

## Rail Unions Open Fight For Rules

Endeavor to Show Opposition To National Agreements Dominate by Few Executives.

### Charge Open Shop Move

By The Associated Press.  
Chicago, March 18.—Union labor leaders delivered into the records of the association of railway executives today before the railroad labor board, in an endeavor to show that the railroads' fight against national agreements was not unanimous, but was dominated by a few officials. An underlying purpose, to establish the open shop and crush labor organizations was declared to be behind the fight of the association against national boards of adjustment. The controversy over these boards in the association's labor committee was brought out by cross-examination of T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association, and his assistant, Robert S. Binkerd, and the introduction of voluminous correspondence and reports of the committee into the labor board record. Today's proceedings marked the beginning of the labor's main fight for continuance of the national rules and working agreements now in effect, the justice and reasonableness of which the board is now trying to decide in hearings which began January 10.

**Jewell Presents Program.**  
A basic program of 11 points on which labor would be willing to negotiate national agreements, was laid before the board by B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor. Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the unions, followed with an exhaustive cross-examination of Mr. Binkerd and Mr. Cuyler.

The association's labor committee was the outgrowth of the transportation act, according to testimony by Binkerd, brought out in the cross-examination of the executives. Records brought by Mr. Binkerd were read to show that a divided opinion concerning national boards of adjustment had existed in the committee. As a result of a bi-partisan board appointed at the time President Wilson in March, 1920, the national boards of adjustment created under federal control were continued with the approval of a majority of the labor committee, it was brought out. Minority representatives, representing the Pennsylvania, however, were adopted by the association which went on record in favor of local boards of adjustment.

**Efficiency Impaired.**  
The majority report of the labor committee, submitted on March 29, 1920, said that if the roads did not:

## International Gang Steals Painting From Hamburg Galleries

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire.  
Chicago, March 18.—An international gang of thieves, specializing in rare paintings, rugs and other art treasures, is being sought in Chicago. The latest coup of the gang is the theft from the art galleries of Hamburg, Germany, of a priceless Rembrandt. The painting is a landscape, "Autumn Scene After a Thunderstorm."

According to Henry Nussey, Swiss consul in Chicago, who today posted a reward of \$5,000 marks for the return of the painting or information leading to its recovery, the stolen January 5 from the former imperial gardens in Hamburg. It was traced to New York, where the trail ended, but information since picked up leads to the belief that it has been brought to Chicago by the thieves or their agents and that they will try to dispose of it here. It is a small canvas and can readily be concealed.

## Japan Ready to Consider Disarmament Proposals

Victoria, B. C., March 18.—Japan would be willing to consider any proposals that might be submitted to it leading to a reduction in armaments and is prepared to participate in an international conference to that end, according to Count Hiroawa, newly appointed Japanese minister to Spain and Portugal, who arrived here today.

## Bandits Rob Women Clerks Of Rail Employees' Union

Detroit, March 18.—Three armed bandits this afternoon held up two women employees of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees and railway shop laborers, and escaped with \$8,000 in cash. The holdup occurred in front of the brotherhood headquarters here.

## Bridgeport Bank's Request To Organize Is Approved

Washington, D. C., March 18.—(Special Telegram)—The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of the Citizens National bank, Bridgeport, Neb., to organize with a capital of \$25,000 to succeed the First National bank at Bridgeport.

## Gas Company Is Ordered To Refund Consumers

San Francisco, March 18.—The Contra Costa Gas company was ordered by the state railroad commission to return 10 per cent of its August and September, 1920, bills, because, in the opinion of the committee, poor service complaints against it had been sustained.

## Mrs. Neilan Divorced Given Custody of 6-Year-Old Son. Blanche Sweet Cause

Los Angeles, March 18.—Mrs. Gertrude Bambrick Neilan is free of marital bonds today, Judge Summerfield having granted her a divorce from Marshall A. Neilan, widely known film director and producer, and given her the custody of their six-year-old son, Marshall, Jr. The decree was granted on the ground of desertion, but only after Mrs. Neilan's mother had mentioned the name of Blanche Sweet as the woman alleged to have broken the Neilan home.

