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WILSON'S OREGON CALL ROILS PARTY

Hot Battle Wages About Peace Resolution.

CHAMBERLAIN IS EULOGIZED

Democratic Senators Clamor to Get on "Dishonor Roll."

BUCK PASSED ON DELAY

Death of Democratic Party Predicted if Convention Pledges Unconditional Ratification.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Wilson's recent call to his party to stand "four square" on the treaty issue in the campaign played a prominent part today in the senate battle over the republican peace resolution. Criticism and defense of the president was voiced, Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, being among those who assailed Mr. Wilson's position, declaring it meant "dissolution" of the democratic party.

The Colorado senator was opposing the peace resolution, but he took occasion to express resentment against the imputation, which he declared the president placed upon Senators who had voted for treaty reservations, that their action involved "dishonor."

Defending the president, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the administration spokesman, declared the president had simply declared his devotion to the league of nations and denounced the Lodge reservations.

Republicans Charged With Delay.

Senator Hitchcock charged that the republicans, in their "outrageous delay" on the treaty, and not the president, had delayed the resolution. Mr. Hitchcock declared, would not bring peace but was futile in the certainty of an executive veto. It is a republican expedient, he said, adopted by "distracted" leaders, and an unconstitutional attempt to effect peace regardless of the treaty, involving "dishonor" to America.

Debate was continued by Senators Hitchcock and Thomas. Tomorrow addresses are planned by Senators Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, and Pomeroy, democrat, Ohio.

Negotiations took today between republican and democratic leaders for a final vote tomorrow on the resolution. No agreement could be reached, but with the few speeches in prospect, leaders thought the matter would be disposed of not later than Friday. Senator Hitchcock argued that the president's delineation of his 14 points entailed a "pledge" to support the league of nations plan. Senator Thomas denied that any such obligation was binding and counter charged that "pledges" made in the armistice had been violated by the president and the allies. He opposed the peace resolution, he said, because it transgressed executive authority.

Stand May Ruin Democrats.

"If the democratic party pledges itself at San Francisco to the unconditional ratification of the treaty of Versailles, it will do so because it doesn't want to live any longer and takes that means making its dissolution known," Senator Thomas said.

Referring to the construction placed on the president's telegram, he continued:

"I resent with all the earnestness in my power the imputation and I decline to act in obedience to any command that is not in harmony with my conscience and my conception of my duty. And I am prepared to take any consequence which the power of the executive or the people may choose to invoke."

"I want, every time I look in the mirror, to see a face that I am ashamed of, and no question of expediency or partisanship can influence my conduct in dealing with this great document (the treaty)."

"I protest against this mighty question being made a question of party politics."

"No man can take a rope and put it around the neck of my party and drag it unprotestingly to the fate of utter dissolution."

Chamberlain Given Praise.

Senator Thomas also declared that the president's telegram had been viewed as a movement to defeat Senator Chamberlain, democrat, Oregon, for renomination, and he and Senator Tomoka, republican, Washington, joined in praise of Senator Chamberlain's efforts in the war. Senator Pheasant, democrat, California, said the president's secretary had disclaimed such an intent.

President Wilson's recent stand on the treaty as outlined in his letter to Oregon democrats was brought into the debate by Senator Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, who asked Senator Hitchcock for his views on the letter.

"The president in his letter..." Senator Hitchcock replied, "emphasized the fact that he would never consent to the Lodge reservations. I would never consent to them myself. They were matched by this side. I offered compromise reservations, one drawn by a former republican president..."

STATE GASOLINE PLAN MUST WAIT FOR O. K.

RELIEF PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO OIL OFFICIALS.

Several days to elapse before fate of scheme will be known. Allocation continues.

The text of the governor's statement was forwarded yesterday to San Francisco.

Word was received yesterday that the next tank steamer of the Standard Oil company would leave Richmond, Cal., on May 17 and would arrive in Portland about May 21 or 22. This steamer will carry about 500,000 gallons of gasoline for Oregon, although if the company agrees to ship and use gasoline below the seawall test in this state, it is probable that more than one million gallons of gasoline will be allocated to Portland from this steamer.

