

TALKING OF MERGER

ADVANCE CONSOLIDATION AS A MATTER OF ECONOMY

THE DRY AND WET VOTES

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Merging of the state hotel commission with the food, drug, dairy and oil commission is believed to be a possibility at the coming session of the legislature.

Those who are advocating the change point to what has been done in cutting down expense and taking care of more work in the inspection of oil since that department was abolished and made an adjunct of the food commission.

Injunction is Dismissed.

Dismissal of the injunction suit brought in the name of Governor Morehead, the state railway commission and Attorney General Reed against the seven railroad companies doing business in Nebraska.

The court did not announce its reasons, but presumably it refused to entertain the suit because the railroads have obtained jurisdiction in the federal court of Nebraska.

THE DRY AND WET VOTE

Official Returns of State on Prohibitory Amendment.

The following figures are taken from the official reports of the elections in the various cities and towns, so far as these records are available.

Table with columns for city names and corresponding vote counts for Dry and Wet.

Attorney General Reed has written to Senator Hitchcock asking him to interview the state department at Washington and have it do everything possible to secure the discharge of Louis G. Hoveland, a Nebraska boy from the Canadian army.

Saunders County Settles Debt. Saunders county has paid the state \$28,49 and by so doing has wiped out a debt that originally amounted to \$10,834.

Large table listing various cities and their corresponding vote counts for Dry and Wet.

Old Forces Will Continue. Attorney General Willis E. Reed has announced the reappointment of his entire office force, including Deputy Attorney General D. T. Barrett.

Urges County Visiting Nurses. For the purpose of hunting out tuberculosis, a disease which kills one out of every seven inhabitants.

Students of the university have pledged \$10,000 toward helping relieve the four and a half million soldiers held in the prison camps of Europe.

TO WITHDRAW ARMY

AMERICAN-MEXICAN CONFEREES SETTLE ON PACT AT ATLANTIC CITY.

WAIT O. K. FROM CARRANZA

Gen. Pershing to Cross Border Within Forty Days After Signing Protocol—Both Sides Will Patrol Line.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 27.—An agreement was reached between the American and Mexican delegates to the joint conference here. It provides:

1. For the withdrawal from Mexico of the Pershing expedition within 40 days of the approval by both governments of the agreement.

2. That United States troops thereafter shall patrol their side of the border and Mexican troops theirs, in order to guard against raids.

The following statement was given out by the commission:

"The commission has come to an agreement as to withdrawal of American troops in Mexico and border control, which is to go by Mr. Paul to Mexico. If it is acceptable the conference will be resumed within two weeks.

"The Mexican commander is to have control of the plan by which occupation of northern Chihuahua is effected, and General Pershing is to have control of the plan of withdrawal and the right to use the railroad to Juarez if he so desires.

"The committee found it impracticable to arrange a plan of joint border control through a common military force, and abandoned the idea of a border zone, which has been so much discussed. It is, however, left to the commanders of both nations on the border to enter into such arrangements for co-operation against marauders whenever it is practicable.

"The agreement distinctly states that each side is to care for its own side of the border, but that this shall not preclude co-operation between the two forces to preserve peace upon the border.

"The American commissioners told their Mexican colleagues that as a matter of national necessity the policy of this government must be to reserve the right to pursue marauders coming from Mexico into the United States as long as conditions in northern Mexico are in their present abnormal state.

"The correspondence between the two state departments under which the commission was created requires the latter to deal not only with withdrawal of troops but also with all other questions affecting the two countries, chief of which may be said to be the protection of the lives and property of all foreigners in Mexico."

The agreement was reached after 13 weeks of deliberations. The question of a loan was not brought up. The agreement is contingent upon the approval of Gen. Venustiano Carranza.

FLEE FIRE AT LOCKPORT, ILL.

Lives of Several Hundred Employees Endangered by Blaze—\$200,000 Loss.

Lockport, Ill., Nov. 27.—The lives of several hundred employees were endangered on Friday night by a fire, which destroyed the plant of the Northern Illinois Cereal company.

It is believed the fire started from crossed electric wires in the mill room, where grain is prepared for cereal foods.

As far as can be learned everyone at work in the several buildings escaped safely.

The blaze attracted thousands of spectators.

