

MAKE WAGES MEET H. C. L. GARMEN ASK

Probe of Tramway Dispute Enters New Field When Employees Urge Commission to Consider Pay, Then Prices.

BOARD WILL ANNOUNCE DEFINITE POLICY TODAY

Hearing Bids Fair to Result in Exhaustive Investigation Into Economic Factors Which May Have Weight in Award.

The state railway commission, acting as a tribunal in the wage controversy between union street car men and the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company, will decide whether the cost of living may enter the hearing.

When counsel for the union attempted to show the relative cost of living and the salary drawn by Arthur H. Warren, spokesman, the commission ruled that such evidence should not be introduced.

After an impassioned plea by A. H. Bigelow, counsel for the union, in which he declared "it was not the duty of the commission to play Shylock," but rather to fix a proper standard of wages, and asserted the "commission had no right to class human labor as a commodity," the commission took the ruling under consideration again.

Announces Decision Today.

A decision will be announced by the commission this morning. In its first ruling on the jurisdiction of the controversy the commission asserted its intention of considering extensively into the economic factors of the dispute. There has been no comprehensive decision in the past on which the commission may determine its action in this matter, members said.

J. L. Webster, counsel for the company, objected to entering the testimony of Warren regarding his expenses on the ground that "one man may be more extravagant than another."

"If the cost of living is to be considered the testimony of merchants familiar with such matters, and government statistics should be secured," said Mr. Webster. "Then a general average might be secured."

During the morning session of the hearing John A. Munroe, vice president of the company, said he drew a salary of \$4,000 a year and was not his duty in the company of which time he devoted to personal business.

Seeks to Show Salaries. He could not estimate the exact time he served the company, but declared it was less than an hour a day when questioned by union counsel, and said he was available to the company at all times he was present.

"I am trying to prove that the company is paying salaries to some stockholders who are doing little or no work in lieu of dividends," explained Mr. Bigelow when company counsel's objections to his questions were sustained.

Motorman Warren said he had worked 28 days in January for \$149, 26 days in February for \$136, 24 days in March for \$121, 26 days in April for \$122 and 27 days in May for \$134. He laid off two days in January when he was "gassed" by a car, but the company paid his full time, he said.

He reports on his run at 4:21 p. m. and is through working at 1:12 a. m., he said, but has experienced some difficulty in getting off from work.

Prohibitionists Name Candidate in Race for Wisconsin Governor

Madison, Wis., June 16.—Lewis A. Willis, Milwaukee, was nominated to governor Wednesday at the state prohibition convention. Other candidates endorsed were: Frank B. Derrick, Broadhead, lieutenant governor; J. A. Berg, Galeville, treasurer; Matthew Kott, Xenah, attorney general; O. S. Ballinger, Baraboo, secretary of state; and A. R. Bedkner, Narris, United States senator.

The platform declares for strict enforcement of the prohibition law, a prohibition administration, suffrage for women, larger income and corporation taxes, government marketing and price regulation and suppression of commercialized vice.

Chicago Gas Company Is Granted Rate Increase

Chicago, June 16.—The public utilities commission granted the People's Gas Light and Coke company an increase of \$1.15 a thousand cubic feet for gas, with a minimum charge of 90 cents. The present rate is 85 cents. The order of the commission says it costs the company 96.5 cents to make each thousand feet of gas, and that the loss of 11.5 per thousand under the present rate amounts to \$10,000 per day.

Electrical Storms Delay Telegraph Service in East New York, June 16.—Electrical storms in the central states Wednesday caused a tieup of the wires of the Western Union Telegraph company and for several hours prevented New York from receiving baseball, racing and other telegraph reports, the company announced. Service to all cities in the east was badly delayed.

TAMMANY HALL SPECIAL ON WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO

Train Carrying 140 Passengers Leaves New York for Democratic Convention.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, June 16.—The Tammany Hall special "train de luxe" left the Grand Central station at noon today on its 9,000-mile journey to the convention in San Francisco and return by way of Canada.

The train consisted of seven Pullmans, one an observation car, 140 luxuriant appointments and carried 140 passengers, of whom 53 were women. Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, was in charge of the party. Few delegates were on the special, because it will leave San Francisco, returning on June 28, it is not considered profitable to make the journey, which will open on June 28, will be over then. The train is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on June 26.

Thirty stops will be made, including Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs and Los Angeles, on the way to the coast. The return journey will be made with stops at Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, arriving in New York July 13.

