarded as one of the few men who were "close to the president."

Chinese Approve. The Chinese government has accepted Mr. Crane as being persona grata as it had in 1909; otherwise, according to diplomatic procedure, he would not have been selected again. Whether the Japanese government's objection to Mr. Crane's fitness for the post in the Far East, can only be a conjecture, but some Washington officials feel that in view of the previous incident in which Mr. Crane figured and the general aspects of the situation in the Far East, President Wilson probably would not have selected him without feeling.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY IS SENT TO ENTENTE

Wilson Understood to Have Again Made "Unequivocal" Stand on Position of United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's reply to the entente premiers on the Adriatic question was despatched tonight by the state department. It is expected to be in the hands of ambassador Davis at London tomorrow, and will be delivered as soon as it has been decoded.

Officials still declined to discuss its contents but it is known that in his exchanges with the premiers, the president has made an unequivocal stand of the American government's position, especially with regard to the forming of agreements without the participation of this country.

It is understood that in his latest note the president does not return precisely to the argument of the entente. It is expected to be in the hands of ambassador Davis at London tomorrow, and will be delivered as soon as it has been decoded.

However, the president is said to have refused to agree to the terms of settlement sent by the premiers to Jugoslavia as an ultimatum.

Acting Secretary Polk is endeavoring to arrange for the simultaneous publication of the correspondence on both sides of the Atlantic. It is believed now that the notes will be made public in Washington soon after the president's reply is delivered at London and Paris.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CISCO

When oil was first found in Eastland county Cisco was perhaps the best prepared of any West Texas city to care for the influx of population with her water supply and 5000 population. At the rate Cisco has grown since that time it is estimated the city will have reached 10,000 population by the time the Eastland county field is developed.

THE WEATHER.

Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma: Wednesday and Thursday fair, little change in temperature. East Texas: Wednesday fair, cooler on west coast; Thursday fair.

WEST TEXAS: Wednesday fair, cooler in south portion; Thursday fair.

FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE J. W. HARTMAN

Cisco Pioneer, Buried Tuesday Afternoon, Was Highly Respected and a West Texas Builder

The funeral of the late J. W. Hartman was held Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, Avenue E and Fifth, attended by many friends of the family. The body was brought to Cisco Monday night and taken immediately to the residence, where it remained until 1:30 o'clock, after which burial occurred in the Cisco cemetery.

And thus ended the career of one of Cisco's pioneer citizens and business men. For more than a quarter of a century, J. W. Hartman had been identified with the upbuilding of West Texas. He saw the city grow from a village and had always been active in everything for the community. He had large investments in Cisco property.

Death was due to excessive blood pressure. Some time ago he discovered serious internal complications, and three weeks ago went to Fort Worth for an operation. The operation seemed to be satisfactory, and the physicians pronounced him on the road to recovery. But he grew suddenly worse Sunday and relatives were called back to Fort Worth, only to find him gradually sinking.

Fine tributes were paid Mr. Hartman by his many friends here. Sterling in his character sturdy, mild-mannered and a man whose word was as good as a bond, they said. Such a history and reputation is a fine heritage to the family and a loss to any community, they averred.

Attend Hartman Funeral. Those attending the funeral of J. W. Hartman from out of town were Mrs. O. T. Maxwell, niece of the deceased, speeches he made while en route to San sister of Mrs. Hartman.

LEAGUE HEADS FAIL TO PICK COMMISSION HERE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Presidents John Heydler of the National League and Ban Johnson of the American League held a conference here today, but were unable to agree on a chairman for the national commission. "We discussed several candidates but were unable to reach a decision on any one man," Heydler said. "However, I hope we will be able to name the new chairman in about a week's time."

The names of the candidates discussed were submitted by a joint committee of the leagues in Chicago. They included Harvey Woodruff of Chicago and State Senator James Walker, William P. (Big Bill) Edwards and J. Conway Toole of New York. Johnson will return to Chicago tomorrow.

COURT HEARS CLAIMS UPON STAR TWIRLER

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24.—After giving testimony in the form of depositions before Harvey T. Parry, commissioner appointed in superior court to hear evidence in the suit over possession of Fletcher Kellor Hasty, Southern association directors left for their homes today.

The proceedings were behind closed doors and the outcome of claims of Hasty and Atlanta to the twirler will not be known until the commissioner files his report in court, where a final decision is expected in a few days. Work of the spring meeting was completed last night with adjournment of a regular for 1920.

