

## RAILROAD MEN PREPARING FOR ANOTHER FIGHT

Organized Labor and Plumb Plan League Will Endeavor Again to Nationalize Carriers.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 6.—Now that the railroad men have been turned back to private ownership in spite of the fight of organized labor and the Plumb plan league to prevent this consummation, organized labor and the league who would nationalize the railroads are accepting defeat but preparing every day for another battle.

The Plumb plan league, which has been silent since congress passed the railroad bill and the roads were returned, accepts the verdict temporarily, but announces in a statement today that it is girding for another fray with the polls of the country to be the battle ground.

"Undismayed by its temporary setback at the hands of congress," the statement says, "the Plumb Plan league announces that it has just started to fight and that it will continue its agitation for industrial democracy in the operation of the railroads until it becomes the settled policy of the American people in their treatment of the transportation problem."

### Say Congress Committed.

The league leaders who express the opinion of the reorganization on what congress and the government have done charge that congress is committed to privilege and reaction and predict that the railroad bill will impose crushing burdens upon the public and point out that the problem must be solved by electing a congress that will not be pledged to the interests of the privileged.

"When the people get through paying the bill for this iniquity," the Plumb Plan league declares, "they will learn in several different ways that their interests have been betrayed. They already have lost millions of dollars and they will lose billions before they have liquidated this experiment."

### Urges Military Measures To Expel Turks in Armenia

Washington, March 6.—Restoration of Armenia's political independence by the allied nations is urged in a resolution introduced by Senator King, democrat, Utah, and referred to the foreign relations committee. The resolution suggests that military measures be taken to expel armed Turks and Kurds from Armenia and to protect the natives from recurrence of the long-continued massacres.

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## PORTUGAL SHUTS UP ALL LICENSED GAMING HOUSES

Gambling Resorts Throughout Country Are Closed by Government Order.

By WILLIAM A. BENTLEY.  
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Lisbon, March 6.—Portugal has closed the gambling houses throughout the country.

During the war, traders, industrialists, and great land owners made money. In the war's wake came corruption, shameless profiteering and a national fever of gambling.

Some persons recalling the legends of Monte Carlo urged that sanctioned gambling would attract foreigners with money.

Under Antonio Pass liberty was granted to gambling houses. The effect was deplorable. War profits and foreign capital were lavishly expended in fitting up scores of night clubs, luxurious casinos and gaming houses not only in Lisbon and its suburbs, but also at seaside resorts. The gambling mania spread with its train of "hush money," "adventurers" and "adventuresses," touts, and tragedies.

### Disregarded Laws.

Investments in houses of vice and gambling were so profitable that though the law forbade such places, successive governments shrank with dealing with the "vested interests" backing such enterprises.

Proposals for regulation of these places were before parliament, when the scandals published in the newspapers directly challenged the chamber of deputies on the continued toleration of such conditions.

Premier Domingos explained that personally he opposed gambling, but the complicated nature of the question hitherto led to toleration. In view of public opinion, the government decided to enforce the law closing gambling houses throughout the country. The premier said he knew it would result in public disturbances, but he felt the government had the power to comply with the wishes of the country.

## Contents Eighteenth Amendment Annuls All Conflicting Laws

Washington, March 6.—Solicitor General King, in a brief filed in court, decrees dismissing injunction proceedings against the Volstead act in Massachusetts, contended that the 18th amendment annuls all conflicting state and federal laws previously passed. The amendment, the brief added, does not take from the states authority to enact similar enforcement legislation "except to the extent that the conferring of a concurrent power upon congress may be a limitation."

These contentions were designed to refute arguments that the amendment operated to abolish all powers which either congress or the states had previously exercised over intoxicating liquors.

Appeals in the case will be argued Monday with the Rhode Island suit and the Kentucky distilleries case.

