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NO EVIDENCE OF THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Official Reports of Ross Rifle Tests Tabled

WHY IT WAS DISCARDED

Exhaustive Comparisons Made Before Lee Enfield Weapon Was Substituted—German Depreciation of the Ross Rifle

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Sept. 25—Sir Sam Hughes will have to go further than parliamentary and government records to get evidence to substantiate his allegations of a widespread conspiracy against the Ross Rifle.

The return laid on the table of the House yesterday gives the official reports of the tests made before a number of Canadian officers by Lieut. Colonel Prismall at Hythe on April 8, 1916. The first test between the Ross rifle and the S. M. Lee Enfield consisted of a number of men firing as many rounds in one minute as they could. This showed that using D. A. ammunition, 1915, both rifles worked well; the extraction was good and the bolts worked smoothly. A series of shots with defective ammunition, B 14, was fired with the result that greater trouble was experienced in extraction with the Lee Enfield than with the Ross rifle. With the first ammunition mentioned the average rounds fired per man per minute was 22.2 for the Ross rifle, 19.5 for the Lee Enfield, the percentage of hits being about the same. In a seven minute test between two firers, one using the Ross rifle and the other the Lee Enfield, and both attempting to shoot as much as they could in the time, 169 rounds were discharged from the Ross rifle as compared to 129 from the Lee Enfield.

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SEPTEMBER BRIDES

McLennan-Baskin.

At the Carleton Methodist church this morning Miss E. Margaret Baskin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baskin, and Frederick W. McLennan, son of James McLennan of this city, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Heaney, B. A., in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The young people were unattended. The bride was attired in a blue serge tailored suit with black panne velvet hat, wearing a corsage bouquet of purple pansies. The bride is a graduate of Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen, N. B. The groom is a member of the staff of the St. John post office. A valuable collection of wedding presents were received bearing testimony to the esteem in which they are held. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McLennan left on a honeymoon trip through the province by automobile. On their return they will make their home in St. John. At the ceremony today among those present from out of town were Mrs. Hanson, of Milltown, and Miss Bronstromb, superintendent of St. Stephen Hospital.

Beveridge-Davis.

A wedding of much interest took place this afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Davis, 170 Queen street, when their youngest daughter, Alva Blanche, became the bride of Clarence Kenney Beveridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beveridge, Manawagonish road, Fairville. The ceremony was performed in the parlor, which was prettily decorated with dahlias and wild flowers, by Rev. D. J. MacPherson, pastor of the Central Baptist church. The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in a wedding gown of white crepe de chene with veil and orange blossoms and georgette cap and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bride and groom were unattended. Lohengrin's wedding march was artistically rendered by Mrs. W. M. Davis, sister-in-law of the bride. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served after which the bride and groom left on the evening train for Boston and other American cities. On their return they will reside in the Manawagonish road. The bride's going away suit was of taupe with a black velvet hat and she wore white ermine furs. Many beautiful and costly gifts were received including a scallop dish and silver pickle dish presented by the lady staff of Scovil Bros., Limited, of which the bride was a member.

The groom was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and was in France about eighteen months with the 12th Siege Battery and previous to his enlistment was employed with Frank R. Fairweather and Company, but since his return has been made a member of the firm. A host of friends extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge and wish them much future happiness, as they were very popular in this city.

Last evening members of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, the Maritime Province's Pond, which is composed of general fire insurance agents and inspectors, who have control over a territory such as a province or state, journeyed to the Ben Lomond House by automobiles and had dinner, after which cards and a musical programme formed the source of amusement for the evening. The party was in honor of Mr. Beveridge, who was initiated into the order. The programme was rendered by the following:—The "Ganders," Gerald O'Neill and R. S. Ritchie, who rendered solos, and the "Gosling," Teddy Robinson, who rendered solos on the flute and piccolo. The evening was very pleasantly spent and the party returned home after congratulating their new member.

McKinney-Dale.

