

RAILROAD OWNERS QUIT WAGE PARLEY

**\$1,000,000 Rise Is
Flatly Rejected.**

PUBLIC VOICE IS DEMANDED

Negotiations Now Will Go to Wilson's Board.

BODY NOT YET NAMED

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Wage negotiations between the conference committees representing the railroads and the unions were broken off tonight when the railroad representatives declined to continue consideration of demands which have been estimated to total \$1,000,000,000, unless the public received a voice in the proceedings.

Under the provisions of the transportation act, the wage controversy now will be referred to the railroad labor board which is yet to be appointed by President Wilson. The law provides for three representatives of the public.

Whiter Announces Decision.

E. T. Whiter, chairman of the railway executives conference committee, announced the decision in a statement which said that the union representatives agreed as to the provisions of the transportation act. The union representatives were said to hold that the law contemplated an agreement between the railroads and the employees prior to any opportunity for participation by the representatives of the public.

The railroad committees held that such an agreement might be reached, but they did not believe that "Congress ever contemplated that a controversy involving so great an addition to transportation costs and in which the public is therefore so vitally interested should be disposed of by direct negotiation."

Cost Burden Held Too Great.

Mr. Whiter's statement said in part: "The representatives of the railroads take the position that they could not assume the responsibility of adding such a burden to the cost of transportation, which are necessarily borne by the public, without the full knowledge and consent of the public through its representatives, and that they must therefore accept the requests and let the entire matter be disposed of as provided in the transportation act."

This means that the controversy must be submitted to the railroad labor board appointed by the president in accordance with the terms of the law, on which the public will have three representatives, the employees three and the railroad management three.

Data on Subject Sought.

"We invited the committee representing the employees to join with us in the formation of a committee to prepare data on the various aspects of the subject which we feel must be submitted to the tripartite board created by the transportation act. We are expediting the disposal of this difficult problem. They declined to join with us in the formation of such a committee. They have announced their intention of appealing to the labor board."

Estimate Is Held Conservative.

Notifying Mr. Jewell that the management conference must decline the wage demands and submit the controversy to the tripartite board created by the transportation act, Mr. Whiter wrote that "a very conservative estimate of the requested wage increases which must be met by increased rates was more than \$1,000,000,000."

"That statement," he said, "is based on the requested changes in the rates of pay and no attempt has been made to estimate the cost of changes in rates which would further materially increase the total. Consideration of your request and the basis upon which they are predicated has convinced our conferees that there is no intermediate ground which could be reached that in itself would not represent an agreement so great as to be beyond the possibility of our reaching a settlement."

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Guaranty provisions of the new railroad law will cost the government approximately \$125,000,000 for the six months

FOUR INDICTED FOR HIGH COURT "LEAK"

**EX-SECRETARY IS CHARGED
WITH DISCLOSURING DECISION.**

**First Indictment of Kind Accuses
Defendants With Conspiracy
to Defraud U. S.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—For the first time in history, a criminal indictment was returned today against persons alleged to have obtained advance information of a supreme court decision for the purpose of stock market speculation.

Ashton F. Embry, former secretary to Justice McKenna, was named as the man who disclosed the substance of the highest court's forthcoming decision in the Southern Pacific case last November. He was said to have received \$500 for the information, whereby the other defendants, E. Millard Mayer, Jr., a New York broker, Barnett E. Moses, lawyer of Washington, and James Harwood Graves, former assistant attorney in the department of justice, were enabled to sell "short" 500 shares of Southern Pacific, on which a profit of \$1412.50 was made.

The indictment returned in the District of Columbia supreme court after months of investigation by the department of justice charged specially conspiracy to defraud the United States of its report of secrecy surrounding opinions of the United States supreme court prior to public announcement by the justices in formal session.

It recited that "from time immemorial" the custom was to deliver all opinions so that all citizens might and did have equal opportunity to be informed concerning them "to the end that the court should continue and be regarded as an impartial and public tribunal administering and declaring public law in a public and general manner without favor. . . . as one Ashton F. Embry then and there well knew."

