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INTERESTS ALLEGED TO BE IN CONTROL OF FARMERS' ASSEMBLY

Seek to Prevent Them from Having Effective Co-operative Organizations. CHARGE MADE IN CONVENTION Conference Doesn't Consist of Tillers of Soil. REAL AGRICULTURAL MEET SOON Marketing Investigations by Government Are Discussed. POSSIBILITIES OF PARCEL POST What Extension of Its Use by Farmers Means Discussed at the Gathering at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The National Conference on Farm Credits and the Western Economic society were controlled by "big interests" bent on dominating the farmer and preventing him from having effective co-operative organizations. It was charged on the floor of the convention today.

Representatives of the Equity Co-operative exchange of Minneapolis, Minn., and the American Society of Equity attended the conference and insisted on being heard. H. C. Tank, secretary of the American society, and J. Weller Long of the bureau of information of the society, were the speakers. They were not on their regular program, but were allowed to speak by vote of the conference.

Won't Allow Discussion. The Western Economic society and the Conference on Farm Credits refused to allow discussion of terminal grain markets because the Chicago Board of Trade and the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce refuse to meet representatives of the farmers' co-operative movement in public discussion, declared Tank.

"This conference is not made of farmers nor by farmers," declared Long. "We are doing all we can to further co-operation among the farmers and we look with suspicion on the activity of some here because of what they have been active in doing heretofore.

Not Points Considered. Charles W. Holman, secretary of the conference, said that the subjects brought up by Tank and Long were not the points being considered by the present conference.

GARDEN APPOINTED MINISTER TO BRAZIL

LONDON, April 15.—The appointment of Sir Lionel Gordon as British minister to Brazil was officially announced today. It is understood that Sir Lionel will proceed direct to Rio de Janeiro from Mexico City, to which place he is now on the way.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Fair; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday, 64. Lowest yesterday, 48. Mean temperature, 56. Precipitation, 0.00. Reports from Stations 7 P. M.

FOUR BATTLESHIPS ON WAY

First Squadron Leaves Hampton Roads at Full Speed.

OTHER VESSELS NEARLY READY Battleship Louisiana Provisioned at New York—Transport Hancock, with Thousand Marines, Leaves New Orleans.

NORFOLK, Va., April 15.—The battleships Abrams, Vermont, New Hampshire and Texas left Hampton Roads today for Mexican waters at full speed. The New Hampshire was the first to get under way. All but the Yankton were in their way point of gray.

To complete the hasty coaling of the New Hampshire it was necessary to work all last night. Eighteen hundred tons of coal were placed in the bunkers. The New Hampshire's regular crew was augmented by fifty apprentice seamen from the St. Helena. Before the vessel sailed today another detail of seamen was transferred to it from the receiving ships Franklin and Richmond for distribution among the vessels of the fleet.

New York Placed in Commission. NEW YORK, April 15.—All preparations for the departure of the battleship Louisiana for Tampico were completed early this morning. Fresh vegetables were put aboard during the night, and with these it was said that the great ship was amply provisioned.

The new superdreadnought New York, one of the two largest battleships in the world, was placed in commission today at the Brooklyn navy yard.

The ceremony was simple. Captain T. S. Rogers received his orders placing him in command of the new battleship, flags were broken out at the bow and stern and the commission pennant was released as the ship's band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Cheers by the 1,000 officers and men in the crew of the latest addition to the Atlantic fleet were answered by the men on other ships lying at the yard and the New York was in commission.

Necessary the New York could steam out to sea in twelve hours. Other battleships at the navy yard are the superdreadnoughts Texas and Wyoming, the dreadnoughts North Dakota and Ohio and the armored cruiser Washington. All of these could join the fleet at a few hours' notice.

The New York and the Texas, the latter also just completed, are sister ships. Both will be assigned to the first division of the Atlantic fleet. Each has a displacement of 27,000 tons and a speed of twenty-one knots an hour. They are fitted with a main battery of ten 14-inch guns and a secondary armament of twenty-one five-inch rifles.