A pretty wedding took place in St. Augustin's church, Summer Hill, Queens county, on Wednesday afternoon, September 24, at three o'clock, when the rector, Rev. T. H. Buckland, united in marriage Miss Jennie M., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dale, and James S. McKinney, both of Summer Hill. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion. The bride, who was unattended, entered the church on the arm of her father to the strains of the wedding march, which was played by Miss Eva Donald. The bride was becomingly attired in Copenhagen blue silk with white satin trimmings and carried an arm bouquet of pink and white asters. After the ceremony the bridal party, accompanied by the immediate relatives and a few invited guests, proceeded to the home of the bride where a bounteous wedding supper was served. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents including cut glass, silverware, china, and several checks. The happy young people will spend their honeymoon visiting Boston and other New England cities. The bride's traveling suit was of navy blue serge with hat to match. On their return they will reside at Summer Hill.

Clowes-Gunter

The wedding of John Clowes of Upper Gagetown, N. B., to Miss Olive Pansey Gunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter of Cambridge, Queens county, N. B., took place last evening in St. Luke's church in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated. They were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Clowes left this morning for Digby, N. S., on a wedding trip and on their return will reside at Upper Gagetown.

Nugent-Johnston

A wedding of interest to a great many people in St. John took place this morning in the new cathedral at Charlottetown, P. E. I., when F. Warren Nugent, son of Mrs. M. J. Nugent, of this city was married to Miss Eileen Johnston, daughter of J. J. Johnston, K. C., M. P., of Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent left this morning on a wedding trip to Boston, New York and other American cities. On their return they will reside in St. John. Among those present at the wedding were Mrs. Nugent, the groom's mother, his brother, Dr. John R. Nugent and sister, Miss Florence Nugent.

Parks-Humphreys.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon at Trinity church, Hammond River, when Miss Marion Christiana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey, of French Village, was united in marriage to Burton Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parks of Fair Vale. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon A. W. Daniel of Rothesay. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a dress of white Georgette with pearl trimmings, and veil draped with orange blossoms, and coronet worn in Russian style, and carrying a bridal bouquet of white roses. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss May Humphrey, who wore a gown of Nile green tulle with pink crepe trimmings, and Miss Helen Daniel was a very sweet flower girl. W. E. Gregory acted as groomsman. The church and bridal arch were decorated with hydaranges and dahlias, and appropriate music was rendered by the church choir. After the ceremony the guests drove to the home of Mr. Humphrey, where a sumptuous supper was served. Many beautiful and costly wedding remembrances were received. Mr. and Mrs. Parks left for a tour of the province and will reside at French Village for the present.

Lannan-Bredeau

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, Mass., on Wednesday evening, September 17, when Mary Elizabeth Bredeau, formerly of Chatham, N. B., was united in marriage by Rev. Father O'Connell to George D. Lannan of New York.

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$800,000 Programme For Street Paving

Commissioner Fisher Submits Scheme to Council—Also Recommends Additional Work to be Paid for From Appropriations, But This Plan Meets Vigorous Opposition—Action is Deferred

Commissioner Fisher presented a programme of proposed paving in the city for the next four years at this morning's committee meeting of the common council, which will call for an expenditure of more than $800,000. Although the report was received, it was not approved, as there were some points on which the council was not agreed. This included the completion of the paving on several streets which already has been started and will not be completed this year.

Commissioner Fisher's report was as follows:

As requested by the council a short time ago your commissioner submits the following list of business, and through traffic street which, in his opinion, should be paved as early as possible, and within the next four years the work to be done by contractors and payment to be made by bond issue.

Under favorable conditions some additional contract paving might be undertaken within the same period, and there should also be laid each year by the Public Works Department and paid for out of the appropriation 10,000 sq. yds. or more of asphalt paving. This quantity would represent about six blocks of 400 feet length each, with intersections. The streets and parts of streets to be paved by the Public Works Department should, in your commissioner's opinion, be selected each year by the council, as has been done in the past, with advance attention given to the underground services.

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TROUBLE AHEAD NO MATTER WHAT WAY THEY TURN

Italian Ministers Recognize Gravity of Situation

WISH TO AVOID FORCE

Serious Difficulty in Finding Solution of Fiume Problem—Cannot Fight D'Annunzio and Cannot Yield to Him Without Opposition by the Allies and Others

Rome, Sept. 25—Cabinet ministers do not conceal the enormous gravity of the situation and the serious difficulty, not to say the impossibility, of finding a satisfactory solution to the Fiume problem. They do not want to use force against Captain D'Annunzio, wishing to avoid fratricidal conflicts, and it is said that this hesitation may be partially due to the fact that troops ordered against the poet's forces might refuse to obey orders.