### U. S. Agent Held for Selling Steamer Rugs to Himself

New York, March 6.—William J. Love, purchasing agent of the North Atlantic Shipping board, has been arrested on a charge of having sold to himself valuable steamer rugs which the board had taken over from German ships seized by the government. Love, who also is secretary of the firm of W. J. Love & Company, Inc., ship chandlers, of this city, was held on \$2,500 bail after waiving preliminary examination.

### Campaign on to Stabilize Building Material Prices

Chicago, March 6.—A campaign has been begun among building material men to stabilize prices on all materials used in home building for at least six months. A plea was made also for stabilization of wages. Only by such means could the housing problem be solved, said Edward Hines, head of a lumber company, who announced the movement.

## She's Been Mother to 3,916 Yanks and Gobs In Service, Believes Attitude to Civilian Life Means Good Citizens

Manager of C. of C. Employment Bureau Has Many Touching Stories to Tell.

A slim, dark-haired youth, clad in soiled khaki, entered the Chamber of Commerce, paused uncertainly, then approached Mrs. Mabel Walker, manager of the Chamber of Commerce Soldiers' and Sailors' Employment bureau.

"Got any work this morning," he mumbled, seating himself on the nearest chair and producing a cigar.

"What can you do?" inquired Mrs. Walker, briskly. "Do you know any trade?"

"No," drawled the youth, between puffs at his cigar, "but I want good pay. I fought for my country and I've got a living coming. Been out of the army three months and haven't got the right job yet. Whatchagot?"

### Long Hours and No Pay.

"We have a job that will pay \$100 a month to start with," began Mrs. Walker. "It's a warehouse job with a chance for advance."

"Nothin' doin'," interrupted the youth, rising and walking away. "Long hours, no pay—nothin' doin'."

A moment later another young man entered, stepped briskly up to Mrs. Walker's desk and inquired if there were a job open.

"I was just discharged," he explained, "and I'd be glad to get any kind of a job."

As he left the chamber five minutes later, carrying a card entitling him to the \$100-a-month job with long hours, Mrs. Walker smiled reflectively.

### Close In Three Weeks.

"In three more weeks this bureau will be closed," she announced, "and I'm going to miss this terribly. You have just seen two men and what the army did for each. Thank goodness the first type is few and far between."

"You think service in the army and navy really helped the men?" Mrs. Walker was asked.

"I believe that a large percentage of the men who served with the United States army or navy were benefited in both a physical and moral way. Their outlook was broadened and the discipline was good for them," replied Mrs. Walker.

And Mrs. Walker, who in the capacity of manager of the bureau has placed 3,916 ex-service men in jobs since the close of the war, should know. She has studied the temperament of the men as they approached her for positions, and is convinced that their attitude toward the new civilian life is of the sort which will make them valuable citizens.

### Former U. S. Agent Is Arrested at San Diego On Charge of Graft

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 5.—Joe "Cootie" Peak, former jockey, former federal agent and adventurer-at-large, was arrested in San Diego, according to information received at the federal building. As long as he was an agile "cootie" Uncle Sam was unable to lay hands upon him. The trouble began when saloon-keepers here told the federal officials they had slipped Peak \$4,700 to be used in purchasing liquor for them.

He was next heard from in New Orleans, where he started a riot in a gambling house. Detectives rushed south, but the "Cootie" was too nimble. Cuba next sent out a call for help, as the "Cootie" was stinging all and sundry on the island. Detectives were always a jump behind Peak, who fitted from Cuba to San Antonio. Success made him careless. In San Diego, under an assumed name, opportunity came to shoot up a cafe and he could not resist the temptation. A government mileage book knocked out his subterfuge of an assumed name and the heavy hand of the federal government descended upon him.

He served in the penitentiary at Atlanta. After he got out he was accepted as an agent of the government in the narcotic division and his work at first was highly satisfactory. He was promoted and was granted leave of absence and solicited the bribe of \$4,700 from Chicago saloon-keepers. This money he presumably lost on the New Orleans and Havana races.

