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SWITCHMEN AWAIT VOTE OF MEETING

Omaha Railroad Employes Send Delegates to Special Session in Bluffs to Decide Attitude Toward Walkout.

STRIKERS WEAKENING, SAYS UNION OFFICIAL

Number of Men Reported to Have Returned to Work—Vote on Proposal to End Tieup on Northwestern.

Omaha and Council Bluffs switchmen threaten to strike today in sympathy with the insurgent walkout of their craft in Chicago.

The question of a walkout here now rests with a committee of representatives of the employes from each railroad. Definite vote will be taken at a meeting in Council Bluffs.

Denouncing the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, one of the "Big Four" switchmen from Omaha and Council Bluffs formed the new Omaha and Council Bluffs Yardmen's association Thursday night.

First "Bomb" Thrown.

The first meeting of the new association was held yesterday behind closed doors in the Labor temple. The "strike" committee was appointed at this meeting. Names are withheld.

Sympathy for the insurgent strike of switchmen now prevalent in 17 other cities of the United States is given as the leading spirit in the formation of the new organization.

The first "bomb" thrown into the meeting yesterday, which was a closed session, exploded when Temporary President Bert Parker read a telegram from A. F. Whitney, vice president of the brotherhood.

Brotherhood Issues Appeal.

The telegram was in the form of an appeal to the local switchmen "to do their duty toward the brotherhood."

The insurgent strike led by John Grunau of Chicago, was denounced as illegal, by the telegram, which stated that the strikers could get no increase in pay, or better working conditions, in an unlawful way.

Local switchmen must submit their grievances to a labor board of arbitration, the telegram demanded.

"All bunk!" cried a switchman, when Mr. Parker finished reading the telegram.

Over 200 Present.

"Throw away your receipts from the brotherhood!" shouted another. "They never did anything for us, and they never will."

Heavy applause greeted this outburst, and others followed with snappy speeches by excited switchmen.

More than 200 were present at the meeting. They had been unable to attend the maiden session of the infant organization in Council Bluffs Thursday night.

Resolutions adopted at the meeting Thursday night were read at the session yesterday.

Announcement was made that efforts had been inaugurated by the more radical members of the "outlaw" association for an immediate

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Chief of Switchmen's Union Says Famine Will Drive Men Back

Chicago, April 9.—Famine will end the rail strike if the men "refuse to listen to reason," S. E. Heberling, international president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, declared today.

"It would be possible under terms of the transportation act to arrest those responsible for the strike for conspiracy, but I do not thing such drastic measures will be necessary," he continued. "The men will be in the bread line in two weeks unless they go back to work.

"If the strike continues much longer, the public will demand government action and prosecution of the parties guilty of having caused all this suffering. The best thing the trainmen can do is return to work today."

Increased Pay for Navy Men Said to Be Necessary

Washington, April 9.—Congress must increase the pay of both officers and men if the navy is to be "saved from disaster," Rear Admiral Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, declared today before the senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row.

Foreign countries have increased the pay in their navies, he said, adding:

"I understand the increases abroad are being paid largely with money borrowed from the United States."

Not only are the men leaving, Admiral Washington said, but recruiting is on the decline because of low pay.

The officer situation also is "very bad," the admiral said.

No Contest In Pennsylvania Primary Election May 18

Harrisburg, Pa., April 9.—There will be no contest on either the republican or democratic presidential preference ballot in Pennsylvania at the primary election May 18. The time for filing petitions expired at midnight last night and the records show that A. Mitchell Palmer's name will be the only one on the democratic ballot and that of Edward Randolph Wood, a retired business man of Philadelphia, will be the sole nomination on the republican ticket.

COURT ENJOINS INQUIRY INTO PROFITEERING

Federal Judge Prohibits Presentation of Evidence to Grand Jury at Denver.

Pueblo, Colo., April 9.—Federal Judge Lewis signed injunction orders Friday afternoon prohibiting United States District Attorney Tedrow from presenting evidence of alleged profiteering to the federal grand jury in session here. The injunctions were asked for by merchants of Denver and by three Colorado coal companies.

Mr. Tedrow announced he would appeal from the ruling. He recently completed investigations of charges of profiteering in Colorado, under instructions from Attorney General Palmer and was prepared to go before the grand jury.