Persuasion, it is said, here is useless without agreeing to Captain D'Annunzio's conditions—the annexation of the port of Fiume and the Hinterland to Italy proper. It is asserted that if the Italian government should accept such conditions, Italy would have against her not only her allies but her erstwhile enemies, headed by Jugo-Slavia, which, perhaps, would already have acted but for internal trouble and the lack of a responsible government in power. The Italian government was the first to recognize the impossibility of getting the Allies to acknowledge as an accomplished fact the occupations of Fiume, for if they admitted of this view there would be "accomplished facts" everywhere.

The advisability of the cabinet resigning has been considered, but the idea has been abandoned, since a ministerial crisis would not help to solve the problem, nor is there a man available with greater authority or more energy than Premier Nitti, who is generally considered the strongest statesman possessed by Italy. He has considerable opposition, however, which is fomented by nationalists and supporters of Baron Sonnino, former minister of foreign affairs. Besides, the present chamber of deputies may be said to be almost considered illegal and hardly representing the will of the people, since its term expired during the war, being prolonged to avoid general elections during the conflict. It is pointed out that this naturally weakens the significance of support given the cabinet. Hope is entertained that the Crown Council will succeed in bringing about an agreement by all parties on a stable policy.

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PREMIER TRYING TO HURRY THEM

In order to speed up a definite announcement respecting the opening of traffic on the St. John Valley Railway, Hon. W. E. Foster, premier of the province, this morning sent telegrams to D. B. Hannah, president of the C. N. R., and F. P. Brady, manager of eastern lines.

These messages asked for information concerning the date for the opening, stating that a joint report of the engineers who had inspected the line had been sent to them some days ago. The report, in order to expedite matters, had been sent by wire and Mr. Foster asked this morning for a reply of a definite nature, in this connection.

It is understood that the reason for the delay now is owing to the fact that a change in time-table on the railways will go into effect early next month. The engineers who inspected the road last week found it in splendid condition and ready for operation.

Ice Bergs Sighted

Montreal, Sept. 25—The steamer Norburn reports on September 23: Passed large bergs 52 degrees 45 minutes north, 53 degrees 23 minutes west; 72 degrees 42 minutes north, 53 degrees 35 minutes west; 52 degrees 38 minutes north, 53 degrees 45 minutes west, and several bergs 52 degrees 36 minutes north 53 degrees 43 minutes west.

Must Sell By Weight.

Montreal, Sept. 25—Instructions have been issued by the administrative commission to the chief of police and to the superintendent of markets that by-law 665, adopted by the city council a year ago, is to be enforced. It requires that certain vegetables, game and fowl, and even eggs, be sold to the retail trade by weight.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I sot on one o' them benches on King Square yisteday afternoon quite a spell, lookin' at the ants."

"The ants," said the reporter, "I never saw any ants on King Square."

"The human ants," explained Hiram. "They're they was—runnin' across the square an' along Charlotte street, an' past the Imperial, an' down by Breeze's Corner, scurryin' about as if what they was doin' was the biggest thing ever happened. I wasn't the ony one lookin' at 'em. All round the aidge of the roof o' the grand stand was a row o' pigeons, heads pinted out, lookin' down at the show. I s'pose that's their movin' picture show. Well, sir, I couldn't help thinkin' about all the ants that's run around there sence the fust ones was put in their hills for good—over in the Old Burial Ground. An' all of 'em thought they was some punkins—an' the town couldn't git along if anything happened to them. Yes, sir—we're built that way. An' when we're gone the world goes on jist the same. I seen some old fellers there that'll never do another hard day's work in the little time left to 'em—an' they was jist as keen about livin' as anybody. An' then when I was settin' there a young feller come along that 'ad been to Boston for a couple o' weeks. 'This here town,' says he, 'is dead, an' I don't see how people kin live here.' I s'pose he'd spent a few wenin's around Scolley Square an' down to the beaches, an' thought that was life. Poor little feller. Why, Mister, see here. I kin stand out in my dooryard when there aint a soul anywheres in sight, an' look up to the stars an' not be lonesome. I know them same stars looked down on Abraham, an' Noah, an' Alexander, an' Julius Caesar, an' Napoleon, an' Wellington, an' Abe Lincoln, an' billions o' people that worked on the job ahead o' me. I git lonesome sometimes in a crowd—but not because there aint a jazz band playin'. Howsomever, it takes all kinds to make a world. An' we're not a bad lot, after all. Say—I could love the hull human family if they'd quit gougin' one another, an' backbitin', an' a few more bad habits. When I come to think about it—mebbe I orto take a little o' my own medicine—By Hen!"

