

RAIL LABOR BOARD DEAF TO STRIKERS

Only Plaint of Men at Work to Be Heard.

"REBELS" TO TRY AGAIN

Written Demand for "Living Wage" to Be Made.

NEW BODY ORGANIZES

Rules of Procedure Are Adopted and Formal Hearings of Pay Controversy Start Today.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Under-terred by refusal of the railroad labor board to hear them today, representatives of the railroad strikers announced they would present written complaints, together with demands for a "living wage" to the board, which tomorrow will begin formal hearings on the big wage controversy.

The board flatly declined to "re-ceive uncertain or consider" complaints from strikers, declaring it would only hear those who were adopting every reasonable means of avoiding interruption of railroad service.

The board's statement follows:

Hearing Is Denied Strikers.

"It is decided and ordered by the board as one of the rules governing its procedure that, as the law under which this board was created and organized makes it the duty of both carriers and their employees and subordinate officials having differences and disputes to have and hold conferences between representatives of the different parties and interests, to consider and possibly to decide such disputes in conference, and where such dispute is not decided in such conference to refer it to this board to hear and decide, and it is further contemplated and provided by the law that pending such conference, reference to and hearing by this board it shall be the duty of all carriers, their officers, employees and agents to exert every reasonable effort and adopt every available means to avoid any interruption to the operation of any carrier growing out of any such dispute—therefore this board will not receive, entertain or consider any application or complaint from or by any party, parties, or their representatives, who have not complied with the provisions of the law or who are not exerting every reasonable effort and adopting every available means to avoid any interruption to the operation of any carrier growing out of any dispute between the carrier and employees."

The board will proceed with the wage dispute involving claims of nearly 2,000,000 men, which failed of adjustment when the bi-partisan board ceased to function April 1. Heads of the four brotherhoods and the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, all of whom were present today, will attend.

Strikers Return Expected.

Timothy Shea, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen, said tonight that speedy settlement of the wage dispute would have the effect of sending all strikers back to work.

Delegations claiming to represent railroad men in various cities who "have quit work" and are in the office of the board today demanding assurance of a substantial guarantee of increased wages, which, they said, would send strikers back to work. They composed an "unorganized association," they said, known as the "Portland Army."

Rules Adopted by Board.

After adopting rules of procedure for hearing disputes, the board admitted several delegations.

Immediate protest was entered by W. N. Deak, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who contended that the officers of the 18 railroad organizations present represented the men unless they had quit their jobs, in which case they were no longer employees of the railroads or members of the organizations.

General dissatisfaction with the board's action was expressed by railroad workers.

10,000 BOOKS 'BORROWED'

Seattle Decides to Keep Closer Eye on Library Patrons.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—(Special)—Last year some 10,000 books were "borrowed" from the Seattle Public Library and not returned. Hence it has become necessary to "police" the library.

The "police" are the library attendants, who now "do police" in terms, watching the thousands who come in and out of the building and occasionally finding a home library collector. Hundreds have been stopped within the past month. No arrest has yet been made, the "police" for the present accepting the alibis when accompanied by the return of a book to its shelf.

HUNTER DIES AS GUN IS FIRED BY FALL

WALTER WEBER, EX-SOLDIER, IS KILLED NEAR BEND.

Body of Millwright Discovered by Lad Returning From School, Tripping Fatal.

BEND, Or., April 19.—(Special)—Walter Weber, ex-soldier and millwright in the Brooks-Scanlon mill of this city, was killed shortly after noon today, two miles from Bend, while rabbit hunting, when the 22-caliber automatic rifle he was carrying was discharged as he tripped while going through a barbed wire fence. The bullet passed through his head.

The body was found at 4 o'clock this afternoon by 17-year-old Floyd Creson, as the boy was returning from school. Frightened, the boy ran to his parents, who notified the authorities. An inquest was not deemed necessary, as the position of the body, the flight of the bullet caught on bottom strand of wire, plainly showed death to have been accidental.

A brother, F. W. Weber, is principal of the Lapine school, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Weber, reside in Graham. Percy A. Stephens, post of the American Legion will direct the funeral services.

\$10,000 BALM IS SOUGHT

Woman of Walla Walla Files Suit Against Umalla Farmer.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 19.—(Special)—Mrs. Alice Walker today filed suit against Frank A. Wallace for \$10,000 heart balm, alleging that Wallace has "refused repeatedly" to marry her. She said Wallace is "a prosperous farmer of Umalla county, Oregon, reputed to be worth \$75,000."

