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"BIG THREE" AGREE ON NAVAL PLAN

"Stop All," New Order To Pickets

Strike Leaders Move to Throw Barricade Around All the South Side Packing Plants.

No Violence Is Commanded

"Tighten up the picket lines, stop everyone going into the packing plants; try to persuade them to stay out, but don't resort to violence."

This was the order issued by leaders of the butcher workmen's union in South Side at noon yesterday. Leaders declared that strenuous efforts to keep men out of the plants had not been made up until now, because "the presence of common labor in the plants was just an added bill of expense to the management."

Reports from general managers that the plants were operating with full crews has been detrimental to the morale of some of the "weaker" strikers, however, hence the order to tighten up the picket lines, say the union leaders.

Mass Meeting Called.
A mass meeting will be held at the Butcher Workmen's hall at 2:30 this afternoon. The speaker will be H. M. Wells of Seattle, former president of the labor council there.

Violence Marked.
The beginning of the strike yesterday in the packing house zone on the South Side. Police riot squads were called out as early as 5 o'clock and detachments were rushed from the South Side station on a rapid succession of calls until daylight.

Sanctified.
Sesto, 608 North Sixteenth street, was going to his work on a sewer job at 6:30 when a gang of five men met him at Thirty-fourth and U streets.

Here's a dirty packing house worker," one of the gang said. Sesto told police. The gang then knocked him down and beat him to insensibility. He was found later by a pedestrian who notified police.

Terribly Beaten.
At the station his head was found to be terribly beaten and his nose broken.

Word spread among the Italian residents and a crowd of 25 or more gathered soon, demanding that police apprehend the men responsible for the assault.

John Roberts, 2645 V street, was arrested at Twenty-seventh and Q streets when he pulled the trolley. (Turn to Page Three, Column One.)

Less Than \$5,000 Left By Colonel Whittlesey
New York, Dec. 15.—The will of Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, filed for probate yesterday, disposes of an estate of less than \$5,000. The will is dated November 22, 1921, and bequeaths to a friend, George G. McMurty, who was second in command of Colonel Whittlesey's "battalion" of the Argonne fighting, the written demand of the German officer commanding the troops which had surrounded Whittlesey's force for his surrender.

To his friend, former classmate and law partner, George B. Pruy, named executor, he willed his French Legion of honor medal. The document exempts his brother, Melzar M., from a financial obligation to him and the residue of the estate is then bequeathed to his mother, Mrs. Anna E. Whittlesey of Pittsfield, Mass.

Cleveland Milk Wagon Drivers' Strike Settled
Cleveland, Dec. 15.—The strike of approximately 800 milk wagon drivers, which went into effect six weeks ago, was settled late yesterday, when the Tolling Belle Vernon company agreed to accept the proposal of the city council committee which provided that the company take back 50 per cent of the men immediately and the others when vacancies occurred. The men voted to accept the proposition today.

Child Sets Home on Fire, Then Saves Baby Sister
Paterson, N. J., Dec. 15.—Abraham Greenbaum, 4, set his house on fire yesterday, but made amends by rescuing his 5-month-old sister. Abraham was playing with matches during his mother's absence and dropped one into some waste paper. When the fire spread, he dragged his sister from the blaze and was trying to get her down the stairs when firemen arrived.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns
Lisbon, Dec. 15.—The cabinet, headed by M. de Pinto as premier and minister of the interior, has resigned owing to the dissension prevalent.

Germany Unable to Meet Reparations

Paris, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Germany will not be able to meet in full its reparations payment of 1,000,000,000 gold marks falling due January 15 and February 15 and has so informed the allied reparations commission.

A moratorium is not asked for by Germany in its note, which merely lays Germany's financial situation before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the installments, each of 500,000,000 gold marks.

Neither is any release from its obligations requested by Germany, which apparently has left the matter entirely in the hands of the commission. The commission probably will meet immediately to consider the note, which will be referred to the allied governments.