The merchants had attacked the Lever act while the coal dealers contended President Wilson lacked authority in regulating coal prices.

Judge Lewis made no remarks in granting the formal injunction. During the morning session, however, he held that comparisons could not be made between the sale prices and the cost price. Judge Lewis continued:

"It is the desire of every law abiding citizen to see profiteers prosecuted, but the increment of stocks of goods, purchased several years ago must be considered as a person's or corporation's property and by the fifth amendment to the constitution it is impossible to take his property without just compensation."

POLICE INSPECTOR INDICTED IN NEW YORK VICE PROBE

Number of Charges Returned As Result of Easter Sunday Sermon.

New York, April 9.—The vice crusade in New York which has gradually broadened into five distinct investigations, assumed substantial proportions when the regular grand jury returned indictments against Police Inspector Dominick Henry, two of his plain clothesmen and the proprietor and three employes of a raided Wast Side restaurant complained of in an Easter sermon by the Rev. John Roach Straton of Calvary Baptist church.

Inspector Henry, who commands the enlarged "Tenderloin" district with its hundreds of hotels, restaurants, theaters, cabarets and dance halls, was charged with neglect of duty.

Others indicted were Detectives John J. Gunson and Joseph Moloney, for perjury, and Peter Galliotti, restaurant proprietor, with three employes, all of whom are charged with keeping a disorderly house. Gunson already is under indictment for bribery and extortion.

The seven indictments today, which make a total of 10 since the vice agitation was begun, were obtained by James E. Smith, assistant district attorney, the central figure in a series of charges and counter charges growing out of his investigation of alleged police connivance with vice.

Prince Highly Pleased With His Reception; Sails for Honolulu

San Diego, April 9.—The British cruiser Renown steamed away from its berth off Coronado shortly after 6 o'clock Thursday night carrying Edward, prince of Wales, towards Honolulu, on the next leg of his trip from England to Australia by the Panama canal.

The prince was, according to his reiterated statements, highly pleased with the reception accorded him during his stay of two days in this port.

He devoted much of the day to rest and recreation, playing a round of golf prior to a reception aboard the Renown.

During this event he greeted many, if not all, of the guests personally, and aided his officers in seeing that all those present had an opportunity to view the vessel and learn something of its workings and equipment. The reception, which lasted an hour, was the closing event of the prince's stay.

Urge More Co-Operation Of Farmers and Millers

Chicago, April 9.—Co-operation between farmers and millers in stimulating production and increasing the home market was recommended at the annual convention of the millers' national federation.

Declaring that a large amount of grain was shipped abroad that could be milled in the United States, F. H. Price of New York urged that flour millers announce and operate a terminal warehouse where flour could be stored and delivered to steamers by mechanical conveyances, and that millers make their own charters with steamship companies.

Detroiter Sure Pershing Will Be G. O. P. Nominee

Washington, April 9.—Walter F. Howard of Detroit Thursday told a group of men in the lobby of the New Willard that he could tell in just 55 words what will happen at the national republican convention. Here are the 55 words:

"The convention will go along balloting fruitlessly for a couple of days. Then somebody will mention Pershing. Suddenly the convention will come to the conclusion that Pershing is its best asset. The man who pulled America out of the hole when civilization trembled in the balance will pull the republican party out of the deadlock."

INAUGURATE AERIAL MAIL ON APRIL 20

Date Fixed for Extension of Air Mail Service From Chicago to Omaha—May Be Delayed Few Days.

FIRST STEP OF CROSS CONTINENT SYSTEM

Time Schedule Arranged for Plane Flights and City Carrier Trips That Will Insure Saving Hours on Delivery.

By E. C. SNYDER.
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—It is the expectation of Second Assistant Postmaster General Prager that the extension of the air mail service to Omaha will be put into operation on April 20. Delay in the delivery of equipment or other delays of preparation might advance the date of the inauguration of the service, but it will be within four or five days of that date.

This will be the first step in the extension of the New York-Chicago air mail route to the Pacific coast as provided for by congress, Omaha instead of Chicago being the western terminal of the transcontinental route until after the first of July, when the appropriation for the New York-San Francisco route becomes available. For the establishment and operation of this transcontinental route congress appropriated $1,250,000, which was $250,000 under the estimate.