Metropolitan Theater TODAY-- Taylor Holmes --in-- "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" It's a Big Metro Also Rainbow Comedy-- "Brownie's Busy Day" --JUDIA-- The Show With a Punch

"The Brightest Spot in Town" THE VICTORY PICTURE HOUSE --TODAY-- Wallace Reid --in-- "DOUBLE SPEED" Reid's latest production and Paramount's biggest and newest hit. You will enjoy every minute. PATHE NEWS AL JENNINGS

RAPID BREAKS FALL ON NEW YORK MARKET

New Reaction in Foreign Exchange and Federal Reserve Statement Hit Many Staunch Lines.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The stock market was again very much unsettled today, all classes of issues, except rails, breaking from three to fifteen points. Renewal of liquidation was largely prompted by last week's poor showing of the local federal reserve bank, with reserves below legal requirements and another reaction in foreign exchange, which cancelled the greater part of the recent recovery.

The day was not without its favorable incidents, notably the January statement of the country's foreign trade which disclosed a gain of almost \$50,000,000 over the preceding month and an abundance of call or demand loans at six per cent.

Motors, oil, steel, equipments, shipments and allied specialties, more or less in the order named, furnished the greater part of the day's activity and price depreciation. General Motors overshadowed all others, falling 14 3/4 points to 235 1/2, against last week's maximum of 254.

Other weak issues included Chandler, Maxwell second, preferred, Stutz, Pierce-Arrow, and Studebaker motors at recessions of 3 1/2 to 10 points, motor specialties, particularly tire shares, also crumbling.

Among oils, Mexican and Pan-American petroleum, Royal Dutch and Texaco company were 4 to 10 points low.

SOONER SOLONS HEAR ANTI SUFFRAGE PLEA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 24.—A message from anti-suffrage leaders announcing their purpose of submitting a concurrent resolution in the houses of representatives tomorrow morning asking that ratification of the woman suffrage amendment be submitted to a state referendum during the primary election August 3, was read in the house this afternoon. Telegrams opposing ratification were received from Mrs. Rufus M. Gibbs, president of the Maryland association opposed to woman suffrage; Mabel G. Millard, president of the Iowa association opposed to woman suffrage, and from the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and read to both bodies of the legislature today.

Unless there should be unexpected digression of the legislature upon the consideration of the substitute suffrage proposal, the house joint resolution for ratification will reach its final reading in the senate Friday.

Mr. Dickson of Waco spent Sunday in the city as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander.

John H. Garner returned Tuesday from Gorman, where he had been on business. Mr. and Mrs. Garner will leave in a few days for a two months' visit in San Antonio.

Wm. Little of Ranger was a Cisco visitor Tuesday. John Neel is taking a vacation and is visiting in San Antonio and Galveston. Chief Hiltson Sick. Chief of Police Willie Hiltson is reported ill at his home. The chief is said to have left his desk Monday afternoon with a severe cold and fever. It is thought that he has contracted the influenza.

ABSENCE OF QUORUM HINDERS COMMISSION SOCIETY

At a called meeting of the board of county commissioners at Eastland Tuesday two commissioners failed to put in their appearance, but one of the advisory committee showed up and the commission was forced to sit around throughout the day waiting for a quorum, with the result that it adjourned until today, according to Walter A. Downing, secretary of the Cisco chamber of commerce, who attended.

The meeting was of a special nature to consider bids on the \$4,500,000 worth of good roads bonds voted some time ago by the county. Downing states that considerable laxity is manifested by members of the county commission and that with one exception he has been the sole member of the advisory committee to ever attend a meeting in accordance with the functions of the lesser body.

RELATIVES AT FUNERAL OF EMMITT DANIEL HERE. Out of town parties attending the funeral of Emmitt Daniels were Mrs. Lewis Bresh of Dallas, nephew of Mrs. Daniels; Mrs. Herbert Smith of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buey and children of Childress, sister of deceased; Mrs. James Richards of Waco, Aunt and E. B. Adams of Dallas.

JOHN W. BOATMAN, OLD RESIDENT, CALLED TO REST. The Rev. John W. Boatman, an old-time citizen of the Cisco country, passed away at his home in Cottonwood community February 22, 1920. He was born in Indiana December 28, 1855; came to Texas in 1875 and for many years has lived near Cisco. He was known all over this country as a substantial citizen. He joined the Methodist church at the age of 19 years, was licensed to preach in 1892 at Rockwell school house in Eastland county and was ordained a deacon in Waxahachie in 1896 by Bishop Keener. Mr. Boatman was married to Miss Martha Courtney December 24, 1879, in Comanche county by the Rev. W. R. D. Stockton. Eleven children were born in the home; two are dead, nine with this wife and mother remain to mourn his loss. Funeral services were held in the Cisco cemetery by the Rev. S. J. Vaughan. The family wish to thank their many friends for kindness shown.