The allocation to pleasure automobiles will be continued until sufficient gasoline is on hand to supply passenger automobiles.

The industrial needs, as well as the needs of the military, are being considered by the governor's committee.

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AERIAL OFFICIAL KILLED

Machine Blown Into Tree While on Trip of Inspection.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., May 12.—William J. McClintock, superintendent of the Chicago-Omaha aerial mail division, was killed this afternoon when an airplane, which he was riding was blown into a tree four miles south of here. H. W. Johnson, Fremont, Ohio, pilot, was injured.

The airplane left Omaha at 11:30 this morning to go to Iowa City, Ia. It was on an inspection trip over the proposed air mail route between Chicago and Omaha. When the wind blew it into the tree Superintendent McClintock was caught beneath the gas tank and his skull fractured.

Pilot Johnson said heavy winds had interfered all the way and blown them off the course. He was attempting to land in a field when blown into the tree.

DARING HOLDUP STAGED

Two Young Men Force Restaurant Owner to Hand Over \$126.

A daring holdup took place at 9 o'clock last night when two young men entered the Little Gem restaurant, 81 Russell street, and forced the proprietor of the cafe, H. L. Kilne, to hand over the contents of the cash register, which amounted to \$126. The young men wore no masks and used small, nickel plated revolvers.

They first entered the restaurant and ate, telling the proprietor to hurry. When they had finished their meal they ordered the owner of the cafe and another diner to throw up their hands. The proprietor gave them the money in the cash register. Motorcycle Officers Forkin, Simpson and Abbott were called to the restaurant but arrived too late to find any trace of the fugitives.

GOLD FLOW IS SWELLED

British Send \$4,662,000 in 10 Days, 90 Per Cent of Imports.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Imports of gold from England continued to increase during the ten days ending April 20, and, according to figures of the federal reserve board made public tonight, amounted to nearly 90 per cent of the gold imports in that time. Shipments of English gold to the United States were \$1,662,000, an increase of \$1,655,000 over the previous ten days.

Since January 1 the flow of English gold to the United States aggregated \$7,723,000, which is only \$2,500,000 less than all imports from Europe in the same period.

Imports of gold from all countries for the ten days were \$5,229,000.

LOOT IS MILLION FRANCS

Black Sea Pirates Speak Three Tongues, Say Sailors.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Loot amounting to more than 1,000,000 francs in cash and jewels was taken from the passengers of the steamer Souhrab by pirates on May 6, when they overcame officers and crew and made a thorough search of the vessel.

Sailors interviewed declared the thieves spoke Greek, Russian and Turkish. Less than a year ago the Russian volunteer fleet ship Constantin was robbed by pirates in a similar manner.

MILL AND HOUSES BURN

Loss \$20,000 in Vencer Plant Fire at Raymond, Wash.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 12.—(Special).—The Weston Vencer & Co. company's entire plant and two dwellings were entirely destroyed by fire which broke out in the basket factory's yard during the noon hour today.

Debris around the vincer company's plant burned like tinder and when the fire department reached the scene of the conflagration, which is situated on the outskirts of the city, the entire plant and two houses were in flames. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

THOMAS PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC EXILE

President's Letter Is Likened to Cleveland's.

DEFEAT SEEN IN ATTITUDE

Party Bolt to Knox Resolution Hinted in Senate.

LEADERS MORE ANGRY

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FOUR CITIES SHOW GAINS

Jackson, Mich., Increase 16,941, or 53.9 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Census figures announced today were: Jackson, Mich., 45,374; increase, 16,941 or 53.9 per cent.

Hornell, N. Y., 15,025; increase, 1408 or 10.3 per cent.

Jackson, Tenn., 18,880; increase 3981 or 19.5 per cent.

Sarus, Mass., 10,874; increase 2827 or 35.1 per cent.

NEBRASKA TOWN FLOODED

Twenty Families Reported Routed From Their Homes.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 12.—Heavy rains in Nebraska last night and today resulted in a flood that drove 20 families from their homes at Homer, Neb., and washed out railroad tracks in some sections.