The inauguration of the service west from Omaha after the first of July will follow as speedily as the assembling of the equipment, the preparation of landing fields and the like will admit of. A general examination of the possible route to be adopted between Omaha and San Francisco will be made and the route decided upon between now and the first of July.

Many Hours Saved.

Within a day or two planes and equipment will start moving to Omaha, and with the inauguration of the service the department will be prepared to maintain it with the regularity and efficiency which has characterized the service between Washington and New York and between New York and Chicago. The schedule for the service between Chicago and Omaha has been prepared by the Postoffice department, which will advance the delivery of letters to the extent of a full business day.

The rail transportation between Chicago and Omaha requires from 13 to 16 1-2 hours while the air transportation will require from 4 1-2 to 5 1-2 hours, giving in addition to the time saved in transportation the advantage of rail connection so as to advance the delivery of mail many hours. Mail leaving Chicago by airplane at 6 a. m. daily except Sundays and holidays is scheduled to arrive at Omaha at the same time with mail dispatched by train at 1 a. m. Mail dispatched from Omaha at 1 p. m. is scheduled to arrive in Chicago at the same time as mail dispatched by train at 7:30 a. m.

Westbound the plane will carry approximately 15,000 Omaha city letters, advancing the delivery to addresses one business day. This mail will consist of letters mailed in Chicago too late for dispatch to evening trains, and mail from incoming trains, the most important being New York and Chicago R. P. O. Train 43, due at LaSalle station, Chicago, at 1:15 a. m., a close connection for Chicago and Council Bluffs R. P. O. Train 7, leaving the Union Station, Chicago, at 2 a. m. and due to arrive Omaha at 3:30 p. m., too late for carrier delivery that day.

City Trip Scheduled.

Omaha city carriers are scheduled to leave the main office on afternoon trips as follows: Two-trip carriers, 1:30 p. m.; three-trip carriers, 1:35 p. m.; four-trip carriers, 1:20 p. m. and 3:50 p.m.; five-trip carriers, 1:35 p. m. and 3:15 p. m. Mail is scheduled to leave the main office for all carrier stations at 12:30 p. m., therefore letters arriving by plane before noon will be delivered throughout the entire city the day of receipt.

The eastbound plane will carry letter mail for Chicago and for eastern states, deposited for mailing at the Omaha postoffice between 7 a. m. and 12:15 p. m., also that received for Chicago and connecting lines from railway postoffices arriving in Omaha as follows: Omaha and Ogden R. P. O. train 4, due 7:40 a. m.; Omaha and Schuyler R. P. O. train 27, due 10:20 a. m.; Omaha and Auburn R. P. O. train 137, due 10:55 a. m.; Omaha and Chadron R. P. O. train 2, due 11:40 a. m. By rail the mail leaving Omaha via train 6 at 12:30 p. m. is due to arrive at Chicago at 6:45 a. m. the following day and by plane it will arrive at or before 6:30 p. m., an advance of 12 hours and 15 minutes.

It is proposed to have clerks in the Jefferson terminal R. P. O., Chicago, make distribution to stations of Omaha city letter mail between the hours of 2 a. m. and 5:30 a. m. and to make up pouches for the main office at Omaha and for all important postal stations. This will insure carrier delivery at the office of address on the day of receipt.

Meat Cutters Call Strike To Enforce "Closed Shop"

Sioux City, Ia., April 9.—A general strike of butchers and meat cutters employed in retail markets was called today to enforce union demands for a "closed shop." Pickets were stationed in front of most of the downtown markets.

WOULD CONTROL MEAT PACKERS BY COMMISSION

Bill Introduced in House to Provide Federal Food Board Of Five Members.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, April 9.—A bill sponsored by the American Federation of Labor providing for a national food commission to control the meat packing and live stock shipping industry was introduced in the house by Representative Baer of North Dakota.

The bill requires the Interstate Commerce commission, within six months after the passage of the act, to acquire all the principal stockyards and stockyard terminals and all of the refrigerator cars now owned by the big meat packers.

One of the radical features of the measure is a provision that any of the five members of the commission appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate for terms of five years each, may be recalled at any time by either the senate or the president.

The control of the meat packing industry is to be exercised through a licensing and inspection system, which will permit the commission to penalize any conspiracy or agreement in restraint of fair competition, and will permit the enforcement of strict and detailed rules governing the shipment, purchase, slaughtering, packing and distribution of live stock and meat products.