Japanese Accept Chinese Offer to Pay for Railway
Amount Fixed at 53,000,000 Gold Marks Plus Amounts of Improvement—Subject to Tokio's Approval.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Subject to Tokio's approval, the Japanese delegation today accepted the Chinese offer to pay 53,000,000 German gold marks for the Kiao Chow Tsinanfu railroad in Shantung, plus what Japan has made in permanent improvements but less deterioration.

When the negotiations between the two delegations was renewed today the Chinese offered to buy the railroad outright in cash, but the Japanese, it was said, raised questions as to why this course was proposed, pointing out that all other railroads in China had been built with the aid of foreign loans.

The Chinese delegation replied that the Chinese consortium was ready to finance the restoration of the railroad and China's desire was to make use of this in order to do away with the foreign loan.

Mr. Hanbara of the Japanese delegation said after the meeting progress had been made toward a settlement of the Shantung question, but would give no details.

From the Chinese, however, it was learned that after the provisional acceptance of the Chinese financial offer for complete Chinese control over the railroad, the discussion centered on the mode of payment. No decision was reached and the discussion will be continued tomorrow.

The amount agreed on virtually is the valuation placed on the road, exclusive of the adjacent mines, by the reparations commission set up under the treaty of Versailles.

The question of coal mines and certain iron ore fields involved in the disputed railroad remains to be settled, but according to the Chinese, probably will not be reached until the method of payment of the road proper is agreed upon.

New Altitude Record Made by Bombing Plane
Washington, Dec. 15.—A new altitude record for two-engine airplanes has been established, according to the military air service, by Lieut. Leigh Wade, attached to McCook field, Dayton, O.

An official report received here yesterday stated that on December 8 he reached the height of 25,600 feet in a bombing plane, equipped with a "super charger," when his gas supply gave out and he was forced to descend.

Dallas Nurse Is Charged With Murdering Negro
Dallas, Dec. 15.—Following the killing of Ras Cooke, 40, negro porter in the Federal building rest room here Tuesday, Miss Jehanne Lamore, 26, nurse, was charged in federal court yesterday with slaying the negro with "malice aforethought within and on property owned and occupied and under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States government."

Miss Lamore is alleged to have shot Cooke twice when she claims he attempted to assault her. She was given a hearing and her bond set at \$2,500. She went to jail.

Genevieve had told her mother that our best people are quite polygamous. Genevieve's mother called in the professor for consultation.

SURVIVALS
By Grace Torrey
 Next Sunday's Bee

Grain Plan Explained To Farmers

Secretary Myers Admits Difficulties Have Been Encountered in Getting Organization Started.

City Terminal Favored

Details in the contracts of the United States Grain Growers, Inc., which are at present confusing many farmers of Nebraska, will be worked out gradually as the organization grows in strength and in experience, declared Frank Myers, Chicago, secretary of the national organization, at a special session of the Nebraska Farmers' Co-Operative Grain and Live Stock association, which was held yesterday afternoon in the Rome hotel.

The special session was called by President J. S. Canady at the instance of some of the members, following adjournment of convention. Of the 400 delegates to the state convention, however, less than 60 remained to hear Mr. Myers describe the workings of the proposed organization.

Hopes to Profit by Mistakes.
"As with all large organizations, we are finding that there are many details in our program and contracts that will have to be worked out on a practical basis," Mr. Myers said. "We will make lots of mistakes as the work is just in its infancy, but we hope to profit by those mistakes."

"We could not hope to launch a big organization in perfect working order. Already we have found it necessary to revise that portion of our contracts which provided penalties for those members who violate their contract by selling grain to non-member elevators."

The penalties were fixed in the contract when grain was being a big price. Prices are low now and we could not hope to enforce the penalties as they now stand.

"It is the plan of the Grain Growers to sign up as many farmers' elevators as possible and, to establish a representative of each farming community. Terminals in all big grain centers are to be either built or bought. The program outlined will take time and cost a lot of money."

"Farmers can be of great assistance in the largest, and organized, local branches on their own initiative. They should wait and be organized by organizers of the corporation. This will bring about a more unified organization."

Favor Omaha Terminal.
In resolutions adopted at the morning session the farmers expressed sympathy with the national marketing plan and also favored the establishment of a terminal in Omaha where grain for the national organization could be handled. According to Mr. Myers, 400 cars have been handled by the organization.