Mobley's Back From Louisiana. H. L. Mobley and wife returned Tuesday morning from Louisiana, where they have spent the winter. They have decided to make Cisco their home. Mr. Mobley has been in the oil business and got away just about the time things picked up around Cisco, a situation that brought him back.

Mexicans Honor American. EAGLE PASS, Tex., Feb. 24.—Mexican aviators stationed opposite this city crossed to Eagle Pass in a body today with floral offerings for the funeral of Lieutenant Horace Corey of Chicago, the American army aviator killed in a fall here yesterday.

SOCIETY

Friends of John Leslie will read with interest the account of his marriage Saturday evening in Dallas. John spent a number of years in Cisco as a youth and graduated from the Cisco high school a few years ago. Since then he has resided in Fort Worth.

From the Dallas News: John Leslie of Fort Worth and Miss Addie N. Caplen of Galveston were married in Dallas Friday night at 9 o'clock at the home of Dr. William M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Dr. Anderson officiating. Mr. Leslie is the son of the Rev. J. D. Leslie, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Cisco. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John A. Caplen of Galveston. After spending a few days in Dallas they will go to Fort Worth to make their home. Mr. Leslie being connected with the Gulf Production company.

Edwin Tense, who lives about five miles south of Cisco, was married Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to Miss Tilda Hagaman, at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of many relatives and friends. Following the ceremony a bountiful wedding supper was served and the evening was spent in dancing.

The colonial tea given by the ladies' aid of the Christian church, at the home of Mrs. Guy Ward, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, was a delightful affair. Decorations were especially pleasing and carried out the spirit of the occasion.

Madames J. J. Winston, Jack Winston and Charles Fleming received 59 callers during the afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Stockard and Mrs. Elliott, gowned in Martha Washington costumes, poured tea. They were assisted by Messrs. Roy Wilson, E. H. Holmes, Floyd Moon, Tom Mashburn and Pittard.

Mrs. John Noel and little daughter, Mary Lilburn, and mother, Mrs. Coffee, are visiting in Fort Worth.

W. S. Brandon and W. J. Campbell, with the Spang Machinery company, are expecting their families from Butler, Penn., to join them in a few days and they will occupy the Spang dwellings on sixth, recently vacated.

CRANE REAPPOINTED CHINESE MINISTER. (Continued from Page 1) that this appointment would cause no disagreeable incident between the United States and Japan. Mr. Crane was appointed minister to China by President Taft in September, 1909, and in Chicago on his way to San Francisco quoted Mr. Taft as having told him of America's interest in China's welfare and having added that whenever Mr. Crane made a speech he ought to "speak it out red hot."

Recalled by Telegraph. The storm did not break, however, until a month later when in San Francisco Mr. Crane got a telegram from Secretary Knox at the eye of embarking, ordering him back to Washington. The reason for the sudden change was not made public at the time, Mr. Crane professing ignorance of it. It finally developed that a story appearing in a western newspaper accredited to Mr. Crane and representing him as attacking the Manchurian agreements between China and Japan was the real cause of his recall. The story also appeared in the Japanese press and caused a considerable reaction in Japan over the supposed views of the new minister to the United States to China. Secretary Knox issued a statement that Mr. Crane, "without the knowledge of authority of any one connected with the department to send Mr. Crane's paper story to the effect that this government was preparing to protest against some of the features of the agreements, and that the promulgation of the protest only awaited the return of an official who was to formulate it. Purely Incidental. Mr. Crane announced that he had never seen the offending article, but assumed full responsibility for his connection with it "purely incidental" as the connection was.

The state department then let it be known that Mr. Crane should have referred to the probability of an American protest against the Manchurian agreements because it was the purpose to have Mr. Crane sound out the diplomatic corps at Peking on the subject before drawing a protest.

Not the First. Mr. Crane was not the first American minister to China who failed to reach his post because some government objected to something he had mentioned in the previous case the protest said. In the previous case the protest of China itself held up former Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire, who was on his way to Peking, because he had made certain "yellow" statements in the senate debates on the Chinese exclusion law which the Chinese felt made him persona non grata to them.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Charles R. Crane, here tonight, said he knew nothing of his reported selection by President Wilson to be minister to China. He said he would not comment upon the matter until he had received official notification from Washington. He remarked, however, that in case he were chosen for the post there were several things he would like to know about before deciding to accept.

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