The bill is avowedly an attack at the "big five" packers who are accused by organized labor of being partly responsible for the high cost of living.

SURVEY OF PRICES BY COMMISSIONER SHOWS DROP

Decrease Noted in Certain Cuts of Beef—Retail Quotations Rise.

A survey of prices prevailing during the week ending April 6, prepared Thursday by Mrs. Charles G. Ryan, federal faid price commissioner for Nebraska, showed practically no decrease in prices for foodstuffs, other than some cuts of beef, and an increase in the retail prices asked for many commodities.

Her figures showed that beef carcasses sold wholesale at 17½ cents per pound, as against the previous price of 15 cents. Retail prices averaged from 19½ cents to 20 cents per pound. Sirloin steak now sells at 35 cents a pound, which is 2½ cents cheaper than previous quotations.

Pork Prices Steady.

Round steak was found to be selling 5 cents cheaper than before, and porterhouse steak remained steady at 50 cents per pound. Chuck meat sold at 20 cents for the pound. Plate meat and brisket was quoted from 10 cents to 12½ cents a pound.

Pork prices were generally steady, with a slight tendency toward a decline. Loin cuts sold from 2 to 5 cents cheaper than during the previous period for which records were kept, and smoked ham sold from 3 to 10 cents higher. Bacon also sold slightly higher. Mutton selling at 10 or 15 cens for stew meat, and 30 to 45 cents per pound for lamb quarters, is up about 5 cents, generally, her report showed.

Vegetables Generally Steady.

Butter and eggs were up 3 and 2 cents, respectively, over the prices previously reported. Potatoes continued to rise in price, and vegetables generally remained stationary.

Mrs. Ryan has just returned from trips to Grand Island and Hastings. She said women at both towns were anxious to co-operate with the commission, and expressed willingness to use cheaper cuts of meat in an effort to lower prices.

Second Yukon Gold Boom Punctured By Small Sharp Stone

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, April 9.—A small, sharp-edged stone punctured a bicycle tire and elaborate plans for an invasion of the Yukon, the opening of a new bonanza, perhaps the slaughter of a few Indians.

Robert Madgett, aged 14, and Arthur Larson, 12, were the potential Klondike invaders. These youthful sourdoughs mushed out of Chicago yesterday northbound on the long trail. Until such time as they might acquire dog teams, they traveled on bicycles.

At Glencoe their tire exploded with a loud report. Meanwhile a pair of frantic mothers had sent out a general alarm and a motorcycle cop had taken up the trail. He overtook the embyro gold miners, and escorted them back to the city.

Judge Bars Evidence From I. W. W. Trials at Tombstone

Tombstone, Ariz., April 9.—Evidence regarding acts, writings or conduct of the Industrial Workers of the World outside of the Warren mining district, and not relating to conditions in the district, will not be admissible in the trial of Harry E. Wootton, charged with kidnaping, Judge Samuel L. Pattee, presiding, ruled.

Kitchin Suffers Slight Stroke.

Washington, April 9.—Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, democratic leader in the last congress, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis on the right side today soon after delivering a speech in the house opposing the republican peace resolution

COMPULSORY SERVICE PLAN IS DEFEATED

Voluntary Universal Military Training as Proposed in Army Reorganization Bill Adopted, 46 to 9, in the Senate.

MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 28 ELIGIBLE TO COURSE

Many Advocates of Compulsion Vote for New Proposal—Seven Republicans and Two Democrats in Opposition.

Washington, April 9.—Voluntary instead of compulsory universal military training as proposed by the army reorganization bill was adopted today by the senate.

The vote was 46 to 9.

As adopted the plan, which the War department is directed to put in force during the calendar year 1922, provides that all men between the ages of 18 and 28 would be eligible for four months' training in any one year they might select.

Twenty-two republicans and 24 democrats voted for voluntary training, which was proposed in an amendment by Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey. Among those were many advocates of compulsory training. Seven republicans and two democrats voted in opposition.

U. S. Attache Advises Omaha Business Men To Market in China

Annual appropriations for the development of their foreign fields and a concerted survey of foreign marketing of Omaha goods was suggested to Omaha manufacturers by Julian Arnold, commercial attache of the United States embassy at Pekin, who addressed the manufacturers' associations at the Chamber of Commerce on "The New China," yesterday.

