



SIERGE CONDITIONS PREAIL IN PARIS

Postal Strike Ties Up French Capital.

SCARCITY OF FOOD DEVELOPS

Business Utterly Blocked and Government Helpless.

MILLION LETTERS HELD UP

Military Telegraphers Unable to Handle Postal Instruments and Merchants Offer Clerks as Volunteer Mail-Carriers.

PARIS, March 18.—(Special.)—The middle of Lent, usually celebrated with grotesque processions throughout France, and with particular gaiety in Paris, found the capital today in a state of virtual siege.

Because of the postal strike no mail deliveries were made, banks held up payments on checks because of their inability to receive advices from their correspondents, stamps were not on sale, telegrams were refused acceptance, and the prices of provisions were soaring, while eggs, milk, butter and other country produce were painfully scarce.

Over a million letters are stacked in the postoffice awaiting sorting and dispatch, as the postal employees in the other branches besides the telegraph service have gone on a sympathetic strike. The last American mails have not yet been removed from their sacks, and practically no letters have left the country.

Three thousand telegrams are piled on the dispatching hooks, awaiting transmission, as the military telegraphers refused to service, are unfamiliar with the postal instruments, and cannot use them. The Government has threatened to call upon the army to furnish men to deliver the mails; but as yet has not taken this step. Business is at a standstill, and conditions are grave in all lines that depend upon the postal activity for their daily continuance.

Strikers to Be Dismissed.

The cabinet passed a decree tonight authorizing the dismissal of the strikers from the state service and reassigning its determination not to yield. The semi-official note giving the result of the meeting announced that many merchants had offered to lend to the government their employees. This indicated the completeness of the strike, and the extremity to which the government had been forced.

On the contrary, it is believed that Premier Clemenceau seeks only to save the principle for which he has contended, and that if the Chamber tomorrow indorses the government's attitude the resignation of M. Simeyax, under secretary of posts and telegraph, and thus open the way to end the strike.

The funds necessary for the smooth running of the provincial trade are being supplied in the postoffice, and the supply of eggs, milk, butter, meat and other provisions is threatened to cease. Already merchants have been obliged to send agents to obtain supplies with ready cash to obtain supplies and prices at the stores are soaring.

A large body of strikers gathered at central telegraph station today and threatened a breach of the peace, but when they found a company of infantry in rooms adjoining the main office, they left without creating any disturbance. The real element of danger lies in the threat of the General Confederation of Labor, which is purely a revolutionary organization and the railroad unions to declare sympathetic strikes.

Strikers Gain Recruits.

The strikers gained many adherents today, the men employed on the pneumatic tubes joining the movement and the association of 20,000 postal apprentices indorsing by their votes the strike principle.

The leaders are claiming victory, in spite of the bold front assumed by Premier Clemenceau, who declares the government cannot yield and intends to have recourse first to soldiers and then to replace the strikers by new appointees. The belief is becoming stronger, however, that the government will be compelled to make some advances looking to a compromise.

In order to prove their patriotism, the strikers have detailed two expert operators to transmit the cipher dispatches which the government is exchanging with the powers in connection with the Balkan crisis.

Wireless Service Proposed.

LONDON, March 18.—The postoffice authorities are trying to arrange a wireless telegraph service between London and Paris, with the object of relieving the congestion due to the strike of the French telegraph and postal employees. The delay in the transmission of messages is causing heavy losses to business interests.

MRS. TAFT SETTLES \$13,000 TAX BILL

PRESIDENT'S SISTER-IN-LAW PAYS ACCOUNT.

Failure of Appraisers to Value Inheritance Adds \$4000 to Original Amount.

CHICAGO, March 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna Taft, sister-in-law of President Taft, has paid County Treasurer John R. Thompson \$13,450.20 due as an inheritance tax from the estate of her father, David Stinton, of Cincinnati. The tax became due more than eight years ago, but through delay in the appraisal of the estate was not paid.

Mrs. Taft is the wife of Charles P. Taft, the President's brother. She was the only daughter of Mr. Stinton, who died August 31, 1900. Included in her father's estate was real property valued at \$222,000. The inheritance tax on this amounted to \$8901.70. Last year the appraisers determined the value of the property, but in the eight years that elapsed from the time of Mr. Stinton's death, interest of \$4544.69 had been added to the original tax.

MARY GARDEN TO MARRY

Sweet Singer Won by Russian Prince She Enchants.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—(Special.)—It was announced at the Philadelphia Opera House this evening that Mary Garden, one of the brightest songbirds in Hammerstein's collection, is going to marry Prince Mazodato, of Russia, who has been following her from city to city for some time.