Michigan Nearly Ready. PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Officers and crew of the battleship Michigan worked all night under the glare of searchlights at the navy yard preparing the big fighter for sea duty in response to the order for the concentration of the Atlantic fleet at Tampico.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Apprentice seamen, to the number of 125, left the Lake Bluff naval training station yesterday for Philadelphia and probably will see service with the Atlantic fleet sailing for Tampico. The seamen were under the command of Chief Master of Arms Derrow. "I did not send these men in response to any hurry orders," said Captain George R. Clark, commandant at the station. "They had been drafted some time ago and were turned out in response to these orders. However, we are prepared to rush several hundred today if they are required."

Troops on Sixty-Mile Hike. HOUSTON, Tex., April 15.—The sixty-mile "hike" of about 10,000 men of the second army division mobilized at Galveston and Texas City, began today with the departure of the Fifth brigade from Galveston. Regiments will follow each other rapidly until by Tuesday practically the entire division will be at General Frederick Funston, commanding the division, said today.

The hike will not affect the preparedness for embarkation of the Second division as transports are kept in readiness for the men, and at no time will they be out of sight of railway tracks, which could take the command to Galveston in short order. No preliminary orders would be necessary to hold the troops in readiness; still some have been received.

WITNESSES IN HAVEN. CASE MUST TESTIFY

If They Do Not Decide to Do So, Government Will Proceed Criminally Against Them.

ACTION TO BE BEGUN TODAY Chief Counsel Folk of Commission Makes Announcement.

HEAVY PENALTIES PROVIDED Fine or Imprisonment, or Both, the Punishment.

BILLARD DEAL IS INVOLVED Millions of Dollars of Road's Securities Alleged to Have Been Illegally Diverted to Company.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Unless there is an overnight change in the attitude of witnesses in the New Haven railroad investigation, who refused to tell the Interstate Commerce commission about operations of the Billard company, to which millions of dollars of New Haven securities are alleged to have been illegally diverted, proceedings under the criminal statutes will be instituted here tomorrow by the government to compel them to testify. This was announced tonight by Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Under the federal statutes, cited by Mr. Folk, any person who refuses to testify or answer lawful inquiry shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000, by imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

If the proceedings are begun tomorrow, it is said that the Billard company, the several recalcitrant witnesses supposed to be connected with the Billard company, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and the latter's subsidiary, the New England Navigation company, will be made the defendants.

Governor Dunne Heads Workers on Lincoln Highway

CHICAGO, April 15.—Governor Dunne, members of the Illinois legislature, judges, bankers, business men, school children and hundreds of others today began the work of building the Lincoln highway across northern Illinois, from the Mississippi river to the Indiana state line.

Every one of the persons who wielded a pick or shovel will receive a check for 1 cent and a card signed by Samuel Gomulka, secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

Under the terms of a proclamation issued several weeks ago by Governor Dunne, this was Good Roads day in Illinois. The celebration marked the beginning of road construction in Illinois with state aid.

Hundreds of towns and villages participated in the celebration by holding street hauling and road dragging contests. In every locality the townspeople turned out in large numbers.

