

Railroads Battle for Big Merger

Representatives of Four Lines Before Commission Seeking to Fulfill Hill's Empire Dream of Consolidation.

I. C. C. Plan Unfavorable

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Washington, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram)—Representatives of the railroads which serve the northwest, are battling before the Interstate Commerce commission to bring about under the transportation act, the dream of consolidation entertained by the empire-builder, James J. Hill, under the name of the Northern Securities company.

Ex-Ambassador Sharp Dies at Home in Ohio



William Graves Sharp.

Elyria, O., Nov. 17.—William Graves Sharp, former ambassador to France, died at his home here shortly before noon today. Mr. Sharp had been ill for several days.

Harding to Make Final Decision on Packer Merger

President Not Expected to Object to Proposed Consolidation of Armour and Morris Companies.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Harding will make the final decision for the government on the proposed consolidation of the Armour & Co. purchase, Morris & Co., another of the "big five" packers, it was indicated in high administration circles.

Railroad Worker Branded on Checks With Letter "K"

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 17.—Officers here are making a rigid investigation of the attack made upon Edward Fisher, a railroad man who was kidnapped in Hagerstown Tuesday night by eight men, supposed to have been members of the Ku Klux Klan from Wayneboro, Va., taken in an automobile to a field outside of the city and handed on both cheeks and his forehead with the letter "K."

City Managers Choose Kansas Man Secretary

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 17.—Lawrence Kan., was chosen for permanent secretary, and John G. Stutz of Lawrence, secretary of the Kansas League of Municipalities, was named permanent secretary of the City Managers' association at the closing session of the association's annual convention here yesterday.

Jury in Murder Trial at Harlan Unable to Agree

Harlan, Ia., Nov. 17.—The jury trying the case of John G. Schaffer, a Harlan resident, charged with the slaying of Matt Heron, last June, failed to reach a verdict after six hours' deliberation and was discharged last night.

Would Elect President by Direct Vote

Senator Norris in Abolition of Electoral College by Constitutional Amendment in Next Congress.

Each State to Be Unit

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Washington, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram)—Abolition of the electoral college will be strongly urged by Senator Norris when the Sixty-eighth congress comes into existence. This would permit the direct selection of president and vice president by popular vote.

The electoral college must be abolished, said Senator Norris this afternoon, before a third party can be organized and made effective or an independent candidate will have any chance of being elected president.

It would cost millions of dollars and require an organization in every congressional district before a third party could be placed on a working basis," said Senator Norris. "Elimination of the electoral college would enable any man to run for president without a cent of money."

The belief was expressed by Mr. Norris that Borah, Johnson or La Follette would receive heavy votes in a popular election. He predicted that Borah would be elected vice president.

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"It is impossible now," said Norris, "for the people to vote for the candidate of one party for president and that of another for vice president. In fact, the people vote for men and not for party."

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Believe Third Party Coming

Senator Ladd, elected as a republican partisan from North Dakota, believes that a third party will arise unless the liberal element in the new congress battles for the welfare of the people.

Brig. Gen. Hay Seriously Hurt in Motor Car Accident

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Brig. Gen. Hay, in command of the First cavalry division stationed at Camp Huachuca, was seriously injured as he drove his motor car through a sharp curve six miles west of Tucson today, according to reports reaching Tucson.

Honored by Boy Scouts

Los Angeles, Nov. 17.—William C. Sullivan, 12-year-old high school student of Los Angeles, will receive the honor of being the first boy of his age to be elected a member of the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America.

Woman Poison Suspect Sane

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Miss Ethel M. Smith, 35-year-old woman, who was charged with the death of a man in a rooming house here, was pronounced sane today by a jury.

French Chamber Gives Premier Confidence Vote

Paris, Nov. 17.—The chamber of deputies this evening gave a vote of confidence to Premier Poincare on the eve of the Lausanne peace conference.

The entire cabinet, excepting the extremists on both sides and the communists, socialists and royalists, voted in favor of the government.

Sultan of Turkey Flees Capital on British Warship

Constantinople, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Turkish sultan's flight from Constantinople today on a British warship has been announced.

London, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Hussein Humid Bey, president of the Turkish socialist party, has been assassinated in Constantinople, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that city today.

Constantinople, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—An attempt by the Kemalists to run the interned Turkish destroyer, Akhisar, disguised as a merchantman, out of the Golden Horn, past the allied control, was frustrated last night.

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Constantinople, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Mohammed VI, the Turkish sultan, has fled from Constantinople on a British warship bound for Malta.

Upon embarking the sultan emphasized that he was not abdicating, but merely removing himself for immediate danger.

The great national assembly of Turkey at Ankara has adopted a resolution, submitted by Mustafa Kemal Pasha, to place the sultan and his ministers on trial.

Political motives may be read in some quarters into the flight of the Sultan on a British war ship.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Bituminous coal operators, meeting with the miners' representatives here in an effort to agree on some basis for future wage negotiations, voted to adjourn the conference until December 4 at the suggestion of a new subcommittee named by the operators to conduct negotiations late today.

