

ROUNDUP REPUBLICS

PLAN ON FOOT TO PACIFY CENTRAL AMERICA.

United States and Mexico Hope to Get All Small Scramblers Together in Conference and Force an Agreement to Keep the Peace.

That all of the Central American republics are looking to the present state of warfare between Nicaragua and Honduras to result in an agreement for permanent peace in Central America was developed Friday by a general discussion at the state department at Washington, D. C. With that end in view the negotiations looking to a cessation of hostilities will not go so far as to take up the subject of permanent peace, but will leave this broad question to a conference to be held in Washington or the City of Mexico, and in which all of the countries immediately interested will take part.

The conflict between two of the Central American republics which is now drawing to a close has made it apparent to all that the present unsettled conditions there are hampering the development of the countries. The various republics not involved in the war kept free with the greatest difficulty, and commercial affairs in all of them are affected.

With the United States and Mexico urging the placing of the republics on a firm basis so that they might dwell amicably together and enjoy an interchange of business, and with the lessons taught by the present war, there is every indication that a permanent agreement may be reached. The plan has not gone far enough for the suggestion of a date for such a conference, but it is assumed that it will not interfere with the conference at The Hague, although the two would not be in conflict in any way.

ASK PRESIDENT TO EXPLAIN.

Labor Leaders Wire Him Regarding the Haywood Story.

The Chicago Federation of Labor is endeavoring to place President Roosevelt on record regarding his reported opinions of Moyer and Haywood, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with complicity in the assassination of Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho. E. N. Nogles, secretary of the local labor body, sent the president the following telegram:

"The newspapers report you as saying that Moyer and Haywood are undesirable citizens. In view of the fact that these men will soon be put on trial for their lives we believe their chances for a 'square deal' would be considerably lessened if the reported statement is true. We therefore ask you for a correct information on this statement, believing a man is innocent until he is proved guilty."

FAMINE HORRORS GROW.

Conditions Becoming Much Worse in China.

Telegrams received from twenty points in the famine district of China report conditions growing worse.

The Chinese viceroy and governor telegraphed Friday to American Consul Rodgers their thanks for the relief sent, saying it is weakening the anti-foreign sentiment which animated the masses.

A few cases of rioting for food have occurred, and cannibalism is beginning to be reported. Newly made graves have been riddled of bodies and parents are exchanging their children to be eaten.

The situation is desperate and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks for humanitarian work.

Higher Wages for Telegraphers.

Through an agreement announced recently, 300 telegraphers, including every operator on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway, will receive increases in salary ranging from 5 to 25 per cent, according to present positions.

Triplets Born: Seventeen Children.

Triplets were born Wednesday night to Mrs. Anton Machal, of South Omaha, Neb., wife of a packing house employe. There now have been seventeen children left at the Machal home. Sixteen are living.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hives, \$5.55. Top hogs, \$6.40.

Poison in Canned Fish.

John A. Kepler, of Denver, Colo., general manager of the coal operating department of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, died suddenly Friday of ptomaine poisoning resulting from eating canned salmon.

Cannot Recover Insurance.

The appellate court of Chicago declared Friday that public policy forbids the recovery of insurance on a person executed for murder.

TO RENEW DEMANDS.

Employes of Packers Will Seek Higher Wages.

Butcher workmen who tied up the meat cutting industry throughout the country in 1904, and who finally suffered defeat in the struggle, have been organizing for several months and it is said are about to present demands to the packers. It is said the packing butchers in South Omaha, East St. Louis, St. Joseph, and to a certain extent in Kansas City and St. Paul, are joined with the Chicago butchers in the movement.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Workmen of America is to be held in New York April 22 to fix a date for concerted action in presenting their demands.

Joseph Masterson, of New York, second vice president of the butchers' organization, is in Chicago conferring with President Michael Donnelly.

