

CREEL DEMANDS COMPLETE INQUIRY

Fraud Charges Are Declared to Be Absurd.

ALL RECORDS ARE OFFERED

Official Press Agent Says Long Distance Lying Tires.

GRAFT PROBES BELITTLED

Transfer of Official Bulletin Is Denied and Deal Said to Involve Only Mailing List.

NEW YORK, April 12.—George Creel, who headed the committee on public information, tonight made public a letter he has sent to Attorney-General Palmer insisting that Mr. Palmer investigate at once charges by the joint congressional committee on printing that the Creel committee had wrongfully transferred the official bulletin to Roger W. Babson of Wellesley, Mass.

Mr. Creel also made public a letter to Senator Smoot, chairman of the committee, declaring the senator knew there was no transfer of the official bulletin to Babson, but that the joint committee "sneakily worked in secret to frame the indictment that my testimony would have made absurd." He added that the senator "as much as anyone else" was responsible for wiping out the Creel committee June 30, 1919, "in the middle of its orderly liquidation."

Inquiry Is Demanded.

The joint committee charged that the transfer had been made without consent to Babson and suggested institution of legal proceedings against Creel, Babson, C. T. Clayton and Edward S. Rochester, to see if the government could not recover money.

In his letter to Mr. Palmer, Mr. Creel said:

"I insist that your office commence an instant investigation and put myself and every record at your disposal. I want to know from you also what protection one has against the deliberate slanders of a member of congress. Not only are Senator Smoot's charges false, but he knew them to be lies when he uttered them."

"The official bulletin was not transferred to Roger Babson or anyone else. It was discontinued by the order of the attorney-general on the ground that I had no right to sell the property at public auction. The one asset was a mailing list and this was publicly placed at the disposal of any citizen caring to copy it, an action also taken under orders of the attorney-general."

"Any private citizen was at liberty to start a publication of similar character and this is what Mr. Babson did. He received nothing from the government except the right to copy the mailing list."

Short Note Is Used.

To Senator Smoot, Mr. Creel said that after he had been "dispossessed" on July 20, 1919, his records had twice been moved and had been jumbled into a mass of confusion. The one "private memorandum" stating this confusion, was sent to Senator Warren, but some one sneaked it out to the press, and the conditions precipitated by congress were credited to my "desertion."

"I am sick and tired of this long-distance lying," he said. "Your recommendation to the attorney-general to bring action against me is a bundle of lies and you know it. A better and quicker way is to have me appear before your committee, or any other senate committee, and make full answer to this official bulletin charge."

"Ever since the committee it has been your steadfast attempt to shame the American war record and besmirch every man connected with that record. To date, these congressional investigations have cost \$2,000,000, but failure to develop a single instance of graft still forces your group to rely upon the activities of individual liars."

CITY POPULATION GROWS

General Increase Noted in Census Bureau Report.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included:

Flint, Mich., 31,599, increase 53,048 or 17.6 per cent over 1910.

Adrian, Mich., 11,578, increase 1116 or 10.4 per cent.

Wabash, Ind., 3572, increase 1155 or 15.6 per cent.

Emporia, Kan., 11,273, increase 2215 or 24.5 per cent.

Freeport, Ill., 19,669, increase 2102 or 13 per cent.

GIRLS WILL NOT TEACH

Vassar Graduates Not to Go Into Poorly Paid Profession.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Vassar college will not graduate a "school marm" this year, according to results of a survey of the senior class, made public here tonight.

RIGHT OF PRESS TO SELECT NEWS UPHELD

PAPERS MAY OMIT OR PRINT ANY ITEMS, COURT RULES.

\$100,000 Damage Suit for Dropping Name From Facsimile Ballot Is Dismissed.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Right of a newspaper to publish what it considers news and to disregard whatever it believes does not come within that category was upheld today in an opinion of the appellate court, disposing of a \$100,000 damage suit brought by William Reedea, an attorney, against the Chicago Tribune company.

Mr. Reedea, a candidate for superior court judge in the November, 1917, election on an independent ticket, charged the Tribune with publishing a facsimile of a portion of a specimen ballot, giving names of the democratic, republican and socialist candidates for the judgeship, but omitting the names of the independent candidates. It was contended by Mr. Reedea that this omission was "willful and malicious and done with intent to injure his candidacy."

"The defendant owed no duty to either the plaintiff or the public to publish anything which, for any reason, it did not see fit to publish," the opinion read.

"The defendant is the sole judge of the value of news as such. A newspaper must remain free to publish such matters as it regards as possessing news value and to refrain from publishing such matters as it may determine do not possess news value."

