

## Seattle in Throes of Labor Troubles--Reds Claim Machine Guns Are Being Installed

### Strike Vote Continues to Pile Up and Labor Leaders See No Hope of Averting a General Tie-up of all Industry on the Sound--Wireless Operators Strike and All Canadian Vessels Will Be Idle.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Labor leaders claim as time progresses that there is little chance of avoiding the general strike which has been threatened since the shipworkers walked out a week ago. As the votes of the different unions are taken up it is claimed the majority favorable to a general strike piles up.

There is a rumor, said to be started by the "Reds," that machine guns have been placed in different buildings in the downtown business district in preparation for any emergency that may arise.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 31.—Practically all Canadian vessels will be idle as soon as they enter port because of the strike of the wireless operators, which goes into effect at once and is to be enforced on all ships as fast as they anchor. The Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship company's ships are the only ones not included, for on these boats the contract with operators combines the position of freight clerk.

This will affect all Alaska travel and it is expected that the northern country will be nearly isolated until there is a settlement of labor troubles and boats can again operate.

## U. S. DELEGATES WILL HOLD ATTITUDE OF CONCILIATION

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Discussion at the peace conference today centered about the acceptance of the principle of the internationalization of the German Pacific island colonies, under the jurisdiction of an administration best fitted to administer the government. The next great question to create trouble and discussion will include the Italian claims on the Adriatic, the French claims on German territory, and the entire Balkan line-up.

President Wilson is standing for an administration under the League of Nations which will assure to the inhabitants of the territories concerned

the right to receive protection against exploitation. The Italian, the French and the Balkan claims are the same as those concerning the German Pacific islands.

Progress has been made far better than appears on the surface in the settlement of these questions.

The Italian insistence that the pact of London be respected in every detail has been hit hard by the abrogation by Japan of the secret treaty with England regarding the islands of the North Pacific. The president thus estimates that the abrogation of all secret treaties made since the war began is considered certain.

The American attitude in the discussion of these questions is expected to be of a conciliatory nature.

Japan has agreed to relinquish her claims of the north Pacific islands and the province of Shantung, but insists that her rights under the mandatory preference plan of the League of Nations be recognized.

President Wilson has expressed his willingness to this, inasmuch as the league is to retain complete control of representation at the sessions, it is stated.

## GRIM MYSTERY STALKS ABROAD

### TOUCH OF HIGH LIFE PREPARED FOR TYROS TONIGHT

### Initiating Ceremonies by Khaled Temple No. 170—Dramatic Order Knights Khorassan.

Sands are hot, and the brigands are alert, for the stellar initiation tonight of a considerable class of tyros into the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan. These mysterious Knights of Sunshine have a lot of new stage settings which are to be tried out tonight in an effort to make more gorgeous than ever the appurtenances to the divan. Several new faces appear in the personnel of the initiating team and all in all, strenuous preparation is being made for two trips soon to be undertaken by Khaled Temple No. 170.

The provisors of camel's milk and tiger steak, and marauder of the arid wastes, conduct the ceremonial bits tonight, then go to Haines February 5th, where thirty-five tyros await conduction over the scorching wastes; on February 21st there is to be a ceremonial at Baker by these same Dokies, and on Saturday evening, February 22nd, the divan will journey to Valf where a large class is to be initiated. February provides much enjoyment for the sunshine branch of Pythianism.

A large attendance of Dokies is expected tonight.

## FAVORS PLAN STANDING ARMY

### MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APPROVE APPROPRIATION

### Make Report Sanctioning Baker's Scheme for Army of 500,000, as Temporary Force.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—An appropriation for the army for the next fiscal year to provide for the organization of a standing army of 500,000 men, as suggested by Secretary Baker, will be recognized by the House Military Affairs committee, it is learned here today. This will involve a tentative but not a permanent plan for a standing army.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 30.—A Russian hospital ship, loaded with armed Russians from the western front, sailed from Copenhagen yesterday for Revel.