Mr. Donnelly said Thursday night that the butchers' union was in better shape now than at any time since the big strike. At that time the union was almost completely disorganized on account of the dissatisfaction among its members over the terms of settlement, but according to Mr. Donnelly three-fourths of the skilled butchers employed by the packers have again joined forces.

Mr. Donnelly declined to state the demands that will be made on the employers.

CONGRESSMAN FAVROT FREE.

No Trial in Louisiana for Killing Under Unwritten Law.

Democratic Congressman George K. Favrot, of Baton Rouge, La., was set free Thursday after having been in jail continuously for about five months, under arrest on a charge of murder and awaiting the action of the grand jury. Thursday the second grand jury refused to indict the congressman. Mr. Favrot last November shot and killed Dr. R. H. Aldrich, of Baton Rouge, who had been his life long friend. The congressman declared the physician had made disparaging remarks about Mrs. Favrot. The shooting occurred immediately after an exciting election and while Favrot was still judge of the Baton Rouge court, which has now set him free. He resigned and was indicted by a grand jury which had been selected under his jurisdiction before the shooting. Because one of the jurymen was illiterate the finding was quashed.

TAWNEY BACK FROM ISTHMUS.

Tells President Canal Can Be Finished in Five Years.

Chairman Tawney, of the House committee of appropriations, and Representative Olcott, who have recently returned from a visit from the isthmus of Panama, Thursday discussed with the president conditions as they found them. Mr. Tawney is favorably impressed with the progress being made in the canal work and told the president he thought at the present rate the waterway should be completed in five years. He said he regarded it as unfortunate that the Engineering World had been representing to the people an almost impossible engineering problem confronting it. The principal conditions now to be met, he said, were those of sufficient railroad capacity to take care of the dirt excavated, and sanitation, with the view to keeping the place in a good healthful condition.

Bad Wreck in Canada.

Nine adults and six children are missing as the result of a wreck on the Canadian Pacific west of Chappell, Ont. According to an official statement issued by the Canadian Pacific, the train was partly derailed by a broken rail. Five cars ran down the embankment and caught fire from a cooking stove.

Ship Goes Ashore in a Fog.

The Great Eastern Railway company's steamer Brussels went ashore in a dense fog off Harwich with about sixty passengers on board. It is expected the vessel will be hauled off at high water. The passengers on the Brussels were taken off Thursday afternoon.

On Strike for Three Years.

The miners of the Thrybergh Hall colliery, near Yorkshire, Eng., who went out on strike nearly three years ago, have refused the terms offered by their employers to return to work. The strikers have received over \$150,000 strike pay from their union.

Strikers Return to Work.

There was a regular stampede among the strikers returning to work at the local yards of the American Shipbuilding company in Lorain, O., Thursday. The number of men who went back was estimated at between 700 and 800.

Great Fire in Chickasaw.

A special from Chickasaw, I. T., says a cotton compress, together with vast amount of cotton, was destroyed by fire Thursday a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Constantine in Chicago.

Frank J. Constantine, alleged murderer of Mrs. A. W. Gentry, arrived in Chicago from New York on the Twentieth Century Limited, and was immediately taken to a nearby police station.

Salary Boost in Wisconsin.

The senate Thursday concurred in an assembly resolution increasing the pay of members of the Wisconsin legislature from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

OHIO HIS ONLY BOSS.

Foraker Declares Himself in Speech at Canton.

In the presence of 1,200 people Senator Joseph B. Foraker Wednesday night delivered an address at Canton, O., defending his actions as a public servant and declaring his willingness to abide by their decision in the future. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Canton board of trade.

Senator Foraker was on the program for an address on "Civic Pride," but his speech was largely directed to his work as a senator, and is regarded as being the opening of the presidential campaign in Ohio.

Senator Foraker discussed published statements regarding the president's attitude toward the senator's speech at this time and replied to a publication mentioning him as one of an anti-Roosevelt combination; reviewed the investigation of the discharge of the negro soldiers on account of the trouble at Brownsville, Tex.; reiterated his views regarding recent railroad legislation; protested against the infringement by one branch of the government of the rights of another branch; declared that the representatives of the people in congress are accountable only to the people and are not "properly subject to any other influence; denied the right of anyone except his constituents to call him to account, and sounded a note of warning against increased surveillance of business men who need no "moral regeneration."