Lightning caused the death of William Maughn, aged 18, on a farm near Lincoln.

RAILROADERS QUIT TODAY

Engineers and Firemen of Three Lines to Strike.

PITTSBURGH, May 12.—Passenger and freight engineers and firemen of the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio and the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroads, in session here, tonight voted to go on strike at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The vote for the walkout was almost unanimous.

COST OF PRODUCING SUGAR TO BE PROBED

INQUIRY PLANNED TO REMEDY SITUATION IN OREGON.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Lusk Goes to California in Attempt to Get at Source of Trouble.

Complete investigation of the sugar situation as it affects the entire state of Oregon will be made by Hall S. Lusk, chief assistant to United States Attorney Humphreys, who left last night for San Francisco. Mr. Lusk will be in California for at least a week.

Under telegraphic instructions received by the United States attorney Tuesday, the present 2-cent margin of profit, now allowed to retailers of sugar cannot be advanced. This order came just as Mr. Lusk was beginning an investigation to determine the actual cost of retailing sugar. Grocers maintain they are unable to break even under the present 2-cent margin.

Inasmuch as practically the entire sugar supply of this state comes from the California refineries, Mr. Lusk is determined to inquire into the manufacturing costs at the point of production in an effort to determine for certain whether or not the present price exacted from wholesalers in this state is very and reasonable and not contrary to the provisions of the Lever food-control act.

If he finds that Oregon wholesalers are being compelled to pay an excessive amount, it is believed he will ask that steps be taken to remedy this condition of affairs.

U. S. TO BUY SILVER SOON

Purchases, Practically Suspended by War, to Be Resumed.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Purchase of silver in the open market, practically suspended during the war, will be resumed soon by the treasury. Officials said today that they believed the metal could be bought for \$1 an ounce, the maximum which the treasury can pay under the Pittman law.

Early purchases by the government, however, will be small, in order that the market quotations may not again be forced upward.

MONKS GO ON STRIKE

Young Radicals Revolt and Demand Freedom From Vows.

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GENEVA, May 12.—(Special Cable).—The latest thing in strikes, is that of the monks of the Capuchin monastery near Pitome. A group of young monks broke into open revolt against the superior and persisted in their mutiny despite all threats to apply the penalties prescribed by the monastic rules.

"We feel somewhat chastened to learn of this, but at the same time we were certain that you were not acquainted with the antecedents of the blossoms. I would like to have you know that we gathered for your pleasure the choicest specimens from the gardens of the Rue de la Ville-Neuve—Portland, Oregon."

"That you may know more of the Portland rose and the great part of the Port of Portland in taking in the shipping of the Pacific, I beg to invite you to include a visit to Portland in your present itinerary upon the Pacific coast."

"Portland is the port that built ships for the government, moved speedily than any other during the war and is now making a like record in the dispatch of cargoes."

"May I hope to welcome yourself and party to Portland?"

"At a meeting held by representatives..."

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CHILDREN PLAY ABOUT BONFIRE AT LOGGING CAMP.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 12.—(Special).—Lucia May White, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. White, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon while playing around a bonfire at camp 2 of the Simpson Logging Company. She was hurried to a hospital at Montesano, but died there early this morning. The little girl was playing around the fire with her brothers and sisters when her dress caught fire and she was immediately enveloped in flames.

FARMERS TO DEMAND PLACE ON PLATFORM

SUPPORT TO BE PLEDGED TO PARTY GIVING RECOGNITION.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Recognition for farmers will be asked of the platform makers of each of the two great political parties at their June conventions by representatives of farm organizations of the country. This action was decided on today at the closing session of the national board of farm organizations meeting.

According to Charles A. Lyman, national secretary of the board, it was the general opinion of the delegates that the food producers of the country never had received the attention of either the republican or the democratic party to which they were entitled. It was their purpose, he said, to send representatives to the Chicago and San Francisco conventions with demands that they be recognized in the formation of party platforms and to throw the weight of their support at the November election to that party which gave the greatest consideration to the farmer in the party declaration of principles.