MAY TIE UP 'PHONE SERVICE OF U. S.

New York, Sept. 24—A complete tie-up of telephone service in this state and in New Jersey and possibly throughout the nation, was threatened tonight by speakers at a meeting of 500 employes of the New York Telephone Company. Tentative plans are under way, it was said, for a strike "in the near future" unless the company grants a standardized wage scale, including a twenty-five per cent increase.

NORWAY WILL CONTROL THE ARCHIPELAGO

Paris, Sept. 25—The supreme council of the peace conference at this morning's session approved the report of the commission on Spitzenburg granting to Norway political suzerainty over the Spitzenbrug archipelago.

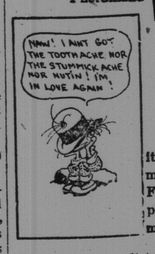
Norway is closer to Spitzburg than any other country and virtually all of the several nations which had put in claims to the territory, had waived them before the commission's report was presented. The territory is chiefly valuable for its coal mines, owned by Norwegians.

The council also decided that the Kongu territory in Northern Moxambique, detached from the German colonial possessions, should be given to Portugal.

Ontario's Next Governor

Toronto, Sept. 25—Recently it was stated that Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, would succeed Sir John Hendrie, the present lieutenant-governor of Ontario. Interviewed last night, the Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways, denied the rumor. "The appointment of Sir Edward Kemp or any one else has not been considered or discussed," said the minister, "nor have other names been suggested."

Phelix and Pherdinand



WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—A disturbance which is moving eastward across the Ottawa Valley has caused showers over northern and eastern Ontario and Quebec. Light showers have also occurred in Manitoba; elsewhere the weather has been fair. It has been comparatively cool in nearly all parts of the dominion.

Showers.

Maritime—Southerly winds, increasing to fresh or strong southwest tonight, showers tonight and part of Friday.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight! Friday, fair and cooler; Saturday, probably fiair; fresh southwest to west winds.

Senate Committee Investigating Strike

Fighting for Free Speech and Right of Free Assembly Says Labor Leader—Varying Reports Again Mark Progress of Conflict in Steel Industry

Washington, Sept. 25—Investigation of the nation-wide steel strike by the senate labor committee which begins today was called to determine "if the situation in any way can be relieved by federal action."

John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the strikers' organization, has assured the committee he would present labor's side of the controversy and he was summoned as the first witness.

Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, was summoned to present the other side of the controversy, but will be unable to appear until next week. He will be asked to make a detailed statement and then submit to cross-examination.

Failure of negotiations to avert the strike, committee men said, also would be investigated and why it was not postponed at President Wilson's request, and why Judge Gary refused to deal with the union organizers. Senator Kenyon, chairman of the committee, believes the investigation will serve to enlighten the public on the underlying causes of the strike and in that way affect its progress.

Allege Brutality By Police.

Pittsburg, Sept. 24—The fight of the striking steel workers in the Pittsburg district for the right of free speech and free assemblage will be carried to the United States senate, John Fitzpatrick of Chicago, chairman of the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers, announced here tonight at the close of the committee meeting. He said he would leave at once for Washington to present the strikers' appeal to the senate committee investigating the strike before which he will testify tomorrow.

Mr. Fitzpatrick declared that the situation was critical in this district because of brutal assaults by the state police on strikers. He charged that they had clubbed and run down women and children with their horses at Clairton, Homestead and McKeesport.

"I am taking sufficient evidence to Washington to present our case," the chairman added. "It is our intention to demand that the constitutional rights of the workers be upheld by the federal government."

When asked regarding the progress of the strike, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he was highly pleased with results and that the mills were shutting down throughout the country.

Little Change in Situation.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 25—Little change in the steel strike situation here was noticeable today. Conflicting statements regarding the number of workers involved in the walkout came from the employers and union headquarters, with both sides claiming the advantage.