## Delay Withdrawal of Japanese Troops Now On Duty in Siberia

Washington, March 6.—Announcement that Japan proposes to withdraw her troops from Siberia appears to have been at least premature in the light of dispatches from Tokyo, which indicate that the whole subject is under discussion in the diet. Meantime the government is refraining from any change in its program, which contemplates the maintenance of a considerable force in eastern Siberia and the retention of strategic railways.

The situation of Vladivostok, where the local soviet government is trying to establish relations with the Moscow government, is believed to threaten complications inasmuch as the foreign military could be maintained in the city only by some form of recognition of the local officials. Such recognition is unlikely to be extended by Japan in advance of a general agreement to that effect among the entente powers, it was said.

### Make Further Efforts To Amend Court-Martial

Washington, March 6.—Further efforts to amend existing court-martial regulations will be made next week when the house takes up the army reorganization bill. Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, said.

"The existing court-martial system is atrocious to the Prussian degree," Johnson said. "It subjects every man in the army to the whim, caprice or will of any officer."

### Army Aviator Killed in Attempt to Make Landing

Lawton, Okl., March 6.—Lieut. Fred H. Utley was instantly killed and two privates injured, one probably fatally, in attempting to make a forced landing in an airplane at Aachee, Okl., near here.



Mrs. Mabel Walker, manager of the Chamber of Commerce soldiers' and sailors' employment bureau, in the act of registering her first applicant, Hubert Rousey, 3320 Fowler avenue, just discharged from the army.

capacity of manager of the bureau has placed 3,916 ex-service men in jobs since the close of the war, should know. She has studied the temperament of the men as they approached her for positions, and is convinced that their attitude toward the new civilian life is of the sort which will make them valuable citizens.

Moreover she is convinced that there are just 3,916 real human interest, heart-throb stories in the 3,916 men who applied for jobs.

"I was never particularly interested in psychology until I took charge of the bureau," declared Mrs. Walker. "Then I found that psychology was a very necessary science."

### The Aristocrat From Boston.

"One of the first applicants was an aristocratic young second lieutenant from Boston. He wore a wrist watch, carried a small cane, and applied for a position as general manager of something—he wasn't sure what. He even suggested that if there was a shortage of bank presidents he would do very well."

"I assured him there were plenty

of bank presidents in the city, and he went away greatly disappointed. A few weeks later he returned. This time he wore dirty overalls and told me he had a 'temporary job' hauling coal."

### Council Bluffs Private.

A direct antithesis to the tale of the young Bostonian is related by Mrs. Walker about a middle-aged Council Bluffs man who had been a private in the army. This man came to the bureau shortly after leaving the army, admitted he lacked education, but said he had a wife and two children to support, and must find work. He was given a job hauling coal."

Recently Mrs. Walker received a letter from him telling her that he had purchased a garage in a small town in South Dakota and was "doing nicely."

One of the most difficult "cases" which Mrs. Walker has dealt with is that of what she calls her "detective-soldier." The detective-soldier fought the war at Camp Funston, mostly in the guard house, according to his tale, and his "detective instinct" was simply not

appreciated in the army, he declared. On the morning he applied at the bureau for a job, he carried a large bundle of literature which he proudly displayed. It proved to be the courses of three detective correspondence schools. Since then Mrs. Walker has placed him in six jobs and he has been "fired" six times. Each employer explained that he found too much wrong with their organization.

A majority of the men applying for jobs preferred outdoor work, Mrs. Walker says. Of the men seeking jobs at the bureau only about 100 were commissioned officers, and the percentage of sailors was very small. Although a number of men were placed on Nebraska farms, a large majority of them found employment in Omaha.

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### Janitor Hounds His Wife; Accuses Her and She Is Given Decree

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 5.—Stanley Plaszek, a janitor of a flat building, suspected his wife of kissing the milkman and gadding about at night, so he went to a pawn shop and purchased a pair of handcuffs. He proposed to handcuff her up to the bed at night, but she put up such a fight that he could not get the cuffs on her. Then he installed a small electric shock machine beside his bed and connected it with push buttons installed in two flats overlooking the door. By bribing the occupants of these flats they were to push the buttons if they saw his wife going out. Thus he was enabled to go to sleep, clutching the handles of the shock machine secure in the knowledge that if his wife left on a philandering tour he would be awakened.