She said that she would sail for Russia on April 13, after that the marriage ceremony would be performed upon her arrival in that country. She acknowledged that the beautiful strings of large pearls which she wears at various times were a gift of the prince.

Prince Mazodato is a well-known figure on the Continent. He has been a persistent wooer of the singer for two or three years.

MRS. DAN J. MOORE DIES

Wife of Hotelman Passes After Long Illness.

Mrs. Dan J. Moore, wife of the well-known hotelman, died at 2:30 this morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Mrs. Moore had been seriously ill for many weeks and had gradually been losing strength after an operation performed in the hope of saving her life. Her death, while expected, comes with a sense of sorrow to a wide circle of friends.

CANNON KISSES HEROINE

Mrs. McCann Gets a Medal, Too, for Her Bravery in 1904.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—For her heroism in saving the lives of nine children during the burning of the General Slocum near New York in 1904, Mrs. Mary McCann was today presented by Speaker Cannon, on behalf of Congress, with a silver life-saving medal. The Duke of American politics took her blushing face between his hands and kissed her.

NOTED CAR AS PATHFINDER

American Auto That Won New York to Paris Race to Cross Nation.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The pathfinder car for the New York-Seattle endurance contest, which will be one of the chief motorizing features of the Summer, will leave New York tomorrow. This car is the one that won the New York-Paris race and will be driven in its 4000-mile trip by George Miller, who acted as mechanic in the previous contest.

TAFT'S AIDE BADLY HURT

Naval Lieutenant Crushed by Horse During Ride in Park.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Lieutenant Semmes Read, U. S. N., naval aide to President Taft, was probably fatally injured late today while riding with several other naval officers in Rock Creek Park. His horse stumbled and fell upon him, crushing his left thigh and injuring him internally.

CATSUP POURED INTO BAY

Waters of Narragansett Bay Seasoned by Impure Product.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 18.—The waters of Narragansett Bay were well-seasoned with tomato catsup today when 500 cases, containing 15,000 bottles, were dumped into the sea because they did not meet the requirements of the Federal pure food law.

BIG UNION DEPOT BURNS

Louisville Suffers \$400,000 Loss. Decides on New Building.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 18.—The Louisville Union depot, valued at \$400,000, was destroyed by fire tonight. Half an hour after the building collapsed, the Commercial Club had decided that the city must have an elaborate new station at once.

HOME TELEPHONE CONTROL CHANGES

Syndicate Buys Stock Worth \$750,000.

PORTLAND SYSTEM ACQUIRED

Deal Also Affects Sound and Long-Distance Companies.

BIG OUTLAY IS PLANNED

Capitalists Who Have Bought From Los Angeles Concern Expect to Spend \$700,000 on Local Plant This Year.

Portland and Seattle capitalists have bought the control of the stock of the automatic telephone companies in the Pacific Northwest from the National Securities Company, of Los Angeles. The deal was completed here yesterday and means the transfer of stock in the independent companies valued at about \$750,000. The price paid for the stock is not revealed.

A syndicate composed of Sam Hill, Hervev Lindley, E. A. Stuart, W. G. Collins and M. A. Arnold, of Seattle, and William M. Ladd, F. L. Willis, W. F. Burrell, F. H. Page and L. N. Fleischer, of Portland, has purchased the entire stock holdings of the National Securities Company in the three independent telephone companies in Oregon and Washington. This constitutes between 40 and 50 per cent of stock of the Home Telephone Company of Portland, the Home Telephone Company of Puget Sound and the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company of Portland. Over 50 per cent of the stock of the long distance company has been taken over.

Conferences Are at End.

William Mead, president of the National Securities Company, was in Portland yesterday closing the deal and left for his home in Los Angeles last night after the papers had been signed and the stock transfer effected. Conferences were held throughout the day at the offices of the Home Telephone Company at Park and Burnside streets.

Directors of the Portland Home Telephone Company also held a meeting yesterday and elected Sam Hill and Hervev Lindley to the Board. These new directors fill the vacancies made by the retirement of W. H. Allen, of Los Angeles, and Robert Tucker, of Toledo, O. Arrangements have already been made for the expenditure of \$200,000 on improvements to the Portland plant, and engineers are now drawing up the plans. It is announced that this outlay will be followed by \$500,000 within the coming year. A large amount is also to be expended in Tacoma on immediate betterments to the Puget Sound company's plant.

Bonds of the three companies do not (Continued on Page 3.)

CHINESE BOYCOTT JAP GOODS AGAIN

INVASION OF OUTLYING ISLANDS IS CAUSE.

Dragon Followers Enraged Over Mikado's Attempts to "Invade" Isolated Parts of China.

