

Assassins Try to Kill U. S. Envoy

Valet Seriously Injured When He Opens Infernal Machines Sent Myron T. Herrick At Paris.

Home Wrecked by Blast

Paris, Oct. 19.—A bomb exploded today in the house of Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, seriously injuring the valet, who opened the package containing it.

The room in which the explosion occurred was wrecked. Ambassador Herrick arrived at the house two minutes after the bomb blew up.

Addressed to Herrick. The bomb explosion followed receipt of threatening letters which have been coming to the ambassador in the last few days in connection with the cases of two Italians recently convicted of murder in Massachusetts.

The bomb was contained in a carefully made package, delivered this morning and addressed personally to the ambassador who it appears, might well have opened it himself, as it seemed to be a gift designed for him. The ambassador's valet, however, happened to open it. Immediately after the explosion Ambassador Herrick went to the Hotel Crillon, where General Pershing is stopping. The prefect of police joined the general and the ambassador there, and this evening they were conferring on the case while the entire detective service of Paris was at work in an attempt to trace the origin of the bomb.

Considerable damage was done to the ambassador's residence.

Package containing the bomb was delivered at the ambassador's residence. The explosion occurred in the bathroom.

The bomb was brought by a secretary who thought it a present for the ambassador.

Valet Injured. The ambassador and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. P. W. Herrick, and her son, age 7, were mounting the stairway and heard the explosion. Immediately the valet came down, crying: "A bomb has exploded. I am hit."

In the room and demolished with it, were present Ambassador Herrick had received on his birthday, October 9.

The belief is expressed by the (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Many Naval Officers Fail in Aviation Test; May Cripple Service

Washington, Oct. 19.—Crippling of the aviation service of the navy is threatened through failure of a large percentage of temporary regular and reserve officers to pass examinations for the regular service.

Official admission has been made by naval officials that the situation facing the department is serious. Some of the officers who failed to pass the examination are complaining that the test to which they submitted was unfair and a movement is under way to take the matter before congress.

Government to Probe Co-operative Society

Chicago, Oct. 19.—A federal investigation of the affairs of the Co-operative Society of America, with a view to action by the federal grand jury, will be started at once, it was announced yesterday by C. F. Cline, United States district attorney.

Mr. Cline intimated his action would be based on the fact that Harrison Parker, president of the society, had admitted he had avoided direct answers in his testimony Saturday before Federal Judge Evans in an attempt to shield the society from unfavorable publicity during the bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Parker today presented a statement saying assets of the society were \$20,989.738 greater than its liabilities.

Gasoline Supply Ample In Case of Railway Strike New York, Oct. 19.—Representatives of the Standard Oil companies in New York and other large oil producers and refiners expressed belief that there are ample supplies of gasoline to meet any possible lack of railroad freight movements in the event of a strike.

The Atlantic seaboard has ample gasoline, it was said, and the mid-gulf would obtain its supplies from the Chicago district. The Pacific coast, it was said, could draw on the California district for almost unlimited supplies and the south and southwest would receive gasoline from Texas and Oklahoma fields.

American Target Of Bomb in Paris



Swindlers Bilk Aged Woman for Magic Glasses

Posing as Relative of Governor, Man Sells Spectacles Represented as "Diamond Crystal and Radium."

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Eyeglasses, made of diamond crystals and containing radium, were guaranteed to an aged Hooper woman, Pauline Schwab, 72, to cure a cataract from which she was suffering. The glasses, which proved to be the common variety on sale for a few dollars, were loaned to the suffering woman after she had made a deposit of \$2,959 to insure their return to the pseudo oculist.

Dr. Paul E. Martell, the name given by the swindler, visited the aged woman at her home with promises to cure her of her affliction. He claimed to be a brother-in-law of Governor McKelvie, and during his visit told his innocent listener of his intimate acquaintance with the governor's family and said Mrs. McKelvie acted as his stenographer. A flashy certificate purporting to be his license to practice in the state was shown, together with a forged commission showing him to be a member of the state sheriff's staff.

Mrs. Schwab lives alone and is physically infirm. The swindler took advantage of her condition and first obtained \$1,900 in Liberty bonds as a guarantee that she would return the glasses. A confederate appeared a few days later and offered her \$2,800 if she would sell the glasses. Martell returned in a few days and announced that the Chicago owners of the glasses demanded more security. With the \$2,800 offer in mind, the woman readily agreed to give \$1,000 in cash and \$89 for the service of the fake oculist.