Mrs. Neilan, questioned by her attorney, Bradner Lee, Jr., testified that she was deserted by her husband in 1915 in New York City at which time Neilan came to California. Left Once Before.

Some months prior to this she had been divorced from a first husband on a trivial affair, she said, "and he left me. He came back and I forgave him. We lived together from May until October, 1915. Then he went to California. He later wrote me telling me to come and when I reached here he gave me a home but declined to live with me. There was absolutely no reason why he should treat me in that manner. It was no fault of mine."

Judge Summerfield questioned Mrs. Neilan as to why her husband left her. "I'm sure I don't know. It wasn't my fault," she replied.

Mrs. Bambrick, Mrs. Neilan's mother, when called as a witness to corroborate the desertion charge, figuratively "let the cat out of the bag."

"Your honor," she said, "everybody is trying to shield this man. I won't shield him. He left her. You bet he did. He left her with a little baby a year old, and for why? Everybody in Hollywood knows. Blanche Sweet lived right down the block a few doors, and he was in love with her. That's why he left her. Blanche Sweet knows all about it."

Judge Summerfield granted Mrs. Neilan a divorce on the desertion charge. By a property settlement arranged out of court Mrs. Neilan is to receive \$200 a week, a trust fund of \$50 a week for the education of their son and property valued at about \$50,000.

## Banker Disappears From Boat While on Way to Conference

Kalamazoo, Wash., March 18.—F. L. Stewart, cashier of the State Bank of Kelso, who was closed today by order of the state banking board, disappeared from a ferry boat into the Columbia river opposite here tonight while enroute from a trip to Portland.

The captain and crew of the ferry expressed the opinion that Stewart had leaped or fallen overboard. His suit case was found on board.

Stewart had gone to Portland for a conference with bankers, but did not keep the engagement, according to a statement telephoned to officers here. Stewart formerly was a state senator.

## Indictments Against Utah Sugar Company Dismissed

Salt Lake City, March 18.—Indictments against the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake City and three local coal companies for alleged profiteering under the Lever act, sections of which were declared unconstitutional recently by the United States supreme court, were formally dismissed here in federal court.

## Sucker State Plans Road Building Experiments

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—The state of Illinois will go into the road building business as an experiment this spring, Governor Emmet announced. The first trial roads will probably be built near Joliet, where gravel pits are located and where convict labor can be employed.

## British House of Commons Passes Reparations Bill

London, March 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The house of commons tonight passed the third reading of the reparations bill. The bill provides for a levy of 50 per cent on German goods, but this provision will not be effective until March 31.

## Prize Pictures

The Bee offers in next Sunday's Rotogravure Section reproductions of the three prize winning photographs in the recent Nebraska and Iowa contest for amateur photographers.

You will like them. They are three beautiful pictures, so presented they are ready for framing.

## Censorship Referendum Is Defeated

Snow Reiterates Charges That Appropriations for Child Welfare Is Spent in Propaganda.

### Measure Goes to Senate

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special.)—Opportunity to decide whether the proposed motion picture censorship was denied Nebraska voters when the lower house, by a vote of 53 to 43, refused to accept the Mickey-Rodman amendment to the motion picture censorship bill providing for a referendum.

It was the last concerted fight in the lower house against censorship. Motion picture industries must retreat to the senate to again array their forces against censorship, backed by a lobby of women described today as the "most compact, magnificent lobby which ever lobbied down on the Nebraska legislature."

The measure passed on third reading by a vote of 60 to 35. In the event of passage by the senate, and if Governor McKelvie refuses to veto the measure, motion picture men have one alternative: petitions for a referendum. The motion picture men and others opposed to censorship, on the ground that it strikes at the very core of American standards and law, right of free speech and liberty of thought, at this time are determined to resort to this expensive and troublesome mode of procedure to determine whether censorship is desired by the masses, or by the club and society women of Nebraska, as is claimed by anti-censorship members.

