

Terrorists Blamed for Big Blaze

Effort to Check Outbreak of Labor Warfare in Chicago Halted as Flames Sweep Apartment Building.

Crowds Throng to Scene

Chicago, Ill., May 16.—Open defiance of the efforts of the police to check an outbreak of labor warfare which has terrorized the city for the past two months was seen tonight in a spectacular fire, which partially destroyed a seven-story building which was under construction at 7710 Sheridan Road, in the heart of a wealthy residence district.

Starting just before dark at several points on the first floor, the flames spread rapidly through the \$300,000 structure and practically all the fire fighting apparatus in the northern section of the city was called out before it was brought under control with half the building in ruins. The entire Roger Park police force was necessary to keep back the crowds, estimated at more than 5,000 persons.

Workers employed on the structure were working under the Luddite wage award, and the police declared that the fire was but another step in a campaign of terrorism directed against the award, which was made by former Federal Judge K. M. Landis sitting as mediator in a wage dispute between the building trades workers and contractors. The award was accepted by the contractors, but has been actively opposed by several of the unions which were dissatisfied with its terms.

Omaha Bee Learned Wire. Chicago, May 16.—Flat declaration was made this evening by States Attorney Crowe that the identity of the two murderers in the murder of two policemen last Tuesday evening, by labor terrorists on a bombing expedition, is known and that they will soon be in custody. The prosecutor also announced that the identity of the killers was made known by John Miller, owner and driver of the death car, and his wife, both of whom are in custody.

Police picked up a "mysterious stranger" in Kankakee, Ill., early today and hurried him back to Chicago. His identity and connection with the murder cases are closely guarded and he is being held incommunicado.

Arrest 'Big Tim's' Wife. Other developments of the day included the arrest of the wife of 'Big Tim' Murphy, said to be the brains of the terrorist gang, and 'Frenchy' Mader, head of the building trades council, a creature of Murphy's. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Mader were in 'Big Tim's' high-powered car. They were arrested on speeding. In the car with them were Neil G. Wakefield, Tim's chauffeur, and an unidentified man, who exhibited a court bailiff's badge in a vain effort to avoid arrest. Mrs. Murphy was vitriolic in her attacks upon the police who stopped her, and when cash bond was demanded, she brought out a roll of bills "big enough to choke an elephant," according to the desk sergeant. It is said the women were out collecting a defense fund for the labor leaders under indictment for murder. The minimum sum required for bond is \$100,000.

Rifle squads today raided 10 houses, flats and roadhouses in the hunt for fleeing labor sluggers believed to have had an active part in the voice murders and the recent bombings and fires. Several suspects were picked in these raids.

Confession Claimed. John Miller, driver of the car carrying the killers, has been positively identified. It is said to have made a complete confession of the entire procedure of labor terrorism. In his house a raid brought forth enough dynamite to destroy half the city, percussion caps, bombs, revolvers, sawed-off shotguns, blifles and other implements used in the labor war.

It is understood his confession goes into detail regarding the "reporting in" by all sluggers, bombers and murderers, to the offices of certain lawyers who specialize in protecting criminals. If any of them failed to report after a certain number of hours, the lawyer would rush into court with a habeas corpus writ, for failure to report the man had been arrested.

The sluggers and killers are said to have had their rendezvous at the saloon operated by Jerry Horan. Here the plots were laid, orders were sent to this place from the offices of Murphy, Mader and Shea, with a list of places to be bombed and the men promptly carried out. On Tuesday night a list of four places to be bombed was sent to Horan's, but only two of them had been blown up when the bombers encountered the police and killed two of them.

Auto Stealing Gang. Miller was active during the stock yards strike as a labor slugger. He is believed to be the man who killed John Kutzki, one of the labor leaders in the yards, whose methods did not satisfy the "big three."

Other fresh information today involves "Con" Shea as the head of a \$100,000,000 automobile stealing organization, which operated in various cities and sent the stolen cars to Chicago to be sold. Six cars stolen in New Orleans have already been traced to this gang.

Miss Donn Regains Lead in Good Will Election With Deposit of 10,000 Votes

Burlington Starts Closing Gap Between Third—Fund Already Sufficient Two Girls to France.

STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES.

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Total Vote. Includes Miss Nellie B. Donn, Miss Elizabeth Kaufmann, Miss Katherine O'Brien, etc.

With three days left for depositing in the Omaha Bee Good Will election, more than sufficient funds already have been raised for the leading of two Omaha girls on the trip to France in July.

Today the white steer, won by Sol Degen and returned by him, will be auctioned to secure more votes for Miss Kaufmann, "Buddy," the little thoroughbred Shetland pony, presented to Miss Kaufmann by the Thompson pony farm of Dorchester, Neb., will find himself a home to-morrow noon when he will be sold at auction in the exchange.