Before the train pulled out, Mrs. Smith said: "There is not a man or woman on board who does not believe in a democratic victory next fall. No one knows what will be done at the convention, but we do know that the results will be more satisfying than those obtained last week at Chicago. That was a splendid opportunity for republicans to give us what we intend to take advantage of it."

Nonpartisan League of Wisconsin to Back La Follette Ticket

Madison, Wis., June 16.—Wisconsin Nonpartisan League convention adjourned Wednesday afternoon, after it had endorsed a La Follette slate, headed by Attorney General J. F. Blaine, for the state primary in September.

The league also adopted a resolution endorsing the stand on national questions taken by Senator La Follette.

The platform adopted includes planks for the initiative, referendum and recall, immediate repeal of the espionage and extradition acts, repeal of the Esch-Cummings railroad bill, leaves the subject of prohibition to be handled by referendum, declares for public ownership of railroads, utilities and packing plants, for compulsory attendance of school children under 16 years of age and urges the development of co-operative trade and industry.

The convention decided to endorse the congressional candidates in the fourth and fifth districts in Milwaukee selected by labor.

Headless Body of Woman Found in Lake; Police Are Mystified

St. Joseph, Mo., June 16.—Authorities have no clue to the identity of the young woman whose headless body was found today in a lake here.

The body was nude, bound with wire clothes line and weighted with iron bed rails. It is the theory of the police that murder was committed some distance from the lake and that the body was taken there to be disposed of. They also believe that the slayers intended to throw the body into the Missouri river, but made a mistake as the river is only 200 yards from the lake at the point where the body was found.

The police were informed that a blood-stained automobile containing stained clothing was found early this week at Armour Junction, Mo., 27 miles south of St. Joseph. It is believed that this car may have had some connection with the crime.

Lifebelt Saves Man Who Collapses From Heat

Sterling, Ill., June 16.—Overcome by heat and collapsing into unconsciousness while working at the top of a 75-foot mast, Carl Carlson of Prophetstown owes his life to the precaution of strapping himself securely to the work. Co-workers were at a loss what to do to get the helpless man from the top of the mast, where he was hanging limp and apparently lifeless. The foreman of the linemen with a head line-man, Jack Upton, hurried to the scene with a rope and tackle. Mr. Upton climbed the mast, fastened the rope about the body of the heat victim and the limp form was lowered in safety. Aside from being very weak, Carlson was none the worse for his unusual experience.

Investigate Overturning Of United States Eagle Boat

Washington, June 16.—Appointment of a court of inquiry to investigate the overturning of the United States navy Eagle boat No. 25 in the Delaware river near New Castle, Del., was announced Wednesday by the Navy department. Members of the court are Capt. O. G. Murfin, Capt. C. E. Kempf, Commander A. J. Canby and Lieut. R. M. Rhuhr, judge advocate. The inquiry will be held at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Indications are that as a result of the inquiry Eagle boats which were built at the Henry Ford plant will no longer be used in deep water.

After Oil Concessions

Mexico City, June 16.—Baron Tarkiani, representing Japanese interests, has arrived here, says El Universal, to negotiate for petroleum concessions in Lower California and Sinaloa state.

LABOR CALLS ON CONGRESS FOR ACTION

Federation Demands Measures To Check Profiteering—Banks Nonpartisan Political Program of Gompers.

OPENS WAR ON KANSAS INDUSTRIAL COURT PLAN

Recent Railroad Strike Is Condemned as "Secessionist Movement" to Discredit Recognized Organizations.

Montreal, June 16.—The American Federation of Labor here today called upon congress to curb profiteering, endorsed President Samuel Gompers' nonpartisan political program, approved the Irish republican and requested withdrawal of armed forces from Ireland.

The federation declared war on the Kansas court of industrial relations and anti-trike legislation now before the legislatures in Colorado and Nebraska.

The recent railroad strike was condemned by the federation as a "secessionist movement" to discredit the recognized organizations in the railway service. Any union giving moral or financial aid to such walkouts was threatened with revocation of charter.

Congress was also urged by a vote of the convention to enact legislation for the absolute exclusion of Japanese and other Asiatic emigrants and "picture brides."

Deny Race Discrimination. A declaration was adopted to the effect that the federation had never countenanced discrimination because of race, creed or color.

The federation instructed the executive council to call a conference of all the "interests" international unions and immediately start a new organizing campaign in the steel industry. The work of the national steel workers organizing committee in organizing 300,500 steel workers was approved.

The cloth hat and cap makers' international union was ordered to relinquish jurisdiction over the straw hat workers by 1921, or forfeit their charter. The jewelry workers were also ordered to give up jurisdiction over the metal polishers within 90 days or have their charter revoked.