**Lobby Is Late.**  
The bill appeared on the calendar this morning on third reading. Its friends were caught napping. The big lobby of women, which has watched all movie proceedings carefully and applauded long and loud the speeches of members speaking in behalf of censorship, were home catching up with their housework. There were just two women in the gallery. But half an hour after the amendment was proposed, thanks to the Lincoln telephones, the gallery was again filled with women, minus powder on their noses and other customary facial ablutions for lobby work.

With the applauding women "back on the job" the pro-censorship "boys" began to argue again and the time-worn arguments for and against censorship echoed through the legislative hall.

Representative Snow again charged that the \$15,000 appropriation for investigation of child welfare had been used in part to spread and organize propaganda for the 53 varieties of bills introduced by the child welfare commission, and primarily for motion picture censorship, which he described as "the hulk" of the commission's legislative program.

## State Paid Bill

Snow read figures from the state auditor's report showing that Mrs. Stewart from the household of Mr. Hiley and Jampol, on the Deister river, by the Ukrainian nationalist forces was announced by the Ukrainian mission here today.

## Kearney Is Expelled From Grain Exchange; Partner Reinstated

Formal announcement was made yesterday of the expulsion from the Omaha Grain exchange of Laurence Kearney, member of the recently dissolved firm of Cope & Kearney. At the same time it was announced that Elmer Cope, senior member of the firm, is in no way affected by the action against Kearney and has been reinstated in the exchange after a suspension during investigation of the situation.

Kearney was found guilty by government and exchange officials of having changed the samples of grain offered for sale by his firm. He has left Omaha and is now residing in California.

Cope, who was out of the city when the transaction occurred, dissolved his partnership and has resumed business as Elmer Cope & company.

## Nebraska Potash Company Is Sued For \$700,000 Profits

Lincoln, March 18.—George W. Harris of Colorado filed suit in federal court seeking to recover \$700,000 from the directors of the American Potash company of Nebraska. This amount, he charges, was wrongfully appropriated from the company's funds over the protests of the stockholders. Harris' suit was filed on behalf of himself and other stockholders.

The amount sued for is said to represent the profits of the American Potash company of Nebraska during 1918, 1919 and the early part of 1920.

## Big Slump in Price of Farm Land in Cuming County

West Point, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—Farm land is selling now at greatly reduced prices. The half section of Kellingburg farm, north of this city, was sold for \$250 an acre. The same farm sold 25 years ago for \$350. In other sections of the county a few deals are being made at about the same percentage of reductions. Farm wages are down to from \$40 to \$50 a month.

## Spanish Radicals Deported

New York, March 18.—Sixty-five Spanish radicals were deported today on the steamship Mongolia, bound for Vigo, Spain. They were brought to this port by Department of Justice officials from Seattle, Norfolk and other cities.

## Blondes Are Fickle, Declares Judge Who Bans Them as Jurors

New York, March 18.—"There will be no blondes on this jury. Blondes are fickle," And then Justice Morris of the municipal court took off his glasses and instructed the court attendants to bring in all the brunette women in sight.

And the first jurymen to serve in this state were corralled. Less than three minutes were needed to select three women to serve with three men in deciding a small clothing case.

The magistrate had become vexed over the argument of counsel in selecting jurors from a venire wholly male.

"I think the best way to settle this matter," the court said, "is to call for a jury of men and women. I am tired of hearing you men argue on the merits of jury men."

## Kronstadt Taken By Soviet Forces, Is Announcement

Capture Was Effected at 2 A. M. Thursday According to Russian News Agency Report at Stockholm.

London, March 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Russian soviet government, in confirming by wireless today the capture of Kronstadt by bolshevik troops, says M. Kusun, soviet commissar of the Baltic fleet, and M. Vasileff, chairman of the Kronstadt soviet, who were arrested at the beginning of the uprising, were released by the bolsheviks on their entry into Kronstadt.

M. Kusun participated in the final liquidation of the rising, the wireless adds.

**Garrison in Flight.**  
Stockholm, March 18.—Kronstadt was taken by the soviet forces at 2 a. m. Thursday, according to a Russian news agency here.

