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PARLEY IN BRITISH STRIKE CONTINUES

Unbroken Exchanges Add Hope to Situation.

PEACE MAY RESULT TODAY

Rail Men and Miners Will Hold Joint Meeting.

LONDONERS ARE ANXIOUS

Large Section of Transport Workers Are Reported to Be Against Walkout.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike situation tonight was considered more hopeful by the fact that the peace negotiations between the government and the coal miners' leaders were continuing unbroken. There were no new developments, however.

At a joint meeting tomorrow between the rail men and miners, from which it is hoped peace may spring, the suggestion may be made that the railmen postpone their strike, set for Sunday night, should there be no agreement between the government and miners by Saturday until after the trade unions' conference on Wednesday.

The greatest anxiety exists among Londoners for if the rail strike becomes effective Sunday night, the underground tube railways will cease working. Also the trams and buses will suspend operations. The bus and tram drivers, however, have expressed themselves as reluctant to join the movement.

Railroad Men Are Divided.
There is division among the railroad men with regard to a strike, a large section of them opposing it. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railway Men, has authorized the statement that he is against the strike.

This has brought about the very general opinion that there will not in any case be a rail strike before Wednesday, but should it transpire, the ministry of transport has an emergency plan in readiness for immediate operation of the railways by volunteers and all machinery created for the purpose during last year's strike will be utilized.

Food Supply Is Considered.
Robert Williams, general secretary of the transport workers, announced regarding the enrollment of volunteers by the government, that the transport men "look upon the danger of the enrollment of volunteers, especially from the middle class and White Guards of the community, as of more provocation than the use of troops."

Consequently, continued the announcement, the transport men are considering the granting of permits in the event of an extension of the coal strike, by which the appropriate trade unions would provide the necessary food for the community.

The National Union of Railway Men, it also was announced, decided today to invite the miners' executive to meet the railway conferees tomorrow. The miners' executive has been summoned to London and will meet tomorrow to consider the railway union's invitation and the general situation until Monday.

Premier Meets With Cabinet.
While these activities were being developed, Premier Lloyd George and the cabinet were consulting informally with a view to finding a channel for a settlement. Opinion generally expressed in government circles was that a definite opportunity for negotiations would be found before any serious development arose from the threat of the railroad men and transport workers.

In the house of commons Edward Shortt, the home secretary, gave notice of the presentation of a bill to make exceptions in the provision for the protection of the community in cases of emergency. The announcement is interpreted by the press as meaning that the measure is intended to bear on the strike situation.

The desirability for a session of the house of commons Saturday to pass the emergency bill was considered. It is understood that the intention was abandoned, it being decided that the house should recess over Saturday and Sunday and consider the bill Monday.

Outlook Held Less Menacing.
From this understanding the parliamentary writers have assumed that the strike outlook was regarded as somewhat less menacing.

The executives of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen today decided to defer decision on the question of sympathetic action until Monday.

Regarding the bill of which Home Secretary Shortt gave notice it was said the measure was mainly a revival of the war time emergency regulations for a period of emergency and that it was to be pushed forward immediately.

LABOR CONTROL HELD LIKELY

Strike in England Regarded Sure to Cause Reaction.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—(Continued on Page 3, Column 4.)

WALL STREET FINDS COX MONEY SCARCE

HARDING WAGERS OFFERED BUT FEW TAKEN.

Odds of Six to One Tendered by One Firm Without Result—Chicago Report Amuses Brokers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Wall street brokers who place election bets on a commission basis were greatly amused over a despatch from Chicago appearing in one of today's newspapers reporting a certain bookmaker of that city quoting odds of two to five in favor of Harding and two to one against a member of W. L. Darnell & Co., No. 44 Broad street, said:

"We have been offering odds of six to one all week long that Harding will be the next president and have been trying to place one wager of \$20,000 against \$5000, but without success."

There is considerable betting on the election of either Harding or Cox, carrying the democratic states as well as on their probable pluralities. Darnell & Co. yesterday placed several thousand dollars on even terms that the republican candidate will carry New York state by 200,000. They also made a number of wagers at odds of seven to five that he will carry New York city.

Odds of two to one are freely offered that the senator will carry Ohio, while eight to five is offered that his plurality in that state will be 55,000.

GENERAL BIDDLE TO QUIT

Army Officer to Retire From Service December 1.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Brigadier-General John Biddle will be retired at his own request December 1, when he will have served 42 years in the army and be eligible for retirement, the war department announced today.

General Biddle is a native of Detroit, served as a lieutenant-colonel in the Wilson-American war, was superintendent of West Point Military academy when the United States entered the world war; became a major-general in the national army, commanding troops in England, later returning to Washington, where he became assistant chief of staff and acting chief of staff. He was assigned to the command of Camp Travis, Tex., later and now is at Camp Custer, Mich.

WEALTH \$51 PER CAPITA

\$5,470,681,605 Held Outside of Government Agencies.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Distribution of the money in the country outside of the federal reserve system was estimated at \$51.06 per capita on September 1, or an increase of \$13.18 over July 1, 1917, by the federal reserve board tonight.

The board put the general stock of money in the country on September 1 at \$7,997,050,820, the amount held in the treasury at \$455,684,277, the amount held by federal reserve banks at \$2,031,514,958, and the amount held outside these government agencies at \$5,470,681,605.