Disorders in the district, so prominent during the first two days of the strike, have dwindled to sporadic outbreaks in which members of the crowds have been slightly injured and many arrested. Heavy guards of police, state troopers and deputies are much in evidence in the troubled areas, especially at Farrell, Pa., and Newcastle, Pa., where alarming riots, resulting in several deaths, occurred in the early part of the week.

The protest of Secretary Foster of the national steel organizing committee to Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania against what he termed "unwarranted assaults" by state police on innocent strikers, brought the reply that the troops had not charged into crowds until their commands to disband had been defied, and only after shots were fired and missiles thrown at the officers. The labor leader has dispatched a telegram to the governor declaring that the latter had been misinformed regarding the clashes between the troopers and crowds, and adding that the state police "are manufacturing a reign of terror in order that the steel workers' strike may be discredited and broken."

Gompers' Statement.

Washington, Sept. 24—Declaring that Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, had dealt "in a flippant and autocracy fashion" with labor representatives, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in summing up before the Inter-

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W.C.T.U. CONVENTION

Reports Submitted This Morning Show Much Good Work Accomplished

At this morning's session of the thirteenth annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, which is being held in Portland street Methodist church, several interesting discussions took place when reports were read.

The session opened at nine o'clock, Mrs. David Hutchinson leading in devotional exercises, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Christie leading in prayer. Mrs. Hutchinson then spoke of the spiritual blessing obtained if "we are in Christ, grace peace, the chosen of God, His children, redemption through His blood, forgiveness of sin, partnership with God and inheritance undefiled, which fadeth not away." The minutes of the previous session were then read and adopted.

The report on flower and relief work, which was prepared by Mrs. Alice Eagles, was then presented by Mrs. Gerrard. This report showed that a great deal of work had been done in visiting the sick and those confined to their home and distributing flowers, fruit, jellies, etc. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Colter presented a report on military work done. This showed that unions in centres where soldiers were stationed or landed from overseas had taken a keen interest in the welfare of the troops and had given them supplies of fruit, pickles, jam, socks, flowers and reading matter, all of which were very much appreciated. This report was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. James McWha then read a report on the White Ribbon Bulletin. She said that no worker could afford to be without this paper, as it was of great value and within the reach of all. She said that every union should help to make it a success by sending all items of interest on W. C. T. U. work to it. A discussion followed, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Hipwell, Mrs. O'Neil and others taking part. The report was adopted.

Hrs. Hipwell then moved that the local union buy space in the bulletin for items of interest, the expense to be met by members of the unions. This was seconded by Mrs. Seymour and passed.

Mrs. R. D. Christie, secretary of Y work then presented her report. She said that although there were not as many Y' in operation as she would like to see, those which are have been doing excellent work. A very interesting and helpful discussion followed.

Mrs. O'Neil of Dorchester closed with a Bible reading. She said that, as the walls of Jerusalem had to be rebuilt by all citizens united in the work, so must the walls of prohibition be kept whole by unity among Christians. Prayer and work, she said, must go together. She asked those present to pray for their sisters across the water, who are making a special effort for prohibition.

Mrs. Mary Humphrey of Sackville gave a reading on Daniel and his friends. Mrs. J. J. Colter then dismissed the session with prayer.

STRAWBERRIES FOR CHRISTMAS

It is unusual to see large strawberries offered for sale late in September, but such was the case yesterday when one of the river boats arrived at Indiantown. A countryman from Upper Jemseg brought eighteen boxes of large ripe berries to the city and sold them to a local merchant, who is offering them for fifty-five cents a box. The countryman said he had grown the berries in the open, protected by a glass covering. He said that he intends to keep growing them and will have a supply for the market at Christmas.

A BOWLING CHALLENGE.

A bowling quintette from Scovil Bros. wish to challenge the office team in G. E. Barbour & Co., Ltd., to a game to be played on the Victoria alleys next Monday evening.

Million In Prizes For Round The World Flight

New York, Sept. 24—Plans have been formulated for an aerial derby around the world, for which the prizes may total $1,000,000, it was announced here today by the Aero Club of America.

A special commission has been appointed and will start next month on a tour of the world to arrange routes and landing places, to obtain referees and to organize committees in every country through which the race will pass.

Commodore Louis D. Beaumont, president of the Aviation Officers Club in Paris and vice president of the Aerial League of America, who has just returned from France, will head the special commission. Other members will be Captain Charles J. Glidden, originator of the Glidden automobile tours, who will become executive secretary, and Benjamin Hillman, of New York.