An endorsement of the Grain Growers' organization could not be asked at this convention because of the many annual conventions of co-operative organizations which come in March.

For more than two hours, Mr. Myers answered questions involving practically every phase of the plan of the Grain Growers.

In discussing the Finance corporation of \$100,000,000 which was organized to finance the Grain Growers and then later abandoned by the corporation, Mr. Myers declared that (Turn to Page Three, Column Five.)

Commons Resumes Debate on Irish State

London, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—The House of Commons this afternoon resumed its debate on the Anglo-Irish agreement, the feature of the early proceedings being an address by former Premier Asquith heartily commending the treaty for the acceptance of the house.

Mr. Asquith declared the pact gave to Ireland the fullest measure of local autonomy and preserved to all Irishmen their full share of citizenship throughout the British empire.

Mr. Asquith said the proposal was the essence of dominion self government and had been preaching dominion self government for the last twenty years.

While supporting the treaty, he contended it should have been made before, in time to avoid the tragedies enacted since armed conflict began. During the debate in the House of Commons on the Irish agreement today Andrew Bonar Law, unionist leader, announced himself in favor of the agreement.

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They declared no prominent person in any part of Ireland had yet protested against their action in signing an agreement with the British cabinet. President De Valera's objections were stated to be certain details of the treaty, which he felt had been resubmitted to him and the Dail cabinet before it was signed.

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Solution of Axe Murders In New Orleans Is Seen

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Possible solution of the killing of Michael Peppone, one of a series of axe murders that stirred New Orleans two years ago, is seen by the local police in the death in Los Angeles of Joseph Mumire at the hands of Mrs. Esther Albane, who was Peppone's widow. Developments yesterday were said to presage an exhaustive inquiry into events between the two tragedies.

While Mrs. Albane did not say that Mumire killed Peppone, she did say she had knowledge of Mrs. A. Jones, chief of police of Los Angeles, that she killed Mumire because he attempted to extort \$500 from her and threatened her with death. She said she also threatened her husband, Albane, who has been missing since October 27, 1921.

Peppone was murdered as he slept by the side of his wife October 27, 1919, shortly after the murder of her husband, Mrs. Peppone married Angelo Albane, who had been arrested in 1916 with Joseph Mumire.

Santa Claus Denounced In Speech by Minister
"Santa Claus is not only a myth, but a lie—a lie invented by the devil to keep from impressionable minds of children the real reason for Christmas presents which is to commemorate the giving by God of His only Son to be the Redeemer of the world," Rev. O. D. Baitly told his Bible class at Kountze Memorial church Wednesday night.

"There are no white lies," he said. "A lie is never justified." The physician is not justified in giving his patient false hopes. By doing he may deprive him of time to set his house in order."

Debs May Be Pardoned By Christmas Holidays
Washington, Dec. 15.—Attorney General Daugherty today began consideration of recommendations to President Harding in connection with the extension of executive clemency to 197 war law offenders in order that as many as may be freed might have the benefit of the Christmas holidays.

Whether the case of Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, would be included among cases submitted to President Harding for action, Mr. Daugherty said he could not say, but likely.

Dail Eireann in Secret Session On Treaty Points

Supporters of Collins and Griffith Declare Ratification of Irish Free State Certain.



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New York, Dec. 15.—A deal involving two of the most important metal producing and refining companies in the country was virtually completed today, when the largest individual stockholders in the American Brass company agreed, subject to minor condition, to sell out to the Anaconda Copper Mining company.

Terms of the Anaconda company are \$150 cash and three shares of stock for one share of American Brass.

Shares of the latter company recently quoted at \$275 in the open market, but the offer of Anaconda is equivalent to \$300 on the basis of today's quotation of \$50 for Anaconda stock.

Acquisition of American Brass, the largest individual consumer of copper, by Anaconda, the largest domestic producer of copper, will tend, it is believed in trade circles, to strengthen that industry. Details of the deal were worked out today, after six months of active negotiations.