## Warns Conference to Watch Germany Closely

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The French press yesterday warned the peace conference to watch developments in Germany closely and cites a remark of recent months in Germany "showing the growth and increasing strength of the militarists." Commenting upon the Polish situation the Homme Libre says "there is nothing in the way of the adoption of a resolute policy by the plenipotentiaries. Poland is united, thanks to General Pilsudsky and General Paderewski and England has undertaken to transport General Hallers from France to Poland, for nothing."

## NAMES OF WITNESSES ARE WANTED

### COMMITTEE IN MEAT PROBE TO ASK AUTHORITY FOR STATEMENTS DEMONSTRATED.

### EXAMINATION OF WILSON CUT SHORT BY DEMAND

### Massachusetts Representative Demands That Federal Trade Commission Be Made to Lay Its Cards on the Table—Decker Responsible for Requests for Names of Witnesses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—After hearing testimony from four of the five big meat packers, all of whom categorically denied charges of the federal trade commission that the packers were combined to fix prices, the house interstate commerce committee yesterday afternoon tentatively decided to call upon the commission for the names of the witnesses upon whom its statements were based. Up to the present time the names of these witnesses have not been disclosed.

The cross examination of Thomas E. Wilson, fourth of the packers to take the stand, was cut short by the heated demand of both Republicans and Democrats that the commission's informants be called before the committee to substantiate their charges against the packers.

Demand that congress "touch on these anonymous charges that the packers are guilty of crime" was made by Representative Decker, Dem., of Missouri, who formally presented a motion that the federal trade commission disclose the names of its witnesses. Lengthy and animated discussion followed.

Examination of Mr. Wilson had been in progress on more or less stereotyped lines during the forenoon and little had developed other than reiterated denials that his concern had entered into any agreement with other packers to fix prices, but on the contrary was in competition with them.

Representative Winslow of Massachusetts interrupted to call attention to the fact that all of the packers thus far heard have "persistently denied that any combination exists" and he asked if it would be pertinent also to hear witnesses upon whose sworn statements the charges against the packers were made by the trade commission.

"If what the federal trade commission's witnesses say is true, then Mr. Wilson's statements and all the packers called before this committee are branded as untrue."

Winslow said: "I think that it is time for us to go further into these anonymous allegations." Several members of the committee jumped to their feet at once and insisted that the charges should be probed to the bottom. There was unanimous expression also that irrelevant matters should be eliminated in order to speed the committee's work. Representative Decker exclaimed: "Get the federal trade commission in here and compel it to lay its cards on the table. We will be made the laughing stock of the country if we fall in this duty. I insist that the people of the country are entitled to know whether these charges, made by unidentified persons, are true, and if they are, whether or not they should be referred to the department of justice."

## SAYS PRAYER USELESS

SPOKANE, Jan. 31.—"I have come to the conclusion that it is useless for a handful of pious souls to gather once a week and pray. I propose to drop the Wednesday evening prayer meetings and devote the time to problems confronting mankind," said the Rev. T. H. Harper, pastor of a Congregationalist church here today in announcing his plan to abandon the time honored custom of holding midweek prayer meetings. He would use Wednesday evenings for the discussion of social and labor problems.

## Stevenson, 'Pacifist' Hunter, Denounced by Baker, Thows Up Job

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Archibald Stevenson, who submitted a list of "Pacifists" to the senate committee during its investigation of German propaganda and who later was denounced by Secretary of War Baker, has resigned from the military intelligence bureau here, it was announced by bureau officials yesterday.

"Mr. Stevenson had an office near ours," said the bureau officials, "and often brought clippings from the newspapers which he called to the attention of the bureau. He was never under military authority. Yesterday he voluntarily resigned."

## DEATH CLAIMS NAT. GOODWIN

### LAST CURTAIN ROLLS DOWN ON VETERAN ACTOR.

### "Much Married" Man Passed Away Practically on Eve of Marrying the Sixth Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Nat. Goodwin, the famous veteran actor, died here today. He passed away at the Hotel Claridge, having returned ill a few days ago from Philadelphia, where he had been appearing in the play, "Why Marry." His illness had been but of a short duration.

