

WAGE RAISE GRANTED BY PACKERS

Political Line Drawn by Women

Voters' League Meeting at Des Moines Debates for More Than an Hour on Hard-Courting Plan.

Lord Cecil Gives Talk

Des Moines, Ia., April 13.—Political lines were clearly drawn in debate before the annual convention of the National League of Women Voters on proposed resolutions that the league go on record as favoring participation by the United States in the permanent court of international justice, as recommended by President Harding.

Treasury Heads Uneasy Over Delay on Funding Plan

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Bandits Rob Girl of \$1,750 Jewel

Engagement Ring Pulled from Finger of Miss Anna Murphy.

Anna Murphy, 22, petite and pretty, was awakened at 2 Friday morning in her home, 1618 N. street, and saw two men in her room.

She grabbed her arm and saw the engagement ring, a diamond which Miss Murphy says is worth \$1,750. He pulled it from her finger.

The girl lay, trembling with fear, until some time after they had gone. Then she called friends by telephone.

She told police the engagement ring is worth \$1,750, but that her fiancé got it somewhat cheaper from a man who needed the money.

A humorous article by Leacock appears each week in THE SUNDAY BEE

Tornado Hits Parish; Two Persons Killed

New Orleans, La., April 13.—A tornado sweeping through La Fourche parish, southwest of here, early today killed two persons, injured several others and wrecked property of considerable value.

The tornado traveled with great intensity in a northerly direction. Its path was approximately 200 yards wide.

One white man suffered a broken back and a little white girl was struck by a falling pole.

Sheriff Stark pictured conditions as "extremely grave." The sheriff after dispatching physicians to the scene mobilized a relief expedition.

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Invader Tighten Up on Germany

French and Belgian Ministers Decide to Increase Pressure if Teutons Remain Unyielding.

Nature of Plans Secret

Paris, April 12.—The French and Belgian government ministers, at their meeting here this afternoon, decided upon new measures of pressure to be applied to Germany if it remains unyielding on the reparations question.

The nature of the measures was not disclosed, but the ministers announced in an official communique that they are determined to continue pressure until the Berlin government makes direct overtures for a settlement.

The meeting was participated in by Premier Poincare and Thery and various members of their cabinets interested in reparations problems, and a number of experts.

The session was largely devoted to technical questions in connection with the occupation of the Ruhr and the efforts under way to make productive the guarantees seized there.

The ministers reviewed occupation reports, but it was impossible to complete their consideration today and the work will be continued Saturday.

The allied representatives confined themselves to discussion of the details of the occupation and the principle that it would be continued and extended until Germany yields, and it is authoritatively stated that nothing else would be considered at the conference.

France and Belgium have no intention of elaborating a plan of settlement, it is said.

There are many among the well-informed French politicians who believe the time will come when it will be necessary to let the French people know they cannot expect all from Germany that France thinks it ought to pay.

The recent visit to London of Louis Loucheur, former French minister of liberated regions, and his interviews with British statesmen on the reparations question, undoubtedly will be the subject of conversations at the formal social functions in honor of the Belgians, but there is little prospect that it will appear on the agenda of the conference.

Germany Ready to Accept Verdict of Impartial Body

Berlin, April 13.—Germany is ready to accept unconditionally the verdict of an impartial international commission as to the sum it should pay as reparations after an examination of its capacity to pay, as suggested by Secretary Hughes.

This readiness of Germany to carry out the judgment of a foreign commission preferably under the chairmanship of America, which was recently communicated to the State department by Dr. Dieckhoff, will be reiterated publicly by Foreign Minister Rosenberg in a speech on the foreign situation in the Reichstag, probably next Tuesday.

Unless his present intentions are altered by Premier Poincare's forthcoming speech at Dunkirk Sunday, Dr. Rosenberg, it is said, will again publicly announce Germany's readiness to negotiate to end the Ruhr situation if Germany be admitted to the conference table on a basis of equality.