When friends learned of the aged woman's predicament they waited several days before notifying the county authorities in the hope that the woman would return for more money. Sheriff Condit, when informed, traced the check to a Denver bank where it was cashed. He left immediately for Denver in hopes of getting trace of the two men.

England to Aid Jobless To Go to Dominions

London, Oct. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in England as regards trade and unemployment is worse than at any time since the death of Napoleon, declared Prime Minister Lloyd George in the House of Commons today in outlining the government's policy on these two subjects.

At present, he said, there are 1,750,000 persons unemployed, and added that the greatest unemployment was in the metal trades.

He declared that the cause for this situation could all be summed up in one word—war.

As a part of the government's plan of alleviation, he said, the government propose to ask parliament for an appropriation of another £300,000 to enable ex-service men to emigrate to the dominions.

Chicago Sleuth Fired for Gunman Escape Is in Omaha Detective James Ronon, discharged from the Chicago police force, for allowing Tommy O'Connor, gunman, to escape after he had killed Detective Captain O'Neill, is in Omaha today. He is one of several Northwestern detectives sent here to work on the Council Bluffs box car robbery case.

Ronon says he expects to regain his place on the Chicago police detective force. He believes he can clear up the charges against him. O'Connor had a ticket for Omaha and expected to come here after the shooting, he says, but changed his mind and went to St. Paul, Minn., where he was arrested. O'Connor is sentenced to hang next month.

Governors Want Clauses in Rail Act Repealed

Guarantee of Fixed Return to Railroads Unwise and Uneconomic, Western Executives Say.

Des Moines, Oct. 19.—Repeal of clauses in the Cummins-Esch transportation act, directing the Interstate Commerce commission to fix freight rates on a basis that will give the railroads a 6 per cent return on their valuations, was urged in a resolution adopted by the conference of middle west governors at its closing session here late today. Guaranteeing the railroads a fixed return is unwise and uneconomic, the conference declared.

Ask Rate Reduction.

Resolutions were adopted asking a "substantial reduction" in present freight rates, advocating congressional action to remove doubt as to state jurisdiction over state railroad rates and services, urging reduction of federal reserve bank discount rates in agricultural districts, endorsing the movement for limitation of armaments, and asserting that the government of the United States should collect the interest on its foreign loans annually.

Lengthy discussion took place on a suggestion that the conference should express an opinion on the pending railroad strike crisis, but the view prevailed that it would be impolitic to do so. It should be assumed, several of those present said, that in any critical situation which may develop, federal and state authorities will act constitutionally and in accordance with their oaths of office.

Action Unanimous.

Action was unanimous on all the resolutions that were adopted, though some of the conferees said they would have preferred stronger statements. Governor John J. Blaine of Wisconsin, in the discussion on the resolution condemning the fixed earnings clause of the transportation act, urged that the total repeal of the law should be demanded. He said it was nothing short of communism to give private enterprise a guaranty of earnings. Such a guaranty, he declared, inevitably discourages initiative and efficiency.

He advocated repeal of the whole act on the ground that its essential features are the earnings guaranty and the concentration of rate jurisdiction in the Interstate Commerce commission in which two respects, he remarked, the conference was agreed in condemning it. Adoption of a resolution urging amendment rather than repeal was decided on as likely to be of more practical use.

State Witnesses in Southard Trial Tell Of Poison Evidence

Twin Falls, Idaho, Oct. 19.—The last of the expert witnesses which the state will use in the trial of Meyer Southard, charged with the murder of Edward F. Meyer, her fourth husband, occupied the witness stand today. Edward F. Rodenbaugh, state chemist of Idaho, and Herman Harms, state chemist of Utah, placed in evidence the results of their analysis of specimens from the bodies of the woman's three previous husbands and a brother-in-law. In every case the analysis showed the presence of poison in the organs examined, they testified.

L. Cross-examination failed to shake the testimony of either witness. Samples of the insect exterminator which it is alleged was used by the defendant to poison all five men, specimens from the bodies of which have been analyzed, was also submitted for examination to scientists Herman Harms. The analysis showed the presence of substantial quantities of the poison, Harms testified.

Tea Room of Evelyn Nesbit Goes Into Receiver's Hands

New York, Oct. 19.—David Goldfarb, a lawyer, was appointed yesterday receiver for Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, by Justice Abraham Meyer in the city court.

