

21 KILLED IN AMBUSHES IN IRELAND

Omaha Man On Stand In Rail Case

C. R. Gray, President of Union Pacific, Details Activities as Chairman of Executives' Labor Committee.

Says Rules Restrictive

Chicago, March 19.—Attempting to bring out alleged dissension in the ranks of railway executives over national agreements, labor counsel put two high officials through a grilling examination before the railroad labor board today.

Last Quip Has Fallen in His 'Line o' Type or Two'



Bert Leston Taylor

'B. L. T.' Dies in Home in Chicago From Pneumonia

Noted Humorist, Contributor to The Omaha Bee, Won Fame With His 'A Line o' Type or Two.'

'B. L. T.' is dead.

Bert Leston Taylor, noted humorist and satirist, familiarly known to newspaper readers of the country as 'B. L. T.' through his column of 'A Line o' Type or Two' on the editorial page of the Chicago Tribune, which also has appeared in The Omaha Bee, for more than a year, died yesterday.

His death occurred at his home at Glenwood, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, following an attack of pneumonia. Bronchial trouble developed several weeks ago. For several days he had been sinking. He abandoned his work Wednesday afternoon.

Enters Newspaper Work

B. L. T. was born in Goshen, Mass., in 1866, entered newspaper work in Plainfield, N. H., and edited the Duluth News-Tribune for three years before going to Chicago. He founded his 'Line' with the Chicago Tribune in 1901, but two years later went to New York to contribute to Puck, the Sun and other publications. He returned to Chicago in 1909 to resume the conduct of his column.

No Disagreement

'My feeling is that it is practically impossible to devise rules which operate justly and reasonably over the whole country,' Mr. Gray said.

Mr. Sheehan asked if there had ever been any disagreement on the continuation of national agreements by the railway executives.

'Never,' Mr. Gray replied.

Mr. Sheehan then referred to the 11 fundamental principles laid down as labor's 'bill of rights' by union officials yesterday.

'Could any road operate with efficiency with all these rules in effect?' Mr. Sheehan asked.

'Certain of these rules are very restrictive,' Mr. Gray replied. 'It is almost impossible to set up any set of rules which will do justice to all.'

Earlier today, T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the executives' association, was on the stand and maintained that he had had no part in the formation or adoption of any labor policy. He refused to admit there was any difference of opinion on national agreements.

Home of Late Adelina Patti Is Sold to Memorial Board

London, March 19.—Craighy-Nos castle in Wales, the home of the late Madam Adelina Patti, has been sold to the Welsh National Memorial association but the residue of the estate, comprising farms, sheep runs, mountain pasturage, limestone quarries, ground rents and cottages will be sold later.

Railway Men Start Test Case on Wage Reductions

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—Validity of the wage reduction on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad, effective March 1, by order of Federal Judge Samuel H. Sibley in receivership proceedings, was brought to a test in the United States district court here today, on a petition filed by the striking employes of that road asking for a revocation of the reduction order.

Nevada Man is Convicted On Charge of Manslaughter

Reno, March 19.—James H. Neven, Nevada politician and mining man, was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death by shooting of Mrs. Etta Hanna in the latter's apartment here on the night of February 3. The case was given to the jury at 10:55 last night. One ballot was taken this morning and the jury reported its verdict.

Government Suspends County Attorney

Wife of Cedar County Official Gives State 'Tip' That Leads to Removal of Husband.

Charge Officer Drunk

Lincoln, March 19.—(Special).—Gov. S. R. McKelvie ordered the suspension of County Attorney Richard J. Millard of Cedar county today on a mass of evidence including a statement from State Deputy Sheriff R. N. Fulton that Millard had a touch of delirium tremens last Tuesday, while trying bootlegging cases.

The deputy sheriff said Millard 'had been drunk for the last three weeks.' Affidavits of six local citizens of Hartington, Neb., the county seat, said Millard had been intoxicated 'at different times' the last six months.

The investigation which led to Millard's suspension was made at the request of Mrs. Margaret Millard, his wife, who wrote the governor March 7, asking him to send agents to investigate wide-spread bootlegging and the operation of illicit stills in the town.

Will Start Proceedings. The governor has ordered Attorney General Clarence A. Davis to file removal proceedings in the district court. Before these proceedings are filed, the county attorney will be given an opportunity to resign, it was said at the attorney general's office.

The governor took his action on a letter from Secretary H. H. Antles of the state department of public welfare, enclosing affidavits of six citizens, including Sheriff E. E. McFadden, a letter from State Sheriff Gus Hyers and one from Deputy State Sheriff Fulton and the original letter from Mrs. Millard to the governor, asking him to investigate conditions at Hartington.

