

THE WEATHER—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday partly cloudy, probably becoming unsettled in east; colder in west and north portions.

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RAIL STRIKE UP TO PRESIDENT

MUST DECIDE ON DEMANDS OF TRAINMEN

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Matter Will Be Put Before Wilson Today, When He Shall Determine Whether or Not Increase Be Granted. Washington, Feb. 11.—Failing to reach an agreement with the representatives of the more than 2,000,000 railroad employes on demands for increased wages, Director General Hines decided tonight to submit the whole case to President Wilson for decision.

No Final Break Meant. Submission of the claims and arguments to the president, while temporarily ending the general negotiations, does not mean a final break, railroad administration officials explained. Neither Hines nor the union spokesmen indicated that they felt that a deadlock had arrived, although the discussions were ended. Regardless of the president's decision in the matter, the difficulties could be ironed out after return of the roads through machinery likely to be set up by pending legislation, it was explained.

Statement of Hines. In explanation of his action, Mr. Hines issued the following statement: "Since February 3 the director general has had frequent conferences with the chief executives of the railroad labor organizations for the purpose of devising means for wage increase. During these conferences the executives of the labor organizations have expressed their views with great ability and frankness. The director general has not been able to agree with them as to how the problem should be disposed of in view of the early termination of federal control and is now laying before the president the representations of the executives of the organizations and also his own report for the purpose of obtaining the president's decision in the premises. It is decidedly his belief that a clearer development as to the real issues involved and as to the character of evidence pertinent to those issues and the discussion throughout has been characterized by courtesy as well as candor and with a sincere purpose on the part of all to try to find a solution."

Presents Data Early Today. At the White House late tonight it was said that Mr. Hines would present the data in the controversy to Secretary Taft tomorrow morning and that it would be sent to the president immediately. Submission of the matter to the president was in accordance with information given out earlier in the day at the White House that after making a decision in the matter, Mr. Hines would refer the general case to the union leaders, his statement of disagreement with their claims could be considered as a definite answer. Living Cost Not Reduced. In a statement tonight, Mr. Lee declared that the government had not succeeded in reducing the cost of living by the campaign begun last summer and he, therefore, felt he could no longer hold the demands in abeyance. "I expect to get the written answer of the director general to the trainmen's request at the next conference with him," said President Lee. "After which the special committee of 20 officers and general chairman, authorized by the international union, will be called upon to present their views to the president."

Women in Suffrage Jubilee, Fifty First Convention, at Chicago, to Reorganize Into National League of Women Voters



Twenty-Eight States Have Suffrage—Other Eight To Assure Ratification Regarded Certain. Chicago, Feb. 11.—Representatives of more than 2,000,000 women in the 48 states of the union assembled here today to attend a convention that will witness the passing of the National American Woman Suffrage association and the formation of the National League of Women Voters. The convention which began today and will continue until next Wednesday, will mark the transition of the suffrage movement from an organization planned to obtain the rights of the ballot for women to an organization through which it is expected the women of the country will make use of the electoral privileges granted them.

EDWARDS MAKES SLASHING ATTACK ON WM. J. BRYAN. Calls "Hysterics" About Prohibition Mask to Drive Against Cummings. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 11.—Answering William J. Bryan's latest attack on him by declaring that personal liberty is involved in the question of prohibition and not merely the ability of one to get a drink, Governor Edwards has issued a statement intimating that Bryan's "hysterics" about prohibition is simply a mask to cover an attack on Democratic National Chairman Cummings who, the governor said, was a "formidable obstacle" to the Nebraska's political designs. Mr. Edwards reiterated his determination to take the matter of prohibition before the democratic national convention.

GRAIN MEN WILL SEND COMMITTEE TO WASHINGTON. Representatives of Omaha Exchange to Seek Recall of Loading Order Affecting Corn Market. A committee of Omaha grain men, representing the Omaha Grain exchange, will leave for Washington, D. C., Monday to seek a recall of Director General Hines' railroad order prohibiting the shipment of corn out of Omaha from February 8 to 18.

DEMOCRATS FLOCK TO JOIN ARIZONA PERSHING CLUBS. Leading Citizens and Ex-Servicemen Join by Hundreds—Texas Also in Line. Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Well-known business and professional men of Douglas have been joined by hundreds of others, including more than 50 ex-soldiers, in the organization of a Pershing-for-president club. George E. Buxton, head of the Douglas Chamber of Commerce, has been elected president of the club, which, in co-operation with similar clubs at Naco, Bisbee, Nogales and other towns throughout the state, is going to work to send a Pershing delegation to the national republican convention at Chicago.

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NO EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH IN KIRK CASE

Bar Commission's Report Declares Furlough Practice Illegal But Finds No Basis for Recommending Proceedings. SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN IN 52 PREVIOUS CASES. Minority of One Declares Governor Responsible Even Though Absent From State At Time of Release.

The State Bar commission filed two reports with the supreme court at Lincoln yesterday relative to its investigation of the release of Beryl C. Kirk from the state penitentiary on a "furlough" signed by State Senator Bushee, then acting governor. The majority report, signed by Members McCandless, Fradenberg, Ledwith and Goss, finds that the issuance of furloughs, in this case and 52 others, extending through six state administrations, is without authority of law, although sanctioned by custom. It recommends that the practice be discontinued.