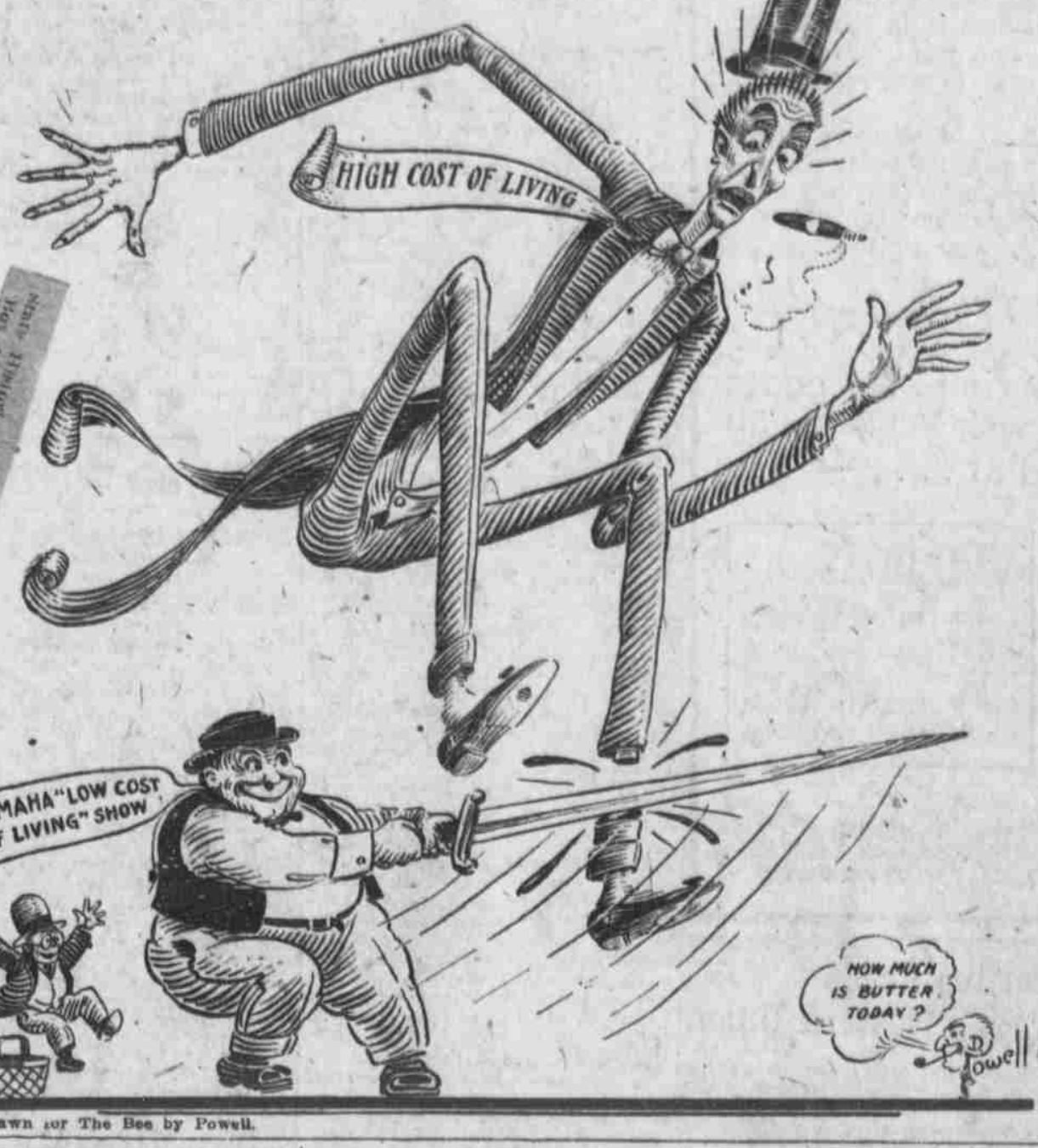
As guests of the Chicago Motor club, Governor Dunne and a party of state officials left Chicago early today on a 100-mile automobile trip to Sterling, Ill.

The party planned to visit twenty-four cities in which good roads mass meetings and celebrations were to have been held. Governor Dunne donned overalls at Moose Heart, near Aurora, and officially began the work on the Illinois stretch of the Lincoln highway by turning the first spadeful of gravel.

Militia Stop First Race at Tulsa With Volley Over Riders

TULSA, Okl., April 15.—State militia, acting under orders from Governor Crouse to prevent gambling at the Tulsa race track, late today fired a volley over the heads of the riders as they came down the stretch in the first race. No one was injured, but the race was much retarded. The race was broken up. Adjutant General Cantor stated if another race were attempted he would order the soldiers to kill the horses in their tracks.

Showing How to Do It



GET BUSY AT WILSON'S PRODUCTION

Subcommittees Working on Trust Regulation Active.

RESPOND TO PRESIDENT'S WISH Exemption of Labor and Agricultural Organizations from Ban of Monopoly Laws Provided in House Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Wilson's reiterated desire for completion of the anti-trust legislation program at this session of congress spurred committees in both houses of congress to action today. The house judiciary subcommittee responded with the introduction of the omnibus bill, including trust regulation measures and provisions to meet demands of labor for restriction of injunction powers and to insure jury trials in contempt cases.

Members of the senate subcommittee on interstate commerce agreed to submit to the full committee as soon as possible a tentative draft of a long-consolidated measure to supplement the Sherman law, which will differ in many respects from the house measure.

Exemption of labor and agricultural organizations from the ban of the anti-trust laws is provided in the house measure in a section declaring that "nothing in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural or horticultural organizations, orders or associations operating under the supervision of the government for the purpose of mutual help and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate object of such associations."