Others who signed the affidavit were: E. P. Partridge, W. H. Stephenson, C. M. Olsen, L. A. Miller and S. A. Willard. The affidavit said that the signers had observed the county attorney daily for the last six months and that they had seen him 'in a state of intoxication at different times in different places.'

Was Trying Bootleggers. 'He had been drunk for the last three weeks, and yesterday, while trying out our bootlegging cases, he had a touch of delirium tremens, commonly known as 'snakes in the boots,'" said R. N. Fulton, state investigator, in a letter to State Sheriff Gus Hyers dated Wednesday, March 16.

Fulton added that Sheriff McFadden had been handicapped in law enforcement operations, because the county attorney was believed to tip off raids on bootleggers.

An airplane is reported to have been in the habit of landing at Devils Nest, near Cration, Neb., in Cedar county, every two weeks with a cargo of liquor, Mrs. Millard said, in her letter to the governor asking him to send an investigator.

Wife 'Tipped' Officer.

She made no mention of her husband in the letter, but declared that if she only were a star and had authority, she would have the jail full of bootleggers and gamblers.

She said a number of stills were in full operation at Hartington, and bootleggers follow high school boys out of town to neighboring vicinities on athletic tours, and sell them liquor.

It is the duty of the county board of Cedar county to name a successor to the deposed official. State Agent Fulton recommended F. C. Radke, former member of the legislature and prominent attorney of Hartington, who had co-operated with the official.

Nine Guilty of Conspiring Sentenced in Scotland

Edinburgh, Scotland, March 19.—Nine of 15 persons alleged to be Sinn Feiners, one of them a woman, were found guilty of conspiring against the government today.

Verdict of not proven was returned in the case of two of the prisoners and the four others were found not guilty. The nine were sentenced to from one to five years in prison and a fine of £500 was imposed.

Motor cars and explosives said to have been the property of those convicted were ordered forfeited. All the prisoners left the dock smiling cheerfully.

Woman Killed, Daughter Hurt as Train Hits Auto

Pueblo, Colo., March 19.—Mrs. James Sharpnack of Fowler, Colo., was killed and her daughter, Hazel, badly injured, this afternoon when their automobile was hit by a Colorado and Southern train at a crossing a few miles east of this city.

The women were on their way to Clovis, N. M., in a new car they had just purchased.

Car of Strikebreakers Derailed at Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 19.—Police are investigating the derailing of a street car today at the plant of the John Morrell Packing company, where 700 workmen are on strike.

The car, according to the police, was bound for the plant with a load of strikebreakers. None was hurt.

Maher Will Head State Irish Body

Resolution Passed at Convention Asserts Unwillingness To Cause Trouble Between Countries.

Asks U. S. Recognition

John G. Maher of Lincoln was elected president of the Nebraska council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic at the first annual state convention of the council here yesterday.

The secretary is Louis D. Kavanaugh of Omaha, who also was named a credential committee of one. Other officers follow:

W. H. Green, Omaha; Edgar Howard, Columbus; Chester H. Aldrich, Lincoln; W. D. Oldham, Kearney; Mrs. James H. Hanley, Omaha, and Miss Cassie Riley, Omaha, vice president.

E. C. McDermott, Omaha, treasurer; Dennis Meelan, York; Miss Mary Kennedy, Omaha; Dr. M. Sullivan, Spalding; Mrs. Peter Jolley, Omaha; William E. LaViolette, North Bend; Dr. Nicholas McCabe, North Platte; John Carr, O'Neill, and Rev. T. O'Sullivan, state directors;

John Rush, Omaha; Miss Mary Cotter, Omaha; Dennis Radford, Fremont; Dr. Leo Phelan, Grand Island; Mrs. Margaret Moriarty, Omaha; William M. Whelan, Hastings; Frank Kain, Creighton; T. P. Callahan, Laurel; David C. Sullivan, Muller; F. J. McArdle, Omaha; Hugh Boyle, Norfolk; Rev. M. A. Shine, Plattsmouth, and D. W. Killen, Schuyler, members of national directorate.

Resolution Passed. The following resolution was passed at the conclusion of the convention:

'We, as American citizens and members of the Nebraska councils of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, assembled in state convention in Omaha, remembering that our own beloved country, upon entering the late world war, proclaimed the principles of safeguarding democracy and upholding the right of self-determination of small nations; and since these principles cannot be honorably repudiated by the American government or people; therefore:

'Be it resolved, That this association disclaims the charge of design or desire to breed trouble between our country and the imperial government of England. Our signal object is the prompt ending, rather than the encouragement of, strife. We believe there can be no peace in the world while England shall continue to claim divine or any other manner of right to govern the free people of the free republic of Ireland.

