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LABOR LAYS NEW CHARGES

Unions Join in Postal Charges, Making Many Allegations of Unfairness.

PORTO RICAN JURY INDICTS OFFICERS

True Bills Returned Against Naval and Army Men and Two Civilians for Alleged Smuggling Offences.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The indications are that organized labor will become a party to the investigation at the Postoffice department. A special committee of the Central Labor union of this city, which has been secretly considering the matter, has formulated charges of favoritism against certain officials of the mail equipment division. The charges, which probably will be filed tomorrow with the postmaster general, allege that mailbags not in conformity with the specifications have been accepted by the chief of the division. Other charges allege that a worthy and needy white woman is discriminated against in favor of a negro woman employee; that the foreman of the sewing room uses offensive language toward her subordinates; that when the machine operators were reduced from \$2 to \$1.75 per diem the salaries of the superintendent and some of the other officers were raised from \$150 to \$200 per annum; that the suspension of one clerk was illegal and another unjust; that engineers are worked overtime without compensation; that the foreman of the lockshop is not a lockmaker, and that recommendations for promotion are not based on merit. Reports that a "promotion ring" existed to control promotions in the Brooklyn

postoffice similar to that which is now being investigated in New York City were brought to the attention of the department. It was stated, however, that as yet no evidence of such a ring has been discovered. Mr. Payne was asked regarding the alleged advanced information furnished to interested parties with reference to the appointment of rural free delivery carriers. "I suppose you mean by that," responded the postmaster general, "the possibility of collusion between the department and business concerns interested. I do not see how such tips could come from the department, because the Civil Service commission has to pass on the selection of carriers." The postmaster general said he thought it was the duty of newspapers that acquire evidence of improper actions of persons in the service to furnish it to the department and aid in the investigation now in progress.

Porto Rican Officers Indicted. The department of justice today received the following cable from the United States attorney at San Juan, P. R., respecting the pending smuggling cases: True bills returned today against Merritt, navy; Lowder, marine; Crabbe, army; Giles and Butler, civilians. (Signed) United States Attorney.

Canal Charges Uncertain. Dr. Herrack, the Colombian charge d'affaires here, said today, with reference to the prospects for the ratification of the canal treaty by the Colombian Congress: The advice I receive from Logotia through private sources are quite contradictory. They show the opposition to the treaty to be quite strong, but do not state who is leading the opposition. I have received no official information to indicate the active strength of the friends and opponents of the treaty. I am still without information as to the exact date when congress will be convened, except that contained in earlier advices that it would be assembled about May 1.

Government Rushed with Fish Orders.

In consequence of the unusual demand for fish to stock rivers and small streams, the United States fish commission is preparing to make a greater distribution this year than ever before. Two cars now lying in the commission yards are being stocked with millions of fry and fingerlings of shad, perch, Atlantic salmon, land-locked salmon, trout and black bass. The distribution will be made at various points. The different hatcheries in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Colorado, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri, also are now actively engaged in the spring distribution. Particular attention will be paid this year to the stocking of Virginia streams with black bass, for which there have been many requests.

Red Carriers Perfect Organization. The International Red Carriers' and Building Trades Labor Union of America perfected its organization by the election of officers. Herman Litten, Chicago, was elected president, and H. A. Stanberg, Waverly, N. Y., secretary-treasurer. The thirty-nine delegates in attendance claim to represent about 28,000 members. In consequence of the formation of this new organization 150 local unions attached to

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NEGROES ROB FERRY BOAT

One Man is Shot During the Holdup, but His Recovery is Probable.

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 17.—Two negro desperadoes, Wilbur Sharp and Cornelius Wilkins, held up a ferryboat in the middle of the Monongahela river opposite Courtney, this county, and with drawn revolvers robbed the passengers of their valuables.

Isaac Ames, an old man, who resisted, was shot through the left breast and dangerously wounded. The passengers were held at bay by Sharp while Wilkins did the robbing.

When the boat reached shore the negroes backed off, flourishing their revolvers, and disappeared in the darkness. Officers have started in pursuit, but they have not yet been captured. Ames will recover.

BRYAN CREATES A STIR

Apostle of Silver Breaks Bread with Distinguished Gold Democrat.

CINCINNATI, April 17.—Considerable stir was caused in political circles today by Colonel W. J. Bryan being the guest at the Queen City club of Melville E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railway.

President Ingalls was one of the most prominent of the so-called "gold democrats" in both of the Bryan presidential campaigns, and many of the Bryan Democrats are reported as not supporting Ingalls for mayor here last week.

While Colonel Bryan is here to fill a lecture engagement, his luncheon with President Ingalls and his meeting with other so-called "gold democrats" was the feature of the day.

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DUBLIN, April 17.—The Irish national convention concluded this evening. In two days it got through a large amount of controversial work and emerged, to quote T. P. O'Connor, "seathless and honored from a test the whole world was watching. It was not only a triumph for the destinies of Ireland, but it held in its hand the fate of the British empire."

