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PRESIDENT SAID TO HAVE BRAIN LESION

Partial Paralysis of Face Is Reported.

DOCTORS AROUSING STORM

Charges Made That Physicians Are Concealing Facts.

BULLETINS ARE MEAGER

Senator Moses Describes Condition of President, but Draws Anger of Medical Men.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Oct. 13.—Rumors as to President Wilson's condition supplanted all other discussion today as a result of the publication of Senator Moses' letter to a constituent saying that Mr. Wilson suffered a cerebral lesion either at Pueblo, Colo., or just afterwards, which had caused a slight facial paralysis.

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FOOD COST TO DROP SOON, HOOVER SAYS

DECREASE WITHIN MONTH PREDICTED AT LUNCHEON.

Possibility of Nation Having Bigger Supply Than It Can Use Without Export Is Cited.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Food prices should begin to drop within a month, Herbert C. Hoover told a luncheon gathering of Commonwealth club members here today.

"The United States must be in a position, however, to sell its surplus in Europe," he said. "The proper credits must be established and our efforts to stabilize Europe must be continued so that there will be a market."

The possibility of the nation having more foodstuffs on its hands than it could handle unless the supply going board shall be maintained was pointed out by Mr. Hoover.

"The United States has done much for Poland," he said. "It should not desert Poland now, when that country is on the verge of securing a stable government, which shall be patterned after American ideals."

"Premier Paderewski took many American ideals to Poland. He is American in spirit. The foreign radicals in the United States are not recruited from the Poles."

"Poland loves America and appreciates what this nation did during and after the war to relieve her starvation."

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UNDERSTANDING IS HELD GREAT NEED

Erection of New Industrial Edifice Starts.

CO-OPERATION PLEA MADE

Clubs, Unions, Public Officials, Individuals Planning.

EMPLOYERS' DUTY TOLD

Improper Advertisement of Business to Employes Said to Be Cause of Much Discontent.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—While the Washington conference is busily engaged in formulating a national industrial and labor policy, the success of the deliberations ultimately will depend upon the attitude of the public, business and labor in every city and town in the United States. It does not matter what programs are employed by the delegates in the national capital. It will amount to nothing unless there is individual, municipal and national co-operation and support.

Much depends, of course, upon the nature of the plans for the period of readjustment to follow the signing of the peace treaty, but even more depends upon the chambers of commerce, labor councils, city officials and employers.

New Structure Asked. The situation today, it seems to me, after making a wide investigation, is this:

We must build in the United States a new business structure. There must be a new foundation, walls and roof. The Washington conference has an opportunity of laying the foundation. The public will have to build the walls to support the roof, which will have to be constructed by labor and capital.

Naturally, before we have a foundation, the walls and roof cannot be constructed, but while preparations are being made in Washington for the foundation, the public and business and labor interests of the country should be engaged in making their preparations for the walls and roof.

How can this be accomplished? Much Activity Seen. The answer is that in many communities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, plans are being made already for the superstructure of a new industrial edifice. It is evident that it is to be a structure of steel and iron.

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REDS CALL WORKERS OF MILLS TO ARMS

LIVES OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND PROSECUTORS THREATENED.

Home of Capitalists, Churches and Other Buildings Are Under Heavy Special Guards.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Members of the bomb squad tonight were assigned to protect Bartow S. Weeks, supreme court justice; Alexander I. Rorke, assistant district attorney; and James J. Gegan, detective sergeant, acting boss of the squad, as the result of the finding of anarchist circulars which attack the three men and call on the workers of the steel and "every other industry" to arm themselves.

As an added precaution a special guard has been placed around public buildings, churches and the homes of prominent capitalists and public officials.

Federal agents were co-operating with the district attorney's office and the police department in running down the authors of the manifesto, which signed "The American Anarchistic Federated Communist Soviet of New York," is said by the police to be the most radical yet discovered.

The circular was the first found here directly attacking individuals. Denouncing the action of the police in dispersing a mob of several thousand Fifth Avenue last week without a permit, it called upon Justice Weeks, now presiding at a trial in which the defendants are charged with criminal anarchy, Mr. Rorke, prosecutor at the trial, and Detective Gegan to resign their "positions," and asserts they will have to "pay the price for every worker killed or wounded."

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The pamphlet declares that the municipal government of Gary, submitting to the control of the steel trust, had forbidden the workmen to hold public meetings and parades and that for two weeks the workmen had "permitted the steel trust government to trample underfoot the democratic rights which they had been so often assured were the heritage of the people of this country."

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The pamphlet concludes: "Gather in great mass meetings. Bring to the attention of the unenlightened workers the meaning of martial law at Gary. Show them that it is not enough to strike against low wages and bad working conditions, but that the strike must be directed against capitalism."

"The workers must capture the power of the state. They must wrest it from the capitalists."

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HUNTERS FIRE DYNAMITE

Bullet Misses Rabbit, but Sets Off Cache That Floors Two.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Walter Worthington and companion while hunting rabbits Sunday on the Anson Rogers farm on Coos river saw a bunny and fired. The bullet missed the animal but penetrated a cache of \$150 worth of dynamite, with surprising results to the nimrod.

Trees and other nearby articles, earth and stones were thrown hundreds of feet into the air and Worthington and his friend were leveled as if a German shell had exploded in their immediate vicinity.

They were 100 feet from the dynamite, but the force was terrific and threw them many feet. Neither was injured, however, but they have given up hunting for the time being.

The explosion was heard in Marshfield, 12 miles from the scene.

COLORADO TO BE SUED

New Mexico Authorized to Start Action About Boundary.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The supreme court today granted the permission to New Mexico to file suit against the state of Colorado for the purpose of determining the correctness of the present boundary between the states.