The participants were C. F. Brooker, chairman, and J. E. Coe, president of the American Brass company, and J. D. Ryan, chairman, and C. E. Kelly, president of the Anaconda Copper Mining company.

Over 40 per cent of the stock of the American Brass company was represented at the meeting, but the actual sale is contingent on the acceptance of Anaconda's terms by not less than 51 per cent of the \$15,000,000 outstanding stock of the American Brass company.

Tax Payers Will Receive Checks for Over Payment
Washington, Dec. 15.—Changes in treasury procedure obviating the filing of claims by taxpayers for refund and abatement of federal taxes were announced tonight by Commissioner Blair.

"After December 15," Mr. Blair said, "taxpayers will not be advised of their privilege of filing a claim for the refund of taxes which have been paid in excess of amounts legally due, but instead will receive a certificate of over assessment and a check in correction of the error, or if the assessment is outstanding against the taxpayer for income or excess profits tax, the over payment will be applied as a credit against the assessment and the balance immediately refunded."

December Nightmare

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Officials of the United Mine Workers tonight professed to see a signal victory in the decision of the United States court of appeals today, which ordered a recast of the injunction banning the checkoff system of collecting union dues. The case was remanded to Judge A. B. Anderson of Indianapolis, who issued the injunction.

Judge Anderson was ordered to issue a preliminary injunction along lines outlined by the appellate court while the case is being heard. The appellate court took the case under advisement several weeks ago and issued an order suspending the original injunction as it related to the checkoff, pending a decision.

The court of appeals found the Anderson injunction faulty because it was too general. The injunction issued by Judge Anderson was obtained by coal operators of Kentucky and West Virginia, who claimed dues collected through the checkoff system by which operators deducted union dues from the miners pay were being used to organize the nonunion fields they operated.

The appellate court held that the injunction was in error in "not limiting the prohibition of sending money into West Virginia to be used there in aiding the promotion of interfering acts."

It held the circuit court also in error in enjoining the performance of the existing checkoff system in the central competitive field, claiming that companies in the field were not even listed in the original bill.

Negro Held for Murder In "Hot Tamale" War
Joe Weston, negro, 1111 South Fourteenth street, was charged Wednesday night with hacking to death Ely Lewis, negro, 1317 Mason street, at a party held by hot tamale peddlers at the home of William Houston, negro, 1310 Jones street, one evening last week. Lewis died Wednesday night in St. Joseph hospital.

Weston and Lewis were members of two competitive "hot tamale rings," one headed by Houston and the other by "Hattie," a negro well known to police. On the fatal night the rival peddlers of the two factions had declared a truce for the party but during the evening the truce was broken by someone who sank an axe several times into the head of Lewis.

Amber Found in B. C.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—Hundreds of tons of despoiled culm from the Colmont Collieries in the Nicola valley of British Columbia has turned out on an expert examination to contain amber. This is believed to be the first amber discovered on the North American continent. Samples sent to Ottawa and New York have been pronounced good amber.

Disabled Veterans Will Get Checks
Prospects of a gloomy Christmas for some 500 disabled ex-service men in Omaha were dispelled yesterday afternoon by a telegram from Congressman M. P. Kinkaid that maintenance checks for December would be addressed to the state commander of the American Legion, William Ritchie, jr. read: "Emergency appropriation for rehabilitation of disabled ex-service men has been enacted."

Action of congress yesterday is expected to insure a merry Christmas for the former soldiers, their wives and kiddies.

Report on Crop Estimates Postponed to December 28
Washington, Dec. 15.—Announcement of the year's acreage, production and value of the country's important farm crops, to have been made today by the department of agriculture, was postponed until December 28. Additional time was found necessary by the crop reporting board to revise the estimates on the basis of the census bureau's statistics as is done each 10 years.

Senate Votes Xmas Recess From Dec. 22 to Jan. 3
Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate today adopted the Curtis' resolution that congress adjourn for its holiday recess from December 22 to January 3. The resolution now goes to the house where favorable action is anticipated.

5-5-3 Ratio Officially Accepted

Japan to Retain Superdreadnaught Mutsu and United States to Keep Two Ships of Maryland Class.