But it will be asserted that the Cuno government will accept no dictated terms nor anything which can be construed as capitulation by Germany.

Free State Troops Hot on Trail of De Valera

Dublin, April 12.—Eamonn de Valera, leader of the Irish republicans, was still at large today, but free state troops were reported hot on his trail in the mountains on the northern border of Tipperary county.

Many irregular prisoners were caught in a roundup in the Sligo mountains.

According to the parents' story to the police, the girl answered a knock at the door after she had retired last night. She had been gone from her room but a few moments when a loud noise was heard at the door.

When the parents investigated the girl had disappeared. Davey, a suitor of the girl, also is missing, according to the police.

Escaped Hammer Slayer Reported in Guatemala

Los Angeles, April 12.—Chief of Police Louis D. Oakes was awaiting word today from Guatemala, Central America, verifying a report he had from there last night, that Clara Phillips, hammer murderer, who escaped from the county jail last December, was under surveillance in the southern city.

American Author Dies. Batavia, N. Y., April 12.—Mrs. Mary Treat, well known as an author and naturalist in this country and abroad, died last night at the home of her sister in Pembroke. She was 93.

Federal "Dry" Chief Resigns

Denver, April 13.—E. H. McClenahan, federal prohibition director for Colorado, resigned today.

The resignation of McClenahan makes the second vacancy to occur in the Colorado prohibition staff in the last four weeks.

Ben Englander, group chief, was suspended by order of the chief of the internal revenue department a month ago.

McClenahan telegraphed his resignation to Federal Prohibition Director Eynes as follows:

"On account of private business needing my attention, I hereby tender my resignation as prohibition director for Colorado, to take effect at once. Thanking you for your personal support and co-operation during my incumbency."

Filibuster Keeps British Commons Going All Night

Members Were Still Making Speeches on Army Air Force Bill at 10 P. M.

London, April 13.—A filibuster by the laborites kept the house of commons in session all night and at 10 this morning labor members were still making speeches on the army air force bill to a sleepy, bedraggled group of members.

Adjournment finally was taken at 11:55, nearly an hour after the formal Friday session was to begin.

Fresh government members, who had obtained a few hours sleep, arrived and it was decided to hold today's session.

Although they had been engaged in debate for more than 12 hours, many laborites remained in their seats to prevent the government from effecting a parliamentary coup.

Debate upon the army air force bill was begun after the tory government of Premier A. Bonar Law obtained its vote of confidence by a majority of more than 100 votes.

The laborites, led by Ramsay MacDonald, laborite and official leader of the opposition on the floor, jumped gleefully into the fray.

Many loquacious remarks were directed by the laborite speakers against the occupants of the government benches, who grew visibly sleepy as the night wore on.

Lengthy speeches were made and numerous amendments to the army air force bill were proposed.

One member suggested an amendment abolishing capital punishment in the army.

The government "whips" were on the alert and a sufficient number of government supporters were kept in their seats to vote down the laborite amendments as quickly as they were advanced.

Song Enlivens Session. During the lull in debate, while voting was in progress, the laborites enlivened the occasion with song, but they did not offer any "revolutionary" music. Their favorite was "John Brown's Body."

The session grew into a test of strength between the government and the opposition, but a majority of the government supporters held on and the laborites were unable to tire them out.

Shortly after 9 this morning Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman appealed for an adjournment in order to enable the regular Friday session to open at 11.

He pointed out that unless commons adjourned before 11 Friday's official session could not be held.

"Oh, that is all right," shouted the laborites, and they continued with their speech making.

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Do You Ever Notice to Whom He Turns When He Gets "Up Against It?"



Early Action in Federal Sugar Probe Expected

Acting Attorney General Seymour reported to cabinet meeting—Harding believes tariff blameless.

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Cattle on Feed Show Increase

Nebraska Falls Off in Shipments, However, Official Report Indicates.