The operators' proposal to adjourn is only tentative, it was announced, as the rules of the joint conference provide that adjournment action must be taken as a unit.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Edward McWilliams, wealthy radio enthusiast of Dwight, Ill., filed a suit in circuit court here today, claiming that the right of the radio operators to play the initial card for the republican presidential nomination or the creation of a new political party of which he would be the head.

The defect or deformation of the ship which was predicted by Senator Norris this afternoon, he said it would not be permitted to reach a final vote.

No hopes are entertained by Senator Norris of legislation beneficial to the farmers during the remainder of this congress.

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Cartoons of the Day



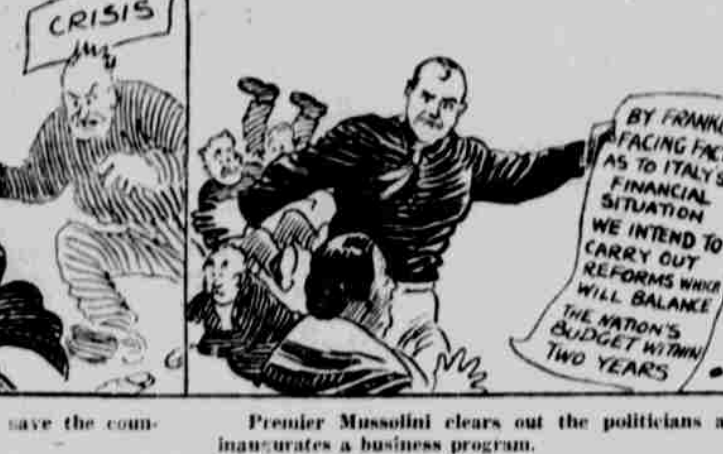
Business methods in Germany may save the country from collapse.



Great Britain goes to the polls.



The United States supreme court hands down an important decision.



Premier Mussolini clears out the politicians and inaugurates a business program.



The Turkish delegates arrive for the Lausanne conference.



M. Clemenceau comes over to do some missionary work in the United States.

Chinese Bandits Kidnap Lutheran Mission Worker

Outlaw Bands Dominate the Province of Honan—Dozen Towns Are Sacked and Burned.

Pekin, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—George Olat Holm, an American member of the Lutheran mission, has been kidnaped by bandits in Honan province.

Mr. Holm is the third American missionary to be carried off by the Honan bandits since the outbreak of the revolution.

Reports from Honan indicate that the bandit activities are becoming more serious, with the outlaws apparently in full control of the province, and a dozen towns in distress in the wake of their march.

Foreigners in the unprotected communities have been advised by their consuls to flee to Hankow and secure of missionaries already have arrived there.

The Chinese foreign office replying to the joint note from the American, British, French, Italian and Swedish ministers demanding action, announced today that it had appealed to Gen. Wu Peifu, the military power in north China, to attempt to conciliate the bandits.

Handcuffed Prisoner Escapes From Moving Train

Phil Grove, Mo., Nov. 17.—A sheriff's posse yesterday was searching the vicinity for Ray Kuehling, who escaped from custody in the morning by jumping, while still handcuffed, from a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train as it slowed down here.

Kuehling was en route to Jefferson City to begin serving a sentence of five years in the state penitentiary.

Gussie Married Him on a Bet; She's Sorry; Asks for Annulment

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Harding Stand on Liquor Unchanged

President Merely Noted Some Aspects of Question in Recent Letters.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Harding has had no change of mind on the subject of prohibition, it was said at the White House today.

The president, in writing to Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Stokes, it was indicated, had not endeavored to present comprehensively his views on the prohibition question, but had merely taken note of some of the aspects of the question recently brought to his attention.

The White House spokesman said the question of taking prohibition out of politics had been brought up in some of the correspondence, but it was asserted that one of the most abiding convictions which Mr. Harding had formed from his 25 years of public life was that prohibition never would be divorced from politics so long as it remained a matter on which opinions differed.

War Heroes Condemned for Accepting Money

New York, Nov. 17.—The Army and Navy League of Valor, composed exclusively of men who received the congressional medal of honor and the distinguished service cross, today made public a resolution censuring holders of high military honors who have accepted "public charity."

Although the resolution mentioned no names it was adopted soon after one outstanding hero of the world war had been publicly presented with a large sum of money.

Early Hour Set for Hanging of Slayer of Iowa Grocer

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 17.—Archie Cross will hang for the murder of George Fiedler, Des Moines grocer, at 7:30 a. m. November 24. The early morning hour was set by Governor Kendall on the request of prison authorities at Fort Madison.

Couple Charged With Slaying Neighbor Are Acquitted

Neenah, Wis., Nov. 17.—Louis Bellardi and Mrs. Mabel Ross, race-track gamblers, charged with murdering their neighbor, were found not guilty in superior court here yesterday.