HONGKONG, March 18.—The Chinese residents of this city have entered upon a revival of the boycott against Japanese goods, and are showing intense feeling against the Japanese because the latter are gradually occupying Pratas Island, a reef in the China Sea about midway between this port and the Philippine group, and are working the deposits of guano, which it is claimed are richer than those along the coast of Peru.

It is reported also that the Japanese are invading Paracels Islands, 150 miles east of Annam, in the China Sea, and two cruisers of the Chinese navy are being made ready for a visit to that group.

Feeling over this so-called invasion of Chinese rights by the Japanese has run so high that the Viceroy at Canton has prohibited the press of that city from commenting on it, in the fear that inflammatory articles might incite an outbreak against the Japanese living there.

PENNY LUNCH AT SCHOOLS

Poor Boys and Girls to Be Fed at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—(Special.)—An innovation in the form of penny lunches to the public school children attracted much interest today. It was started by the Civic Federation, and the large Ann Street school in the poorer quarter of the city was the first to benefit. Eventually all are to be included, and served every school day in the year.

Large, airy dining-rooms are provided, and there was a great rush today at the opening, hundreds gathering at the school. Each one was given all the soup, fruit and buns he or she could eat for one cent. Each lunch costs the association about four cents. The charitable public helps in maintenance.

Other departures, such as half an hour of story-telling at lunch time, are to be made. This is in line with the agitation going on the country over because children of poor parents are sent by the thousands to school without having had proper food.

OREGON LAD LEADS ATTACK

W. V. Dolph, of Portland, Heads Sophomore Rush at Williams.

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—(Special.)—William V. Dolph, of Portland, Or., and Jay W. Chapman, son of J. Wilbur Chapman, the Evangelist, played feature parts in tonight's spectacular parade of the Freshman class at Williams College, at Williamstown.

Young Chapman led the odd parade after escaping the Sophomores, by whom he had been earlier kidnapped. The Portland man headed the Sophomores, who attacked the Freshmen and divested them of their nightshirts. Dolph then made a speech in which the Freshies were roasted.

The parade started from the opera house in Williamstown. When West College Hill was reached the Sophomores, led by Dolph, charged upon the parade, destroying their transparencies. (Continued on Page 4.)

TARIFF FIGHT WILL BE FREE-FOR-ALL

Party Lines to Be Wiped Out in Conflict.

DEMOCRATS ALREADY SPLIT

Clark Will Lead Attack on Wool Schedule.

DEFEND LUMBER TARIFF

Democrats and Republicans Will Unite on Issue—Democrats Will Divide on Philippine Free Trade Proviso.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—That party lines will be eliminated during the consideration in the House of the Payne tariff bill was indicated by the action of Brunsard, of Louisiana, in withdrawing today from the meeting of the minority committee members, because he differed from their views on the tariff.

With few exceptions each member will fight for the interests of his home district. There is little prospect of a lengthy general debate and the consideration of the measure under the five-minute rule for amendment will be preceded with as soon as possible, probably by the end of this week.

Will Attack Wool Schedule.

Unless a "gag" rule for the prevention of unlimited amendment under the five-minute rule is brought in, the minority members of the ways and means committee will not report a separate bill. Their report will be drafted by Champ Clark, and will severely criticize the wool schedule. It is contended by the Democrats that it has not been sufficiently placed in on a revenue basis. Probably numerous amendments will be offered and heated discussions are anticipated.

The inheritance tax, Philippine free trade, internal revenue and maximum and minimum features of the bill are indorsed by the minority leader and there has been much favorable comment upon the measure by Democratic Congressmen. Champ Clark today declared that he had not had sufficient time to look into its provisions to enable him to comment upon them.

Unlimited Free Trade Wanted.

It is understood that the minority leaders favor the removal of the restrictions upon the quantity of sugar and tobacco that can be admitted from the Philippine Islands free of duty. On the other hand, several Southern Democrats are endeavoring to have the free trade provision amended so as to exclude rice, their contention being that rice could be sent from the Philippines to the United States markets and sold (Continued on Page 4.)

BRYAN PROPOUNDS THREE QUESTIONS

SEEKS SIGNIFICANCE OF COURT DECISIONS.

Remarks That Trusts Rely Upon Federal Courts for Relief From Adverse State Rulings.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—Discussing in his Commoner of tomorrow the decision of Federal Judge Anderson in the Standard Oil suit, and of Federal Judge McPherson in the Missouri rate cases, Mr. Bryan asks three pointed questions, as follows: "Is it significant that the only relief from corporation imposition so far as concerns legislative action, has been given through the legislative machinery of the states?" "Is it significant that the one judicial opinion seeking to apply the law to a powerful corporation that has seemed so inclusive, so complete as to bring the powerful lawbreaker to a position where it is actually wise to beg for terms, was rendered by the Supreme Court of a state?"