IN JAIL FOR CONTEMPT.

Judge Punishes Official of Barber Lumber Company.

L. G. Chapman, manager of the Barber Lumber company, of Boise, Idaho, is in jail, committed for contempt by United States District Judge Beaty. An application will be at once made to Circuit Judge Gilbert at Portland for a writ of habeas corpus. For some weeks a United States grand jury has been investigating the manner in which the Barber Lumber company obtained title to a large amount of timber lands owned by it on Boise river and its tributaries. Mr. Chapman was subpoenaed to bring in all books, letters, check stubs and other records of the company. On his deeming he was ordered by the court on Saturday last to bring in all the records touching upon acquisition of title to lands. Tuesday he appeared before the jury with the books and papers containing such records.

SLAV FAMINE IS APPALLING.

Twenty Million People Are Facing Starvation.

Dr. Kennard, of London, commissioner of the Society of Friends, who was sent to investigate the Russian famine, writing from Samara, in the heart of the famine district, appeals to the United States and Great Britain to promptly send help. He says: "There are 20,000,000 people distributed in the southeastern provinces of Russia who are without aid and cannot live to see another harvest."

In Samara alone, the commissioner adds, thousands are dying, and 750,000 are starving. Of the latter only 372,700 are getting relief, a dose of one meal in twenty-four hours. As the meal is only two pounds of bread and a bowl of soup, this, according to the commissioner, means dying by degrees. Even this meager dole in countless instances is divided among many mouths.

A Bomb is Exploded.

Another bomb explosion occurred at Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday morning and several casualties are reported to have resulted. All dispatches are very strictly censored. The population is showing signs of a great panic.

Brewers' Strike Settled.

The strike difficulty between the Western Pennsylvania Brewers' association and the Brewery Workers' union, which affected fifty-three plants in Pittsburg and vicinity, has been settled. The conditions were not made public.

American is Cut to Pieces.

The collector of the port of Truxillo, says Gen. Lee Christmas, of Memphis, Tenn., an officer in the Honduras army, was cut to pieces by Nicaraguan soldiers.

Winter Wheat's Condition.

The agricultural department at Washington Wednesday reported the condition of winter wheat and rye up to April 1 as follows: Wheat, 89.9; rye, 92.

Gasoline Advanced Again.

Another advance of 1 cent per gallon on common grades of gasoline was announced by the Standard Oil company Thursday.

Peace Conference June 15.

June 15 has been fixed upon for the opening of the second international peace conference at The Hague.

Dies Suddenly on Train.

W. H. Anderson, of Lawton, Okla., Democratic candidate for judge of the sixteenth district, died suddenly on a railroad train Tuesday, aged 56 years.

Finds New Sun Spot.

Dr. S. A. Mitchell, instructor in astronomy at Columbia university, declares he has discovered a new sun spot as large as that discovered by Prof. Brashear on Feb. 13.

Prohibits Bucket Shops.

Both houses of the Texas legislature have passed a law prohibiting the operation of "bucket shops," cotton exchanges or any dealers in futures in Tex.

News of Nebraska

OMAHA ROW TO THE COURTS.

Bitter Fight Over the City Engineer's Office.

After an all-night bombardment by the city council of Omaha to secure possession of the office of the city engineer, Edward Rosewater, the latter secured and had served on the bombarding forces an injunction restraining them from taking possession of his office by force, or in any way molesting him and his force in the discharge of their duties.

The injunction was served Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, after the councilmen had secured workmen and removed several doors in the suite of rooms occupied by Rosewater, and were on the point of forcibly entering his private office.

Thomas Shaw, elected by the council to succeed Rosewater, declares the council will back him up, and the city attorney is preparing to fight the matter to a finish.