POLICEMAN HELD SLAYER

Charge Follows Recent Conviction of Others in Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., April 12.—Andrew Brady, a member of the Butte police force, was charged with murder in connection with the death of Sylvester Prenatt in an information filed in court this afternoon by County Attorney Rotering.

Three men have been convicted of murder in connection with Prenatt's death and two of them have been sentenced to death and the other to life imprisonment. One is scheduled to be tried shortly.

During his trial testimony was offered to show that Brady had taken some of the accused men to the Prenatt home on the night preceding the killing, and told them \$5000 worth of whiskey was stored there.

NOTE REPORTS SINKING

Message Found in Bottle at Vancouver, B. C., Tells of Mary B.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 12.—Two boys today turned over to the light-house service a note which they said they found in a bottle on a Stanley park beach here yesterday. The note read: "Adrift in a small boat off Flatery. Mary B. sinking. Merlin, captain, March 27."

No boat named Mary B. belongs to this port. Two fishing vessels bearing the name are registered from Seattle.

Owners of two Seattle fishing schooners named the Mary B. telegraphed to their captains to determine if they were safe. Neither of the boats has reported trouble, it was said.

TEN IRISH PICKETS HELD

Women Who Harried British Embassy to Face Grand Jury.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Ten Irish pickets arrested last week at the British embassy were held for a federal grand jury today by United States Commissioner Richardson on charge of violating a federal statute making it a felony to "assault" a diplomatic representative of a foreign government.

The women gave bond in the sum of \$12,000 each. They were Misses Elaine Harris, Kathleen O'Brien, Katherine McKeon, Mary Walsh, Mrs. Thomas Curran and Mrs. Honor Walsh, all of Philadelphia; Miss Helen O'Brien, St. Louis; Miss Maura Quinn, Boston, and Mrs. Katherine Columbine and Mrs. James Walsh, New York.

LIBERTY BONDS FALLING

Low Price Attributed to Treasury Announcement Last Week.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The price of liberty bonds fell below \$8 for the first time today, when new low records were made in four issues under heavy selling. The second 4 1/2's closed \$7.88, second 4s at \$8, third 4 1/2's at \$1.60, fourth 4 1/2's at \$8.06.

Weakness of these bonds was attributed to the announcement made last week by the secretary of the treasury that new issues of certificates of indebtedness would carry interest rates of 5 1/2 per cent.

GUARD STRENGTH IS LOW

Enlistments 3279 in March; Force 24 Per Cent of Maximum.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The National Guard during March made a net gain of 3279 in enlistment, it was officially announced today.

The guard numbered 12,400, or about 24 per cent of the maximum of 179,000.

PLANE FALLS; ONE DEAD

Passenger Killed and Pilot Hurt When Machine Tail-Spins.

SIoux Falls, S. D., April 12.—B. F. Ramsey is dead and W. T. Cook, a civilian pilot, tonight was in a hospital in a serious condition.

Their plane fell into a tail spin and crashed to earth west of here.

WALKOUT IN EAST HALTS INDUSTRIES

Switchmen's Strike Takes More Serious Aspect.

SITUATION IN WEST RELAXES

Middle Section Also Reports Conditions Better.

SOME EMBARGOES LIFTED

Brotherhood Leaders Confident That Break in Chicago Will Be Followed by General Return.

CHICAGO, April 12.—While the unauthorized strike of railroad employees which started here two weeks ago with the walkout of 700 switchmen on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad today appeared gradually to be waning in the middle west and the far west, the situation east of Cleveland took on a more serious aspect.

The center of development in the walkout of insurgents had shifted to the east, where additions to the ranks of the rebel railroad workers had caused a serious stoppage of freight and passenger traffic and the closing of several industries.

The situation in the Chicago yards showed a marked improvement and reports from other large railroad centers in the middle west indicated that the crisis was past and that the strikers were returning to work in considerable numbers.

Brotherhood Chiefs Confident.

Officers of railroad brotherhoods, who have been fighting the strike, were confident that the breaking up of the walkout in Chicago would be followed by a general resumption of work in other areas.

A pronouncement of the government's course was expected at Washington tomorrow by Attorney-General Palmer. Investigators of the department of justice were completing an inquiry into the situation, Mr. Palmer said.

More freight moved into the Chicago yards today than on any day since the strike started, railroad officials announced. More than 3000 stockyard employees, forced out of work by the strike, returned.

Packing-house receipts, including 4000 cattle, 2500 hogs and 4000 sheep, was a larger quantity than received any day last week. About 25,000 stockyard workers were still idle.

The Illinois Central, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the New York Central and other roads reported cars again moving in the switching yards.