The indictments were returned under the penal code, which provides that upon conviction each of the parties to the conspiracy shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both. Supreme court officials said the indictments were the first ever returned in connection with charges of a leak in the supreme court. Reports of leaks have been circulating for years, but no special investigation showed them to be without basis. The secretary to one of the justices was reported to be giving out advance information regarding decisions about 15 years ago, but the charges were never substantiated and no action ever was taken.

AGED SKELETONS FOUND

**Prehistoric Boy and Girl Hidden
In Recess of Volcano.**

SANTA FE, N. M., April 1.—The skeletons of a boy and a girl were being exhibited preparatory to being sent to Washington, D. C. Investigators declare these human relics were overwhelmed in a prehistoric volcanic eruption.

A statement was given out by Amado Chavez, former mayor of Santa Fe, that the skeletons were found in a white stone house, in a good state of preservation, discovered in a hidden recess in the volcanic badlands of western Valencia county, near San Rafael, by a native sheep owner last week. The existence of this white house among the lava beds has long been a tradition and expeditions from Washington have in vain sought it for years.

The house was partially submerged by the hardened lava and was reached with great difficulty.

GEORGIA DROPS WILSON

**President's Name Withdrawn From
Preferential Primary.**

ATLANTA, Ga., April 1.—The name of President Wilson, who had been entered by petition in the Georgia preferential primary, has been withdrawn by action of a number of signers of the petition.

The time limit for entries expired today at 5 o'clock and official announcement of the candidates who had been certified revealed that President Wilson was not among them.

Attorney-General Palmer, Thomas E. Wilson, former candidate for president on the populist ticket, and Senator Hoke Smith were the only candidates whose names will appear on the ballot.

MAD BULL KILLS OWNER

**Harry Davidson, of Beaver, Torn to
Bits in Corral.**

TILLAMOOK, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—An angry bull today killed Harry Davidson, Beaver rancher, its owner, and tore the body to bits. No one witnessed the killing, which occurred in the corral of the Davidson farm, but parts of the body were found by Clinton King, who lives near the farm.

Mr. King was compelled to shoot and kill the bull before he could enter the corral to rescue the body.

PACKER PAYROLL STOLEN

**\$45,840 Is Taken by Three Men
in Motor Car.**

KANSAS CITY, April 1.—Three men in a motor car today held up two messengers from the Drovers National bank, robbed them of \$45,840, representing the payroll of Swift & Co., and escaped.

The men had not been captured to night.

HOOVER LINES UP FOR RESERVATIONS

**Washington Herald Give
Straight Out Views**

CANDIDATE RUMOR ON PAPER

"Perfectionists" and "Isolationists" Scored.

POLITICAL WRECK FEARED

**Editorial Appears Under Caption
Dealing With California
Primary Quarrel.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 1.—Some plain speaking on the peace treaty is indulged in today by the Washington Herald, of which Herbert Hoover, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, is one of the owners. Whatever the Herald says on the treaty is accepted in Washington as the voice of Hoover, because he is credited with shaping the paper's policy on politics.

It is not difficult to ascertain by this editorial that Mr. Hoover aligns himself definitely with the reservation group in the senate which sought a compromise ratification. Neither the Wilson stand-patners nor the Borah-Johnson irreconcilables will be pleased by the Herald's discussion of their position.

Those who are following the president in his demand for the ratification of the treaty without amendments or effective reservations are dubbed "perfectionists" by Mr. Hoover's paper and the group led by Senators Borah and Hiram Johnson, variously characterized heretofore as "irreconcilables," "battalion of death," "the wreckers" and "the spoilers" are rechristened "isolationists."

"Reservationist" View Given.