The main points which the farmers will insist on were outlined by R. D. Cooper of Little Falls, N. Y. They follow:

1. Right of collective bargaining by agricultural interests, set forth in the pending Capper-Herrman bill.

2. Conservation of forests with a view to keeping down the cost to consumers of print paper and lumber.

3. Payment of the war debt through direct taxation on "those best able to pay," meaning corporations and persons acquiring great wealth during the war.

4. Reduction of the high cost of living through elimination of the middleman and provision for more direct dealing with the consumer.

5. Appointment of a secretary of agriculture who knows practical farm conditions.

6. Legislation prohibiting corporations and individuals acquiring great tracts of land as a means of reducing farm tenancy.

7. Equal rights to corporations and others in transportation facilities.

8. Federal control of the packing industry.

9. Arrangements for more elastic credit for farmers.

10. Opposition to universal military training, if such is to be made a plank of party platforms.

MAYOR IS STRONG FOR AMERICANISM

Portland Executive Talks of San Francisco.

FLAG EVERYWHERE HIS IDEA

Absence of Old Glory at Convention Noted.

TRADE DELEGATES GATHER

Meeting in California Metropolis Promises to Be Important One. Cooperation is Assured.

BY FRANK IRA WHITE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The Americanism of Mayor Baker of Portland was the talk of San Francisco tonight, as well as of delegates to the foreign trade convention. At the opening session of the convention today he called attention to the absence of an American flag and asked that before the next session convened the speaker's table bear the national banner.

Chairman Farrell referred the matter of display to the San Francisco committee on arrangements and there were two flags in evidence for the afternoon meeting. Coupled with references by speakers to putting the American flag on the sea, the incident of putting it in the convention hall of the national organization became an outstanding incident of the day.

Another incident that was not on the program involved a bouquet of choice blossoms from Portland that had been placed upon the speaker's stand by Otto W. Mielke, director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and chairman of its publicity committee.

According to report the flowers were ordered removed by President Farrell when the convention was called to order, but it was afterward explained that the chairman did not know that the roses had been sent as a courtesy from a Pacific port city to the chairman of the convention. The flowers were given a place of honor at the front of the rostrum for the later sessions, and Mayor Baker addressed an invitation to President Farrell to visit Portland on his homeward trip, as follows:

"Delegates from Portland to the national trade convention today commented on the report that you had ordered the flowers removed from the speaker's table at the auditorium."

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PRESIDENT RECEIVES BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

MR. WILSON AND MINISTER EXPRESS MUTUAL REGARD.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Wilson today formally received Count de Marchienne, the first ambassador from Belgium, and Jacobo Varela, the new minister from Uruguay, acceptance of whose credentials was delayed by Mr. Wilson's illness. Other diplomatic representatives who have been awaiting opportunity to present their letters will be received in the order of their arrival.

Ambassador de Marchienne said to the president that as minister from Belgium he had learned to appreciate "the sterling qualities of the American people, their noble spirit and the inexhaustible power of their sympathies."

"The world has been struck with admiration," Ambassador de Marchienne said, "at the magnitude of America's effort in the war that has now come to a victorious end; nowhere more than in Belgium is this fact acknowledged."

In reply, the president said that the United States had given "partial expression" to its admiration for the Belgian people, by raising the post at Brussels to an embassy, and added:

"The impression which your sovereign made upon the American people when we were so fortunate as to have them as our guests was universally manifest and proved that the bonds of an historic friendship had been strengthened by the vicissitudes of war."

Dr. Varela said his countrymen had watched with admiration "the epic of the 2,000,000 American soldiers who crossed the ocean to assume the battles of Europe the victorious defense of man's freedom and rights."

As peace negotiators of his government, the minister said, he had watched the president's "glorious action in Paris crowned by the voting of the league of nations, which is now the foundation of an honor to the treaty of Versailles."

President Wilson thanked the minister for "kind allusions" to his work in Paris.

RODGERS GIVES UP SEATTLE SHIPYARD

Fleet Corporation Is in Charge of Plant.

'CERTAIN INTERESTS' BLAMED

Builder Says Efforts to Aid Industry Fail.