The receivership is the outcome of a suit brought against Miss Nesbit, proprietress of a tea room, Hanna A. Watt brought suit for services rendered and goods provided. The account rendered amounts to \$2,000.

Electric Machine Gun Perfected by Germans

London, Oct. 19.—The Munich correspondent of the London Times is informed that the Germans have perfected a triple-barreled machine gun, electrically operated, weighing 22 pounds and capable of spreading 2,000 rounds per minute in a circle. The three barrels could be operated by a gunner a half mile distant.

This is cited as instancing how German industries are devising engines of war and the correspondent declares Germany is concealing her armies under civilian guise and that chemists are conducting researches into poisonous gasses and bacteriological possibilities of destruction.

Farm 'Bloc' Under Fire In Senate

New Hampshire—Kenyon—Rich.

Says Capital on Strike

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING

Chicago Tribune—Kenyon—Kenyon. Washington, Oct. 19.—With Senator Moses of New Hampshire assailing the agricultural "bloc" for dictating legislation to "soak the rich" and challenging senators favoring the Smoot manufacturers sales tax "to vote as they think" the senate today resumed consideration of the federal tax revision bill.

Chairman Penrose of the finance committee now thinks that the bill can be passed by the senate next week, but unless the conference committee which will reconcile the senate and house measures acts with unusual dispatch, the bill is not likely to become law much before the middle of November.

Senator Moses professed to discover in the agricultural "bloc" a new "invisible empire" which he dubbed the Ken-Kap-Klan in honor of Senators Kenyon and Capper, leaders of the farm group.

Should Keep Pledges.

After quoting from the republican and democratic platforms of 1920, which promised the people relief from war taxes, simpler tax laws and laws fit for peace, so that wealth would not be withdrawn from productive enterprise, he said: "The reaction to these demands, these promises, is now before us in a multiplex form. First, that of the revenue bill as it came from the house; second that of the bill as it came from the finance committee here, and third, that of the amendment forced upon committee recognition by that division of the 'invisible empire' which now seems to be ruling us and which may be styled, I hope without irreverence, as the Ken-Kap-Klan. And in this latter connection I wish to record myself as standing with the senators from Indiana as a member of the republican 'bloc' which meets so seldom and whose opinions are apparently of little consequence.

Capital on Strike.

"This measure is plainly drawn under the inspiration of the inspiring slogan 'soak the rich.' I hold no brief for the rich; neither I or of those possessing capital—benefit circles. But I can not help thinking that the rich may learn much from buffering, even as Peter the Great learned from the repeated assaults of Charles XII, how to fight. Indeed, sir, they have already learned. Capital has gone on strike.

"There is a point which taxation of the rich reaches its saturation point. This point is variously estimated by both expert and by general opinion to stand somewhere between 25 and 35 per cent. If it is increased the rich—that is to say, those possessing capital—benefit themselves and their accumulations from the field of endeavor and enter into cloistered retirement, where tax exempt securities afford more ample and complete surcease from the importunities of the tax gatherer."

Favors Smoot Plan. Senator Moses observed that the agricultural "bloc" had taken care to reduce surtaxes on that class of incomes in which congressional salaries fell. He advocated the Smoot amendment providing a 3 per cent tax on manufacturers sales.

"That proposal wipes out all the nuisance taxes which have burdened our people from the child with his base ball to the aged with his medicine bottle," said Senator Moses. "It places taxation upon incomes at a point where accumulated resources will not go into the cave of hiding afforded by tax exemption, but will once more march boldly into the field of expanding commercial enterprise. And, as best of all its provisions, our public schools will be adequate; that tens of thousands of pupils have no place for their studies; that teachers cannot be listed in sufficient numbers and that school revenues are insufficient.

More even than money and endowments, our educational establishments need the devout, unselfish, sustaining support of the people moved by instincts of patriotism and service."

Enduring Friendship. Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19.—A doctrine of enduring friendship between the United States and Great Britain was pronounced by President Harding today at a ceremony commemorating the final surrender of the British expeditionary forces here to the revolutionary army of Washington.