Freight Rate Readjustment Is Sought by Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 17.—Readjustment of freight rates on grain and grain products from Iowa to points in the north will be sought by the Interstate Live Stock committee, E. H. Wylie, traffic expert of the committee, announced.

House Will Vote on Ship Subsidy November 29

Republican Leaders Agree to Open Door for Unlimited Amendments—Fight Predicted in Senate.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Plans for piloting the ship subsidy bill through congress got under way today, with an agreement by republican leaders to open the door to unlimited amendments of the measure on the floor of the house, but with the stipulation that a final vote shall be had November 29.

At the same time Chairman Lasker of the shipping board predicted that it would be enacted into law because the "miracle of America is that at the first moment of decision right and common sense will prevail."

The agreement for a vote in the house was reached at a conference attended by Speaker Gillette, Representative Mondell, republican floor leader, Chairman Campbell of the rules committee and members of the merchant marine and of the steering committees. Chairman Campbell suggested, and the other leaders present agreed, that a rule should be presented under which the bill would be taken up for general debate next Thursday.

Notwithstanding signs of an impending fight in the house, the senate is regarded by advocates of the measure as the most dangerous point. No rule limiting debate is possible there, and a number of republican leaders have expressed doubt whether the legislation can be disposed of by March 2, when all bills die with the end of the congress.

The democrats already have declared individually and through their organization in the last campaign almost solidly against the measure, and a large number of republicans have made open declarations of war against it.

The senate commerce committee is expected to report the bill promptly, but not until after the extra session lapses into the regular December session.

Oklahoma Governor Granted Change of Venue for Trial

Oklahoma, Nov. 17.—Trial of Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma on a charge of accepting a bribe to permit operation of an Oklahoma bank which it is alleged he knew to be insolvent, was ordered to be held in Pontiac, county and the date for the opening of the case was fixed tentatively for next Wednesday.

The change of venue to Pontiac county was granted here by District Judge James B. Wright of Sapulpa, upon application of J. O. Little of Tulsa, who was strongly represented by Attorney Hephner.

Hungarian Court, Wed to American, Refused Passport

Budapest, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Count Anton Stern, who married the American heiress, Harriet Dahn, daughter of the late American Duke of Devonshire, was refused a passport by the Hungarian government.

The court made a formal protest in the national assembly against the refusal, declaring that the rights of immunity as a deputy were being violated by the refusal of the passport, and that the Hungarian government was in violation of the constitution.

Attitude of Germany "Insolent"

Allies Charge Flagrant Violations of Military Clauses of Versailles Treaty—Complaints Disregarded

Withdrawal Is Refused

Paris, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The allied powers, through the council of ambassadors, have informed Germany that all questions concerning the withdrawal of the military contingent from Germany have been suspended until the German government gives the fullest satisfaction for what are termed flagrant violations of the military clauses of the treaty of Versailles, committed during the last six months, and shows a willingness to abide by the commission's instructions.

The note of the allies was sent after the receipt of a German communication on the subject which was termed "insolent to a degree."

In this communication Germany is said to have disregarded totally the long series of notes of complaint sent by the allies and to have declared it was glad to learn the allies were about to end their military control and permit Germany to revert to normal.

The allied note of today demands an apology and reparations for recent incidents at Passau and Stettin, suggesting an immediate reply, the allies say their patience is almost exhausted.

The council of ambassadors also is making another demand for the German naval enlistment, which has been repeatedly refused them the last six months. It is said that the quota of enlistments and violating the conditions of training provided for in the peace treaty.

The allies have decided to warn Germany that it will not be permitted to manufacture new war inventions in which it is said to be so busy engaged. The allies, however, cannot prevent experiments in such inventions.

Defeat of Churchill Feature of Election

London, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The election in Great Britain, with all its surprises, produced nothing that attracted wider interest and comment than the defeat of Winston Spencer Churchill, former secretary for the colonies, at Dundee by the prohibitionist candidate, E. Scrymgeour.

With a heritage of statesmanship handed down by his famous father, Lord Randolph Churchill, and his own native ability, he became one of the British empire's most picturesque and forceful personages.

Mr. Scrymgeour is quite as picturesque as Churchill, though in an eccentric way. He is noted as the "Street Corner Orator of Dundee" and received much notice in the press.

4 Executed in Dublin for Carrying Guns

Dublin, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Four men—James Fisher, Peter Cassidy, Richard Tully and John Gaffney—all residents of the free state, following a trial by a military court, charged with the unlawful possession of revolvers, were executed at 4 o'clock this morning.

Further Probe of Bosch Magneto Case Announced

Washington, Nov. 17.—Further investigation will be made of the sale by a former alien property custodian, of the assets of the old Bosch Magneto company to an American firm of the same name, it was stated officially today after the filing of a federal grand jury report declaring that evidence of a conspiracy had been found in the transaction.

The grand jury report added, however, that upon advice of counsel for the government, the local inquiry had been concluded since there was nothing to indicate that the alleged overt act had been consummated in the District of Columbia.

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