Goodwin was known the nation over as an actor, and had the reputation of being one of the most married prominent men of America. His engagement to a young California actress had recently been announced and had death not intervened he would soon have embarked upon his sixth matrimonial venture.

## 'LUXURY' TAXES WILL BE LEFT IN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—It is understood that an agreement has been reached here to let the "luxury" taxes in the war revenue appropriation bill stand as written, with the understanding that both houses will later pass a joint resolution repealing them.

## GERMAN SOLDIERS FIGHT EACH OTHER

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31.—Three German soldiers were killed, according to dispatches received here today, in a fight at Lichterfeld between volunteers who were on their way to fight the Poles and troops who were returning from the battlegrounds who tried to turn back the volunteers. It is stated that the volunteers proceeded on their journey.

## IRISH LUNATICS SUPPORT STRIKERS

BELFAST, Jan. 31.—Madmen, armed with iron bars, joined the striking attendants at the Monaghan mental asylum today and helped them beat off attacks of the police.

## Big Naval Appropriation Bill Reported Favorably

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House Naval Affairs committee today reported favorably on an appropriation of a sum of \$750,000,000 for development and expansion of the United States navy during the next fiscal year. This is regarded as a victory for Secretary of Navy Daniels' three year building program. Included in the appropriation is an item of \$4169,000,000 for the construction of ten capital ships and ten scout cruisers.

## SENATORS HAVE HEATED SESSION

### POLLOCK OF SOUTH CAROLINA TAKES UP FIGHT.

### Warns Colleagues of Impending Dangers and Urges Harmony.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A fervid plea for support of the league of nations plan in the senate and a bitter attack on its opponents were coupled in the first speech of Senator Pollock of South Carolina in the senate Wednesday afternoon.

"I warn the gentlemen in this body that this is no ordinary political question," he declared. "I warn the gentlemen that the American people will not look with favor upon any man who would play politics in the people's blood. I do not question the motives that actuate those who opposed the advanced thought of the ages, but the American people, the people of the world, the god of the universe will hold them responsible if they place obstacles and obstructions in the way of saving the world from a repetition of the anguish of the past four years."

Pollock described himself as a man "fresh from contact with the plain people of America" and one qualified to tell the senate what these people are thinking. The universal demand not only in this country, but throughout the world, is for a covenant of nations that will guarantee that there shall be no more wars, he said. He expressed "sorrow and disappointment at the utterance of some of the distinguished members of the senate."

Calling the principal opponents of the league by name: Senator Lodge of Massachusetts; Senator Knox of Pennsylvania; Senator Reed of Missouri, and Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Pollock said:

"As I have noted these first two gentlemen advocating procrastination and the others not only advocating procrastination but declaring that a league of nations for the preservation of peace cannot and should not be adopted, I wonder why, in this supreme hour of the world's wonderful endowments of these gentlemen could not be used for construction rather than for destruction; why they do not use their great powers to build rather than to tear down; why they do not aid, rather than criticize. They have an opportunity—this whole body has an opportunity—that was never afforded before to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth."

## CLASS OF BABY ELKS REGALED WITH MUSIC

### New Organization Is Making Rapid Progress and Will Give Concert at Early Date.

Officers and members of the O. W. R. & N. employes' band serenaded the Elks last midnight with a snappy little program that came as a delightful climax to the initiation of a large class into the Elks' lodge here. Elks were out in big numbers and when the horns were well sprouted on the big class, the musicians appeared on the scene from their practice session. The band men were ushered into the lodge room at the close of initiation, and played several splendid selections and then were seated at refreshment tables. It was a big stunt all around. The band under the leadership of Director Caldwell is making unusual progress. There are nearly forty in the band and it became apparent that the musicians are justified in announcing a concert for an early date. Manager Ridenour has worked like a Trojan to get the organization under way, and in spite of the flu handicap, is making excellent progress. Mr. Austin, a veteran musician, is tutoring several of the players.