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PORTLAND TRAFFIC NEAR NORMAL

RAILWAY OPERATION IN 24 HOURS PREDICTED.

Service to Be Restored, Barring Unforeseen Events, Declares Southern Pacific Official.

"Unless someone throws a monkey wrench into the machinery, I believe that within 24 hours the situation will be practically normal," said F. Mercier, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company, regarding the strike of switchmen on the lines of that railroad. This may be said to express briefly the general situation prevailing in Portland yesterday. The grip of the unauthorized walkout appears to have been broken, although there was still some trouble, and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line was experiencing a tie-up.

While all railroad executives were optimistic yesterday afternoon and expressed the belief that the strike in this vicinity was virtually over and that it would be but a short time before the crews would either be back at work or others would have taken their place, freight embargoes had not been ordered lifted. That they might be today or tomorrow, however, was felt fairly certain.

Several meetings of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and of the switchmen's union have been held, one being in progress last night, but from all that could be learned there was no final decision as to returning to work.

"We are beginning to see daylight," said Superintendent Mercier of the Southern Pacific. "We added two crews at the Brooklyn yards yesterday morning and two more went on duty in the afternoon. The situation was very much improved. We were able to make our perishable delivery to the east side and to take care of our oil shipments. Our own improvement over Sunday was about 200 per cent."

Mr. Mercier said that 90 per cent of the men who took out engines were new men and added that "all of the strikers who return, return as such," losing all of the benefits of their former relationship with the company.

"Conditions are growing gradually better," said M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the O.-W. R. & N. line. "Our men are reporting back slowly and things in general are better. The crews at Huntington and Umatilla went out, but returned again. We have one crew out of five on duty at The Dalles. In the Albion yards we have now seven crews against six on Sunday."

The O.-W. R. & N. dispatched two freight trains and received three, it was stated at the Albion yards office by Dan Quinn. There were some transfers between this road and the Southern Pacific.

At the office of the Northern Pacific Terminal company it was announced that there had been a decided improvement. Three more crews were on duty yesterday afternoon and movement of freight was being arranged. An early return to normal conditions appeared likely, it was reported.

The sole point where actual improvement was not reported was from the offices of Superintendent Vermilion.

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TOO MANY FOG HORNS ABOUT WOODS HOLE

WILSON CHANGES PLANS FOR SUMMER CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson will not establish the summer White House at Woods Hole, Mass., as had been expected.

Instead he probably will select some other place where more accommodations are available for the large staff of secretaries and attaches.

It became known today that the announcement that the president had selected the estate of Charles R. Crane, minister to China, for his summer home was premature. The president had accepted Mr. Crane's offer of a lease, but it had not been inspected by the secret service operatives and White House attaches.

When White House advance agents inspected the ground, it is said, they concluded that the Crane estate was not large enough, and that the accommodations in the village were insufficient for the force from the executive offices.

It also developed that the Crane mansion is close to a railroad track, that there are several automatic fog signals in Long Island sound close to shore and that the layout of the Crane grounds in relation to the public streets and sidewalks of Woods Hole were such that the secret service men advanced what they termed practical obstacles to their regular plans for guarding the president.

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GREETING GOES TO DEBS

Fellow Socialists Remember Federal Prison Inmate.

CHICAGO, April 12.—A message of love on the anniversary of your incarceration" was sent today to Eugene V. Debs, now in federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., by the national executive committee of the socialist party.

"Dear Gene, in the name of the millions whom you have touched with your love and inspired by your courage, the socialist party sends you fraternal greetings and this message of love on the anniversary of your incarceration."

"In your cell you are a beacon light to the suffering masses, and your words are winged messengers that are arousing the people from their slumber."

"The spirit of our movement is abroad in the land; the day of victory appears."

FRENCH PROMISE TO LEAVE RHAR

Troops to Get Out When Quiet Is Restored.

NOTE RESULTS IN HARMONY

Acceptance of British View Expected in London.

DETAILS NOT SETTLED

British Ask for Explanation of Plans of French and Policy Is Outlined Immediately.

PARIS, April 12.—The Earl of Derby, British ambassador to France, delivered to Premier Millerand at 1 o'clock this afternoon the British reply to the French premier's note of last evening. M. Millerand refused to discuss the contents of the note with the newspaper correspondents.

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Board Reports 28 Vessels Disposed of Within Past Week.

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During the week ending April 10 the board sold 28 vessels for \$21,751,965. Included were 11 former German merchant ships.

Nervy Briton Again Decorated.