Mr. Arnold also strongly advised immediate plans on the part of Omaha manufacturers for the establishment of their goods in China. That country is experiencing an expansion in its social and industrial life that will be worth millions of dollars to American manufacturers, if the opportunity be seized, he stated.

Chinese merchants are very reliable in business deals, he said, and always meet their obligations.

Judge Won't Accept $4,500 Jury Award; Case to Be Retried

Judge Woodrough in the United States district court yesterday refused to accept the verdict of a jury awarding $4,500 to Edward Maple, 73 years old, in a suit for personal damages against the Union Pacific railroad company.

"Five hundred dollars would seem to be ample in this case," the judge told the jury yesterday morning.

Attorneys for Maple refused to accept $500 and the case will be tried again.

Maple, a resident of North Bend, arriving there from Fremont several months ago, alleged in his complaint the railroad company refused to provide a stool to assist him in alighting from a train with the result that he was seriously injured. He asked $25,000 damages.

Muscatine Levee On Mississippi Breaks And Land Is Flooded

Muscatine, Ia., April 9.—The breaking of the Illinois levee at a point a mile above the high bridge which spans the Mississippi river at this point had flooded 7,000 acres of ground at 10 o'clock this morning and the overflow of fully 40,000 additional acres lying below the district first affected cannot be averted.

The flood will create a lake two miles wide and 20 miles in length.

The levee, weakened by waves which plunged against the barrier for days, collapsed without warning shortly before midnight. The several hundred families residing in the district lying behind the levee had moved out, averting any loss of life. The loss to farmers and land owners will approximate a quarter of a million dollars.

Break Between Carranza And Huerta Averted

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mex., April 9.—The military here today announced that 1,500 state troops sent to the Sonora-Sinaloa boundary line to intercept any attempt on the part of Gen. Manuel Dieguez to invade the state with Carranza forces have been recalled by the De la Huerta administration, the threatened break between De la Huerta and President Carranza having been averted.

State of Sonora Takes Charge of Train System

Nogales, Ariz., April 9.—Prior to the departure of Gov. Adolfo de la Huerta for Hermosillo, the state capital, the government of the state of Sonora, took charge of the operation of the Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad, manning trains with the strikers themselves and paying them the wages and conceding the hours demanded in the complaint of the trainmen against the road.

A Personal Statement By Nelson B. Updike

A single purpose led me to buy The Bee. That was a desire to establish a newspaper whose object should be the advancement of Omaha and Nebraska. While a republican, I have occasionally voted for a democrat, but have always been a firm believer in the principles of the republican party. I think the people at large are in accord with those principles and expect The Bee to support them. It will do just that, with the earnest conviction also that General John J. Pershing should have Nebraska's solid, whole-hearted, enthusiastic support in the coming primary. It is a time for all of us, as Nebraskans, to stand for Nebraska's candidate, and thereby present to the country the best man our party can put forward.

Feeling strongly on this matter, I do not hesitate publicly and privately to ask and urge the people of Nebraska to support General Pershing in this campaign. I wish to say here and now that I am not and never expect to be a candidate for political office or favor.

I have never knowingly asked or advised anyone to do anything, political or otherwise, that I did not think was for his own best interest, and I am not doing so now when I urge that Nebraska give its primary endorsement to its own citizen.

The Bee seeks to promote in this campaign the highest welfare of Nebraska and the nation, and that alone. The republicans of Nebraska never have had such an opportunity for valuable and deserved advancement in party counsels as now.

Let's go to it, shoulder to shoulder—for Pershing and Nebraska!

NELSON B. UPDIKE.

GERMANY TO HOLD FRANCE LIABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES

Emphatic Note Sent to Charge d'Affaires in Paris—Italy Agrees With Britain on Move in Ruhr Valley.

Berlin, April 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German government has forwarded to Dr. von Mayer, German charge d'affaires at Paris, an emphatic note declaring that Germany will hold France responsible for all damages and casualties growing out of the occupation of the cities in Hesse which French troops have entered.

Lt. Count Kalnein, who was killed yesterday near Nieder Woltstadt, 16 miles north of Frankfort, was shot by a French patrol, according to a semi-official dispatch from Frankfort.