John Redmond, replying to an enthusiastic vote of thanks for his chairmanship, declared that the convention was a credit in every particular to Ireland and afterward announced that the amendments adopted by the convention would be accepted at the joint conference at which Lord Dunsaville, Lord Mayo, Captain Shawe-Taylor, John Redmond, William O'Brien and T. W. Russell will meet. This practically insures the passage of the Irish land bill.

When the convention reassembled in the morning, with a smaller attendance, John Redmond, in view of a misunderstanding in the case of certain English papers, introduced a strong home rule resolution, declaring that the Irish nation would never be satisfied until it obtained a full measure of self-government. "No substitute," said Mr. Redmond, "can or will be accepted."

Michael Davitt briefly seconded the resolution, saying Irishmen would be neglecting their sacred duties to the cause if they did not send such a message to their race throughout the world.

Mr. Redmond's recommendation was carried by acclamation. William O'Brien then proceeded to explain the various suggested amendments to the land bill.

An amendment of Mr. O'Brien provided for extending financial assistance to evicted tenants was welcomed by many of the delegates, who wished it to go further. Patrick Flynn of the Cork branch of the league, a man of great girth, with a shillelagh in one hand and a broad-brimmed hat in the other, then mounted the platform. His appearance created laughter. "I did not," he said, "travel 150 miles to be laughed at."

In a few seconds Mr. Flynn held the convention spellbound by the extraordinary eloquence with which he insisted that the present occupiers of holdings which form-

erly belonged to evicted peasants should themselves be evicted.

This peasant orator worked up a storm against "grabbers," but Mr. O'Brien's more moderate counsels prevailed.

Throughout the morning peasant speakers discussed the details of the bill with intelligent rhetoric.

Mr. O'Brien's suggestions as a rule were passed without division.

Michael Davitt fought Mr. O'Brien's peasant proprietorship proposals. He maintained that the nationalization of the land was the only method by which Ireland could be made prosperous, but when a division was threatened Mr. Redmond effected a compromise, with the result that the convention emphatically endorsed Mr. Davitt's well known theories, but retained Mr. O'Brien's suggestion.

The convention concluded without any special incident. A resolution was passed demanding the immediate release of Colonel Lynch and Mr. Kibridge, a former member of Parliament. Major Jameson and Jasper Tully, members of Parliament, were read out of the party for "dereliction of duty and lack of loyalty to the United Irish league."

A motion was passed urging Thomas Sexton to return to Parliament.

John Redmond and Lord Dunsaville had an informal meeting this morning and decided to postpone the sittings of the landlords and tenants' conference, which will probably be held in London next week.

All Classes and Creeds Unite.

At the conclusion John Redmond issued the following signed statement: The convention was the most important nationalist assembly in Ireland during the

last 100 years. If its recommendations be substantially carried out by the government the land question will be settled and the whole future of Ireland will be full of hope.

The convention's recommendations will be supported by members of the land commission and they will be presented to the government as the demands of the landless and tenants. I have the strongest possible hope that the government will have the wisdom to accept them. If it does not the result will be the absolute end of the land war in Ireland, the union of all class and creeds in this country with the inevitable result of the concession, almost immediately, certainly within the lifetime of the present generation, of a system of national self-government.

I congratulate the whole Irish race at home and abroad on this most magnificent result of the labors, sacrifices and sufferings of the men who have conducted the Irish national movement in the last few years and who, I hope, will live to see the triumph of their principles. This historic session is largely due to the magnificent support we have received from the Irish in America and American public opinion generally. JOHN REDMOND.

O'Connor's Summing Up.

T. P. O'Connor, summing up today's proceedings, said:

"This was the day for agreeing on the amendments to the land bill which are on paper, essential. Most of these were proposed by William O'Brien. They covered several important questions, including demands for more liberal treatment of the congested districts and of the laborers. The proceedings were extremely harmonious. There was an animated but good humored discussion on the subject of an eighth as a rent charge proposed by Mr. Davitt and myself, the former representing views in favor of the nationalization of the land, while I put forward those of peasant proprietors. The final resolution was adopted condemning the eighth, but retaining a technical rent charge."

One of the most important amendments was that proposed by Michael Davitt, that the principle of the American homestead

law be added to the land bill to safeguard the peasants from the results of improvident borrowing and the operation of the land grabbers and land jobbers.

DROWNED IN RIVER BOTTOM

High Water Near Clinton, Indiana, is Responsible for Death of Four Children.

CLINTON, Ind., April 17.—Ora Eddington, his wife and three small children, with two neighbor boys, started to cross the Wabash river bottoms in the face of a warning of danger. The three Eddington children and one of the boys, William Dudley, were drowned. The party got off the road and was soon beyond their depth. Hundreds of people witnessed the disaster, but a relief boat was late in reaching the struggling people. Eddington escaped on a horse and his wife was rescued by a 12-year-old boy. Three of the bodies were recovered. The high water was the result of recent heavy rains.

SETTLERS FLOCK TO OREGON

Twenty-Five Thousand Enter Northwest Over Harriman Line in Two Months.

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