For the assault Trotsky had concentrated the whole of the new seventh army, totaling 60,000 troops. Kronstadt fired its 10-inch guns and when the attacking forces were near enough opened with a machine gun fire, causing severe losses. The soviet commissar, however, entered the town and were joined by local communists. After two hours of fighting they were ejected and at 7 o'clock nearly all the attacking forces had been killed or wounded.

Meanwhile Kronstadt's obsolete batteries on the small island near the Kattegat coast were blown up and the defenders obliged to retreat. The Kronstadt garrison consisted of between 15,000 and 16,000 men. They were exhausted through lack of sleep for several days.

Soon after the fall of the fortress groups of fugitives were moving toward Finland.

## Ukrainians Successful

Berne, Switzerland, March 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The capture of the bolshevik of Mchilev and Jampol, on the Deister river, by the Ukrainian nationalist forces was announced by the Ukrainian mission here today.

The Ukrainians shot all the bolshevik commissars and officers, the mission declared.

## Wet Forces Win Motion In California House

Sacramento, Cal., March 18.—A resolution to memorialize congress in favor of light wines and beer passed the assembly of the state legislature by a vote of 43 to 34.

The vote was the first actual test of strength between wets and dries. The resolution provides that, if the senate concurs, a memorial will be submitted to congress urging national legislation relaxing the terms of the Volstead act so that wines with an alcoholic content of 15 per cent and beer of an alcoholic content of 16 per cent may be manufactured and sold.

## Judge Landis on Bench 16 Years; Still Going Strong

Chicago, March 18.—Federal Judge K. M. Landis observed today the 16th anniversary of his appointment to his present position by announcing that he "expected to be on the bench 16 years more."

The judge was unaware that today was the anniversary until informed by his staff.

Recently there had been reports that Judge Landis might resign from the bench to devote his entire time to his position as base ball commissioner.

## Only 387 Employees Out of 29,183 Workers in Packing House Plants Are Against Strike

Chicago, March 18.—Official returns in the strike ballot given taken by the stockyard workers in the plants of the big five packers had been received at national headquarters here at noon from eight cities. They showed 28,796 men authorized a strike and 387 voted against one.

Unofficial tabulation in various packing centers covered only official returns.

**Eight Cities Complete.**  
The following tabulation of the returns thus far received were given out by Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America.

Chicago: For strike, 21,482; against, 207.  
St. Paul, Minn.: For, 2,183; against, 115.  
Oklahoma City, Okla.: For, 996; against, 5.  
Austin, Minn.: For, 624; against, 10.

## Wilson Pact Spurned by President

Harding Opposed to Resubmission of Versailles Treaty To Senate—Would Keep U. S. Out of League.

### Favors Knox Resolution

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.  
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire.  
Washington, March 18.—On the eve of the discussion of American foreign policies with former Premier Viviani of France and other European envoys and with the republican leaders in congress, President Harding holds views which may be summarized thus:

1. He is opposed to the resubmission of the Versailles peace treaty to the senate.
2. He is opposed to ratification of the peace terms proper, even with the league of nations covenant eliminated therefrom.
3. He is opposed to putting the United States into the league of nations with article 10 expunged, as M. Viviani proposes, or into any league involving participation of America in a permanent military alliance.
4. For want of a general treaty of peace which the United States can accept without surrendering its independence of action and abandoning its traditional policy of non-entanglement in European affairs, the president is considering alternative methods of re-establishing peace with Germany, chief of which is the Knox resolution.

**Endorsed by Republicans.**  
These views are fully endorsed by the majority of the republican members of the senate committee on foreign relations with whom the president is to confer on the formulation of the peace policy before the new congress is organized for business.

Senator McCormick of Illinois, an irreconcilable opponent of the Versailles treaty and Wilson covenant, will be a new member of the foreign relations committee, the youngest ever assigned to that important body. His selection for this committee was voted today by the republican committee on committees.