OFFICIALS HOLD TONGUES

Letter Calling Retiring President "Obstacle" Quoted in Published Statement.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—David Rodgers, president and founder of the David Rodgers Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle, abandoned possession of the former Skinner & Eddy yard No. 2 on today, withdrawing all his organization from the plant. A moment after the shipbuilder passed through the gates Howard Cosgrove, Seattle district attorney, for the emergency fleet corporation, entered the yard with a force of watchmen. This, it is announced, ended the deal which Mr. Rodgers arranged with the shipping board for the purchase of the yard by his corporation.

Mr. Cosgrove refused to comment on today's developments, but it is understood that the fleet corporation did not "accept" the yard back from Mr. Rodgers, but that the latter "abandoned" it and in self-protection the fleet corporation then marched its men into the property. No explanation could be obtained here for the technical distinction, but lawyers say it would indicate the fleet corporation refused to recognize the Rodgers deal canceled.

Rodgers Issues Statement.

In explanation of his present position Mr. Rodgers today published an advertisement in Seattle newspapers in which he said:

"On account of my inability to obtain assistance from some of the bankers and other interests of Seattle in financing the purchase of a shipyard, resulting also in my inability to provide satisfactory performance bonds, I have been obliged to accept contracts approximating \$46,000,000, which would have brought to Seattle employment for nearly 600,000 men, with an annual payroll of \$10,000,000."

"I have spent a very large amount of my own money in an endeavor to put this deal over, and I have not only been unable to get financial assistance but I have been very strongly blocked by certain business interests and confronted with obstacle after obstacle, so that I have become entirely discouraged toward further negotiations," the statement continues.

"A concrete example of some of the things that have been done is contained in the following extract from a letter written to Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation:

Union Stands in 'Obstacle.'"

"Seattle is turning to the open shop plan in industry. The shipyards are to open up shop. Our association has been working with them for open shop and I think it will be successful. We have one obstacle in our way in this direction, Mr. David Rodgers. It is reported that he is trying to buy No. 2 yard of Skinner & Eddy in this city and judging from past experience with him, he will unionize any yard he may acquire. I am wondering if it is possible for you to assist in any way that will not jeopardize your interests, as we know that you favor the open shop. If Mr. Rodgers opens a yard here he will unionize as it is taken for granted by our public here. If he does so it will follow that the other yards will be forced to do the same. I presume that he will come to you or your corporation for steel contracts, and your influence might change his attitude."

"My motive in again starting shipbuilding activities in Seattle was not actuated by the necessity of employment for myself or for making large profits, but rather my purpose was to provide employment for the thousands of unemployed and produce a permanent and positive prosperity for the city in general, and I sincerely hope that those who predict the yards will open will be able to accomplish the same results for the prosperity of all concerned as my project would have done."

Steel Trust Influence Denied.

"I heartily thank those of my friends who have earnestly endeavored to assist in my honest effort."

"Yours very truly,

"DAVID RODGERS."

He denied the steel trust had anything to do with it. He said the main Seattle bankers and business men, whom he would not now name, had thrown obstacles in his way. He refused to comment on statements that his plans had been pulled down this morning so it fell through because he proposed to run a union shop, thereby incurring enmity of controlling interests in the associated industries.

About the Skinner & Eddy No. 2 plant there was gloom. Flags were at half-mast over the yard this morning to celebrate as Fireman Earl Vanhorn who pulled them down, put "The death of the Seattle spirit."

"Do you know who sent the letter to Gary that is quoted in your writing to me?"

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WILL FIRE LOSS \$150,000

Willapa Lumber Company Kiln and Contents Destroyed.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 12.—(Special).—Fire broke out in the Willapa Lumber company's kiln today at 5:20 P. M., destroying the kiln and its entire contents of drying lumber, a certain quantity of lumber being in the storage yards. The dry kiln, which was constructed of tile, became overheated and the fire broke out in several places at once. The president of the company, H. E. Jones, immediately to the alarm and fire apparatus from adjacent mills also was brought into use. The mill plant proper and the storage yards were saved. Loss resulting from the fire is estimated at \$150,000.