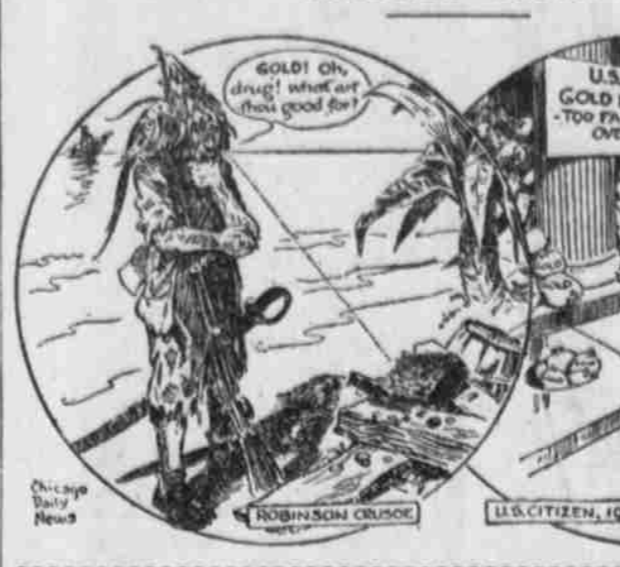
British Capture Big Diver.

Milan, Nov. 27.—British naval forces recently captured a large German submarine, according to the Carriere Della Sera.

Priests Must Take Pledge.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Every priest ordained in his diocese will be compelled to take a five year's abstinence pledge, according to Archbishop G. Mundelein of the Roman Catholic church.

KINDRED SPIRITS



ADMITS WILSON WON FIGHT FOR 8-HOUR DAY

CHARLES E. HUGHES CONGRATULATES THE PRESIDENT.

Declares Closeness of Vote Caused Delay—Wilson Replies and Sends Best Wishes.

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 21.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president in the recent election, on Wednesday night sent to President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his re-election.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Woodrow Wilson has been acknowledged as victor by Charles Evans Hughes.

The belated congratulations have been sent. From Lakewood, N. J., Mr. Hughes sent a telegram of felicitation to President Wilson at the White House.

The Hughes message writes "finale" to the election results.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson sent a telegram to Charles E. Hughes acknowledging his message of congratulation.

"I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulation. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

RULES ADAMSON LAW IS VOID

Federal Judge Hook of Kansas City Holds Act Unconstitutional—Will Go to High Tribunal.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional here on Wednesday by Judge William C. Hook in the United States district court.

Judge Hook directed the receivers of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, who brought the original action in this case to enjoin the law from going into effect.

This was requested in the government's motion to dismiss the injunction petition of the railroad, the government desiring to avoid "prolonged, unnecessary and scattered litigation through the hearing of countless similar suits filed by every rail system in every federal district in the United States through which their lines run."

Following Judge Hook's decision, Frank Hagerman, special counsel for the government, gave notice of an appeal which was certified by the court late in the day.

NEW LINER SUNK; FIFTY DIE

White Star Line Steamer Britannic, Used as a Hospital Ship, Lost in Aegean.

London, Nov. 24.—The British hospital ship Britannic, 47,000 tons, the White Star's new liner, one of the largest vessels afloat, has been sunk with the loss of about fifty lives, says a British official announcement.

The Britannic was sunk by a mine or a torpedo Tuesday morning in the Aegean sea, according to the official statement. There were 1,106 survivors.

New York, Nov. 24.—The statement was credited to the British consulate in this city that American nurses and surgeons were aboard the British hospital ship Britannic, reported sunk in the Aegean sea, but later it was denied by the ranking consular official that there was any basis for the statement.

Baker Names Fire Control Board.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary Baker appointed Col. R. H. Davis, Lieut. Col. Frank W. Coe and a district engineer officer at Los Angeles as a board to study the fire control project for the coast defenses.

Many Pay Election Bets.

New York, Nov. 25.—Holders of some of the largest wagers made in Wall street on the presidential election began paying the bets off. Estimates of the total sum wagered range from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

VILLA IS DEFEATED

BANDIT AND HIS MEN RETREAT AFTER BATTLE WITH TREVINO AT CHIHUAHUA CITY.

BANDIT SUFFERS BIG LOSSES

Carranzistas Are Pursuing Foes—Large Numbers of Attacking Force Left Dead on Field—Artillery Aids Defenders of Town.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—Francisco Villa withdrew his surviving forces in defeat from Chihuahua City at 6:15 o'clock Thursday night, after a battle of seven hours, during which he made fruitless attempts to carry General Trevino's protecting works by assault.

General Trevino repulsed a fourth mass attack by Villa forces, the bandits being driven from their temporary intrenchments with heavy losses. It was announced in Juarez. The de facto troops now are pursuing the bandits toward the south, the same report from Chihuahua City stated.