Urges Recognition. 'Be it resolved, That we request our government to grant recognition of the republic of Ireland as speedily as has been the practice of the American government in recognizing the many sister republics organized in South and Central America during the past century; therefore:

'Be it further resolved, That regarding the objects sought to be won by the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic as on a plane with the objects impelling the drafting and the adoption of our own immortal American declaration of independence, we plead the friendship, the sympathy and the prayers of every man and woman now enjoying the blessed boon of liberty under the protecting flag of our own dear republic.'

Polish Intelligence Men Arrest Four Russians

Warsaw, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—Gen. Nicolai Peremkin, commander of the Third Russian anti-bolshevik army; two members of his staff and a woman giving her name as Countess Jeanne Zamojka have been arrested by Polish army intelligence operatives. They are accused of conspiring against the life of Boris Savinkoff, minister of war in the Kerensky cabinet established in Petrograd in 1917 and leader of Russian social revolutionaries in Poland.

The four persons taken into custody are being held in the military prison here.

Secretary Fall Approves Colorado Irrigation Plan

Washington, March 19.—Secretary Fall today approved the Orchard Mesa irrigation project in Colorado to irrigate 10,000 acres, mostly in fruit trees, as a unit of the \$5,000,000 grand valley project.

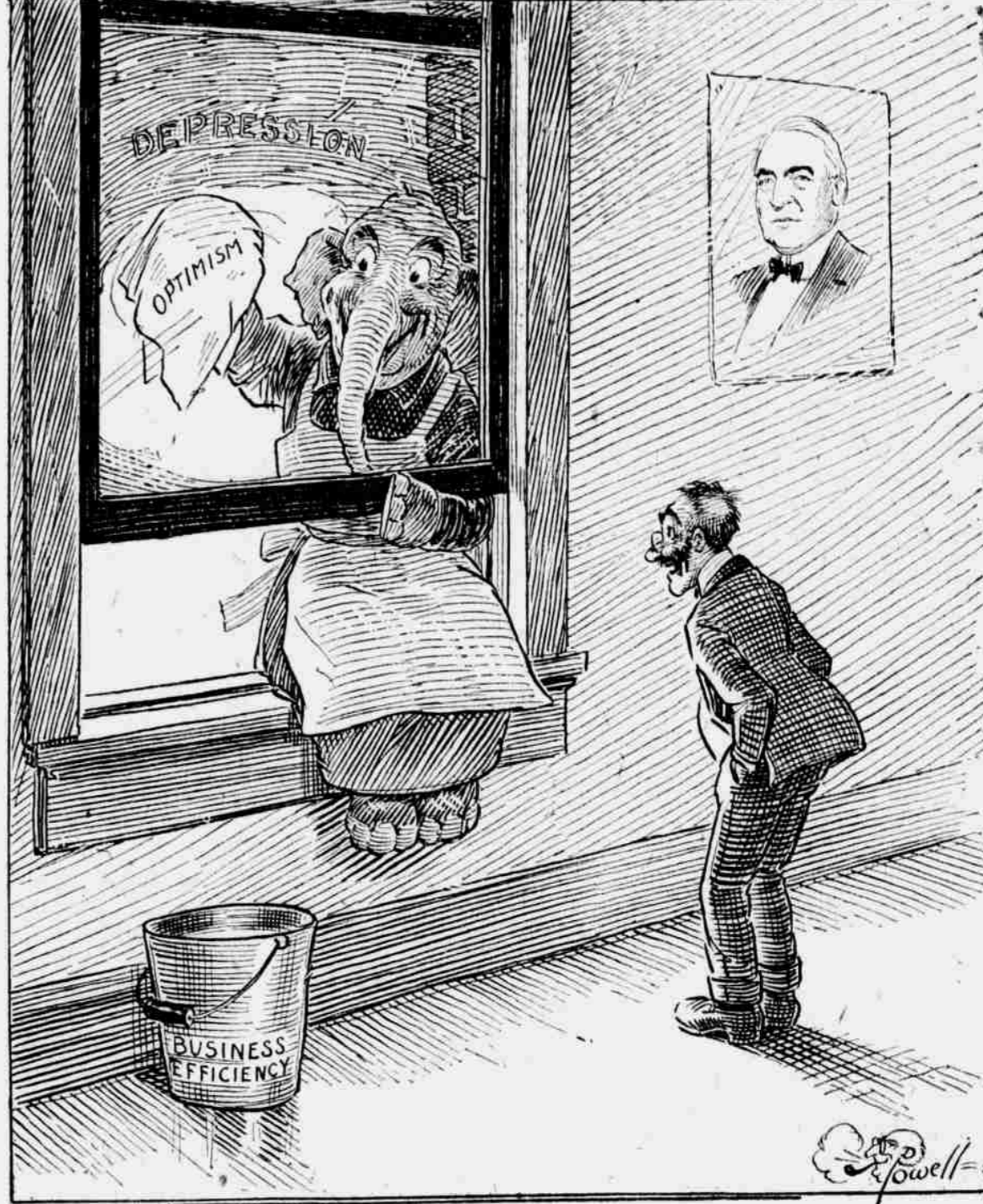
Two Marines Killed, Eight Injured in Auto Wreck