"We had a second fire at the Willapa Lumber company's plant within four days. On Sunday, May 9, a blaze was discovered in the yards which caused a \$300,000 loss before it was checked. Officers of the company state that a new dry kiln and sorting shed will be constructed immediately."

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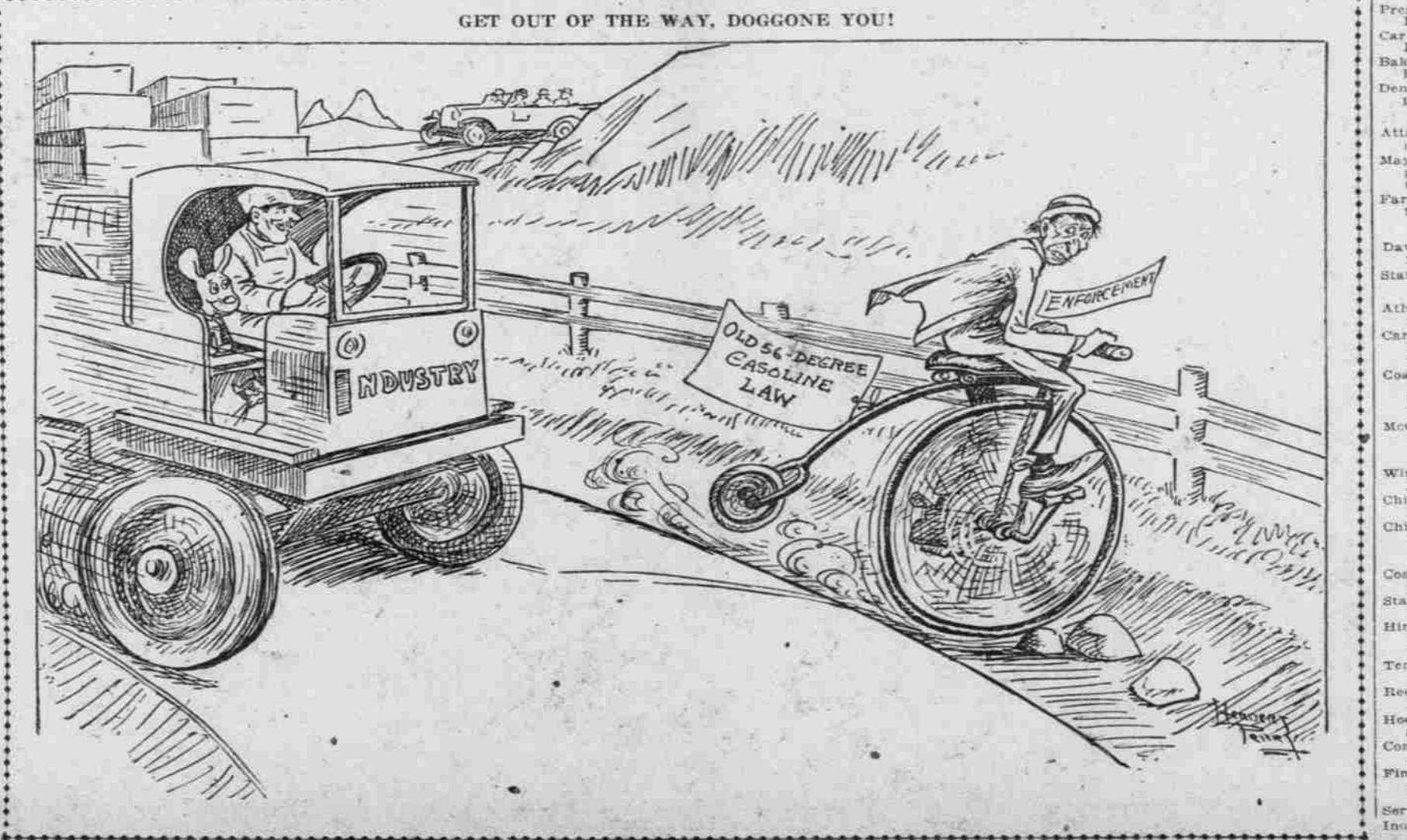
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