Walker also charged Wallace had proposed for "one male dog, one cow and calf, one saddle, 12 chickens, one church, 100 acres of summer fallow plowing, all to the value of \$1154," with interest from January 21, 1919, to date. She charged that Wallace had proposed repeatedly and had offered to furnish her with a good home and to educate her children. Wallace in his answer denied the charges and said he had paid all except \$67 of his indebtedness for the articles listed.

TAX SUPPORT EXPECTED

School Levy Measure Meets Favor With Coast Voters.

SALMON, Or., April 18.—(Special)—The voters of Coos and Curry counties are much interested in the campaign for better schools and will support both the measure providing for the 2-mill tax for the elementary schools and the higher educational bill at the special election on May 21, according to L. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, who returned here today from the coast.

Mr. Churchill spoke before the teachers of Curry county and also conferred with the taxpayers of the Langlois and Port Orford districts with regard to the consolidation of their schools. The proposed consolidation, Mr. Churchill says, is necessary because of the lack of competent teachers.

CABINET TO MEET TODAY

Session Likely to Be Devoted to Routine Problems.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Wilson today called his cabinet to meet with him tomorrow for the second time since he was taken ill last September. It was said that the meeting, which that held last week to consider the railroad strike, would be devoted to routine problems.

It was considered likely, however, that issues growing out of the strike would come in for some discussion, along with foreign and domestic questions.

PORTLAND GIRL, 15, WINS

Margaret McAllister Leads Portland in Army Contest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 19.—Margaret McAllister, 15 years old, 865 Skidmore street, Portland, submitted one of the 56 best essays in the "come-which-essay contest," conducted by the war department on the subject, "What Are the Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army?"

The Portland girl's essay was selected as the best presented from the Portland army recruiting district.

SUN WORSHIPER IS FREED

Charge of Misleading Child Is Declared Not Proved.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 19.—Ottoman Zor Akbar Hanish, head of the Maudsland cult of sun worshipers, was acquitted today on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a child, by a jury in the Los Angeles superior court.

The verdict was directed by Judge F. W. Houser on the ground of "insufficient evidence."

GASOLINE EXCISE UPSET

State Declared Without Power to Tax in Original Container.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The supreme court today held unconstitutional the New Mexico state act of 1919, levying an excise tax upon the sale and use of gasoline.

The decision affects only gasoline still in the original containers in which it was shipped into the state.

COST OF CONTROL IS \$1,129,000,000

Federal Loans to 'res Considered as' ss.

HINES' ESTIMATE KNIFE

Donations to Prevent Bankruptcies Not to Return.

LOSS NOW \$904,000,000

Committee Figures on Shrinkage in Bond Values and Guarantees Given to Weak Lines.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Total loss to the government growing out of federal control of the railroads was estimated today by the house appropriations committee at more than \$1,129,000,000. This includes the \$225,000,000 estimated as guarantees to the roads under the terms of the transportation act.

The actual loss during the 26 months of active government control, was placed at \$904,000,000. The committee pointed out that the government had lost \$882,000,000 to the railroads and said that since much of this went to weaker lines to prevent receivership during federal operation, all of this sum probably would not be recovered.

Knife Cuts Off Millions.

The committee was reporting on the emergency deficiency appropriation measure, in which \$300,000,000 was included for the railroad administration. Director-General Hines has asked for \$420,000,000 to wind up the administration's affairs, but the committee cut the total \$200,000,000 and recommended that the treasury be instructed to purchase \$50,000,000 worth of liberty bonds held by the railroad administration, thus making available that additional amount for winding up the administration's affairs.

The committee explained that it had made the reduction because the transportation act provided \$20,000,000 for settling claims against the government growing out of federal control.

Losses Also Counted.

Discussing the cost of federal operation of the roads, the committee, in its report, said:

"Clearly it was not the purpose of the director-general of the railroads to give the impression that \$94,000,000 would cover total losses sustained by the government during federal control, nor should it be inferred that \$225,000,000 shown as the additional loss the government will suffer because of federal control, is the only loss which the government will sustain."

"Aside from the question of the claims of under-maintenance made by

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WEST'S AIR PATROL CLAUSE REINSERTED

AMENDMENT IS ACCEPTED BY SENATE COMMITTEE HEAD.