Mahone Exonerated. W. D. Mahone, president of the street car men's union, who was charged by Detroit labor unions with being "disloyal to labor" because his adult children are stockholders in a non-union tinshop, was unanimously exonerated by the federation.

The question whether the American Federation of Labor should endorse government ownership or government control of the railroads provided spirited debate at the close of the day's session. Final actions will be taken tomorrow.

The federation condemned the practice of strike breakers or strike guards, in control of private individuals or agencies, wearing the (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Authorities Seeking Soldier as Slayer of Army Officer's Wife

Rockford, Ill., June 16.—Private G. C. Peters is being sought by camp authorities, suspected of having some knowledge of the killing of Mrs. H. H. Moss, wife of Capt. Moss, who died early Wednesday morning after having been shot in the back of the head while riding in the rear seat of an automobile with her husband and friends in the vicinity of Camp Grant Tuesday night.

Peters is one of five prisoners who escaped Tuesday afternoon while working on the camp agricultural farm and is said to have threatened to get even with Capt. Moss, his commander, for having made charges against him at three courts-martial.

Sheriff Harry Baldwin and Camp Intelligence Officer Robert B. Howe recovered a car stolen from Davis Junction Tuesday night at Kirkland late Wednesday afternoon. A woman told the authorities of having seen three soldiers abandon the car about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning and start single file in the direction of the railroad station.

Arkansas Woman to Second Nomination of Palmer

Little Rock, Ark., June 16.—It was announced here that Mrs. T. T. Cotnam of Little Rock, one of the Arkansas delegates-at-large to the democratic national convention, has been chosen to address the convention, seconding the nomination of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer for the presidential nomination. Mrs. Cotnam is president of the Arkansas League of Women Voters and has been in charge of the Palmer western headquarters for women in Chicago.

Fire Destroys Court House at Sedalia, Mo.

Sedalia, Mo., June 16.—Fire caused by the flame from a tinner's torch broke out in the cupola of the Pettis county court house here Wednesday afternoon, destroying that structure and damaging several nearby buildings before it was placed under control. Court records in the vaults were saved. The court house was erected in 1884 at a cost of \$100,000.

DRY FORCES WILL ASK ADOPTION OF PLANK AT FRISCO

Will Present Solid Front Against Cox, Wayne Wheeler Says.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee, Leased Wire. Washington, June 16.—The democratic convention at San Francisco will be asked to adopt the same prohibition law enforcement plank which was presented in Chicago, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America, announced today. This plank declared "for the effective enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and laws enacted pursuant thereto as construed by the supreme court of the United States. This plank was approved by the resolutions committee at the republican convention but was lost from the platform before it was presented to the convention.

Mr. Wheeler declared that the friends of law enforcement would present a solid front against the nomination of Governor Cox of Ohio by the democratic convention. "Governor Cox is the last hope of the wets in their program for nullification," said Mr. Wheeler. "Governor Cox's record makes him an impossibility if national prohibition is to be effectively sustained and enforced. He has served the wets long and faithfully. He championed the license law of Ohio, under which he had the appointing power of license boards to build a strong political wet machine."

Interest in Elwell Murder Centers on 'Woman in the Case'

New York, June 16.—Investigation of the murder of Joseph B. Elwell, sportsman and whist player, who was shot in his home Friday, centered Wednesday night upon "the woman in the case."

In an effort to learn her identity, Mrs. Marie Larsen, housekeeper for Elwell, was taken to the district attorney's office and questioned closely. Assistant District Attorney J. T. Dooling said Mrs. Larsen told him she had removed a negligee, slippers and a houndir cap from Elwell's room after she found him with a bullet wound through his head and that she had hidden these in a wash tub in the cellar.

According to Mr. Dooling, the housekeeper said she did this "to protect the woman."

He said Mrs. Larsen declared she knew nothing about the woman except that she was about 25 years old.

The police theory is that if the woman who owned the negligee, slippers and houndir cap passed the night in the house and succeeded in leaving before the murder was discovered, she may have knowledge of the crime, which is expected to solve the mystery.

May Abrogate Number Of Commercial Pacts With Other Countries

Washington, June 16.—Twenty-four commercial treaties with other countries which are affected by a provision in the new merchant marine act are being closely examined by the state department, Secretary of State Colby said that many problems of a serious nature are involved in the matter. He indicated that it might be necessary to abrogate some of the treaties in their entirety.

Abrogation of these commercial treaties will make it possible for congress to impose discriminating duties under the tariff law. The Underwood tariff law provided that customs which are imposed in American ships should be 5 per cent lower than the charges exacted on goods brought in foreign vessels. This section of the law was invalidated by the supreme court which held that the existence of preferential duties imposed.