Britain Will Build Two
By The Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Agreement on the "Big Three" naval powers on the "5-5-3" naval ratio plan was officially announced late today at the State department.

Under the plan, Japan retains the superdreadnaught Mutsu instead of the old battleship Seto, and the United States retains two additional ships of the Maryland class instead of the Delaware and North Dakota. Britain will build two superdreadnaughts similar to the Maryland and Mutsu types but of greater tonnage, scrapping four old battleships of the original retained list suggested by the American plan.

The agreement includes a status quo understanding on fortifications of the Pacific islands in open waters and exclusive of Hawaii and islands off the Japanese, Australian and New Zealand coasts.

With these exceptions the agreement coincides with the original plan of limitations, but questions as to submarines, possible modifications of the 10-year naval holiday and tonnage allowances in air craft carriers and other auxiliary types are reserved for consideration by the new naval committee of '15 which held its first session today.

Maximum Increased.
The agreement also provides for a maximum limit in tonnage of capital ships to be built in replacement at \$7,000 tons, American measurements and for an ultimate tonnage ratio between the three powers at the end of the 10-year holiday as follows: Great Britain, 525,000 tons; the United States, 525,000 tons; Japan, 315,000 tons.

The original American proposal fixed a maximum of 35,000 tons and provided for 500,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain and 300,000 tons for Japan.

Ships of the Maryland class to be retained by the United States will include the Colorado and Washington. Ships to be scrapped by Great Britain to compensate for its two new battleships, the King George V, the Erin, the Centurion and the Ajax.

Under the agreement during the 10 years the United States will build 18 capital ships aggregating 525,850 tons. Great Britain, 20 ships, aggregating 525,000 tons and Japan, 10 ships, aggregating 315,000 tons.

This represents a total of 56,200 tons for Great Britain more than the United States, which was allowed, the announcement said, because of the age of the older British battleships.

The official announcement said that the agreement was "dependent on a similar agreement with France and Italy," as to their naval ratios, but that ratio as between the three big powers was not to be affected by the French and Italian negotiations.

United States to Scrap 820,000 Tons.
Under the final arrangement the United States will scrap the same (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Bank Robber Killed; Companion Captured
Davenport, Ia., Dec. 15.—One robber was shot and killed and his companion captured in an attempt to rob the Stockmans savings bank at Long Grove, Ia., today. While one bank employe was handing out cash another employe killed one of the robbers.

State's Attorney Defends Indictments in Small Case
Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Indictments against Gov. Lem Small, Lieut. Gov. F. E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park (Ill.) banker, charging them with embezzlement of state funds, a conspiracy and operating a confidence game, were defended today by C. Fred Mortimer, state's attorney of Sangamon county, in the opening argument of the state in opposition to the defense motions to quash the charges.

The indictments, he told the court, were properly drawn and returned by a legally selected grand jury.

Legion Urges Five-Year Suspension of Immigration
Washington, Dec. 15.—Suspension of immigration for five years was advocated before the house immigration committee by J. T. Taylor, vice chairman of the American Legion legislative committee, who said the Legion had gone on record in opposition to the admittance into the United States of any aliens except husbands, wives and minor children of naturalized citizens.

Fires Sweep Italian Towns.
Bolsano, Italy, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Fires which have swept virtually the entire valley of Sesio, in the upper Adige region have burned several villages and rendered hundreds of persons homeless. Soldiers have helped to get the flames under control.

The Weather
Forecast.
Nebraska: Rain turning to snow, and much colder Friday; fresh to strong northwest winds; Saturday fair, colder in east and central portions.
Iowa: Rain in east, and rain turning to snow in west portion Friday; colder in west portion; Saturday generally fair and colder.
Hourly Temperatures.
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7 a. m. 35
8 a. m. 35
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3 p. m. 35
4 p. m. 35
5 p. m. 35
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10 p. m. 35
11 p. m. 35
Midnight 35
Highest Thursday.
Cheyenne northw. . . . 50
Davenport northw. . . 45
Des Moines northw. . . 45
Denver northw. 45
Dodge City northw. . . 45
Lander northw. 45
North Platte northw. . . 45
Valentine northw. . . . 45