Guam, Marianne Islands, March 19.—Henry Kimes and Walter Kimball, enlisted marines stationed here, were killed and eight others injured in an automobile accident here today.

Lower Temperature Said To Be on Way This Week

Washington, March 19.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, generally fair, temperature considerably lower than during week just passed.

Brightening Up



One Killed, Four Are Missing in Dust Explosion

Huge Elevator at Chicago Wrecked by Blast—Fire Hampers Search for Possible Victims.

Chicago, March 19.—A dust explosion which was felt over most of the South Side destroyed the Armour grain elevator on the Calumet river early tonight. Fire followed the explosion. The night watchman, who was seriously injured, said that seven persons might be trapped in the ruins.

Two hours after the explosion the police reported that a careful survey showed that one man was dead, four were injured and four missing. All of the victims were workmen.

The elevator was one of the largest in the world, having a capacity of 10,000 bushels. It stood in an isolated spot on the southern outskirts of the city, the nearest dwelling being more than a block away.

The force of the explosion, which occurred shortly after 6 o'clock, was so great that it felt miles away and shattered every window within a radius of eight blocks.

The elevator was made up of a number of concrete towers, one of which was rent asunder, releasing the grain, which took fire, hampering the search for persons believed to have been in the structure.

First Methodist Choir to Present Dubois' Oratorio

Under the direction of J. Edward Carnal, the chorus choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Omaha will present Dubois' oratorio 'The Seven Last Words' next Friday evening at the First Presbyterian church in Council Bluffs.

The oratorio will be repeated at the First Methodist church in Omaha Easter evening.

Solo parts in this production will be taken by Mrs. W. Dale Clark, soprano; Lawrence Dodds, tenor; Walter Jenkins, baritone; Mrs. R. E. Davis will be at the organ.

Europe in Need of Rebirth of Christianity, Says Serbian

Speaking before the Associate Collegiate Alumnae of Omaha at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon, Bishop Nicholas Velimorvick of Serbia discussed economic and political conditions in Europe.

'Europe does not need reconstruction as much as regeneration from the imperialistic spirit,' he said 'and a rebirth of Christianity.'

Bishop Velimorvick will speak tonight at the Palm Sunday exercises at the Trinity cathedral.

Omaha Company Drills Following Reorganizing

The Omaha Oil and Refining company has been reorganized and its name changed to the Marr Petroleum company, according to an announcement of J. E. Marr, president.

With the reorganization, Mr. Marr announced that drilling on three new deep wells in Colby county, Kansas, had begun. The company now has 24 wells, he said.

Blaze Threatens East Omaha Homes

Residents Forced to Flee From Houses in Path of Prairie Fire.

Residents of East Omaha were forced to flee from their homes early last night by a prairie fire which threatens to destroy everything in its path.

The blaze originated from undetermined sources at 7 o'clock along one-half mile south of Carter lake. The bottom lands are covered with a dense growth of marsh grass, dried to a tinder and which is burning like powder in the flames fanned by the high wind. Numerous dairy farm buildings and farm houses lie in the path of the fire, which is spreading rapidly and their destruction is threatened.

All available city fire department apparatus was called to the district to combat the flames. A dense curtain of smoke and fire covers the lowlands.

Live Stock Men Urge Embargo Upon Meats

Washington, March 19.—An embargo on the importation of meats and readjustment of freight rates on live stock from the west and south-west was urged by a delegation which called on President Harding.

Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, accompanied the delegation, which included Judge Sam Howan, Texas, general counsel of the National Live Stock Association; T. A. Tomlin, Denver, secretary of the association, and J. H. Mercer, Topeka, chairman of the Kansas City Live Stock association.