A donation of \$50 was made yesterday by the girls of Swift & Co. to aid in the campaign of the livestock interests.

Burlington Gets Busy. The Burlington route, by the increase in its recent deposits, has made all those interested in the Good Will election sit up and take notice. Funds are being received from all parts of the country and a spirit of optimism prevails among voters.

Work on Tariff Halts So Pages Can See Circus

Night Meetings Will Be Resumed—Dispose of Only One Item—Harrison Gets Hilarious.

Washington, May 16.—The senate had the tariff bill before it for 8 hours today, but disposed of only a single item, approving the committee rate of 25 per cent ad valorem on mustard and other curative plasters.

The usual night session was abandoned so that the senate might attend a circus performance.

The session today began an hour earlier than usual with the expressed view of experimenting with a meeting which has been discontinued since the daylight hours. The progress made, however, was unsatisfactory to those in charge of the bill and decision was held to resume night meetings tomorrow with continuous 11-hour sessions as heretofore.

Much of the discussion today was of a general character. It included a prepared address by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, head of the senate agricultural bloc, attacking American valuation and an extended debate between Senator Gooding, of Idaho, chairman of the republican agricultural tariff bloc, and Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader, as to the value of a protective tariff to the agricultural industry.

Discussion was enlivened late in the day by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, who accused the republicans of trying to delay the tariff bill and wound up by a humorous reading of the free list with stress laid on such items as dried blood, joss sticks and skeletons. This led to a reply from Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the bill, who in sarcastic vein said that what some folks might describe as humor really only was "hilarity."

Pinchot Far Behind in Race for Governor

Philadelphia, Pa., May 16.—Returns from 751 districts out of 7,934 in the state, including 388 out of 1,430 in Philadelphia, and 61 out of 1,316 in Allegheny give for governor, Alter, 81,836; Pinchot, 35,316.

Returns from 229 districts out of 7,934 in the state, including none out of 1,430 in Philadelphia and 47 out of 1,316 in Allegheny give for United States senator: Pepper, 9,184; Burke, 6,243.

Harry H. Williams, Song Composer, Dies

Oakland, Cal., May 16.—Harry H. Williams, widely known as a composer and motion picture director, is dead at the home of his mother here after a brief illness. Williams was credited with composing "In the Shade of the Apple Tree," "Mickey," "Peggy," "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark," and other popular songs.

Officers on Way to Get Him, Man Kills Himself

Council Bluffs, Ia., May 16.—Fred Ahrens of Gilliat committed suicide at his home today by blowing off his head with a shotgun. Yesterday an information was filed against Ahrens in court here. He killed himself as the officers were enroute to arrest him.

Bank Watchman Shot.

St. Louis, Mo., May 16.—Henry Ahrens, watchman for Breman bank, was shot in the forehead by one of four bandits who boarded a Broadway street car today and robbed a messenger of the bank, whom Ahrens was accompanying. A satchel containing \$2,000. It was the ninth robbery of a bank messenger on a street car here in the last year.

Governor Defied by Sheriff

Rutledge of Thurston County Refuses to Be Suspended—County Board Backs Him Up.

Claim Action Irregular

Pender, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—Sheriff Charles W. Rutledge, ordered suspended by Governor McKelvie, refused yesterday to vacate his office.

The county commissioners met today to consider the suspension and orders of the governor to appoint an acting sheriff and were defied by Rutledge.

Sheriff Rutledge and his counsel, Judge A. R. Oleson of Wisner, appeared before the board and denied the right of the governor to suspend or remove the authority of the county board to appoint a temporary sheriff, and held that there was no vacancy until ouster proceedings had been carried through.

The provision of the state constitution setting forth the powers of the governor regarding the removal of officers was cited as authority. The county attorney was unable to convince the board that it was their duty to make an appointment, and the board on motion tabled the communication of the governor. It was further pointed out that no certified copy of the order of suspension was filed with the board.

In defending the position taken, Judge Oleson stated that it was the only stand his client could take, for if he recognized the order of suspension there was no way he could ever compel a hearing on the charges against him, the evidence of which has been kept secret by the governor and the attorney general. He pointed out that they could just let the matter drop and the sheriff's term of office would expire by lapse of time, but he would never have a hearing if the attorney general or the county attorney saw fit to neglect to file a complaint in ouster proceedings.

The statute sets a time for the filing of the answer of the officer, but is silent as to the time for filing a complaint.

Man Fires Cottage, Elopes With Girl

Wisconsin Manufacturer Puts Bones in House to Give Belief He Perished.