Move Is Regarded as Insuring Adequate Protection for Forests in Northwest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 19.—A complete air patrol of all the forest areas of the northwest and Pacific coast states is made possible by an amendment to the army reorganization bill offered by Senator Nugent of Idaho and accepted by Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, today.

The amendment authorizes the secretary of war, upon the request of the secretary of agriculture, to detail the necessary officers and enlisted men from the permanent or reserve personnel of the air corps to carry on the patrol. The acceptance of the amendment by Chairman Wadsworth appears to mean its adoption and bodes well for the establishment of the patrol with headquarters at Mather field, Sacramento, Cal., also three main bases at Sacramento, Camp Lewis, Wash., and Missoula, Mont., and sub-bases at Medford, Eugene and La Grande, Or.; Spokane, Wash., and Boise, Idaho.

Under the patrol project as drawn by Colonel Arnold of San Francisco, the five squadrons would be manned by 32 officers and 132 enlisted men.

POTATO DEMAND LESSENS

At Same Time Prices, Wholesale and Retail, Remain Unchanged.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—(Special)—Whether the boycott did it is a debatable question, but it is a fact that potatoes are a slower seller on the Seattle market. However, prices, wholesale and retail, remain unchanged.

Commission men on Western avenue and corner groceries alike say there is a decreased demand for the crop while the humble apud.

Local commission houses were quoting potatoes today at \$175 to \$185 a ton—about the same as last week. Retail prices ranged from 10 cents a pound to 12½ cents in the better grocery stores.

MARS SIGNAL MAY WAIT

Failure of Government Sanction to Arrive May Delay Ascension.

OMAHA, April 19.—Failure of government sanction to arrive from Washington probably will delay the proposed Tode-Stevens balloon expedition to signal Mars. It was stated at Fort Omaha today.

The flight was to have been made next Friday.

NEW SPUD SALE RECORD

8½ Cents Paid for Texas Potatoes Still in Ground.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 19.—Thirty-five thousand bushels of new potatoes still in the ground were sold here today for 8½ cents a pound f. o. b. Brownsville.

It was said to be a record price to growers in the lower Rio Grande valley.

HOUSE TO RECEIVE BONUS BILL MAY 1

REPUBLICAN LEADERS DISCUSS TAX ON GROSS SALES.

Proposal Is Made to Start Pay-ments January 1 and Send Them Quarterly.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Republican house leaders today tentatively agreed to present a soldier relief measure to the house about May 1.

Besides carrying cash compensation, the bill will include alternative offers of priority in land settlement, home-building and extension of vocational training. Two plans for adjusted cash compensation have been submitted by a sub-committee of the house ways and means committee, one granting \$1 for each day's service and the other authorizing payment of \$1.25 a day, with no payments for the first two months of service. Under the latter plan, members said, those exempted because their service was less than 60 days and those serving would be treated impartially.

It is proposed to begin cash payments January 1, 1921, continuing quarterly. A tax on gross sales, members said, probably will be the plan adopted by the committee to raise revenues. Democrats, however, oppose this, desiring to present some legislation imposing further taxes on excess war profits.

The sub-committee considering the most adaptable method of raising revenues to pay compensation has not decided on any definite plan. Two alternatives are before the committee, the first a tax on the sale from retailers to consumers and the other a tax on all "turn overs" that is, a tax on each resale from the producer to the consumer.

DIVIDEND IS 40 PER CENT

Sears, Roebuck Stock Rises From \$20 to Start at \$236 Share.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Directors of Sears, Roebuck & Co., a mail order house, voted a 10 per cent dividend to be paid July 15 to stockholders of record June 15.

The company's outstanding common stock totals \$75,000,000. The new issue of \$20,000,000 will have a value in excess of \$60,000,000, as the stock is quoted at \$236 a share.

Sears, Roebuck stock sold at low as \$20 a share in 1907, when \$30,000,000 was paid in stock dividends. The dividends paid the stock now has an aggregate market value of \$690.

ROBBERS KILL DEPUTY

Posse Slays One Desperado and Wounds Second in Pursuit.

DEER LODGE, Mont., April 19.—Deputy Sheriff George Warberton was fatally shot in a battle with three "hoboes," who were attempting to rob a ranch home near Elliott, according to word reaching this city early this evening. Deputy Warberton left a trail of bullets and was wounded and captured one of the robbers, captured another and is in pursuit of the third.

INDUSTRIES RAP DENIM CAMPAIGN

Effects Indicated by Attack on Move.