Chicago, April 13.—Thirteen per cent more cattle were on feed in the 11 corn belt states on April 1, 1923, than on April 1, 1922, according to an estimate given out today by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The cattle on feed are largely of light weights. Five per cent were 1,300 pounds and over, 13 per cent were 1,100 to 1,300 pounds, 29 per cent 700 to 1,000 pounds and 22 per cent less than 700 pounds.

The reported marketing time of marketing distributes the supply fairly evenly over the next six months. According to expressed intentions 17 per cent will be marketed in April, 19 per cent in May, 15 per cent in June, 15 per cent in July, 9 per cent in August and 24 per cent in September or later.

The shipments of stocker and feeder cattle, which were the largest ever recorded for a similar period into the corn belt states during the five months from August 1 to December 31, 1922, has continued large during the first three months of 1923.

The total was 515,000 this year, compared with 444,000 the same months last year, 400,000 in 1921 and 488,000 in 1920. Compared to last year, the principal falling off was in Iowa and Nebraska, whereas Missouri showed a decided increase.

Shipments Increase. Although shipments to market from the corn belt states during December, January, February and March have shown considerable increase over the same months last year, this increase has been much less than the increased receipts of stocker and feeders for the region as a whole.

Individual states, notably Nebraska, have shown a return market movement somewhat proportional to the movement, but for others, especially Iowa, the shipments out have not reflected the increased in-shipments of last summer and fall.

Hindu Slayer Mounts Steps to Scaffold With a Smile

San Quentin, Cal., April 13.—Ullah Mohammed, African, convicted slayer of Allie Akbar, fellow countryman at Petaluma, went to his death on the gallows here today with a smile on his lips.

The Hindu mounted the gallows with a firm tread.

"Goodbye and God bless everybody," were his farewell words.

Efforts to save the life of Mohammed were made up until the last minute. Once the execution was stopped by an injunction.

Janitor Sued for \$10.00. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., April 13.—Alleging that Cassel Jones, janitor of a public school, assaulted her 10-year-old son, Mrs. Hattie Jones has instituted a \$10,000 damage suit against the janitor in district court at Madison.

Farmer Held for Shooting One Man and Two Women

Accused Man Claims It Was Accidental, as He Was Shooting at Squirrel.

Glennwood, Ia., April 12.—H. E. Nielsen, farmer, is in the county jail here charged with shooting two women and a man. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barrett of Pacific Junction, are in a Council Bluffs hospital and Mrs. A. B. Combs, also of Pacific Junction, was taken to her home. The Barretts are both seriously injured, but will recover, it is said.

The weapon which Nielsen is alleged to have used was a shotgun. Sheriff William De Mosse and Deputies Carl Morgan and C. P. Runyan, who made the arrest, said that Mrs. Nielsen partly admitted the shooting, saying that her husband had become incensed at Barrett for running his car over Nielsen's chickens.

The three injured people were in an automobile when shot. Nielsen claims it was an accident, that he was shooting at a squirrel.

Alleged Poker Game Holdup Surrender sin Fremont

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., April 13.—Harley Williams, 22, wanted in connection with the alleged holdup of eight men during a poker game on April 1, surrendered himself to county officials. He has been missing since the day of the holdup, during which his brother-in-law, Wilbur Booth, was shot, was one of the robbery victims.

Williams explains that he had been visiting relatives since the affair. Booth, held in the county jail, claims the affair was the result of an April fool joke. Williams was released under bond of \$1,000.

Ray Sorbey, the last of the alleged gamblers to appear in court, pleaded not guilty to charges of gambling.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Friday: Temperature. Highest, 74; lowest, 47; mean, 60; normal, 58. Total since January 1, 210.

Relative Humidity, Percentage. 7 a. m., 81. Noon, 25. 7 p. m., 85. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths. Total, 7. Total since January 1, 4.97; excess, 0.95.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m., 40. 6 a. m., 40. 7 a. m., 40. 8 a. m., 40. 9 a. m., 40. 10 a. m., 40. 11 a. m., 40. 12 noon, 40.