General Trevino's artillery, which carried the brunt of the attack, did heavy execution on the ranks of the bandits, according to a message General Gonzalez said he had received from the state capital. Many Villa prisoners were taken by the Carranza forces when a detachment of infantry and cavalry made a sally from the city, he said.

At 1:30 p. m., two hours and a half after Villa began his attack, the noise of bursting shells and discharging field pieces was said to deafen.

General Trevino had 20 fieldpieces stationed on the Santa Rosa and other hills in the suburbs of Chihuahua City, military men in Juarez say, and there were several French 75s included in this number.

Villa in person was leading his forces against the Carranza troops, according to the reports received at the Juarez military headquarters from Chihuahua City. The bandit leader is said to be riding horseback with his crutch strapped to his saddle.

ROADS ASK RELIEF OF U. S.

Revolutionary Change in Relations is Asked of Congress—See Government Ownership.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The railroads of the country made a flat demand on Thursday for a revolutionary change in the relations of the government to the railroads.

General Counsel A. P. Thom of the railroad executives' committee told the Newlands joint congressional committee investigating interstate commerce conditions that unless the present system of railroad control is reformed, government ownership of the entire railroad systems of the country is inevitable.

Mr. Thom opened the testimony for the railroads with an outline of the position the railroads take concerning railroad regulations. He declared the present system has almost completely precluded new railroad construction and has endangered the credit of all railroads.

HOLD UP FAST CHICAGO TRAIN

Two Bandits Board Flyer on Northwestern and Loot Express Car—Agent Bound.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Two masked men got the drop on an express messenger on a Chicago and Northwestern express train as it was speeding cityward on Thursday night. They gagged him and bound him to a chair. While one bandit stood guard, the other rifled the strong box. The robbers stripped the safe of cash estimated at \$1,000 or more.

They went through the packages of valuables and selected watches and gems. They strewed the floor of the car with checks and securities and after loading themselves down with all negotiable valuables dropped off the train as it came to a stop at Clybourn Junction in Chicago.

JAIL FOR MINERS' LEADERS

Women and Three Men Resentenced in West Virginia Case of 1912.

Philippi, W. Va., Nov. 25.—Four organizers and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America were resentenced by Judge Dalton in the United States district court on Thursday to serve six months in jail for violating an injunction granted at the time of the strike of coal miners at Colliers, W. Va., in 1912.

The defendants had already served about three months in jail, pending an appeal to the Supreme court of the United States, which in a recent decision upheld Judge Dayton's. The defendants are Miss Fannie Selling, Frank Ledvinka, James Oates and Hiram Stevens.

U. S. BARES FOOD "CORNER"

District Attorney at Chicago is Ready for Grand Jury Probe into Hearing.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Indictment of food and coal speculators and proprietors of warehouses in Chicago became a probability as the federal grand jury assembled in the federal building to hear evidence to be presented by District Attorney Charles F. Cline.

Investigators for the district attorney brought in reports that vast quantities of food and coal have been held in railroad yards, warehouses and remote parts of the city to await the effect of the shortage on prices.

DEUTSCHLAND ON WAY HOME

German Diver Leaves New London in the Afternoon—Thousands See Submarine.

New London, Conn., Nov. 23.—The Deutschland has started on its return voyage. The merchant submarine left shortly after two o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Bremen with a cargo valued at \$2,000,000.

Thousands of people lined the banks of the picturesque Thames river to watch and cheer her departure.

Fire Destroys Church.

Quebec, Que., Nov. 25.—Fire that started in the furnace room of the Limoilou parish church destroyed the entire edifice with a loss of \$180,000.

Three Mexican Women Executed.

Columbus, N. M., Nov. 27.—Three women, two sisters and their servant girl, were executed at El Valle by the Carranza garrison. The official charge was conspiracy to assassinate Col. Gonzales Diaz.

Get Money for Irish Rebels.

Boston, Nov. 27.—Speakers who asked for funds to support another revolution in Ireland, asserting that the "Dublin rebels are going to fight again and fight very soon," obtained subscriptions at a meeting here.

Recover 200 Square Miles.

Saloniki, Nov. 27.—Nearly 200 square miles of Serbia has been reconquered from the Teutons in the allies' advance around Monastir, according to the Serbian official states issued here Friday afternoon.

Thirty Injured in Elevated Wreck.

New York, Nov. 27.—Thirty persons were injured when a southbound elevated train jumped into a switch at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Second avenue, near the Harlem river bridge.