In speaking for the Hoover group which are designated as "reservationists," the Herald says: "The reservationists view the treaty and the league, taken in the large, as being as good instruments as can be obtained in a world where agreement is purchased only by compromise, but think that for the safety of American interests certain reservations should be insisted upon. What these reservations should be, naturally enough opens a wide field for difference of opinion. Practical statesmanship here again justifies conciliation and compromise. No treaty or league will stand unchanged throughout the ages, both being instrumentalities for immediate and practical purposes." The "perfectionists," the editorial says, are those

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COMMITTEE RAIDS LABOR DEPARTMENT

**DEPORTATION PAPERS SEIZED
FOR INVESTIGATION.**

**Release of Hundreds of Alleged
Reds Rouses Department of
Justice and Officials.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Aroused by the recent action of Louis P. Post, acting secretary of labor, in ordering the release of a large number of alien radicals held for deportation hearings, Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee, and two other members of the committee—Representatives Raker of California and Valle of Colorado—descended on the department of labor this afternoon and seized all papers relating to the deportation cases. Not only were papers taken in the cases of the radicals released without hearing, but also the papers in the cases of aliens ordered deported but who escaped by Acting Secretary Post's cancellation of the deportation orders.

The radicals involved in the cases were several hundred in number, taken on wholesale raids conducted in all the large cities of the country some time ago by the department of justice. Their release by the department of labor has caused considerable friction between the departments of labor and justice, and it is understood that the attorney-general's office has for several days been seeking a way to block the department of labor efforts to set the alleged "reds" free.

Whether the Johnson subcommittee of the house immigration committee acted upon a suggestion from the department of justice could not be learned tonight. As the papers in the cases were too bulky to be removed forthwith, W. A. Blackwell of Seattle and an immigration inspector from the same city, who were here testifying before the immigration committee in deportation cases, were placed in charge of all the documents. They were directed to make a digest of the papers for the committee.

A raid on an executive department of the government is a new thing in Washington, but in this case it is not surprising in view of the storm of criticism that has been rising for some time against the department of labor and its lenient if not altogether friendly attitude toward all brands of communists, bolsheviks and anarchists.

A thorough investigation of the inner workings of the immigration service is expected to follow with a view of finding out how "it is" that radicals from all parts of the country concentrated at Ellis island at great expense to the government for deportation and its lenient if not altogether friendly attitude toward all brands of communists, bolsheviks and anarchists.

NOTED MEDICAL MAN DIES

**Dr. William Martin, ex-Navy In-
spector, Passes Away.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Dr. William Martin, 71, medical inspector of the United States navy, retired, died here today.

Dr. Martin was noted for his work in combating yellow fever in Florida in 1874 and subsequent years.

GRAIN MEN ASK FOR REFUND OF WAR LOSS

**\$5,000,000 DEBIT HELD RE-
SULT OF FIXED PRICES.**

**Congress Asked for Reimburse-
ment—Spokesman Attacks
Hoover and Barnes.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Grain dealers from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois appealed today to the house agricultural committee for legislation reimbursing them for losses claimed to aggregate \$5,000,000 in 1917, due to the fact that the price of wheat was fixed at 60c less than the current market price.

Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, and Julius Barnes, president of the government grain corporation, were declared by the dealers to be responsible for the losses.

"We used every diligence to find out the attitude of the grain corporation and the food administration, but got little information," declared B. E. Clements, president of the Texas Grain Dealers' association, and spokesman for the dealers.

"We were told that there was no authority for fixing the price, but after it was fixed we were told we ought to have known that they were going to fix the price."

"Congress would never have enacted the food control law if it knew that price fixing was planned," Mr. Clements said. The grain dealers had vainly asked an indorsement of their proposal by Mr. Barnes, who told them that they "ought to have known" that a price was to have been fixed by the government.

"But you did rely on Hoover's and Barnes' statements," asked Representative McLaughlin, republican, Nebraska.

"We took them to be men of their word," replied Clements.

Lee G. Metcalf, representing the Illinois Grain Dealers' association, said if there was ever another corn corporation when he was buying grain he would "get a ouija board."

