

RAIL BOARD TO CONTINUE CAR HEARING

Despite Formal Withdrawal of Complaint by Employees, State Commission, Fearing Strike, Rules to Rush Probe.

BOTH SIDES VOLUNTEER TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Union Breaks With Investigating Body When It Refuses to Consider High Living Prices in Connection With Wages.

Despite the motion for discontinuance of the wage hearing filed yesterday by the street car men's union, the State Railway commission ruled the hearing could be continued on its own motion.

Asked by the commission whether his clients would appear at the hearing, A. H. Bigelow, counsel for the union, replied he would advise them not to make a voluntary appearance.

"If they are summoned before the commission in a legal manner I will advise them to appear," he said, "but the original complaint of the union no longer exists as far as we are concerned."

See Possible Strike.

"I told the commission when it first took up the dispute that the union would only abide by its decision if the decision were favorable to it," declared Mr. Webster. "Its action today verifies my statement."

The commission, in its decision to continue the hearing, held the evidence already taken, showed the possibility of an interruption of service, thus establishing a prima facie case.

Alvin F. Johnson, counsel for the company, asserted there was no evidence on record to show a strike vote had been taken. The statement regarding the strike vote, offered by Attorney Bigelow as an admission of fact, and testimony of President Short, of the union that two-thirds of the union membership had voted to strike was stricken from the records when Bigelow instructed Short not to reply to questions regarding the strike vote.

The Human Element.

"I don't believe there is a labor organization in America willing to aid in fixing a standard of wages on a commercial basis, where the business is a failure."

Packing Salesman Loses \$150 in Bold Daylight Holdup

B. Bartlett, 2009 Harvey street, city salesman for Swift & Co., was held up and robbed of \$150 in collections by a lone negro bandit at Thirtieth and Lake streets at 3:30 P. M. yesterday.

Bartlett was driving his Ford north on Thirtieth street when a negro hailed him to stop. He complied and felt a revolver jabbed into his ribs with the command, "Hands up."

The negro took \$150 in cash and a number of checks, amounting to the collections the salesman had made for the day.

The negro made his escape over the Lake street hill. Police were called and are scouring the neighborhood for the bandit.

Turkish Peace Delegation Arrives in French Capital

Paris, June 17.—Turkey's peace delegation, headed by Damad Ferid Pasha, grand vizier, arrived in Paris today. It was met at the station by Col. Henry, who had charge of the German delegation at the peace conference. The party was escorted to Versailles, where it is installed in the same suite of rooms used by the Germans last year.

Wedding of Helen Taft To Take Place in Canada

New Haven, Conn., June 17.—An announcement from the family was that the marriage of Miss Helen Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Taft, to Frederick J. Manning, will take place at Murray Bay, Canada, July 15. Miss Taft is coming from Bryn Mawr, Pa., Saturday for the Yale commencement period.

Automobile Thief Drives Five Years in State Prison

Chicago, June 17.—Fred Steifler, Anderson, Ind., charged with transporting a stolen automobile across a state line, was given five years in prison by Judge Landis when he admitted his story told the court of service in France was false. Two companions were given six-month sentences.

Vags "Dragging" Omaha.

A sudden call by city officials for "Wary Willies" to do constructive work of various kinds has resulted in a grand exodus of this class of wanderers from Omaha. Commissioner Ringer put in a call for three portable duffers and Commissioner Towl wants a lot of willing-to-work vagrants.

Wilson Sure People Will Condemn G. O. P. for Refusal To Ratify League Covenant

Says Processes by Which Republican Platform Was Accomplished Seem to Have Been Prussian in Inspiration—Hopes Democratic Convention Will Say What It Means on Every Question Without Evasion.

By The Associated Press.

New York, June 17.—President Wilson, in a special interview given to the New York World, to be published tomorrow morning, said he was "extremely confident that the democratic convention at San Francisco will welcome the acceptance by the republican party of my invitation to make the league of nations the issue in the campaign."

"I am ever more confident," the president said, "that such referendum will confirm my faith that the American people desire it above anything else that a political party now may provide and that they will condemn the republican policy of denying them the consummation of their hopes. No one will recommend a referendum on that issue more than I."

"I suppose I should feel flattered," he said, "over being made the issue of the presidential campaign by the republican party. But even the effort of the platform makers at Chicago to confer the distinction of being not only a burning but a living issue by camouflaging and obscuring the real issues will not deceive the people."

Attacks G. O. P. Platform.