This provision was declared satisfactory to the labor group in the house.

Another feature of the bill eliminates practically all attempts to make further definitions of restraints of trade.

Insane Man With Bloody Axe Listens to Plea of Woman

HUNTINGTON, N. Y., April 15.—Miss Mary Sammis, who lives on a Long Island farm, awoke early today to find a man with a bloody axe in his hands standing by her bed. In the dim light she recognized Frank Fowler, a young farm hand who slept in the house. "I've just killed your brother upstairs," said Fowler, "and I'm going to kill you, too."

Steamship Kite, With Crew of Fifty-Five, is Missing

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 15.—Fear that the Kite, the smallest steamer in the sailing fleet, has met with disaster, was increased today when the steamer Eagle, in a radio message, reported sighting wreckage consisting of a ship's hatch, a plank and some cans, 170 miles off here. Owing to stormy weather, the Eagle was unable to pick up the wreckage.

The National Capital

Wednesday, April 15, 1914. The Senate.

Met at noon. Foreign affairs committee discussed the Mexican crisis. Canal committee continued hearings on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption.

The House. Miscellaneous bills were considered under the calendar Wednesday.

Advocates of the Hobson prohibition amendment were heard before the judiciary committee.

MARY'S HANDY SORE THROAT

Far-Famed Prima Donna Just Passed Omaha Up. WENT ON TO ST. JOSEPH Similar Trick Was Worked on Kansas City Audience by Ruffo, the Baritone, Only Last Saturday Evening.

Was Mary Garden, the great operatic prima donna, really sick, or was the disappointment of Omaha's music lovers compelled to her to appear in the title role of "Thais" as advertised a piece of sharp practice to which the opera management was a party?

"Why didn't Miss Garden sing?" was asked at the conclusion of the performance of one of the company's representatives, and the only answer elicited was, "I have my suspicions."

The sore throat dodge is an ancient one, but is evidently still resorted to, if the circumstantial evidence is to be considered. The company was billed for three performances in Kansas City last Saturday and Sunday. In the afternoon Mary Garden, herself, really sang in the Kansas City Coliseum in "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame," but in the evening, when "Rigoletto" was put on, Titia Ruffo, heralded as a \$2,000 baritone, discovered an impediment in his larynx and compelled the management to listen to a substitute. How Ruffo's terrible sore throat distressed him is indicated by the following reference in the Kansas City Star:

Members of the "Paraisol" cast returned to the hotel to find Signor Ruffo grumbling Latin words at his inability to fill a four-card flush all evening long. Ruffo divides his recreation between the American game of poker and the movies.

BECKER WILL ASK FOR DELAY

New Attorney for Prisoner Wants Time to Study Case. WHITMAN RESUMES HIS INQUIRY District Attorney Questions John Tanager, Who Was Marked for Slaughter by Gunmen When Rosenthal Was Killed.

NEW YORK, April 15.—District Attorney Charles S. Whitman is determined to bring former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker to trial for a second time at an early date on the charge of having instigated the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal, for the actual killing of whom the four gun men paid the death penalty on Monday morning. It was expected that the motion before Justice Seabury in the supreme court today would be opposed on the ground that the trial attorney was about to retire from the defense and that new counsel would need more time in which to become familiar with the case.

Joseph A. Shays, who became Becker's attorney following conviction and who prepared the appeal on which he gained a new trial yesterday, notified the Becker family of his retirement from the case.

The district attorney's office is investigating charges made in the confession of "Dago Frank" Crofelli, a sport time before he was put to death for his part in the murder of Rosenthal, to the police department today was requested to bring "Dollar Bill" John Langer to headquarters for a conference. Langer, a personal friend of Rosenthal, was also marked by the gunmen, according to unofficial reports of Crofelli's confession.

Lovett Takes Place On Central Board

NEW YORK, April 15.—Lewis Cass Lovett retired from the board of directors of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad company at the annual meeting of the stockholders held today in Albany. Mr. Lovett, who was regarded as a Morgan representative as well as one of the railroad's legal advisers, was succeeded by Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad company, which has large holdings of New York Central stock.

The retirement of Mr. Lovett marks another step in the gradual elimination of the so-called Morgan influence in the New York Central, of which the Morgan banking house was for many years fiscal agent.