E. J. Smiley, representing Kansas and Nebraska dealers, declared Mr. Hoover's announcement in August, 1917, of a necessity to reduce the price of bread grains was "infamous."

No action was taken by the committee.

FOOLS' DAY JOYFUL ONE

**Walla Walla Sees Slump in Im-
portant Food Products.**

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—April fool's day brought joy to Walla Walla, three important food products slumping.

Bread dropped from 11 to 10 cents a loaf, butter declined 5 cents a pound, and eggs fell to three dozen for \$1, the lowest price in two years.

UNION PICKETS STOPPED

**Missouri Court Denies Right to
Interfere With Business.**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 1.—The supreme court of Missouri ruled against the right of a labor union to picket a place of business. The opinion was handed down here today.



RETAIL MILK PRICE CUT 2 CENTS HERE

**Dairymen and Distribu-
tors Will Comply.**

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

**Producers' Margin Reduced
One and Half Cents.**

DISTRIBUTOR LOSES REST

**Each Side Previously Pledged to
Abide by Decision—Stop-
page of Oversupply Urged.**

Two cents a quart was knocked off of the price of milk to the consumer in Portland by a decision yesterday of the milk-price commission, appointed by Mayor Baker. The milk producers will bear 1 1/2 cents of the reduction, while the distributor will bear the other half cent. The price to the producers under the new scale will be \$3.20 a hundred pounds, instead of the \$3.90 they have been getting. Both producers and distributors will abide by the decision. The new price to the householder will be 13 cents a quart where mid-month payment is made. Otherwise it is 14 cents.

The decision of the milk commission appointed only last week by Mayor Baker did not meet with the absolute approval of either the officials of the Oregon Dairymen's League, representing the producers, or the distributors, although both factions have pledged to place the new price into effect at once.

Oversupply Stoppage Urged.

Not only did the milk commission, composed of Dr. E. H. Pence, chairman, William Cornfoot and John V. Richardson, reduce the price, but in addition, made pointed recommendations for the stoppage of oversupply of milk in Portland by the league, thus causing a surplus, and high prices. The commission also recommended savings to be effected by the distributors to cover the reduction made in the price of milk.

The milk commission, after surveying the facts given it by the producers and distributors, determined that a reduction in the price of milk from the producer was possible because of the abundance of grass supply during the next three months and that a portion of the reduction could be easily assumed by the distributors, who, the commission believed, were in a position to effect sufficient economy in the distribution and handling of milk to offset the loss.

Reduction in Supply Wanted.

Some plan whereby the surplus milk can be reduced in Portland has been recommended to officials of the Oregon Dairymen's league, it being pointed out that the present league plan of obtaining new members is enlarging the surplus and causing a loss which will be assumed by all members of the league and which the commission feels is one of the primary causes for the high price of milk.

"The distributors accept the decision of the commission," announced A. M. Work, president of the Portland Dairymen's league. "We could easily find fault with some points of the decision, but we recognize that the commission made as thorough a study as was possible, and having agreed to live under the decision, we are now ready to do so, even if by so doing we will be forced to assume a loss for a time."

Sufficient Study Doubted.

"We do not believe that the milk commission made sufficient study of facts to justify its decision," said Albert S. Hall, assistant manager of the Oregon Dairymen's league, discussing the report and recommendations of the commission.

"Of course the league will abide by the decision, but we feel sure that the new prices established will place the dairymen in jeopardy. The cost of producing milk is 80 cents more than the selling price set by the commission."

Report Filed With Mayor.

The findings and report of the commission filed with Mayor Baker yesterday is as follows:

The undersigned, appointed by your honor to consider the matter of a fair price for milk to Portland consumers for the three months from April 1 to July 1, 1920, concerning the same, has the honor to submit the following as our findings:

We recognize the extreme difficulty in arriving at an ascertained and scientific ground upon which to base a statement of a fair price to all parties involved. Nothing but an exhaustive survey by competent and fair-minded experts of the whole range of practice at business management by milk producers, and his balanced conclusions could warrant an estimate as to the cost of production of milk to the producer.