Milwaukee Drenched Under Heaviest Rain in History

Milwaukee, June 16.—Milwaukee suffered the heaviest rainfall in the history of the weather bureau and in fact 2.39 inches were fell in a space of one hour and five minutes. The western portion of the city was under 10 feet of water Wednesday night and efforts were made by the sheriff's force to rescue residents from second-story windows in many portions and street car service was suspended for a time. Trains were delayed for several hours due to washouts.

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Pullman Employees Return

St. Louis, June 16.—The 800 strikers of the Pullman shops here returned to work Wednesday on instructions from labor union officials. The strike began a week ago when the company refused to increase the wages of seven lead welders from 72 to 77 cents an hour.

Speaking of Vacations



PLAN TO BRING HARDING CLOSER TO PROGRESSIVES

Prominent Members of Party Will Be Asked to Meet Republican Nominee in Near Future.

Washington, June 16.—Plans for bringing Senator Harding, the republican presidential nominee, into closer touch with party leaders, particularly those of the progressive wing, were discussed today at a conference which the senator held with Walter F. Brown of Toledo, his floor manager at the Chicago convention.

The conference is understood to have resulted in a decision to send invitations at once to a number of prominent progressives asking them to meet with the republican nominee to discuss the present situation and the coming campaign. The list of those to be invited will not be made public at present.

Friends of Senator Harding said tonight that the proposed conference would be held before the nominee's formal notification which will be some time after July 15. The senator, it was said, hopes to utilize the views expressed by the party leaders in the preparation of his speech of acceptance. While some of the meetings will be held before the senator leaves Washington Monday, the greater portion are expected to take place while he is on his planned vacation.

The visit of Mr. Brown today was regarded by political observers here as significant. In 1912 he was chairman of the Ohio state progressive committee and was active in the campaign for Theodore Roosevelt. He was a delegate to the recent Chicago convention, and after the defeat in the state primary of Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, the senator's campaign manager, as a delegate-at-large, was selected as Mr. Harding's floor manager.

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Begin Arguments for Appeals in Cases of Alleged "Wobblers"

Chicago, June 16.—Arguments for appeals in the cases of William D. Haywood and 93 other alleged members of the I. W. W., who were sentenced to from 1 to 20 years each in federal prison after being convicted of violating the espionage act, were begun Wednesday before Judges Baker, Alschuler and Page of the federal circuit court of appeals.

George Vanderveer, counsel for the defense, declared the indictments were not specific and said charges of overt acts were without foundation. He said that the indictments charged the offenses were committed between the passage of the espionage law of May 18, 1917, and the time of registration on June 5, of the same year, but that it would have been impossible to interfere with the draft between those dates because, until registration, no one knew the identity of the men in the draft.

Predict Hot Fight on Bryan Bone Dry Plank At Frisco Convention

French Lick, Ind., June 16.—Democratic party leaders in conference here on candidates and platform planks to be presented to the national convention in San Francisco predicted that a hot skirmish would result if William J. Bryan attempted to insert a "bone dry" declaration in the resolutions. As a retaliatory move it was suggested that a "wet" plank might be offered for the convention's consideration.

The conference here will probably end Friday and the leaders will move on to Chicago, where they expect to hold further sessions before leaving for San Francisco.

G. O. P. Committee Called To Meet in Lincoln June 21

Lincoln, June 16.—(Special.)—The republican state committee has been called to meet in Lincoln June 21 at 1:30 p. m. to elect a chairman and other officers.

The new committee consists of 66 members, double the number of former years, women having been given equal representation with the men.

Several persons have been mentioned for the chairmanship, among them Charles A. McCloud of York, N. P. McDonald of Kearney, A. J. Weaver of Falls City, Frank P. Cornick of Lincoln, O. A. Spelman of Pierce, H. E. Sackett of Beatrice and George Williams of Albion.

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WOMEN'S CLUBS PLAN TO SIMPLIFY ORGANIZATION

Mrs. M. D. Cameron of Omaha Takes Leading Part in Preliminary Work—Governor Welcomes Delegates.

By MYRTLE MASON. The Bee Staff Correspondent. Des Moines, Ia., June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Even the auspicious formal opening of the fifteenth biennial general Federation of Women's clubs Wednesday evening at the state capitol at Des Moines with addresses from Governor W. L. Harding of the state, and Mrs. Josiah Evans Covles federation president, did not command more interest than the real business of the day.