Superior, Wis., May 16.—Edward J. Sallstad, wealthy manufacturer of Idaho, chairman of the board of his summer cottage on the shore of Lake Nebagamon, near here, fired the structure in which he was supposed to be living alone, and then eloped with Dorothy Anderson, his stenographer, secure in the belief that the charred bones would leave him a free man, insurance investigators in charge of the case claim, following more than a year's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the mysterious "death" of Sallstad and the almost simultaneous disappearance of Mrs. Anderson.

Special agents for insurance companies, which have been sued by the first Mrs. Sallstad for \$65,000, the amount of life insurance carried by her husband, announced today the inauguration of a nation-wide search for Mrs. Anderson, following receipt of a pathologist at the University of Wisconsin declaring that the bones found in the cabin were those of a man of small stature. Sallstad was described as "a man of medium build."

Harding Asks Big Liner

Retain Name of Leviathan

Washington, May 16.—President Harding has requested the shipping board to modify its decision and to retain the name of the Leviathan for the big liner taken over from Germany and used in transporting troops during the war, it was said today in administration circles. The board had contemplated renaming the vessel the President Harding.

Grandmother Toting Gun Takes Prisoner; Fear Not in Language

New York, May 16.—A grandmother who totes a gun started back to Chicago tonight with a woman many years her junior, who is wanted there on a charge of silk stealing. The grandmother is Mrs. Alice Clement Faubel. She was far from presenting the conventional picture of a policeman, when she appeared in court to claim her prisoner—Laura Reed.

Assistant District Attorney Goodman looked today at "Grandma." The highlights of her costume comprised a purple turban, a black cape, several rings, large pearl earrings and suede pumps and bracelets. She was five feet five, and inclined to plumpness.

Mr. Goodman also looked at the prisoner. She was poorly dressed, but tall and rangy; she towered above her prospective guardian.

Said Mr. Goodman to Mrs. Faubel: "Aren't you just a little bit afraid you'll have trouble taking this woman all the way to Chicago without assistance, with the record she has?"

Replied Mrs. Faubel: "I'm a grandmother and proud to be a first grade delegate of the Chicago police department and I pack a gun. Just look about me."

Goodman rested.

Open Season for War-Time Grafters



Group to Fight Fusion Is Named by Third Party

Omahan Named Chairman of Committee Empowered to Enforce Middle of Road Policy.

Grand Island, Neb., May 16.—A state executive committee empowered to put into effect a straight "middle of the road policy" in the nomination and support of candidates for state and county offices on the progressive ticket, was elected at a convention of anti-fusion progressives held today.

C. M. McDonald of Omaha, chairman of the newly-created committee, and Mrs. Grace Welch of Lancaster county was chosen secretary-treasurer by unanimous vote. The committee is composed of a representative from each of the six districts in the state.

Arrival of additional supporters of the anti-fusion program was awaited before any program of action at today's convention was adopted. Mayor Elsbury said that a resolutions committee would be appointed at the opening session to learn "why the trade was made, by whom it was made and what were the expected benefits." There was no indication that F. L. Bollen, J. H. Edmister and C. A. Sorenson, all recognized leaders of the party, would be in attendance. Judge Wray was not expected, and at a late hour this morning neither Edgar Howard or Columbus or W. J. Taylor of Merna had put in an appearance.

Extremists of both factions were represented in the gathering. Already present—Cecil Matthews of Blue Hill and I. W. Jacoby of Hazelock taking the leadership in support of fusion while Frank M. Coffey of Lincoln and others had lined up to oppose fusion. It was generally agreed that representatives of all factions that the brunt of the attack will fall on the proposed Norton-for-governor fusion, while the group being led by Mr. Coffey also expressed unfavorable sentiments over "the apparent dictatorial policy of C. A. Sorenson."

Discuss Wray's Letter. Judge Wray's letter, made public on the eve of the convention, announcing acceptance of the United States senatorship nomination on strictly progressive ticket, "if it came to him without opposition," served to clarify his position in the minds of anti-fusionists. Mr. Coffey said, "which probably would smooth over some of the animosity in that direction." On the other hand, according to Mr. Coffey, Judge Wray's declaration for a united support behind Norton, urged in the same letter, served to further complicate an already strained situation.

Pioneer Fremont Minister

Hurt as Wheelchair Falls

Fremont, Neb., May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. J. A. Adair, first Methodist minister to preach a sermon in Dodge county, suffered a fractured hip here today, when his wheelchair overturned near his home, throwing him heavily to the pavement. He was rushed to the hospital.

For the past five years, the pioneer preacher has been confined to a wheelchair, and two years ago suffered a similar accident. He delivered an address from the wheelchair at the recent cornerstone laying for the new \$90,000 Methodist church now under construction.