Reviews Kirk's Crime. The majority report includes a detailed statement of the crime for which Kirk was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary, the murder of Police Detective Frank Rooney of Omaha, following the Malachuk jewelry store robbery. It continues with a recital of the facts of the application for a furlough to Governor McKelvie and its issuance by Acting Governor Bushee during the absence from the state of both the governor and Lieutenant Governor Barrows. "This order releasing Kirk on what is called a 'furlough' is not a new thing in the executive department of this state," the report states. "The practice seems to have followed in at least the last six administrations. Lists in evidence show that 52 furloughs have been granted in the last seven years during the administrations of Governors Morehead, Neville and McKelvie, releasing parties convicted for crimes ranging from hog stealing to murder, and from wife desertion to rape."

Show Proprietor And Sisters Heavy Losers to Thieves. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11.—Two robbers obtained between \$17,000 and \$20,000 worth of jewelry and a stolen amount of cash here last night when they held up Cyril C. Cohen, proprietor of a number of Seattle motion picture theaters, and his two sisters, at the point of revolvers, as the Cohen party entered a private garage in their automobile, according to a report made by Cohen to the police. The robbers forced the Cohens to alight from the automobile and then escaped in it.

Sweet Cider "Stag" Greeted "Bill" After War Lay-Off. A tear of fond recollection of the "old days" glistened in many an eye at the "stag" social of Omaha Elks at the club rooms last night. It was the first "stag" held there since prohibition entered Nebraska. The liquid refreshment of the evening was sweet cider! "Tisn't like the old days, eh, Bill?" was the most frequent remark heard among the 300 sturdy Elks who crowded the club rooms. Still, the absence of that liquid to which the Elks were never irreconcilably opposed did not interfere with the hilarity of the evening. Not so you could notice it. The beaming countenance of Dan B. Butler, master of ceremonies, city commissioner and jolliest soul in Omaha, beamed good cheer everywhere and answering beams came back from the 299 other countenances. Even T. F. Swift, whose sad duty it was to preside over a sweet cider bowl, as well as the doughnuts and hot wieners, beamed as cheerily as he could.

"ME AND BRYAN," SAYS BILLY SUNDAY. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 11.—William Jennings Bryan for president and William Ashley Sunday for vice president. That is the ticket that will be named by the "drys" if the republicans and democrats name "wet" candidates; at least that's what Rev. "Billy" Sunday announced here. Also he said that if this ticket should be elected, William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in New York, will be named ambassador to Great Britain.

START PARING SIDE ISSUES IN TREATY FIGHT

Negotiations Resumed Privately For Compromise on Main Points in Controversy. Washington, Feb. 11.—Steps to eliminate many collateral issues of the peace treaty fight were taken today on the floor while negotiations were being resumed privately for a compromise on the two principal points remaining in controversy, article 10 and the Monroe doctrine.

Modification of eight of the 14 republican reservations on the basis of agreements by the bipartisan conference and in a way said to be satisfactory to many democrats was proposed formally by Senator Lodge. Four of the remaining six are said to have been accepted already without change by the democrats, leaving only those which relate to article 10 and the Monroe doctrine. Progress also was claimed in article 10 negotiations, a new draft of the reservation being declared by the mild reservation republicans to have received approval from Senator Lodge and from some democrats. The draft was denounced by Senator Hitchcock, democratic leader, however, as constituting "not a compromise but a surrender," and much doubt remained as to its ultimate acceptance.

PRESBYTERIANS TO JOIN INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT. Decide to Enter Evangelistic Campaign "Whole-Heartedly And Completely." Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 11.—The Presbyterian church of the United States will enter the world evangelistic campaign of the Interchurch World movement "whole-heartedly and completely," according to a decision made by the executive committee of the general assembly.

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Gaby Deslys Is Dead; Throat Trouble Kills French Actress-Dancer. Paris, Feb. 11.—Gaby Deslys, the French actress and dancer, died Wednesday. Gaby Deslys had recently undergone several operations for an infection of the throat. Early in December she was considered to be in a grave condition and her relatives were summoned from America.

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GERMAN AID GIVEN MEXICO AT NOGALES

Teutons Fought in Carranza's Army Which Engaged American Troops August 27, 1918, Testimony at Probe Shows. DISCOVER TWO BODIES AMONG MEXICAN DEAD. Also Learned That Those Who Fought Yanks Were Not Civilians But Soldiers, Though Attired as Former.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 11.—At least two Germans were fighting in the Mexican army on August 27, 1918, at Nogales, according to testimony of Captain Frederick T. Herman, of the Eighth cavalry, before the senate subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation today. He said their bodies were found among the Mexican killed. Captain Herman, a lieutenant colonel commanding at Nogales at the time of the fight, denied the official statement of the Mexican commander that the Mexican force was composed of civilians.

Mexicans Buried. Three civilians also were killed and five wounded. The Mexican losses never were learned but United States Army intelligence reports were submitted to show the Mexicans buried after the fight at least 115. Much of the testimony taken today was in executive session. It had to do with the forced evacuation of the Mormon colonies in Chihuahua. The committee also learned the details of the efforts made by American military authorities to have brought to trial Lieutenant Juan Azpeitia for the murder of David Troib, December 28, 1918, an American soldier. He was killed on the Mexican side of the river near El Paso. The return of his body to the American side, where the autopsy was held, was made the basis of a protest by the Mexican authorities against any action by them. Negotiations resulted in three examinations of the body, one (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

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