Judge Trude listened to all this patiently. Then he called the drab, faded-out washed-out and worn-out wife to the stand. She said she cared for their six children, fed the furnace, scrubbed the halls and woodwork, swept, dusted, shoveled snow, did the cooking and mending and washing and that she had no time or inclination to go anywhere after work was done.

"Stay away from her and pay her \$15 a week," ordered the judge as he turned his attention to the jealous janitor.

### Federal Agents Swoop Down On 20 Cafes; Five Men Held

New York, March 5.—Internal revenue agents, provided with search warrants issued by United States commissioners, raided 20 restaurants and cafes in Brooklyn late Saturday in search of liquor. Four proprietors and a bartender were arrested and held in \$1,000 bail each for examination March 10.

Walter R. Oetgen produced evidence that 10 gallons of sherry had been reported to the authorities and that he had a permit to keep it for culinary purposes. The application for the permit was still pending, he said. He was not arrested.

### Would Have U. S. Purchase All Bonded Liquor Stocks

Westerville, O., March 6.—Purchase by the federal government of all liquor stocks in bond is urged by the Anti-Saloon league in a statement issued here at the league's national headquarters by Ernest H. Cherrington, secretary of the league's executive committee. The statement says, in part:

"The government of the United States should purchase all whisky at a price to be fixed by a federal commission, which price would represent the actual cost of production. Upon purchasing the whisky the government should convert it promptly into denatured alcohol, for which there is an ever-increasing demand. By such an arrangement the distillers will get all they actually have invested in the whisky and the greatest temptation to break the prohibitory law will be removed."

### Advise Against Paying Claims of Ludlow Riot

Denver, Colo., March 6.—Rejection in entirety of the claims of the Italian government for \$51,000 arising from loss of life in the Ludlow strike in this state in 1914 was recommended to Gov. Oliver H. Shoup in a report submitted today by the Colorado legislature's board of inquiry.

A copy of the report will be sent to the State department at once. Several Italians were killed by troops.

## THINK BANDITS HOLD INVENTOR OF DEPTH BOMB

Fiancee of Angelus Casten Receives Messages That Lead To Belief He's Kidnaped.

Chicago, March 6.—Angelus J. Casten, director of experimental chemistry for the International Harvester company and inventor of a chemical propulsive agent for depth bomb charges used by the government in the war against submarines, is believed to have been kidnaped in Detroit and held for ransom. Casten left Chicago Wednesday morning for Washington to collect royalties for the use of his invention.

First reports that all was not well were received Thursday afternoon by Miss Mabel Nielson, Casten's fiancée, in the form of a telegram from Detroit saying his body had been found there, explaining he had been run over by a train. The telegram was signed "the identification company of America."

Investigation proved there was no such concern in Detroit. Late last night Miss Nielson received a postal card from Detroit, dated Wednesday night, after his telegram announcing his death had been sent. This led to the kidnaping theory. Casten said he was leaving Detroit.

After Casten's formula was delivered in Washington last July, two secret service men guarded him constantly.

Nation Going Through Epochal Period in Aircraft History

New York, March 6.—Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, chief of training and operations of the army air service, speaking at the opening of the National Aeronautical show here, said that this period in the nation's aircraft development is epochal because it marks the beginning of commercial and civil aviation "in a class by itself."

"The problem of commercial aviation," said General Mitchell, "is how may we utilize the air as a means of transportation so that it may be able to compete with transportation on the ground?" "This is the solution: By providing a ground organization of airdromes or landing fields, aids to air navigators, fuel and spare part stations throughout the country by improving modern developing engines more simple than the internal combustion engine and by perfecting the existing engines. We should improve the structure of the airplane itself, so as to give greater surety in arising from or landing upon the ground and work out various safety devices for the protection of aircraft navigators, passengers and freight."