The German regular troops who had crossed the river Ruhr were withdrawn yesterday to the northern bank of that stream, it was announced here. (The Ruhr passes just to the south of Essen, in the northern central part of the industrial district.)

Officials of the cities of Barmen, Elberfield and Dusseldorf, it is stated, had requested the minister of defense not to allow the troops to enter these towns.

Agree With Britain.

London, April 9.—Italy's attitude respecting the French occupation of Frankfort concurs fully with that expressed in behalf of Great Britain in the statement issued last evening, Vittorio Scialoia, the Italian foreign minister, stated today.

Signor Scialoia said there had been no diplomatic exchanges which would justify the assumption of France that her action would meet with Italy's approval.

Washington, April 9.—America's attitude towards any adjustment of the new situation created by the entry of French troops into the Ruhr district of Germany will continue to be more that of an observer than an interested participant, from what can be learned in official circles here.

While recognizing the seriousness of the situation created by the independent action by France, officials here were not inclined to regard it as "delicate" as the British foreign office indicated last night. It was regarded as one of those situations full of potential danger, but in which the probabilities of adjustment was predominant.

Candidate, Second Time, Loses Office By the Toss of Coin

Grand Rapids, Wis., April 9.—For the second time John Ostruski has been defeated for a seat in the city council by the toss of a coin. Ostruski and Grant Babcock, candidates for councilman, drew a tie vote in Tuesday's election, so it was agreed to flip a coin to decide the honors. As the master of ceremonies was about to flip the coin Ostruski said: "What will you take, Mr. Babcock?"

"I'll take heads," replied Babcock.

"Then I'll take what's left," said Ostruski.

The coin was flipped and fell heads, giving Babcock the seat in the council. Four years ago Ostruski tied with Mike Lemenez for the seat and the toss of the coin went against him.

Senate Committee Orders Probe of Newberry Election

Washington, April 9.—The senate elections committee ordered a full and immediate investigation of the Ford-Newberry election by the subcommittee of which Senator Watson, republican, of Indiana, is chairman, and which will be appointed for the purpose of recounting the balloits cast in Michigan for both candidates.

The motion to extend the subcommittee authority, offered by Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, directs "a full investigation of all the charges, counter charges, matters and things" involved in the contest.

MAYOR SMITH MAY RESIGN TO ENTER BUSINESS

Has Had Good Offer, He Says—Wants Municipal Gas Plant Formalities Disposed of First.

Mayor Smith stated yesterday that it is possible he may resign when the formalities of municipal ownership of the gas plant shall have been disposed of about July 1.

"I say it is possible," the mayor explained. "I have had a business proposition put up to me and I will give it serious consideration about July 1. At this time I am not ready to say whether I will resign before the expiration of my term of office."

The mayor announced two months ago, when he was mentioned as a candidate for governor, that he was through with politics. Last Monday afternoon, when addressing the political science department of the Omaha Woman's club, he stated that he felt he was through with his public service, after having successfully carried through the gas plant purchase fight.

It is known among the mayor's friends that he is anxious to resume his law business. He has stated that his income during his term of mayor has decreased about $10,000 a year. The salary of the mayor is $5,000 a year. His term runs to May, 1921.

He said he was sure he would not leave the office until July 1 of this year and was uncertain in what his state of mind might be at that time.

Salvador Proposes Alliance Without U. S. Representation

Washington, April 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—After receiving the State department's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, the congress of Salvador adopted a decree proposing a Latin-American alliance with the United States excluded.

The decree also proposed abolition of the Pan-American union, with headquarters in Washington, the Central American court of justice and the international court of arbitration. The United States was instrumental in the organization of the union and two courts.

Wireless Operators Urged to Listen for Messages From Mars

London, April 9.—Beginning midnight April 20, throughout the succeeding two or three days, thousands of wireless operators in all parts of the globe, will strain every nerve, especially their ears, in an endeavor to catch any messages that Mars may be sending to this planet.

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless, issued special instructions to all stations to listen intently, particularly on April 21, because that is the day when Mars will be nearest to the earth, and if the weird signals picked up lately are actually messages from the Martians, the world may witness some history-making revelations on that date.