Senator Capper said later he was given to understand that a bill designed to practically place an embargo on various agricultural products probably would be introduced early in the session of congress and would be given the support of the administration.

Husband and Wife Demand Juvenile Court Jury Trial

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster, 2112 Cass street, demanded a jury trial when called before the juvenile court yesterday on the charge of aiding and abetting in the delinquency of her niece.

They are the first to ask a trial by jury under the recent law passed, taking these cases out of juvenile into the district court.

Charges were preferred by the girl's parents. The girl has been missing from home since December 5. The Fosters induced her to leave, the parents claim.

Foster was released on \$1,500 bond and Mrs. Foster on her own recognizance.

Denver Unions Cut Wages

Denver, March 19.—Four building crafters, members of the Denver Building Trades council, today accepted wage reductions of 20 per cent, announced recently by the Master Builders' association, representing employers of the craftsmen, following a conference with officials of the Colorado industrial commission.

SOLDIERS BURN HOMES IN REPRISAL

Republican Forces Attack Crown Troops—Bridge Destroyed While Military Lorries are Crossing.

Reign of Terror in Cork

Cork, March 19.—Seven soldiers and one policeman were killed and several wounded, and seven members of the attacking party were killed in the ambush of military and police near Kinsale early today, according to the latest reports received here.

The fatalities to the crown forces were caused by the blowing up of a bridge while three lorries were crossing it.

Twenty Sinn Feiners were captured, of whom seven were wounded, and the military took a large quantity of ammunition.

A reign of terror prevails in County Cork and the crown forces are reported to have burned farm houses and produce in reprisal for the ambush. A search for the members of the ambushing party who escaped is being continued.

Six Soldiers Killed. Belfast, March 19.—A desperate ambush occurred at 6 a. m. today at Cross Barry and resulted in the death of six crown soldiers and the wounding of five others.

Thirty soldiers were motoring along the main road when they were attacked by 500 armed Irish republicans concealed in the thick woods. The crown forces left the lorries and joined battle with the ambushing party, which was continued until military forces arrived, when the Sinn Feiners began to retreat.

Passengers on the Cork and Bandon railway line witnessed a thrilling pursuit, in which many civilians were seen to fall. The district is in a state of ferment.

Secret Indictments Against Sugar Firms Are Ordered Dropped

Boston, March 19.—The fact that Earl D. Babst of New York, president of the American Sugar Refining company, other officers of that company and other dealers in sugar were indicted secretly by a federal grand jury here last June for alleged conspiracy in making unreasonable profits, became known today when United States Attorney Gallagher announced that the indictments had been quashed. The latter action was taken, he said, on orders from Washington, issued as a result of the supreme court's ruling that the Lever act was unconstitutional.

Two indictments against officers of the American Sugar Refining company alleged conspiracy and that they had fixed at 20 cents, the price of sugar which cost only 8 cents a pound.

Monty Tancock Meets 'Buddy' Of War Days on Way to Coast

A meeting of war 'buddies' took place between Montague Tancock, manager of the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce, and Bogart Rogers of Los Angeles at the Union station at 8:30 yesterday morning.

Neither had seen the other since the armistice was signed.

Tancock and Rogers, both former lieutenants in the Royal Air Force of England, went through battle engagements side by side.

John Trusler of Detroit, Mich., and Tancock and Rogers are the surviving members of their organization.

Rogers was enroute to Los Angeles.

State Agents Fined Still On Farm Near Crab Orchard

Tumescum, Neb., March 19.—(Special).—Karl Schmitt, jr., and John Farley of the state law enforcement department arrested Albert Panko, of near Crab Orchard, and uncovered a complete still, with the boilers and coil apparatus, 15 gallons of corn whisky and a large quantity of mash.

Panko was arraigned before County Judge James Livingston on three counts, the manufacture of intoxicating liquor, sale of the liquor and having same in possession and giving it away. Panko pleaded guilty to all three counts and was fined \$300.

Reichstag Fixes German Army Strength at 100,000

Berlin, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German army bill abolishing conscription and fixing the strength of the army at 100,000 men and of the navy at 15,000, passed the Reichstag yesterday. The independent socialists and communists voted against the measure.

Munition Dump Explosion Injures Many at Erfurt

Erfurt, Prussian Saxony, March 19.—Many persons were injured last night by the explosion of a munitions depot at Schmerborn, a town about four miles northeast of this city.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday unsettled and colder; probably rain. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 60 1 p. m. 60 3 p. m. 60 5 p. m. 60 7 p. m. 60 9 p. m. 60 11 p. m. 60