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"Please therefore keep me out of the California primaries, and convey to the members of the committee my best wishes and sincere appreciation. I do not doubt the triumph of democracy in the coming campaign if our constant guide and inspiration is for service to country, everything—for service to selfish interests, corporate or individual—nothing."

Proprietor of Joint Is Killed in Battle With Federal Agents

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 6.—In a raid on a saloon last night by federal officers and local police, one man was killed and two injured in a gun battle. Barney Sekat, aged 50 years, proprietor of the saloon, was killed. Two bullets from officers' revolvers penetrated his chest. Edward Fiel, detective of the Racine police department was shot in the right hand, a bullet from Sekat's revolver carrying away the little finger of Fiel's right hand. Bart Herzog, Milwaukee, a federal inspector, was injured in an attack made upon him by Mike Sekat, father of the saloon-keeper.

The officers visited the saloon to search for moonshine whisky. When Herzog attempted to enter a room on the second floor, Sekat threatened to kill him. Herzog called for help and was seized and beaten by Mike Sekat. When the other three officers appeared Barney Sekat began firing. Thomas Johnston, a second federal officer, and Detective Charles Vinyard fired on Barney Sekat, who fell to the floor with two bullets in his chest. Much moonshine liquor was found in the place.

International Congress of Gregorian Chant Is Planned

New York, March 6.—Plans are announced for an international congress of Gregorian chant at St. Patrick's cathedral the first three days in June, which will be attended by singers and music teachers from all parts of the United States, Canada and abroad.

The chief director will be the greatest authority on Gregorian chant, the Very Rev. Dom Mocquereau, prior of the Solesmes community of Benedictine monks on the Isle of Wight. The grand organist will be Joseph Bonnett, concert organist of St. Eustace, Paris.

Would Establish Federal Agencies to Sell Whisky

New York, March 6.—Action toward the establishment of federal agencies for selling whisky on prescription was requested of United States Senators Calder and Waite, and all the Brooklyn congressmen in letters sent them by United States Attorney Ross of Brooklyn. This action followed complaints received by the district attorney's office that druggists were selling a poor grade of whisky at high prices.

John F. Kramer, prohibition commissioner, had informed him, Mr. Ross wrote, that he could not establish such stations without statutory authority.

Chicago Police Arrest Denver Man for Larceny

Chicago, March 6.—Albert Horwich of Denver, Colo., was arrested here last night at the instance of his former employer, Arnold Wolff, a Denver pawnbroker, who charged larceny by bail. During the 20 years he was employed by Wolff, detectives here said Horwich is alleged to have stolen \$20,000 buying jewelry and other articles from Denver pawnbrokers and selling them to his employer. He will be returned to Denver.

## M'ADOO STILL DETERMINED TO DODGE SCRAMBLE

Declares Palmer's Open Candidacy Will Not Force Him Into Democratic Convention Contest.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 6.—William C. McAdoo is unalterable in his decision to keep out of the democratic scramble for the presidential nomination prior to the convention at San Francisco in June.

Following dispatch of telegrams to the chairman of the California state committee to keep his name off the primary ballot in that state, Mr. McAdoo made it known through friends here that Attorney General Palmer's open candidacy for the democratic nomination would not force him into the convention contest.

This does not mean that Mr. McAdoo is not a presidential candidate, far from it. It means that he is a candidate, but that he prefers to remain in the background until the psychological moment, a moment which will arrive at some time during the progress of the San Francisco convention and not before.

Wires to Chairman. To head off friends in California as he did in Georgia, Mr. McAdoo wired from New York to D. S. Ewing, chairman of the democratic state committee, as follows:

"Thank you warmly for your telegram offering the services of the democratic organization of California in circulating petitions to enter me in the primary of that state. Recently I stated to friends who wished to enter me in the Georgia primary that I was strongly convinced that all delegates should, as far as practicable, go to the national convention uninstructed so that it might have free conference of unbound delegates who would strive to do the best thing for the country regardless of individual claims or ambitions."

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