The injunction was issued by Judge Kennedy, of the district court, and will come up for hearing soon.

Mr. Rosewater is a brother of the late Edward Rosewater, and has held the office a number of years.

Mr. Rosewater was appointed to succeed himself by Mayor Dahlman soon after the latter's election, but the city council refused to confirm the appointment. Since then he has held the office under the provision of the law that he shall retain the office until his successor is appointed and qualified. The appointment of Shaw by the city council is made under a provision of the city charter which members of the council claim gives that body authority to appoint city officers when the mayor has failed within a specified time to do so. This is the point the courts will be asked to settle.

MRS. LILLIE SEEKS INSURANCE.

Sues for Amount of Policy on Husband's Life.

Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie, who was convicted several years ago in Butler county of murdering her husband, Harvey Lillie, and who was pardoned from the penitentiary by Gov. Mickey, has begun suit in district court by Matt Miller, her attorney, against the Modern Woodmen of America for \$3,000, the value of a policy held by her husband in the order.

The reason for the transfer of the suit to Douglas county is said to be the feeling aroused by the murder of Lillie and the trial at which Mrs. Lillie was convicted. The order has refused to pay the policy, on the ground Mrs. Lillie was convicted of killing her husband, and should not profit by the crime.

IGNORE NEW LAW.

Express Companies Claim Emergency Clause is Not Effective.

None of the express companies doing business in Nebraska have lowered their rates, in compliance with the new state law reducing express charges 25 per cent. The bill was passed April 5 and signed by the governor at once. The bill went into effect as soon as passed and approved.

Express companies contend the emergency clause is not effective. The attorney general has the matter under consideration and will file charges against the companies unless the new rates are put into effect at once.

Disappointment in Love Fatal.

Charles Moore, a plumber of Lincoln, became despondent because his sweetheart refused to marry him and shot and killed himself in his room. The tragedy occurred about 5 o'clock and the young woman, a Miss Dougherty, discovered the body. Several parties heard the shot, but before a doctor reached his room Moore was dead.

Baby Left in Manger.

J. H. Sager, of Geneva, arose rather late on Sunday morning and went out to his stable at once to feed his old mare Polly. He found her interestedly regarding a small bundle in a suit case placed immediately in front of her manger. It contained a tiny five-pound baby girl, seemingly almost starved, but dressed in very good clothes.

Memorial for Pierce Divine.

A memorial service in memory of the late Rev. E. Taylor, who died at Syracuse, Neb., was held in the Congregational church at Pierce. The present pastor, Rev. Charles H. Dains, made an excellent address upon the life and work accomplished by his late predecessor, not only in Pierce, but throughout the state.

Baptists to Meet at Peru.

Herbert Ford, of Humboldt, president of the Baptist Young People's union of the Nemaha association, has just issued the program for the coming annual meeting at Peru, in a First Baptist church on April 24, 25 and 26.

Convicted of Illegal Voting.

The election at Arapahoe resulted in a tie and the arrest of three persons, charged with illegal voting. In the Fallert case the jury disagreed, but in the Metzner case, also tried, Metzner was found guilty of illegal voting and fined \$50 and costs.

Greek Laborer Killed.

Steven Colias, a Greek, working on a Union Pacific gravel gang, was struck by train No. 10 three miles west of Central City and instantly killed. He was thrown against a gravel train on a siding and rebounding struck the tender of No. 10. He was terribly mangled.

Death of J. J. W. Fox.

J. J. W. Fox, of Randolph, is dead, and his body was taken to his old home at Wayne for burial. Mr. Fox was 59 years of age and unmarried.

GRAIN MEN PLAN TO GET CARS.

Propose Action to Compel Railroads to Furnish Facilities.

Some thirty grain men owning elevators and doing business along the line of the Missouri Pacific met in Nebraska City to perfect organization for their own mutual protection, and at the same time not violate any of the laws.