TORONTO, Ont., April 12.—Lieutenant Colonel G. Harker has been awarded a second silver medal by the king of Italy for heroism in October, 1918, when he attacked 60 German airplanes single-handed and shot down six before he was downed. Colonel Harker, it is said, holds more decorations for bravery than any other living British airman.

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GUATEMALA REVOLTS AGAINST PRESIDENT

CABRERA FORCES BOMBARD CITY SINCE THURSDAY.

Many Non-Combatants Are Killed. American Marines Land to Protect Legation.

GUATEMALA CITY, April 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Many non-combatants have been killed in Guatemala City, which has been under shell fire of the forces of President Cabrera since Thursday night.

The city is undefended except by volunteers armed with rifles. On one day the bombardment was kept up from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M. Shells fell in various parts of the city and casualties are believed to have been heavy. Cabrera is strongly entrenched in La Palma, outside the city.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The long threatened revolution in Guatemala against President Estrada Cabrera finally has broken out. Reports today to the state department said the opponents of the president had gained control of Guatemala City after some street fighting.

A marine guard from the cruiser Tacoma and submarine tender Niagara has been landed to protect the American legation.

MEXICO CITY, April 12.—In Guatemala the revolutionists have formed a new government with Carlos Herrera as president.

Advices from Tapa Chula, state of Chiapas, said that Cabrera was a prisoner, and another that he was besieged in his home.

Great excitement prevails throughout the republic. Numerous Guatemaltecos began crossing from Mexico to participate in the revolution.

PROFIT TAX IS PROPOSED

Representative Johnson Has Plan to Provide Soldiers Bonus.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A bill to re-enact the law imposing a tax of 80 per cent on excess war profits was introduced today by Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, as a means of raising revenue for a soldier bonus. There also would be a levy on the privilege of issuing stock dividends.

The bill would be made applicable to profits of 1919, 1920 and 1921, and Mr. Johnson figured it would raise \$1,000,000,000.

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Cost-Plus Is Condemned.

No attempt was made to save public money, he said, adding: "To armpaying, your children and your children's children for generations to come will pay, and continue to pay for the cost-plus system. Let us hope that never again will such a reprehensible system be put into operation."

Representative Doremus said that the stress of war justified "abandoning peace-time methods of construction."

"Indeed," he declared, "if Secretary Baker had attempted to build the camps by the competitive system, he would have been guilty of the gross incompetence and merited removal from office."

After nine months' investigation, with access to all records, he said, the majority of the committee was "unwilling to make specific recommendations or a specific allegation of fraud against any person, firm or corporation."

Besides the secretary, the majority report held Colonel W. A. Starrett, an architect of New York, "primarily" responsible for adoption of the cost-plus contract, and it was intimated that he used his position on the Emergency Construction company to obtain contracts for the George A. Fuller company, of which his brother was president.

Charges Are Denied. The minority said this "charge rests wholly upon inferences," and pointed out that Starrett was not examined by the committee.

TRIAL OF WASTERS SUGHT IN HOUSE

Huge Profits Charged to Army Camp Builders.

RECOVERY SUITS DEMANDED

Democrats Delay Effort to Begin Actions in Court.

COST-PLUS IS CONDEMNED

Committee Charges Cantonnments Cost Government 40 Per Cent More Than They Should.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—After two public hearings had denounced and democrats had upheld the government system of building army camps during the war, the house prepared today for a fight tomorrow on two proposals to deal with persons alleged to have reaped rich profits from alleged extravagance and waste.

With the investigating committee's report attacking construction methods, the republican majority presented a resolution directing that evidence obtained during the nine month investigation be turned over to the attorney-general with the request that he institute criminal and civil proceedings. The democrats countered with a substitute resolution proposing to instruct the committee to name persons, firms and corporations "which should be investigated," before directing the attorney-general to proceed.

When the house quit tonight, debate was not ended. The principal speeches were made by Representative Doremus, democrat, Michigan, author of the minority statement, and Representative McCullough, republican, Ohio, signing the majority statement.

Representative McCullough declared the cry "we won the war" had been made to cover many sins, while Representative Doremus asserted that "if the supreme architect of the universe had built these camps the bleacher managers would have found fault with the job."

To the republican charge that the government was not ending the national army cantonnments through waste and was entitled to recover damages, the democratic member said if his computation was correct, he figured he had succeeded \$5,000,000 water out of "pretended claims to recovery."

Mr. McCullough said it was not within the province nor the duty of the committee to prosecute crime or indict criminals.

"The report of the majority contains facts and evidence," he declared, "and the record of the testimony taken in connection with the construction of Camp Sherman at Chillicothe, O., and Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill., contains evidence on which the department of justice should immediately predicate grand jury proceedings."

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