"The processes by which the Chicago platform was accomplished seemed to me to have been essentially and scientifically Prussian in inspiration and method. Instead of quoting Washington and Lincoln, the republican platform should have quoted Bismarck and Bernhardi, because the republican attitude regarding the supreme issue that cannot be abandoned or disregarded strongly suggests the arbitrary influences that dictated the doctrines of those two eminent persons."

"Every charge directed against me and my administration is obviously designed to becloud and negative the paramount issue confronting the American people, to befog their sense of responsibility and to divert attention from the obligations they have assumed to be of small consequence. I sincerely believe that the attempt

of the republican party to win the sanction of the American people for its attempted evasion of these obligations will be decisively rebuffed.

With one thing I am fully satisfied—this is that the republican party in its platform has joined me in the suggestion I made in my letter to the guests at the Jackson day dinner in Washington in January last. In that letter I expressed the hope that a sincere attempt would be made to determine the attitude of the American people on the league of nations by the resort to the genuinely democratic process of the referendum.

Confidence in Delegates.

"Of course, I have no way of anticipating the probable trend of sentiment that will be expressed in the democratic national convention at San Francisco or forecasting the ultimate conclusions of that body. I am, however, confident that the delegates who will sit in that convention will repeat the challenge I issued to the republican party and express their readiness to permit the people to decide between the vague and ambiguous declaration by the republican party and a positive and definite expression of opinion by the democratic party. Whatever else the democratic party may do, I hope that its convention at San Francisco will say just what it means on every issue and that it will not resort either to ambiguity or evasions in doing so."

"This thing (the league of nations) lies too deep to permit of any political sleight-of-hand, any attempt to side-step or evade moral and humanitarian responsibilities much too solemn to treat so lightly or ignorantly should prefer at this time not to discuss partisan politics or to venture any prediction as to the probable attitude that the democratic convention will take on any subject. I sincerely believe, however, that the vast majority of gentlemen who will sit in the San Francisco convention will appreciate the necessity and permanent value of keeping the

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PROGRESSIVE WING BACK OF HARDING

Disappointed Members of Party Agree to Boost Ohio Senator During Campaign Despite Personal Wishes.

JOHNSON CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN SILENCE

Message Promising Support of Senator Kenyon of Iowa Regarded as Significant of Feeling in Hawkeye State.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee, Leased Wire.

Washington, June 17.—Elements of the republican party, which were opposed to Senator Harding's candidacy at Chicago, are apparently resolved to swallow their disappointments, and to coalesce behind the nominee in the effort to make republican victory in November certain.

This theory is borne out by several assurances of support given to Senator Harding today either verbally or in the form of telegrams and letters. R. B. Strassburger, one of the Johnson managers; Senator Moses of New Hampshire, manager for General Wood and influential in the progressive wing; Senator Kenyon of Iowa, another progressive; Senator France of Maryland, a candidate for the nomination, and Nicholas Murray Butler, all promised their support.

But while these representatives of various factions in the party communicated today with Senator Harding and offered their aid, no word was heard from Hiram Johnson. The senator was said to have left Washington for Chicago to go from there to California in a few days. He has not been at his office since he returned to Washington Monday night, and has made no statement of any kind as to his stand. Mr. Strassburger said he did not believe the senator had any intention of leaving his party and aligning with a third party.

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Which Driver?



BUBONIC PLAGUE HITS GALVESTON; BOY, 17, IS VICTIM

City Officials Demand Immediate Federal Aid in Effort to Prevent Epidemic.

Galveston, Tex., June 17.—The death of a 17-year-old youth here yesterday after a brief illness "probably" was due to bubonic plague, according to a diagnosis made public tonight by Dr. M. F. Boyd, professor of bacteriology at the State Medical college. At a conference that diagnosis was concurred in by federal, state, county and city health officers.

An immediate effort for the extermination of rats and mice was decided upon.

Following a conference this afternoon presided over by Mayor H. O. Appington it was decided to ask Surgeon General Cummings at Washington to dispatch health service experts here to help prevent possible spread of the disease. In a statement to the public the committee in charge asks citizens to catch rats and mice possible and deliver them to the city authorities for examination. All rats and mice killed, it was requested, should be tagged with the locality where they were found, so that quarantine precautions could be taken should the plague be found to be a plague carrier.

Miss Wyoming Rides Pony Into Lobby of Hotel, Lassoes Clerk

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, June 17.—Loungers in the lobby of the Congress hotel and the fashion plates patrolling "peacock alley" were shaken out of their customary languid pose today when a breezy girl mounted on a tough little pony rode through the doors up to the desk and lassoed the astonished clerk.