Columbus Man Dies From Escaping Gas in Pop Store

Columbus, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—Gus Plath was found dead in his soft drink place. He was overcome by gas escaping from an open jet of the cook stove nearby. Doctors attempted to resuscitate him, but failed to revive him.

There was evidence to support both theories of accidental death and suicide. Mr. Plath was born in Germany 55 years ago. The county attorney stated that he did not know

Parley on Conference Suggested

Early Developments to Clarify Russian Situation and Permit U. S. Participation Intimated.

Internal Changes Asked

Washington, May 16.—There were intimations today that administration officials expected early developments in Genoa or perhaps later at The Hague which might clarify the Russian situation sufficiently to permit American participation in some international project designed to restore Russia to productivity.

On what information that feeling might be based was not indicated. It was evident, however, that the exchange of cabled notes with the Genoa conference group yesterday was regarded as having moved matters at least a step forward so far as Russia is concerned.

The only authorized statement going beyond the terms of Secretary Hughes' note declining the invitation to The Hague was that obtained during the day at the White house, that the note did not close the door to future conversations on the subject. In the light of that statement Mr. Hughes' assertion in the note to Genoa of the willingness of the United States government "to give serious attention to any proposals issuing from the Genoa conference or any later conference," took on added significance.

No Amplification Made.

There was no amplification of the statement in the note that the Russian memorandum to the Genoa powers of May 11 disclosed an attitude on the part of the Russian government which, in American opinion, destined The Hague commission project to the same difficulties that were faced in Genoa. With that statement the American note, coupled with the assertion that, in American opinion, the reasons for Russia's economic plight seemed reasonably clear without further investigation by experts and that the remedies must "in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself."

Mr. Hughes apparently made it clear and the Genoa group in his note of refusal that the United States government did not regard the Russian delegation's memorandum of May 11 as forecasting the establishment with Russia of such guarantees as would invite American capital to invest in American projects in Russia.

No New Element.

Further, the text of the summary of the proposal for the double commissions at the Hague, cabled by Ambassador Child, did not bring into the discussion any new element as to Russian intentions at home which would seem to make profitable, the Washington government believes, examinations of those economic matters to which the commission would be restricted.

There was no new development today to indicate that the Washington administration had been diverted in the slightest from the position it asserted as Russia a year ago in the statement by which Secretary Hoover quoted. That position, in view of the more recent happenings abroad, appears still to be, that while the United States is not seeking to concern itself with political questions in Russia or elsewhere abroad.

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Hyers Nabs Youths as Suspected Yeggs

Lincoln, May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Two youths, T. J. Collins, 22, and Ray Scott, 21, picked up on the street by State Sheriff Gus Hyers this morning because he didn't like their looks, will be held here indefinitely as suspected safe-blowers, Hyers asserted.

The youths had a car with a Cleveland, O., license number on it, and inside the car Hyers found six automatic revolvers and numerous taped drills and hammers, suitcases filled with unused clothes and thousands of large tacks, which Hyers says bank robbers use when making their getaway by throwing in the roadway to puncture tires of pursuing automobiles.

Hyers asserted the boys told conflicting stories of where they obtained their automobile, the towns they have visited and their reason for being out in this country. Telegrams were sent to half a dozen cities in an effort to get a record of the youths.

Unitarian Conference Is Addressed by Omahan

Chicago, May 16.—Resolutions urging general amnesty for all political prisoners now in penitentiaries were adopted by the Western Unitarian conference in session here. Among the speakers today was Charles H. Lytle of Omaha, who spoke on "The Deistic Influence on Modern Worship."

Prof. Herbert F. Goodrich, Ann Arbor, Mich., was elected president of the conference, and Charles B. Foote of Chicago, treasurer.

Merger of Railroads Is Authorized at Salt Lake

Salt Lake City, May 16.—Authorization for immediate action toward the merger of the Salt Lake & Denver Railroad company and the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad company, the latter of Colorado, has been made by directors of the former road, Simon Bamberger, general manager, announced here today.

Forecast. Wednesday—Fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 7:00 a.m. 41, 8:00 a.m. 42, 9:00 a.m. 43, 10:00 a.m. 44, 11:00 a.m. 45, 12:00 noon 46, 1:00 p.m. 47, 2:00 p.m. 48, 3:00 p.m. 49, 4:00 p.m. 50, 5:00 p.m. 51, 6:00 p.m. 52, 7:00 p.m. 53, 8:00 p.m. 54, 9:00 p.m. 55, 10:00 p.m. 56, 11:00 p.m. 57, 12:00 noon 58.