"Is it significant that on this occasion, as on other occasions, the decisions upon which these great corporations depend for escape from punishment are rendered by Federal Courts?" Mr. Bryan praises District Attorney Keating, of Indiana, for resigning rather than prosecute the Panama Hotel suits, and advises President Taft to order the dismissal of the suits.

COOPER JURY STILL OUT

Popular Opinion Growing That There Will Be Disagreement.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 18.—With no word from the 12 men who are trying to decide the fate of Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of E. W. Carmack, the feeling grew today that there would be a disagreement.

After dinner tonight the jurors hurried back to the room to resume their deliberations. Judge Hart remained at the Courthouse until noon. He then left, after telling the Sheriff that if the jury reached a decision he would not receive it before 9 A. M. tomorrow.

PRIMARY LAW COMPROMISE

Colorado Senate Modifies Scheme to Provide for Convention Ratifying.

DENVER, March 18.—The State Senate passed today on second reading, by a vote of 19 to 18, the primary election law, with the convention plan of making nominations incorporated therein. This action closes a fight extending over eight weeks. As the bill now stands, the names to be placed on the primary election ballots must be certified to by party conventions. It is further provided that additional nominations may be made by petition.

ROBBERS TERRORIZE TOWN

Dynamite Two Banks and Defeat Citizens in Fight.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 18.—A dispatch from Bald Knob, Ark., to the Gazette says: "The town of Bald Knob, Ark., was dynamited today by a band of robbers. Two bank buildings were dynamited and the town of Bald Knob terrorized early today by a small band of men. Citizens who ventured from their houses were met by a fusillade of bullets and in the running fight which followed one citizen was wounded, the robbers escaping. Posses are in pursuit."

KERENS NEW AMBASSADOR

St. Louis Man Will Represent United States at Vienna.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The following is a special cable to the Daily News from Vienna: "The new American Ambassador to Austria will be Richard Kerens, of St. Louis. The State Department has asked the Austrian government if he is persona grata, and an affirmative reply has been sent."

JOHNSON SIGNS FOR FIGHT

Negro Champion to Meet Ketchell for \$5000 Side Bet.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A match between Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, and Stanley Ketchell for a side bet of \$5000 is said to have been arranged by friends of both fighters. The fight will be a ten-round bout, and if fought in New York is to take place in twelve weeks.

ISALCO IS IN ERUPTION

"Lighthouse of Pacific" Violently Active Once More.

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, March 18.—The "Lighthouse of the Pacific," is in violent eruption. Isalco is ten miles north of Sonsonate.

CUBAN REBELS GIVE UP

Whole Band Led by Cortes Has Surrendered.

HAVANA, March 18.—Sergeant Cortes, the leader of the insurgents, and his whole band surrendered tonight to the civil authorities of Remedios, in Santa Clara province.

EMERY CONSENTS; GIRL MAY MARRY

Americo-Japanese Pair Need Not Elope.

HAD BEEN PLANNING FLIGHT

Aoki Persuades Girl, but Her Mother Objects.

THOUGH APPROVING MATCH

Brown and White Lovers Discuss Plans, but Father Removes Obstacle—May Ask Court to Say Jap Is Not Mongolian.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—(Special.)—Gunjiro Aoki had already obtained the consent of Helen Gladys Emery to elope with him and get married at Sacramento, and the couple were only restrained by the objections of the girl's mother when her father, Archdeacon John Emery of the Episcopal Church of Corte Madera, returned home and withdrew his objections to the match. Tomorrow Miss Emery will announce to Gunjiro the welcome news, and church bells and orange blossoms will probably close the incident—that is, as far as the public is concerned.

Aoki still has to overcome the legal obstacles to his marriage with an American girl. The law of California reads that no license will be issued for the marriage of a white person to a Mongolian. Aoki is said to be preparing to fight this on the technicality that a Japanese is not a Mongolian.

Were Plotting Elopement.

Miss Emery plotted an elopement with Aoki this afternoon in a corner of the Perry building, while her mother sat near her, showing no repugnance at the strange infatuation of her child, but instead offering advice to further their plan to marry. As they talked, the girl's eyes never ceased to stare at the peaked brown face of the Japanese lover.

Aoki declared during the conversation that he wished to take the girl to Sacramento with him immediately. She acquiesced, but the suggestion frightened the mother, who insisted that it must not be done.

Aoki shrugged his shoulders, but appeared bored. Finally he accepted the situation and the couple planned to meet again at Tiburon at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when Aoki may receive the welcome news. (Continued on Page 4.)

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