Then she dismounted and registered, when it was discovered that she was "Miss Wyoming," otherwise Miss Helen Bonham, daughter of a Wyoming ranchman and the personal messenger of Gov. Robert Carey of Wyoming, bearing an invitation from the executive to Mayor Thompson to attend the "frontier day" roundup at Cheyenne the last week in July.

She rode into the city hall and delivered the message, her pony stamping impatiently upon the marble floors, which did not give him a very certain footing.

Move to Reduce High Cost of Fall Clothing

Washington, June 17.—Threatened high prices for fall clothing are to be nipped in the bud by the Department of Justice. Howard E. Figg, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, today announced the beginning of drive aimed at the high price of fall wearing apparel which will be along the same lines as those which brought spring prices tumbling.

The plan is to organize public sentiment against heavy buying, at the opening of the season, when high prices will be at their peak if they are high at all. Wherever this plan fails the department's special agents will start legal proceedings in cases where the prosecution seems justified.

Gov. Cox Will Not Attend Democratic Convention

Los Angeles, June 17.—Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio, candidate for the democratic nomination for president, will not attend the democratic national convention in San Francisco, it was announced here by Edward Moore, national campaign manager for Governor Cox.

GOVERNOR GIGS BACK ON CHARGE CHICAGO IS WET

Says Liquor Statement Given Wide Publicity Was Just a Joke, at Informal Interview.

Lincoln, June 17.—(Special).—"Just a joke," is the way Governor McKelvie answers the demand of the Chicago city council that he "gig back" on the statement made that if any one wanted a sip of booze in Chicago during the recent republican convention it could be had.

Governor McKelvie upon his return from Chicago last week told state house reporters that there was plenty of booze in the Windy City and that the price ranged according to grade. The Chicago American took exception to the statement and wired for verification. The governor took no notice of the inquiry and now the Chicago council wants him to retract his statement. In the meantime the governor has received a head line advertising in Chicago papers that a candidate for the presidency, but should he ever go to Chicago again and want to quench his thirst—well the lake is close by.

The demand that the governor retract is sent by Chief Garrity and the governor's reply follows: "The circumstances incident to the statement to which Chief Garrity takes exception are so ridiculously trivial that it hardly merits the dignity of attention. It was jokingly made during an informal interview with the reporters upon my return from Chicago, and however true it may have been, it was not intended to be given the prominence of publicity. As for proof, I frankly admit I have none. It was a subject in which I am wholly disinterested and was mentioned only as a matter of gossip."

"Most assuredly, I would not willingly injure the feelings of Chief Garrity or reflect any discredit upon his department, for so far as I know, he is a capable and trustworthy official."

Suffrage Bill Defeated.

Eaton Rouge, La., June 17.—The state woman's suffrage amendment failed Thursday to receive the necessary two-thirds vote in the senate. The vote was 23 to 16.

Social Lions Work All Night to Finish Job When Hod Carriers Demand Wage Increase

"What is you all arguing about?" justly yelled a negro straw boss, who boastfully said that he was a corporal in the A. E. F. "I got to get up here and sleep so I can work tomorrow. I'm making hay while the sun shines, I is."

With the stern command to resume work, Richard Peters, son of R. C. Peters, president of the Peters Trust company, and Herbert W. Potter, secretary of the Peters Trust company, ceased looking at blistered hands and rubbing aching backs and began "mixing" cement.

The hour was 3 a. m. and while a flock of taxis waited to take the "laborers" employed home from pouring two feet of cement around a new vault in the Peters Trust building, a crowd of social lions was straining every muscle to complete the task.

The strike of laborers tied up the work on the vault at a critical period and a hurry call for help brought a few society favorites and Creighton college graduates who were aided by a few nonunion laborers and employees of the contractors.

Forty tons of steel were embedded in the cement, which covered a 100-foot vault 3 1/2 inches thick. The work was supervised by John Latesen, jr., who had planned on

PALMER ORDERS DRIVE AGAINST COAL PROFITTEERS

All Federal Attorneys Cautioned to Be On Watch for Cases of Overcharging.

Washington, June 17.—A drive on profiteers in bituminous coal was ordered today by Attorney General Palmer.

All federal district attorneys were ordered to give special attention to charges of such profiteering and to seek indictment where investigation warranted.

"The Department of Justice," said Mr. Palmer's instructions, "is receiving a number of letters in which complaint is made that bituminous coal prices at the mines now range from \$7 to \$11 a ton, with a further increase imminent. The writers say that operators are attributing the advances in pay to car shortage and export demand, emphasis being placed upon the export demand."