Conditions are so variable, as with many other articles of production, and the data are so far beyond the reach of your commission's means, or of any sane or most expert nature, that we find ourselves pressed to accept two considerations which seem conclusively to base our finding.

First, that there can be a reduction made in the present price charged for milk to the consumer.

Second, that this reduction will en-

MARINE ACCUSED OF TRICKING SCULPTOR

**WAR STATUE DECLARED IN-
TENDED FOR DOUGHBOY.**

**Not Only Did Corps Win With
"Help of God," But Now It
Claims Masterpiece.**

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PARIS, April 1.—(Special Cable.)—A wartime controversy between the marines and the doughboys has been revived over the question as to whether the statue entitled "Crusading for the Right," said to be the first sculptural classic of the war produced for America and which is soon to be erected in heroic proportions in a public square in Washington, symbolizes the doughboy or the marine.

Colonel James Moss, author of West Point textbooks, who bought the copyright of the statue, declares that the marine corps insignia on the helmet got there by mistake, saying the artist, Raphael Peyre, now in New York, so informed him.

"Not only did a few marines, with the help of God, win the war," Colonel Moss says, "but now they are claiming the first sculptural masterpiece in token of our part in the war, in which the chief figures are a typical marine rather than a doughboy."

Colonel Moss says that when the artist applied to General Hart for a soldier to pose as a model, 100 men were lined up, among them several marines. Peyre explains that when he made his selection he had never heard of the marines and he supposed the man chosen by him was like the other Americans. It did not occur to him to put the marine insignia on the helmet until the marine model suggested it, and he did so, supposing the insignia to be a divisional mark.

Although he promptly removed the insignia when he learned what it meant, it appears that the statue to be erected in Washington will bear the marine insignia, as it is understood.

WOOD LEAD 273 VOTES

**Unofficial Returns From 54 South
Dakota Counties Public.**

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 1.—Unofficial returns from 54 of the 64 counties in the state on the general primary election of March 23, for republican presidential indorsement as announced this afternoon by the secretary of state at Pierre, show Major-General Leonard Wood, 26,202; Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, 22,543; United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, 23,423. General Wood received the majority indorsement for presidential preference at the state convention, held December 2 last, while Governor Lowden was the minority choice and Senator Johnson filed as an independent candidate. United States Senator Miles Pendergast of Washington was also an independent but polled a comparatively small vote, figures on which were not included in the secretary's announcement today.

Indications are that the official returns will probably be made Saturday or Monday.

No figures on the democratic vote were announced.

Hope Not Wholly Gone.

An identical ratification resolution still in the senate, where suffragists claim a majority of one.

After the vote was announced there was great cheering among the men and women opponents of equal suffrage. Anti-suffrage members were surrounded by enthusiastic women who showered them with congratulations and red roses, while suffragists, generally conceded that the hope for affirmative action in both houses is a forlorn one.

Mrs. Florence Hillis, president of the suffrage state organization, said: "We have a majority in the senate. We will strive to have the measure through that the National Association have the house act favorably on the joint ratification resolution. We are discouraged but we are by no means licked."

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Action of the Maryland legislature in directing the attorney-general to seek before the supreme court an injunction restraining the secretary of state of the United States from proclaiming the federal suffrage amendment, if it should be ratified by 36 states, until its validity is established, was said tonight by the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage to be a novel step in American legal procedure, which might affect the presidential election in November.

FEDERAL BONUS RESTORED

**Senate Passes Bill Giving \$240
Annually to Workers.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The \$240 annual bonus for federal employees who have not participated in general wage increases was restored by the senate today in passing the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill.

The senate also authorized an increase of \$50,000 for the labor department over house figures and refused to sustain the house in abolishing the sub-treasury system.

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