Organization was perfected by electing Joseph Tighe, of Manley, president, and J. M. Elwell, of Springfield, secretary. A committee consisting of W. B. Banning, E. A. Duff and A. F. Denton was appointed to secure good legal talent so as to get the best advice regarding the matter of perfecting this organization.

The grain men want better rates and cars in which to ship their grain when it is contracted for or in their elevators. They want to ascertain if they cannot bring action against railroads when their grain is contracted for and they cannot secure cars. As soon as this committee reports the organization will be perfected.

LINCOLN MAY BE "DRY."

Citizens Face Prospect of Drink Fine Until May 13.

For the first time in its incorporated history Lincoln may become a "dry" city the coming week. Under the new charter saloon licenses expired Wednesday, and the new municipal year will not begin until May 13. Of the forty-one saloons in the city only four were open Wednesday, made possible because their licenses were late in being granted last year. Of the four two must close Thursday, the third a week from last Wednesday and the fourth a day or two after.

In the meantime leading prohibitionists have filed suit in the district court to enjoin the excise board from issuing any licenses whatever the coming year.

GRADING WILL BEGIN IN MAY.

Nebraska Central Interurban Road to Be Pushed Rapidly.

Secretary J. H. Rodgers, of the Omaha and Nebraska Central Railroad company, said that the contractors would begin grading for the interurban road early in May. The officers of the company had hoped to have the work under way by the last of March, but the contractor who was first employed was unable to leave his work for which he had already been engaged. The contractor now engaged will begin work at the Hastings end of the line. W. H. Fuller, chief engineer, will next week begin the task of placing grade stakes along the right of way.

BREWERS WILL MAKE FIGHT.

To Attack Law Passed by Nebraska Legislature.

Fred Metz stated that the breweries of Omaha and South Omaha will fight out in the courts the law just passed by the legislature preventing the breweries from owning saloon buildings. Metz is senior member of the Metz Brewing Co., of Omaha. He said the brewers felt it meant a practical confiscation of property valued at \$1,500,000 and the matter will be fought to the highest courts.

Beatrice Council Organizes.

The new council was organized at Beatrice, A. P. Sage being elected president on the fourteenth ballot. Mayor Reed made the following appointments: City attorney, L. M. Pemberton; city physician, Dr. C. W. Walden; engineer, A. J. Pethoud; street commissioner, A. J. Johnson; chief of police, J. T. Moore; night officer, Wirt Ellis; janitor city hall, J. S. Walker.

Burlington's Crop Report.

The Burlington crop report, the first of the season, says: Winter wheat has gone through the winter in good shape and in all parts of Nebraska is in generally good condition at this time. The acreage does not seem to be materially increased in southern Nebraska, but in the southwestern portion it is considerably larger.

Ellis Case to the Jury.

The trial of Forrest Ellis, a former Norfolk insane hospital attendant, charged with assault with intent to do bodily harm, was wound up Wednesday and went to the jury. County Attorney Koengstein and H. F. Barnhart argued for Ellis' conviction, while Senator Allen made a plea in his defense.

Oat Seeding in Progress.

The seeding of oats is in progress throughout Cumming county, the rain having put the ground in first class condition. A large acreage of wheat has been sown during the past two weeks. The ground is in fine working order and prospects are good for a favorable season for the farmers.

Bridges is Sentenced.

John P. Bridges, who was convicted at Nebraska City this term of court on the charge of assault upon his daughter, was called before District Judge Jensen and given ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Bridges claimed that he was innocent of the crime.

Children Accustomed to Fire.

The West school building at Fremont caught fire for the third time within a month and at the same place. The cause was extinguished without much damage being done, and the children marched out without excitement.

Death of Rastus Schafer.

Word was received at Tekamah of the sudden death of Rastus Schafer, of Fairfield, Ia., who was at the station ready for his departure to Tekamah to make it his future home.