"Business of the day means," a council meeting at which reorganization of the general federation with a view to simplification of the machinery, was the topic of discussion led by Mrs. Robert Burdette of California, president.

Mrs. M. D. Cameron of Omaha was one of the speakers; Mrs. John Slaker of Hart, state president, another. Mrs. Cameron made the point that state and national club dues must be released.

The Nebraska delegates have not yet committed themselves on the reorganization report though the majority seemed to favor it.

Election of general federation officers is a topic of great interest. Miss Georgie Bacon of Massachusetts and Mrs. Thomas Winter of Minnesota are the two candidates. The majority of Nebraska delegates seem to favor the Minnesota candidate.

Informal conferences have been going on all day and club women have separated into the specialized groups. Echoes of the Nebraska league of women voters' convention in Omaha are heard on every hand. Mrs. Margaret Carns of New York City, who attended, stays Nebraska is further advanced in the league work than any other state with which she is familiar.

Mrs. H. H. Wheeler says it was the best state convention of any kind she has ever attended.

Mississippi Delegates Directed to Vote as Unit

Jackson, Miss., June 16.—The democratic state convention Wednesday selected four delegates-at-large to the democratic national convention at San Francisco, adopted a law requiring the delegation to vote as a unit, but gave no instructions as to candidates. The delegates, however, were instructed to work for planks in the platform endorsing the administration of President Wilson, his work in the war, peace treaty and the league of nations.

The delegates-at-large are Senators John Sharp Williams and Pat Harrison, Representative B. G. Humphreys and J. A. Tully. Oscar G. Johnson was chosen national committeeman.

Inmate of Insane Asylum Sole Heir to Big Fortune

Topeka, Kan., June 16.—Pearl Lash, an inmate of the state hospital for the insane at Parsons, is sole heir to a fortune estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000, it was announced by Malcolm Gray, secretary of the state board of administration, on his return from Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, where he established the property rights of the woman.

Kansas Wants Harvest Hands

Topeka, Kan., June 16.—With the Kansas wheat crop started, the need of Kansas for 50,000 harvest hands was announced by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

COX CHOICE OF ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS

Leaders Think Record of Ohio Governor on Labor and Other Issues Gives Him Advantage Over Rest of Candidates.

DIVISION OF WILSON FORCES LOOKED FOR

Part of Administration Men Expected to Endorse McAdoo, While Others Will Probably Be for Attorney General.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee, Leased Wire. Chicago, June 16.—Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio is developing as the real choice of Illinois democrats who will sit in the convention at San Francisco. As they view it, the election will hinge on industrial and economic problems and the voters next summer and fall will be more concerned in high cost of living and cognate questions than in the league of nations.

Cox, according to the local talent, not only has the advantage of strategic geography, by living in the "privilege" state as Senator Harding, the G. O. P. nominee, but his record on measures concerning labor, the business of government and social questions, gives him a long edge on some of the other democratic candidates. Word today was that a similar view is taken by some of the eastern party leaders, who for the last few days have been communing with Pluto at French Lick.

The Illinois delegation, on the surface, at least, is for Attorney General Palmer. Shrewd observers say, however, that this is with a view to keeping Palmer in the race. It will be nobody's romp at San Francisco. The two-thirds rule will attend to that. In republican conventions, the nominees are picked by plain, unadorned majority vote, but to make democracy safe for the demagogue party, the winner needs to get two-thirds of the delegates' votes to land on the ticket.

Split Looked For. Although the administration is expected to control the bulk of the delegates, a split is looked for, part of the administration men going to William G. McAdoo, who will supposedly be the president's choice, and part following Palmer, who was trotted out some months ago after a dish of tea at the White house with Mrs. Wilson and Secretary Tamm. So with a view of putting a padlock on a possible deadlock, the Illinois platform will be with Palmer. But Palmer will be with Wilson, although labor is an element the party will make a stronger bid for than ever, particularly since the American Federation of Labor at Montreal has already read an attack upon the republican platform.

The Illinois contingent in general for weeks has taken the view that Palmer will not be able to make the two-thirds bill. But if Palmer should block the nomination of McAdoo, until after several ballots have been taken without results, the Illinois platform will be for a drive to shove Cox over, or, if a practical phase is how far this (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Conditions Quiet Following Lynching Of Negroes at Duluth

Duluth, June 16.—With the departure Wednesday night of the two companies of national guardsmen sent here for riot duty, home guards and naval militia took over patrol of the district where Tuesday night three negroes were lynched in an attack on a white girl.

Investigation of the rioting was started by county officials, preliminary to the convening here Thursday of a special grand jury. It also was stated that