ALL NEW YORK DONS 'TOGS'

Mayor and Judge in Near-by Cities Join in Drive.

BIG PARADE IS PLANNED

Special Denim Suits Being Prepared for Elephants—Many Clubs Sign to March.

NEW YORK, April 19.—(Special)—The old clothes and overalls movement passed into the everyday life of this and near-by cities today with the appearance of a mayor, a judge, school teachers, business heads and their employees and some women in khaki or blue denim as a protest against the high cost of conventional wearing apparel.

An indication of the effect of the movement was shown when the associated industries issued a statement from its headquarters calling it an "absurd attempt to solve an economic problem."

Here and there along Broadway and Fifth avenue today a white collar gleamed above a blue denim coat, and the passers-by greeted with smiles of approval. Columbia university and several smaller institutions joined the movement and the students pledged to refrain from buying ordinary clothes until prices come down.

Economy Parade Planned.

The Cheese club, composed of writers, theatrical men and others, who started the movement in this city, announced that plans for the "Economy parade" were about completed and that thousands clad in overalls, khaki, old clothes or gingham dresses would march the avenue at 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon.

A committee has been appointed to invite Mayor Hylan to lead the parade clad in the overalls—if he still has them—that he wore when he operated a train with the other. Late reports from this committee were that the interview had not been obtained.

Police Commissioner Enright has asked the parade committee to make formal application to him for a platoon of overalls policemen to lead the procession and has led the committee to understand that he looks with favor upon the movement.

Elephants to Wear Denim.

Among the organizations which have signed up to march are: The Cheese club, Dewitt Clinton high school, Jamaica high school, the City of the College of the City of New York, Overalls and Old Clothes club, Holy Cross Lyceum, Treasurers' club of America, Bronx Business Men's association, National Vaudeville artists, with a membership of 20,000; a club of 1500 being formed the army club in South Brooklyn, the chorus of every musical show in the city, a delegation of protesters from nearby towns and the Hippodrome elephants, which special overalls are now being made.

Walter Kingsley, chairman of the parade committee, said today that 11 o'clock had been selected for several reasons, among them the fact that the garment workers in the left district will be coming away from their places of business about the time the parade passes and it is the desire of the marchers to carry the fight into the enemy's country.

Committee to Visit Gompers.

A committee will soon wait on Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Kingsley said, to obtain his approval of the movement. Mr. Gompers, he supposed it on the ground that it might force up the price of blue denim to the laborers who wear it regularly. Mr. Gompers and John D. Rockefeller let the Cheese club know indirectly today that they wanted it to show its strength before it stepped out in support of the movement.

The mayor and judge who appeared in cheap clothes today were Mayor John Pollock, Lewis N. J. and Judge Bert J. Humphreys of Queens county court, Long Island City. Mayor Pollock wore the regulation blue denim and called a meeting of the city trustees for next Monday for the purpose of voting on the question of city officials and employees wearing either old clothes or overalls for not less than three months, during which time they are not to buy any clothes of other kinds.

CLOTHING PRICES UP 64 PER CENT IN YEAR

FOOD STAPLES DECLINE ONLY 6.10 PER CENT.

Clothing Shows Slight Drop From Prices of February, While Lumber Prices Go Higher.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—March clothing prices increased 64 per cent over those a year ago, while prices of 22 articles of food remained virtually unchanged, the department of labor bureau of labor statistics reported today. Figures made public show "the cost of the 22 articles was only 6.10 of 1 per cent below the cost in January, when prices reached a high-water mark."

Wholesale prices of commodities other than food, the statistics showed, were higher in March. Lumber and building materials increased more than 8 per cent over February. Clothing showed a small net decrease from the month before.

SLAYER'S WIFE CAREFREE

Piano Playing Greets Policemen Arresting Mrs. Woodcock.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—SOUNDS of piano playing greeted policemen sent to arrest Mrs. Alice Harris Woodcock on the night that her husband, Edward Woodcock, shot and mortally wounded Edward Kelly, newspaper employe, on her account, police testified here today in Mrs. Woodcock's trial on a charge of perjury growing out of her husband's trial for murder. The prosecution closed late today.

The officers testified that the piano playing stopped when they rang the bell and Mrs. Woodcock admitted them. They said she told them in making a statement on the shooting that she believed there was a "psychology" between men and women and that she was sure she was "good looking," and these facts may have been relevant in the shooting affray.

Mrs. Woodcock had been molested for two years by men who accosted her on the streets, the officers testified she told them, but she had failed to notify the police department.