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## DEMPSEY READY FOR WILLARD

### KEARNS ANNOUNCES PROTEGE IS ANXIOUS FOR BATTLE

### Says He Will Take on French Champion and Willard on Successive Nights.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Tex Rickard can sign up Jack Dempsey in one minute, if he wants him to meet Jess Willard in July, announced Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager yesterday.

"We are ready to sign up on a moment's notice," said Kearns. "I told Mr. Rickard that he could get us any time after he had Willard up to a contract. There will be no unreasonable demands from this end, believe me."

"Dempsey wants Willard and I want him bad. If necessary he will agree to box Georges Carpentier and take Willard the next night if he wins, and I have no doubt about Dempsey against either of them."

## GERMANY NOT TO PAY FULL COST OF WAR

LONDON, Jan. 31.—"All question of forcing Germany to pay the full cost of the war has been eliminated by the peace conference," writes Sir John Foster-Fraser to the Evening Standard from Paris. "Reparation only will be demanded, with a sharp distinction between legitimate and wanton damages."

## EX-KAISER IS A DEAD ONE

### SPEECH OF WILLIAMS' SON AT POTSDAM QUOTED.

Prinze Eitel Frederick says Germany Can Never Have Another Kaiser on the Throne.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31.—William Hohenzollern, the ex-king of Germany, is a dead one, legally, it was said by his son, Prince Eitel Frederick, in a speech at Potsdam.

"You will never see a kaiser ruling in Germany again," the prince said. "The circumstances under which he might rule have been wiped out of history. Legally father is dead."

### THE WEATHER

Jan. 31.—Fair tonight and Saturday.

## SAY FLOUR WON'T DROP THIS YEAR

### CHICAGO GRAIN MEN CLAIM GUARANTEED PRICE OF WHEAT WILL HOLD.

### WANT TRADING IN WHEAT FUTURES TO BE RE-OPENED

### Other Commodities May Drop in Price, But Flour Will Stay up, It Is Considered Certain—Opposition Develops for Bill Now Pending to Make Appropriation

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—While butter, eggs, potatoes and other commodities, which have already taken a decided drop in price, will continue to drop, the price of flour will not come down. This was the prediction made yesterday by a committee of grain men, members of the Chicago board of trade, headed by Jos. Griffin, former president of the board, as they prepared to leave for Washington to do what they can to ward opening trading in wheat futures. The committee was unanimous in declaring that his government guaranteed a price of \$2.26 a bushel for wheat would hold.

Julius Barnes, president of the Food Administration Grain Corporation, and who recently returned from a trip abroad with Herbert Hoover, declared that world buyers are coming to the United States for wheat and flour, "because our price is more attractive, because of ocean transportation and other conditions, than the lower rates in Argentina and Australia."

Chicago and western grain men generally oppose the bill now before congress, which calls for an appropriation of \$1,250,000,000 to guarantee the \$2.26 minimum wheat price to growers, it was pointed out. They believe the farmers would sell at the market price, and collect from government agencies the difference between the guaranteed price and what he received for his grain.

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## FIRE DESTROYS AIR STATION

### HALF OF BUILDINGS AT ROCKAWAY BEACH BURNED.

### High Wind and Insufficient Water Pressure Allowed Flames to Spread Rapidly.

ROCKAWAY BEACH, L. I., Jan. 31.—Ten of the twenty buildings of the United States naval air station at this place were destroyed early today by a fire of mysterious origin. Calls for help were sent out broadcast and the fire departments of all nearby towns responded and helped subdue the flames.

With the flames fanned by a high wind, the firemen, aided by sailors, were for a long time unable to get the fire under control, until finally the breeze shifted offshore. Due to the low water pressure in the mains here it was found necessary to run a hose and bring water from Hell Harbor, on the island.

As far as can be ascertained from reports to hand there were no machines lost in the fire and no persons are known to have been injured.

## One Killed, Several Missing. In Dye Plant Explosion

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 31.—One person is known to have been killed and a number injured by a serious explosion in the plant of the American Analine Dye company's plant here today. Several employees of the three hundred who were in the building at the time of the explosion are missing and the bodies of the 1200 children who were in the building were injured. It is estimated that the property loss of the company is \$200,000.