"Production cost figures gathered by the Federal Trade commission from 1,589 bituminous coal operators in the principal production regions mining roughly about 60 per cent of the annual output, show that during January, 1920, the cost per ton averaged \$2.32 at the mines. Since then there has been an increase of 27 per cent in the cost of labor, enhancing the production cost to \$2.79 per ton. The accuracy of these figures is borne out by information in letters coming to the department from purchasers of coal, from which it appears that prices in May did not greatly exceed those furnished to the Federal Trade commission for January."

This situation demands the prompt attention of all United States attorneys. Please give special attention to the matter and seek indictments where investigation discloses that an unreasonable profit has been taken, advising the department of the action taken."

Von Kaufbeuren Rejects Chancellorship Office

Paris, June 17.—Dr. Mayer von Kaufbeuren, German charge d'affaires here, has refused the offer of the German chancellorship, tendered him by Karl Trimborn, leader of the German center party, who is trying to form the new German ministry to be organized as a result of the recent election.

Dr. Mayer declared he considered the mission he has in Paris too important to give up.

Ask Italy, Belgium and Japan To Interallied Conference

Paris, June 17.—The premier's meeting at Bologna bids fair to blossom into a full-sized interallied conference. Premier Lloyd George and Premier Millerand have decided to invite Italy, Belgium and Japan to attend. This amplification, it is understood, is due to the progress made by the Franco-British financial experts studying the German indemnity question. They have decided on a definite scheme which will serve as a basis for Monday's conversations at Bologna.

It is hoped that the conference will be concluded by Tuesday night. Mr. Lloyd George will reach Bologna Monday evening. Mr. Millerand and M. Herriot are proceeding there the night before.

Mrs. Tabor Wants Trial Put Off Until It's Cooler

Paw Paw, Mich., June 17.—Postponement of the retrial of Mrs. Sarah Tabor for the alleged slaying of her daughter, Maud Tabor Virgo, will be asked when the second hearing is opened Monday. Attorneys representing Mrs. Tabor declared that to subject her to a court ordeal during the hot summer months might result in her death.

LABOR CHIEF DEFEATED ON RAIL ISSUE

Annual Convention Endorses Government Ownership in Spite of Bitter Protest of Veteran President.

GOMPERS MAY NOT ASK ANOTHER TERM

Meeting Calls on Congress to Establish U. S. Employment Service as Permanent Bureau in Labor Department.

Montreal, June 17.—The American Federation of Labor's endorsement today of government ownership of railroads, at its annual convention here, was declared by labor leaders tonight to have been the first genuine defeat Samuel Gompers, its veteran president, has suffered in years. The final vote was 29,059 for government ownership and 8,349 against.

The decisive vote, it is reported, prompted the labor chief to state before the convention late today that he "was not quite sure" he would be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Gompers fought hard against the convention's action, declaring it was a step toward the "enslavement" of the workers as government employees, who, he said, had been denied many political and economic rights under the past administration. He received only a mild ovation.

The United Mine Workers and the powerful railroad workers' organizations combined to bring about Mr. Gompers' defeat. They also had the support of the machinists' union and the metal trade organization, all powerful voting factors.

Stand by President.

The Carpenters' union and the Building Trades organization stood loyally by Gompers, but were overwhelmed.

After the federation's action, the executive council, whose members supported Mr. Gompers, are said to be placed in an embarrassing position. They must now take steps to bring about government ownership, which they have opposed, or resign, it was stated.

Supporters of Mr. Gompers declared last night that they would urge him to retain leadership of the federation and stand up for re-election for the thirty-ninth time.

Despite the protest and desires of Mr. Gompers, the convention increased his salary as president from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year.

In making an appeal to the delegates not to stand up for re-election, Mr. Gompers declared a \$10,000 is "all sufficient for a man living in the ordinary modes of life to satisfy him and his needs."

Other Salaries Boosted.

The salary of Secretary Frank McKelvie was increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year. Gompers' wages was increased from \$48 to \$50 a week.

Sinn Feiners Capture Two Officers in Attack On Police Barracks

Cookstown, Ireland, June 17.—A hundred Sinn Feiners today attacked the police barracks here and drove the police to the upper part of the building. They captured two police constables and withdrew after two hours fighting.

Cookstown is a strong Tyrone unionist center. Ulster volunteers were aroused by the gunfire and mobilized, but were not asked to assist. They watched the siege of the barracks. One constable was severely wounded by fusillades by the raiders.

Duiganon police later intercepted a motor lorry in which there was a man suffering from dangerous gunshot wounds. The police assert that two other raiders were shot.

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