Report American Writer Executed in Finland

Chicago, April 9.—An unconfirmed report that John Reed, magazine writer, had been executed in Finland has been received here, Lloyd B. Heth, assistant district attorney, announced. Reed is under indictment here, charged with conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

The Weather

Forecast.

Fair and warmer Saturday.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	36	1 p. m.	54
6 a. m.	35	2 p. m.	54
7 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	54
8 p. m.	39	4 p. m.	55
9 a. m.	43	5 p. m.	55
10 a. m.	48	6 p. m.	54
11 a. m.	49	7 p. m.	54
12 noon	52	8 p. m.	52

PEACE PLAN IS ADOPTED BY 243 TO 150

Republican Majority in the House Completes First Stage Of Program to End War Despite Defeat of Treaty.

RESOLUTION NOW GOES TO SENATE COMMITTEE

Substitute Offered by Democrats, Repealing Emergency Legislation Without Terminating State of War.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, April 9.—With passage of the peace resolution by the house tonight by a vote of 243 to 150 the republican majority in congress completed the first stage of their program to end the war with Germany in defeat of ratification of the Versailles treaty and its league of nations covenant.

This unprecedented measure for terminating the three years' state of war will be transmitted to the senate tomorrow, where it will be referred to the foreign relations committee. It is expected that the committee will report it promptly to the senate, where the democrats intend to filibuster its adoption with prolonged speeches and to load it down with riders, including the league of nations covenant.

Defeat Substitute.

After the two days' debate in the house, in which nearly 70 members delivered arguments for and against a declaration of peace by congress, the democrats offered a substitute resolution, repealing war legislation without terminating the state of war. This move was defeated, 171 to 221.

On the final roll call 22 democrats joined with the republicans in support of the resolution. Only two republicans, Representatives Kelley of Michigan and Fuller of Massachusetts, voted in the negative. Representative Keller of Minnesota, an independent, voted for the resolution, while Representative Carrs, also of Minnesota, another independent, voted against it. Representaive Randall of California, prohibitionist, cast an affirmative vote.

Takes Shot at Wilson.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, republican, in one of the closing speeches, accused President Wilson of responsibility for delaying peace.

"There has been and is now one insurmountable obstacle in our path toward peace and that obstacle is the president of the United States," he said. "More than a year ago a treaty of peace might have been neogotiated and ratified had he not forced the inclusion in a manner and form inseparable from the rest of the instrument and purposely so made, as he frequently boasted, the child of his brain, that un-American monstrosity known as the Wilson league of nations.

"It still remains, though twice repudiated, an integral part of the treaty, in the exact phraseology bargained for and brought back irom Paris by the president.

"As he stepped on the shore of France from the imperial yacht, the George Washington (Heaven save the mark—) he was acclaimed and hailed as a sort of demi-god, and small wonder, for had not the American forces clinched the victory and was he not the titular head of the American nation? The manner in which the people of Europe bade him farewell upon his return from his second voyage overseas is a different story and one over which it is well to draw the veil."

Kelley Springs Surprise.

Representative Kelley of Michigan, republican, sprang a surprise by speaking in opposition to the resolution.

"If you pass this resolution today the moral effect of it and the opinion of America will be not what is intended but that this house has approved the course of those who stood against the treaty in the senate with or without reservations and in favor of a separate peace," he said. "This is a resolution to make a separate peace with Germany without terms, without pledges, without guarantees of any kind, shape or description."

Representative Smith of Illinois spoke for the resolution as one of the republican members of the foreign affairs committee.

Representative Juul of Illinois referred to the abrogation of the treaty with Russia years ago and pointed out that commercial relations can be maintained without a treaty.

Representative Britten of Illinois said the peace resolution would be immediately passed "if America could realize that there are positively millions of lean, hungry, sad-faced, tubercular children in Germany today."

Further Outrages Are Reported in Ireland

London, April 9.—Further outrages in different parts of Ireland were reported Friday. A vacated police barracks at Blackroy, outside the Limerick boundary, was burned down. Four men arrested under the defense of the realm act were taken to Cork.

A Nemagh, Tipperary, report says three constables were shot at while riding bicycles from Rearcross to Newport. It is said that one of the constables was killed, another was fatally injured and the third badly wounded.

A mail van from Cavan to Arva was held up near Crossdonney and more than 100,000 pounds sterling, representing old age pension money, stolen