JOHNSON MAN IN TROUBLE

Editor Arrested for Scattering Campaign Leaflets by Airplane.

MODESTO, Cal., April 19.—Campaign literature for Senator Hiram W. Johnson, candidate for the presidential nomination, was distributed from an airplane that skirted over eight towns of Stanislaus county today.

Mrs. Johnson, managing editor of the Modesto Morning Herald, was arrested after the flight on a complaint charging him with violation of an ordinance of the city of Modesto which prohibits distribution of circulars on the streets.

ROOSEVELT BILL PASSES

Memorial Association Authorized.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A bill authorizing incorporation of the Roosevelt Memorial association to perpetuate the memory of Theodore Roosevelt was passed today by the senate.

Erection of a monument here and creation of a park at Oyster Bay is provided.

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HANDS OFF ERIN, SAYS AMBASSADOR

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DIPLOMAT REACHES GOTHAM

World Asked 'Not to Meddle With Irish Affairs.'

NATIONS CLOSE TOGETHER

Appointment to Post at Washington Contained Highest of Honors, Peace Basis Indicated.

NEW YORK, April 19.—With the declaration that in this generation there is no quarrel between England and Ireland, Sir Auckland Geddes, new British ambassador to the United States, asserted on his arrival today that the Irish in Ireland should be allowed to grapple with their own political difficulties without outside interference.

Asserting that it takes two to make a quarrel with Ireland, and that the present generation of Englishmen have refused to quarrel with Ireland, he said that when the new home-rule bill becomes operative it "will be the duty of all British subjects not domiciled in Ireland to stand aside and leave the Irish to live there to solve their problems."

"I venture to add," he continued, "that it will also be helpful if the many in all parts of the world who are not British subjects but are interested in Ireland, stand aside and leave the Irish to grapple with their own political difficulties."

Nations Close Together.

Sir Auckland also referred to the Russian situation, stating that not until Russia returns to the circle of producing and trading nations will economic conditions improve and the cost of living be placed on a normal footing. He added that the United States and Great Britain were in cordial consultation on the question of reopening trade with that country. Accompanied by Lady Geddes, Sir Auckland left for Washington.

Sir Auckland, accompanied by Lady Geddes, J. J. Broderick, commercial counselor of the embassy, and Captain C. J. Henry, A. P. Graves and W. E. Dawkins, embassy attaches, were met at quarantine by Ronald Lindsay, charge d'affaires of the British embassy, and Consul-General of New York. They were taken from their steamer, the Kaiser August Victoria, by a coast guard cutter and landed at the Battery. Sir Auckland was last here in 1914, and Lady Geddes was born in New York in 1916. The new ambassador's resemblance to President Wilson was commented on.

Peace Basis Indicated.

His prepared statement, given out on arrival, said:

"On arrival I wish to say that I look on my appointment as British ambassador to Washington with the highest honor and privilege which could possibly have been granted me. I believe that the main hope of the world peace rests on the existence of mutual respect and understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and the British community of nations. It is my ambition to help to develop such respect and understanding."

"I do not suggest that such things were complete understanding of the difficulties of the one nation by the other there would be similar country, complete agreement in detail with the method of solution, and they may have received the support of the majority in the other, but at least we should have got rid of suspicion breeding misconceptions."

Caution Always Necessary.

"For generations England has given assistance to Ireland, and in the process has become unpopular and discredited and the unhappy, the oppressed and the down-trodden. We have listened to harrowing tales of great wrongs and we have been moved to action time and time again. We have learned how difficult it is to right a small wrong or even a great and bitter wrong without creating a new, a greater and a still more bitter sense of wrong elsewhere. We have learned that to keep peace for that quarter of the human race which owes allegiance to the British crown imposes a heavy strain upon the material and moral resources of our peoples."

"To avoid worse evils than those we seek to remedy, it is often necessary to move with slowness, always with caution; but one thing I can say positively and without fear of informed contradiction, the inspiration of British policy during the period I have known it has been if I am able to bring order out of chaos; to extend the border lines of freedom; to improve the lot of the oppressed and to increase the material prosperity of the world."

Britain Shoulders Burden.

"We are trying now, as always, to meet the legitimate aspirations of the dependent peoples; such as those in India and in Egypt, so far as in our judgment is possible without working mischief where we seek to do good."

"Similarly in Ireland, we are trying to provide political machinery whereby antagonized sections of the Irish

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