Temperatures at 7 P. M. Cheyenne, 36. Duluth, 34. Des Moines, 48. Rapid City, 38. Denver, 30. Salt Lake City, 44. Dodge City, 38. Sioux Falls, 41. Omaha, 48. Sheridan, 41. North Platte, 38. Sioxa, 44.

200,000 Get 10 Per Cent Increase

Omaha Employees of Big Four Concerns to Share in Benefits—Demands Met by Conference Boards.

Hike Effective Monday

Chicago, April 12.—The wages of approximately 200,000 workers in the packing industry throughout the United States were increased an average of 10 per cent today through the action of employe representatives sitting in plant assemblies.

In addition to the increase in wages, vacations at full pay were given to the hourly paid employes with the option of extra pay at the usual rates if they remained at work during the vacation period.

The decision on the pay increase was reached by representatives of the management and of the workers negotiating through employe representation plans in vogue at the Armour, Swift and Wilson plants and known as industrial democracies.

Increase Payroll \$2,500,000. More than \$2,500,000 yearly will be added to the payroll of Armour & Co. alone by the increases, it was said, over 35,000 workers in Armour plants in all sections of the country being affected. The employes of Morris & Co., recently taken over by Armour, also will participate in the increase.

Swift & Co. announced that 6,000 employes in its Chicago plant would benefit by the increase together with some 25,000 in other parts of the country. Smaller numbers of employes of the Cudahy Packing company and Wilson & Co., also will share in the increases.

In the case of Armour employes, wage increases will become effective Monday, April 16. Common law at 8 1/2 cents an hour increase, will give an increase of 5 cents a week, 4 cents, skilled, and girls 5 cents.

Piece work rates will be a 10 per cent increase. In no event to be over the rate November 28, 1921, or over 10 per cent of the present rate and in the event of readjustments made since November 28, 1921, due to new working conditions, 100 to be adjusted proportionately.

Women Workers Raised. The rate in Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Denver for skilled employes, 47 cents and over, 3 cents an hour increase while semiskilled and common and female labor at the places will receive 2 1/2 cents an hour increase.

In New York, because of different existing conditions, it was recommended that employes receive a proportional increase but that local conditions be taken into consideration by the local conference board in determining wages.

Regarding overtime work it was determined that the rate be fixed on a basis of 1 1/2 hours in any one week or after 10 hours in any one day to be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. Double time will be paid for Sunday work and the holidays. The 40 hour guarantee will be continued.

Employees in Omaha Share in Benefits

Omaha employes of Armour, Cudahy, Morris and Swift packing houses will share in the wage increases, according to announcements made yesterday by the companies.

The increases for Cudahy workers are 5 cents and hour maximum and 4 cents minimum. The new Swift & Armour & Co. boosts average 10 per cent. Morris employes are affected by the Armour raise due to the recent merger of the two companies.

The Cudahy general conference board, consisting of delegates from all the Cudahy plants, have been in conference in Omaha the past week and have worked out under the industrial relationship plan the following sliding scale: Employes receiving 31 1/2 cents an hour get an increase of 5 cents an hour; over 31 1/2 cents an hour and under 47 cents an hour, 4 cents an hour increase; those receiving 47 cents an hour and over receive an increase of 3 cents an hour.

All piece workers are increased on a proportionate basis.

Affects Small Wages Most. "While the increase applies to all Cudahy employes engaged in manufacturing operations, they are paid on an hourly basis," said P. J. Sheehy, superintendent of the local plant, "the scale of increase has been arranged in such a way that the lowest paid (Turn to Page Four, Column Four.)"

Boy Scared to Death. Crowley, La., April 13.—Crash of thunder and a flash of lightning scared Cassa, Cago, negro youth, to death last night. Cago was standing in front of his cabin when thunder and lightning occurred. He rushed into the house and dropped dead.

If you like The Bee, tell your neighbors about it.