Senator McCormick has specialized on foreign affairs during his two years in the senate and has made two extensive tours of Europe in that time, studying war and peace conditions.

Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, a mild reservationist during the treaty debate, is the other new member of the committee, which will be composed of 10 republicans and six democrats. There will be eight members strongly opposed to acceptance of the Versailles peace plan and eight more or less disposed to compromise.

**Speculation Rife.**  
Whether the president will modify his present attitude in the light of representations to be made to him:

## Secretary Denby Will Concentrate Efforts On 1916 Naval Program

Washington, March 18.—Secretary Denby will concentrate his efforts on naval building for the present on completion of the 1916 program. It was learned today that he will not start consideration of another extensive building program until the 17 battleships, battlecruisers and scores of minor vessels of the 1916 bill are well on the way toward completion.

It was indicated that the progress of disarmament discussions would have a great influence on the navy's future program, but that in any event the department urged that the 1916 program be finished as soon as possible. At the present rate of building the last vessels of the big pre-war program should be ready for service by 1923.

## Daughter of Ex-Pastor of Denver Dies in London Wreck

Denver, March 18.—Agnes Hart, daughter of the late Dean H. Martyn Hart of St. John's cathedral of this city, was killed in an accident in London, according to a message received yesterday by relatives here.

## Russo-Polish Treaty Signed

London, March 18.—The Russo-Polish treaty was signed at 9:30 o'clock tonight, says a dispatch to the London Times from Riga. The dispatch added that the treaty is to be ratified at Minsk within 30 days.

## Street Sales of Ford's Paper Barred by St. Louis Police

St. Louis, March 18.—An order prohibiting street sales of the "Dearborn Independent," Henry Ford's publication, will be issued tomorrow. Chief of Police Martin O'Brien announced tonight. The sale by vendors on the streets constitutes a law violation punishable under defamation and criminal libel statutes and the disturbance of the peace ordinances, Charles F. Dause, city councillor, ruled today.

## Western Roads Put Freight Rates Back to 1920 Scale

Phoenix, Ariz., March 18.—The state corporation commission received word from United States Senator Ralph Cameron that the western railroads had decided to suspend for 90 days the present rates on east-bound traffic and go back to the rates prevailing on August 26, 1920.

## Flood Waters Recede

Walla Walla, Wash., March 18.—Waters in Mill creek and other streams of the valley fell today and danger of further damage was considered past. The flood in the city caused a damage estimated to exceed \$100,000.

## Shippers' Bulletin

Shipments in all directions handled during the next 24 to 25 hours may be made safely.

## Slayer Who Must Die for Killing Wife and Stranger



MR. & MRS. CARL WANDERER

## Lloyd George Is Facing Serious Cabinet Crisis

Resignation of A. Bonar Law, According to London Press, Has Precipitated Tangle of First Magnitude.

London, March 18.—A political crisis of the first magnitude has been created by the retirement of A. Bonar Law from the British cabinet, it is declared by the London Times. Other new papers, while less emphatic, agree in saying that Mr. Bonar Law's resignation is certain to have considerable political effect and that it probably will ultimately weaken the coalition government.

It is pointed out that no successor to Mr. Bonar Law is likely to work so well with Premier Lloyd George and the Graphic even suggests that if Mr. Lloyd George is called upon to face a prospect of unsympathetic association, he may find the strain of office intolerable and will follow Mr. Bonar Law into retirement.

There are many forecasts relative to the new ministerial leader whom the party will elect on Monday. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer; Sir Robert Horne, president of the board of trade and Sir Edward Carson are given most prominent mention as being probable successors to Mr. Bonar Law.

Suggestions have been made in some quarters that Mr. Lloyd George, himself, take command of the unionist party. The London Times remarks that the unionists as a whole, while willing to make every use of him, are most jealous of his power.

An intimate friend played chess with Bonar Law Wednesday evening and suspected nothing, but a specialist who examined him on Thursday morning ordered him to quit work, or face the gravest risks. He will go to the Riviera and remain abroad a couple of months.