The state railway commission has selected Clark Perkins, secretary. U. G. Powell of Lincoln, rate clerk, and Clem Crosswaite of University Place, stenographer. The secretary will be paid \$2,000 year, the stenographer will be paid \$150 a month, his selection being temporary, dependent upon how the commission gets along. Mr. Perkins is the secretary of the Republican state committee and until recently conducted a newspaper in St. Paul. A few weeks ago he put his paper on the market and went to Aurora, where he is now editing a paper owned by a stock company. Just as soon as possible he intends to dispose of his St. Paul newspaper and expects to be in Lincoln to take charge of his office. Crosswaite is the son of Chaplain Crosswaite, who served in the recent legislature, and he is at present employed in a railroad office at Lincoln. No rooms have yet been allotted to the railway commission and neither has any of the other departments been allowed to take the rooms vacated when the legislature met. The state board of public utility met. The board is contemplating starting the old elevator in the capitol, and if this is done the third floor will be utilized for office rooms and a number of the departments will be removed from the first and second floors, if the elevator is started. At this time, with one or two exceptions, the offices on the first floor are overcrowded and there is no place for the railroad commission.

Elmer Stephenson, internal revenue collector, and Bud Lindsey, collector of the port and custodian of the federal building, are said to be in line to make room for two other office-seekers. This information, while not coming direct from Senators Burkett and Brown, has been verified sufficiently to be stated as a fact. R. S. Schneider and Ross Hammond were in Lincoln recently to see the two senators, and it is reported they put in a good word for former United States Marshal Matthews, who was dismissed from the service by President Roosevelt because he entertained two men convicted in the federal court at the Omaha club, after they had been sentenced to six hours in the custody of the marshal. It is told that both Senator Burkett and Senator Brown agreed that Stephenson and Lindsey should walk the plant at the first opportunity and those in Lincoln who stood for the election of the two senators have called upon them to make good. It was reported that Ross Hammond himself would take Stephenson's place, but as Mr. Hammond has left town this could not be verified.

A. A. Kearney, of Stanton, representing the Yankton & Gulf railway, has been in David City and Butler county several days attending right of way and other legal matters. He says that preliminary work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. President Hill has been over the entire line and is now in Galveston and the civil engineers are in Kansas, working southward. The project is meeting with enthusiastic encouragement all along the line, and for the obvious reason that, as Mr. Kearney tersely puts it, "the road will place the stock and produce of the new west from 600 to 1,000 miles nearer tidewater than ever before and at the same time make a short haul northward for the cotton, coal and lumber of Indian Territory, Arkansas and Texas."

So far as heard from Gov. Sheldon has not yet appointed the board of five to look after the enforcement of the child labor law. The Rev. Mr. Willisford, of Lincoln, the trustee officer, however, is already busy and has served notice on a number of employers of children to get ready to comply with the law or to stand for vigorous prosecutions. The telegraph companies are advertising for boys, many of the younger ones having quit work because of the passage of the law or some other reason. Whether the members of the legislature will be prosecuted after their fifteen days of grace are up has not been announced. These members permitted boys under 14 to work more than eight hours a day and after 8 o'clock at night after the bill had become a law.

Some people are getting mightily interested in what the governor intends to do with the appropriation bills and several have called on him to discuss some of these measures. The Lincoln people are still crying that the university has been crippled, but those who know anything of the needs of the institution are satisfied the legislature was really liberal with the regents, and there will be plenty of money to keep the school in the front ranks, even if some of the smaller appropriations for investigations have to be cut out as well as the appropriation of \$50,000 for the engineering building. The governor has not indicated what he will do with these bills as yet.

The state board of purchase and supplies has been meeting, going over the bids submitted by contractors who want to furnish supplies for the various state institutions. The meetings are being held in the senate chamber and numerous firms are represented.

The board of regents of the state university adopted a resolution to charge non-resident students \$30 and thus bring in more money, with which the board expects to increase the salary of teachers at least \$30,000. This increase in the charge made to non-resident students is in line with the charges made to resident students, which have been added to from time to time during the last few years and is in line with a bill which was before the recent legislature.