Rules for the aerial derby will be liberal. The contestants will enter as individuals for their aerial flight and will be permitted to use as many (ships) as they find necessary to complete the tour.

Dirigibles may be used by the competitors for part or all of the trip.

CANADA'S OFFER FOR G. T. RAILWAY

London, Sept. 24—(C. A. P.)—Commenting on information from Canada that the latest offer of the Canadian government to the Grand Trunk Railway Company involves the assumption of all liabilities and payment of an annual rental of £720,000, the Times says that all concerned are glad to see the matter settled, for in the absence of any definite conclusion, there is little prospect of renewed market activity.

Joins Ontario Cabinet

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 24—Brig.-General Arthur E. Ross, of Kingston, was sworn in tonight by the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Hendrie, as minister in the Hearst government without portfolio.

LEAGUE MAY GO ON WITHOUT UNITED STATES

Possibility of Non-Ratification Debated in Paris

DEPUTIES ASK QUESTIONS

Premier Clemenceau Declares That, Even if United States Does Not Vote For Convenant, League Could Exist—Treaties Protect France

Paris, Sept. 24—(By the A. P.)—The possibility of non-ratification of the Peace Treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations by the United States Senate, the consequences, in such event to the guarantees for the future of France and the question whether the League of Nations could exist without the United States as a member, occupied the entire afternoon debate in the Chamber of Deputies.

A vote in the United States Senate, postponing consideration of one of the amendments, is regarded here as significant and caused surprise in the French Chamber. Louis Barthou repeatedly asked the government for explanation.

Andre Tardieu and M. Pichon, the foreign minister, replied, but the Chamberlain was not satisfied. Premier Clemenceau then declared that even in the event of the United States Senate not voting for the League of Nations covenant, the League could exist. The treaties constituting a protective alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States, he added, wdere not dependent upon the League. They would come into force and France would be protected.

During the course of M. Tardieu's speech M. Barthou interrupted and demanded an immediate reply. He asked in what situation France would be placed in should the United States not ratify. He added it was through delicacy he had refrained from asking this question before, as he wished and hoped that the senate would finally begin the di-

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KOLCHAK HAS NOT RESIGNED

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24—Official advices received by the state department today from Omsk under yesterday's date indicated that Admiral Kolchak has not resigned and that he did not contemplate such action. The advance against the Bolsheviki progressing favorably to the Kolchak forces according to the advices, and the Kolchak armies are in a stronger position than they had been for some time.

STANDARD OIL SHIPS TAKEN AS ENEMY OWNED

New York, Sept. 24—Twelve American owned steamships aggregating 70,000 deadweight tons, and valued at more than $10,000,000, the property of a German subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, have been ordered from German ports to the Firth of Forth for allocation among the allied and associated nations recently at war against Germany. This information has been received by officials of the Standard company here from its representatives abroad. The action has been protested by the Standard Oil Company through the American State Department and the United States Shipping Board.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER GIVES $2,000,000 TO BAPTISTS.

New York, Sept. 24—John D. Rockefeller today contributed $2,000,000 to the ministers and missionary board of the Northern Baptist Convention. No restrictions are made as to the use of the principal and income.

TRYING TO AVERT STRIKE OF SOFT COAL MINERS

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25—With a general strike of soft coal miners in the United States set tentatively for November 1, operators and representatives of the men met here today in an effort to avert it by reaching an agreement on questions of wages, working hours and working conditions.

Thinks He Has Been Executed.

Paris, Sept. 25—Pierre Lenoir, whose execution was postponed last Friday morning by the authorities, will, it is expected, be confronted by Joseph Caillaux, former premier, on Friday or Saturday. According to the Echo de Paris, he is in a state of most extreme weakness and unable to stand, being obsessed with the idea that he has been executed.

Dies of Injuries.

Montreal, Sept. 25—After lying two days in the Montreal General Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, John Hall, thirty-two years of age, of Halifax, a colored porter, on board one of the C. N. R. military trains, died yesterday. He had fallen from the train below St. Hyacinthe, Tuesday night, and was rushed to Montreal on another train.

Post Season Series Off

New York, Sept. 25—The proposed post season baseball series between the New York National and American clubs has been declared off, it was learned today. President Stoneham, of the Giants, expressed the opinion that there was little public demand for the games.