The case was made returnable next March 1.

OVERTHROW OF TROOPS BY STRIKERS ASKED

ANONYMOUS HANDBILLS CIRCULATED AT GARY.

Three Steel Plants in Chicago Districts Reopened; Steps Taken to Prevent Disorder.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Coincident with police reports that three steel plants in the Chicago district reopened today, word from Gary, Ind., announced the general distribution of anonymous handbills urging overthrow of the federal troops stationed in that city.

The handbills found throughout the downtown section of Gary purported to bear a "proclamation of the communist party of America," but were unsigned. "Great mass meetings" were advocated as the means of usurping control.

No disorders were reported from the various steel centers in the district, although labor leaders were said to have distributed several hundred additional pickets in South Chicago, Gary and Indiana Harbor.

Reports indicated the largest number of pickets gathered in the vicinity of the Wisconsin Steel company, of the International Harvester company and the Interstate Steel & Iron company plants at South Chicago, both of which reopened today after three weeks of idleness. Police said approximately 800 men returned to work at the Wisconsin plant, where the usual force is reported to be 1000, and that 200 men resumed operations at the Interstate, which is said to employ 400 regularly.

John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the national committee for organization of steel workers, declared he did not believe more than 3 per cent of the men in the Gary plant of the United States Steel corporation had returned to work.

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RIGA ENGULFED IN WAR'S SWELLS

Battle Rages in City as Warships Bombard.

MANY CIVILIANS VICTIMS

Russian Northwestern Army Defeats Bolsheviks.

GERMANS IN 5-DAY FIGHT

Berlin Denies Attack on Letts From Rear and Says Return of Baltic Troops Is Hindered.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 13.—Allied cruisers are aiding in the defense of Riga against German attacks, which for five days have been incessant and stubborn, according to a communication issued by the Lettish foreign office Sunday. Riga is being bombarded by the enemy.

The situation of the Lettish troops in Riga is desperate, according to dispatches from Helsingfors. The German and Russian troops at any moment are expected to force the passage of the Duna river, which separates the main body of Colonel Avaloff-Bermond's troops from the main position of Riga.

The old town of Riga and the port have been greatly damaged, it is said. Many civilians have been killed or wounded.

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PROFITEER DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS OUTLINING PLANS.

Legislation Prohibiting Excessive Price Charges Will Become Effective in Short Time.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—In anticipation that legislation to stop profiteering soon will become effective, the department of justice is putting the final touches to its plans for procedure when the new weapons are available.

Attorney-General Palmer today called a meeting of the conferees who took the cost of living problem under advisement nearly three months ago. Secretaries Glass, Houston and Wilson, Chairman Murdock and W. E. Colver of the federal trade commission, Director-General Hines, Assistant Attorney-General Ames, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Leffingwell and H. E. Fitzgerald, assistant to Judge Ames, were present.

After a review of the progress made so far, which was said to be very gratifying, considering that none of the laws requested of congress was placed on the statute books, the conference discussed new steps to be taken when the "cost campaign" is started. Officials declined to indicate what they had in mind, but it is known that Attorney-General Palmer is prepared to proceed vigorously in a number of individual cases.

Another conference is to be held later in the week, when Secretaries Baker and Daniels are expected to attend and to advise concerning the release of surplus foodstuffs still held by the military departments of the government. Secretary Baker today canceled instructions for the distribution of sugar held by the army. Bermond's troops from the main position of Riga.

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GENERAL BARRY RETIRED

Commander of Army Eastern Department Reaches 64th Year.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Major-General Thomas H. Barry, commander of the army department of the east, was today at noon automatically retired from the service by the reason of age, having reached his 64th birthday.

He will retire to private life, and pending the appointment of his successor, Brigadier-General Charles J. Bailey, who has been stationed at Fort Totten, will command the department of the east.

POINCARÉ SIGNS TREATY

Action of French President Formally Ends State of War.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—(Havas.)—The Journal Officiel announces this morning the signing by President Poincaré of the document ratifying the peace treaty with Germany.

Other acts signed at Versailles June 28 are to be deposited in the foreign office in accordance with the final clauses of the peace treaty, thereby ending the state of war.

CANADIANS GIVE THANKS

National Holiday Is Observed Throughout Dominion.

MONTREAL, Oct. 13.—Canada celebrated Thanksgiving day. It was a holiday throughout the dominion.

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EX-OREGON WOMAN DROWNS IN LAKE

Death of Former Mrs. G. L. Baker Probed.

HUSBAND PUT UNDER ARREST

Seattle Police Hold That Drowning Is Suspicious.

WOMAN DRAGGED DOWN

Clothes Are Caught in Propeller and All Efforts to Rescue Are Futile; Body Not Found.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bertha Elinor Miller, wife of Walter B. Miller, a photographer and ex-deputy sheriff, and former wife of George L. Baker, now mayor of Portland, Monday afternoon under circumstances that resulted in an investigation by the police and sheriff's office, after which Miller was arrested.

Mrs. Miller disappeared from aboard a small launch on which she and her husband were the only passengers while Miller was working on the engine, according to his statement to the police. The Millers had been involved in domestic trouble for some time, the police say, and divorce action has been threatened by each, though none had been filed. They were on their way across Lake Washington.

Rescue Efforts Futile. Miller told the police that the launch slowed up a mile or two and Miller said he was working on the engine when he heard a splash. He looked up he saw Mrs. Miller in the water, the craft struggling in the water, but he put the boat about and drove toward the spot where she was seen to have fallen. Her floating body was seen in the path of the boat and the bow ran her down. The launch stopped again and the second