## Man Sentenced to Hang Asks to Change Plea

Redding, Cal., March 18.—A motion to vacate the judgment and permit the plea of guilty to be withdrawn and to submit a plea of not guilty was made here in superior court in behalf of William H. Norris of Terre Haute, Ind. Norris is under sentence to be hanged March 25 as the confessed slayer of City Marshal John W. Reives.

Mr. L. Welch of Sacramento, who made the motion, based his plea on an affidavit in which it was alleged conviction of the defendant was obtained by coercion, fear, trust, misapprehension of the seriousness of his crime, and without the advice of counsel.

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## Bolivian Indian Tribes Revolt Against Regime

Buenos Aires, March 18.—Indians living in the high table lands of Bolivia have risen against the Bolivian government and a native chief has proclaimed himself president of the Indian tribes, says a La Paz dispatch to La Nacion.

Several encounters between the insurgents and provincial forces have resulted in several persons being killed and wounded. Bolivian troops are reported to be on their way to suppress the revolt.

## Burroughs Back Home

Pasadena, Cal., March 18.—John Burroughs, naturalist, today was back in his winter home, a cabin in Pasadena, Cal., completely recovered, it was said, from the minor ailment which caused him to go to a hospital several weeks ago. He said he will start east March 25 in order to reach his home at Riverby, N. Y., in time to celebrate there April 3, the 84th anniversary of his birth.

## The Weather

Forecast.  
Partly cloudy and cooler Saturday.

Hourly Temperatures.

	5 a. m.	8 a. m.	11 a. m.	2 p. m.	5 p. m.	8 p. m.
6 a. m.	35	38	42	45	48	45
7 a. m.	38	42	45	48	50	48
8 a. m.	42	45	48	50	52	50
9 a. m.	45	48	50	52	54	52
10 a. m.	48	50	52	54	56	54
11 a. m.	50	52	54	56	58	56
12 noon	52	54	56	58	60	58

## Man Confesses to Murder

Los Angeles, March 18.—Charles E. Smith confessed in the city jail here today, according to the police, that he and his father, T. W. Smith, also under arrest here had murdered Peter Schure in Akron, O., last October.

## Wanderer Sentenced To Scaffold

Slayer of Wife, Unborn Babe And "Ragged Stranger" in Fake Holdup to Pay Supreme Penalty.

### Jury Out But 29 Minutes

Chicago, March 18.—Carl Wanderer today was found guilty by a jury of the murder of the ragged stranger shot to death in the alleged muck holdup, and the penalty fixed at death.

The jury deliberated only 29 minutes but was delayed in returning the verdict through the absence of Judge Davis.

In a previous trial, Wanderer was convicted of the murder of his wife and was sentenced to prison for 25 years.

## Killed Three in Robbery

The conviction of Wanderer came as the climax of his trial for the murder of "John Doe" or the "poor boob" and "poor fish" so designated by him, who acted as the dupe at the slaying of Wanderer's wife, unborn babe and the "ragged stranger."

At the time of the shooting Wanderer, who was an ex-serviceman, was hailed as a hero, but after three days of investigation by the Chicago police department Wanderer was taken into custody, charged with the triple murder. He stoutly maintained that he was innocent for several days, but finally, after a lengthy questioning, he signed a written confession.

## Was "Framed" Robbery

The stranger commanded them to hold up their hands. It was during the staging of the fake robbery that Wanderer drew his gun and fired, killing his wife and the stranger.

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## Convicted Once Before

He was placed on trial October 17 for the murder of his wife and unborn child and after a trial lasting several days was convicted of murder, but the jury fixed the penalty at 15 years in prison, which meant the serving of but 14 years' actual time.

The verdict so incensed the people of Chicago that he was brought back from the penitentiary and placed on trial for the murder of the man he characterized as the "poor fish." His conviction today, with its sentence of death, resulted from his second trial.

The body of the man for whose murder Wanderer today was found guilty, still is in the county morgue, never having been identified.

## Cuba Playground of Yanks, Says Gamble After Trip to South