Yorkshire Miners Vote to Resume Work

LEEDS, Eng., April 15.—A settlement of the Yorkshire coal miners' strike was reached today when the men voted to resume work. The strikers, numbering 78,000, left work on April 12, demanding the introduction of a minimum wage scale. A conciliation board was appointed to discuss the points at issue and succeeded in obtaining the men's consent to the taking a ballot.

WILSON PLANS TO SEIZE TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ

These Ports Will Be Occupied by United States Forces if Huerta Fails to Salute Flag.

NEXT STEP IS UNCERTAIN What Happens After This Will Depend on the Dictator.

SHIP'S ORDERLY IS ARRESTED Detention of Marines is Only One of Many Incidents.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES HELD UP Telegrams Directed to O'Shaughnessy Believed Censored.

WARSHIPS BEGIN TO MOVE First of the Big Fighting Machines Clear Hampton Roads and Others Are Nearly Ready to Start.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—This dispatch from Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz, dated 10 p. m. last night, was received at the Navy department today.

"No new developments at Tampico. Constitutionalists have retired from the vicinity. Business resumed and refugees returned. Mexican gunboats Progresso and Zaragoza left Tampico."

President Huerta will salute the American flag on the Atlantic fleet will seize Vera Cruz and Tampico. What happens afterward depends on Huerta.

Stung out for Insult. That is president Wilson's determination. Leaders in congress with whom he conferred today agreed there was ample precedent for such action.

Not only the Tampico incident, but a long series of indignities offered to the United States by the conspicuous exclusion of other foreign nations represented in Mexico has convinced the president and his advisers that the United States has been stung out for "manifestation of ill-will and contempt."

Official dispatches to Charge O'Shaughnessy have been intercepted by the Mexican censor.

A ship's orderly ashore in full uniform in Vera Cruz on business of the United States was arrested and released, while a nominal punishment was noted out to the local officials. These hitherto unpublished facts were disclosed today in an official statement.

Bluejackets Taken from Boat. One new fact brought out at the White House conference was that two of the American bluejackets arrested at Tampico actually were taken from the Dolphin's boat.

The bluejackets arrested had gone to the Tampico wharf to load gasoline. Two of the men were in the boat. The Mexican soldiers, after seizing the men on the wharf, boarded the American boat and took the two bluejackets forcibly into custody.

"If it is not actually an act of war," said a senator today, in discussing the incident, "it comes very near it."

Later Secretary Daniels ordered the cruiser Cleveland, now at San Francisco, to steam to Mazatlan at once. The cruiser Chattanooga is expected to follow in about two weeks. Both ships will be manned by the crew of the cruiser Pittsburgh, now in the Bremerton yard.

There were no developments as to army orders and it was said that troop movements were not discussed at the president's conference with congressmen.

The incident in any event disposes of Huerta's claim that there is no ground for reparation because the men arrested were on Mexican soil, where it is maintained they had no right to be.

President Wilson told his advisers that he stands for peace, but is determined to force Huerta to recognize the honor and dignity of the United States.

While these developments were taking place in Washington, the ships of the Atlantic fleet were beginning to move toward Tampico. The first of the big fighters cleared from Hampton Roads and others in the Atlantic navy yards were ready to sail before night.

President Consults Congressmen. While the fighting ships of the Atlantic fleet were turning their bows toward Tampico today to enforce President Wilson's demand on Huerta for a public salute to the American flag senators and representatives were summoned to the White House to be informed of all phases of the situation that congress might be prepared for any further steps.

President Wilson told the congressmen that he stood first for peace, but that if Huerta did not comply with the American demands the first step to enforce them would be the seizure of Tampico and Vera Cruz, for which he considered there is ample precedent. Acting Chairman Shively of the senate foreign relations committee said today:

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Sending It Back Women often say when making a purchase, "Oh, well, if I don't like it, I can send it back." This is a bad custom—bad for the retailer because it entails unnecessary deliveries and collections; bad for the customer because it entails loss of time in making a second selection. Also, it is one of the many grails of sand that make up the "high cost of living." Women who read the advertisements contained in such newspapers as The Bee know before they enter a shop what they want, and save themselves and the merchant time and trouble by making satisfactory purchases on their first trip.