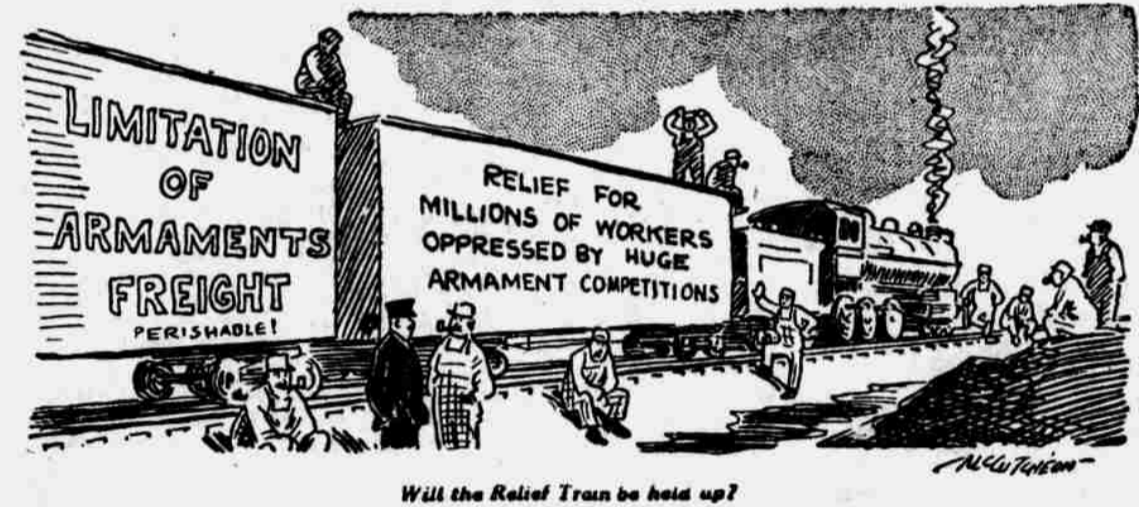
In his address the president took occasion to renew the nation's pledge of participation in the broader affairs of the world and declared his belief that the time had come for "essential co-operation" among nations generally for the betterment of the world.

Bluffs Motorist in Crash With Another Car in Omaha

L. H. Bolton, 2427 Avenue G, Council Bluffs, driving his automobile, collided with a car driven by Paul Peterson, 2753 Burt street, at Sixteenth and Dawson streets, late Tuesday. The cars were damaged. The cars were damaged.

Sophomores Suspended Minneapolis, Oct. 19.—Sixteen sophomore men of the engineering college of the University of Minnesota were notified by E. E. Nicholson, dean of student affairs, that they are suspended from the university. This action followed the investigation of hazing of freshmen.

Some Angles of the Threatened Railway Strike



U. S. Confronted By Educational Crisis—Harding

President Appeals for Patriotic Support of Educational System in Address At Virginia College.

Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 19.—Declaring the nation confronts an "educational crisis" through lack of teachers and public school facilities, President Harding appealed in an address here today for patriotic support of an educational system commensurate with national resources.

Lone Bandit Raids Canadian Express Car

Moosejaw, Sask., Oct. 19.—A lone bandit today held up the Dominion express messenger on the Vancouver-Fortino express between Swift Current and Moosejaw, rifled the safe and dropped from the moving cars. Railway officials are checking up to determine how much loot was taken.

Widow Has Never Seen Mate-to-Be

Los Angeles, Oct. 19.—(Special)—To marry a man whose photograph she has never seen and whose face she will not view until the moment before she weds him, Mrs. Ivy Boyd, an Omaha widow, is now speeding to Los Angeles.

High School Youth Dies After Foot Ball Practice

Flint, Mich., Oct. 19.—Francis Fricks, 18, a North Branch high school student, is dead here from injuries received in foot ball practice. A team mate accidentally kicked Fricks in the abdomen.

Secretary of War Weeks To Inspect Muscle Shoals

Washington, Oct. 19.—Secretary of War Weeks announced yesterday that he proposed to make a personal inspection of the government water-power project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., before there is any determination on his part regarding the offer made to take over the project by Henry Ford.

Texas Bank Closed

Cleburne, Tex., Oct. 19.—The National Bank of Cleburne, one of the oldest financial institutions here, failed to open its doors yesterday. A statement signed by four officials of the bank said suspension was "due to heavy withdrawals of county funds and very poor collections, coupled with withdrawals of depositors."

U. S. and Britain Stand Together, President Says

Long Friendship Consecrated By Association in Common Sacrifice During World War, Harding Declares.

Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 19.—President Harding was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws by the College of William and Mary today, at exercises of installation of Dr. J. A. Chandler as president of the institution. In cap and gown, Mr. Harding, in an address, appealed for increased patriotic attention to the national educational system and praised the part played in American history by the institution, which is the second oldest college of the country.

Coal Mine Operators to Ask for Wage Reduction

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 19.—The first authoritative statement to the effect that mine operators will demand for a reduction in pay for mining coal when the new scale is negotiated in 1922 was made today by Phil H. Penna, secretary of the Indiana Bituminous Operators' association. "In making a new scale," said Mr. Penna, "we shall expect to adjust it to correspond with other industries and the reduced cost of living."

Former German Warships to Salute U. S. Unknown Warrior

Cherbourg, Oct. 19.—Several former German war vessels now in the possession of France have been ordered to proceed from Brest to Havre to salute the body of the unknown American soldier when it is placed on the American cruiser Olympia for conveyance to the United States.

Alleged Bandit Arrested

Milwaukee, Oct. 19.—A. H. Cain, 30, one of the three men alleged to have held up a train near Sacramento, Cal., May 19 and to have stolen \$100,000, was arrested in Milwaukee today at the home of his sister, Mrs. William G. Vande.

Decision In Rail Strike Due Today

Question of Walkout Hinges On Results of Conference — Union Leaders See Signs of Settlement.

Board May Enforce Rule

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Preparation for the various moves through which it is hoped the threatened rail strike will be averted were completed today and tomorrow peace efforts will be in full swing.

Tonight heads of the unions and of the carriers were silently alert with—figuratively speaking—one eye on the conference tomorrow between the "Big Five" rail union leaders and the railroad labor board, and the other on meetings of officials of 11 unions which have not yet joined the conference, engineers, trainmen, firemen and switchmen in a strike order, for both sides were agreed that out of these conferences would come the final decision as to whether a general walkout of rail employees would materialize.

In the conference with the labor board rests the possibility of the "Big Five" being persuaded to cancel their order for a walkout, while in the meetings of the 11 unions which actually started today, was to be decided whether these organizations holding the balance of manpower through numbering three-fourths of the nearly 2,000,000 rail workers in their membership, would join the "Big Five" if they walked out October 30, as planned.

Signs of Settlement.

W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America; and E. P. Curtis, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors, left Cleveland tonight for Chicago to meet with the labor board at the latter's request. L. E. Sheppard, president of the conductors' organization, also is expected tomorrow.

While this conference was looked on as the most important of the peace moves, railroad men tonight professed to see signs of peaceful settlement of the difficulties in the attitude of B. M. Jewell, head of the 476,000 members of the six railway shop craft organizations, and of J. C. Spock, vice president of the Maintenance of Way union, which numbers 300,000 men.

Conference Called.

The shop craft's executive council met today, but took no action (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Observance of Law At Stake in Kansas Coal Mine Squabble

Pittsburg, Kan., Oct. 19.—The question at issue in the Kansas coal fields is observance of the laws of the United Mine Workers of America and the unions' contracts with the coal operators, according to Var A. Bittner of Pennsylvania, representative of John L. Lewis, international president, who arrived yesterday to co-operate with G. L. Peck and Thomas Harvey, international representatives, named by Lewis following his resignation of District 14 from the national union.

At the headquarters of the South western Interstate Coal Operators association late yesterday, it was said that about 1,500 men are working in the district, practically the same number as Monday.

Members of the deposed board tomorrow will go to Columbus to confer with Alexander Howat, president of the deposed administration, who is serving a six months' sentence in jail for violation of the Kansas industrial court law.

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The Weather

Forecast:
Fair and colder Thursday.
Hourly Temperatures:
5 a. m. ... 58 10 p. m. ... 61
6 a. m. ... 56 11 p. m. ... 61
7 a. m. ... 56 12 m. ... 62
8 a. m. ... 56 1 p. m. ... 62
9 a. m. ... 56 2 p. m. ... 62
10 a. m. ... 56 3 p. m. ... 62
11 a. m. ... 56 4 p. m. ... 62
12 noon ... 56 5 p. m. ... 62
Highest Wednesday:
Cheyenne ... 61 Pueblo ... 66
Denver ... 61 Salt Lake ... 62
Des Moines ... 61 Santa Fe ... 62
Boise City ... 61
Lander ... 71
North Platte ... 61
Valentine ... 62

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