\$200,000 DAMAGES GIVEN

Jury Makes Award to Woman in Alienation Suit in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A jury today awarded \$200,000 to Mrs. Laura Cave Wilson in her action against Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson, charging alienation of her husband's affections.

The verdict is said to establish a new high record for such litigation. The plaintiff alleged that she married Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson without obtaining a divorce.

Mrs. Laura Cave Wilson's father was Major Cave, a railroad builder of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson is the daughter of a banker in Galveston, Tex.

HARDING BET 8000 TO 1

Rancher Will Sell Farm for Dollar if Cox Wins.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A Lane county farmer is so confident that Harding will be elected president that he is willing to bet his \$8000 farm on the result.

He has inserted in a local morning paper an advertisement offering to sell the farm for \$1 if Cox is elected and if Harding is the choice of the voters he will take \$8000 for it.

The farmer, in his advertisement, offers to enter into such a contract with anyone who wants to buy the farm.

PARENT SHOTS TEACHER

Chicago Woman Becomes Angry Following Reprimand to Son.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Angered because Mrs. Rosalind I. Reynolds, a school teacher, had reprimanded her son, Mrs. Cornelia Rindoni visited the school today and shot the teacher twice. She will recover.

Mrs. Rindoni was arrested.

KING'S CONDITION SAME

Monkey-Bitten Monarch Reported Still Seriously Ill.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—An Athens message received at the Greek legation at 10 P. M. reported little change in the condition of King Alexander. It said hope for his recovery still was entertained.

FARM VOTE IN 13 STATES HARDING'S

Straw Ballot Taken Also in 16 Big Colleges.

PRINCETON BEATS COX, 2 TO 1

League Campaign Waged by University Paper.

TWO CANVASSES MADE

Rural News Agency in Philadelphia Gathers Reports From Agricultural Sections.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 22.—College men of 16 leading eastern institutions and the farmers of 13 states were shown to be overwhelmingly for Harding in two important straw votes just announced, one by the Western Intercollegiate Newspaper association, and the other by the Farm Journal of Philadelphia.

The results announced by Foster R. Dulles, of Princeton university, editor of the Daily Princetonian, gave Harding 5318 and Cox 3888. Harding carried every institution except Richmond college at Richmond, Va. Columbia university, which it had been predicted would go for Cox, went to Harding by 769 to 642. Harvard university gave Harding a majority of 299 in a vote of 1509.

Cornell went to the republican candidate by a 2 to 1 vote while Dartmouth and Williams gave him 3 to 1. Princeton is for Harding.

An interesting fact was that in spite of the vigorous campaign waged by the Daily Princetonian for Cox and the league of nations, the undergraduates of that university, over which Woodrow Wilson once presided, divided 577 for Harding and 464 for Cox.

A summary of the votes follows: Cornell, Harding 747, Cox 317; Middlebury, Harding 288, Cox 123; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harding 450, Cox 90; Amherst, Harding 255, Cox 87; Trinity, Harding 84, Cox 20; Columbia, Harding 769, Cox 642; Colgate, Harding 426, Cox 93; Hamilton, Harding 186, Cox 50; Rochester, Harding 293, Cox 189; Syracuse, Harding 1003, Cox 335; Richmond, Harding 22, Cox 171; Williams, Harding 216, Cox 71; Princeton, Harding 577, Cox 464; Brown, Harding 655, Cox 129; Yale, Harding 1223, Cox 446; Harvard, Harding 1975, Cox 805.

Debs received a total of 531, Christensen 165 and Watkins 88.

More interesting still was the poll taken by the Farm Journal among the farmers.

Out of 15 pivotal states Harding

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REPUBLICANS SPEND \$2,741,503 IN DRIVE

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS GIVEN BY NATIONAL TREASURER.

Contributors Are Announced as \$4,867, With Only 16 Donating in Excess of \$1000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Total disbursements of the republican national committee between June 14 and October 18 of this year were placed at \$2,741,503.34 in an official statement filed today with the clerk of the house of representatives by Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the national committee. Receipts for the period were placed at \$2,466,019.54.

The statement placed the number of contributors at 54,867 and added that only 16 contributions in excess of \$1000 had been received. These 16 contributions, it added, aggregated \$38,750. The Hamilton club, Chicago, was named as largest single contributor with \$6120.50.

The committee's announcement said other contributions ranged "from 25 cents to \$1000 and cover the entire country."

"Treasurer Upham reports," it added, "that contributions for state committees were received to the amount of \$1,015,518.64 and transmitted to him as agent to state committees."

"The sum of \$233,500 was borrowed for use by the senatorial and congressional committees and loaned to these committees."

STOLEN GEMS RECOGNIZED

Reset Order Surprises Jeweler; Postal Clerk's Arrest Follows.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The alleged coincidence of his having seen certain gems which he is accused of rifling from the mails to be reset by the same jeweler, resulted today in the arrest of Henry J. Jensen, a temporary postoffice clerk. He is charged with embezzling mail matter.

The jeweler said he recognized the gems and wondered why they had not reached the destination to which he had mailed them. He notified the postoffice department and Jensen's arrest followed.

LIENZ BECOMES REPUBLIC

Tyroler Borough Takes Step Toward German Fusion.

VIENNA, Oct. 21.—As a preliminary step toward attempted fusion with Germany, "Lienz Borough," of Eastern Tyrol proclaimed itself a republic yesterday.

The borough is issuing its own postage stamps, which the remainder of the country refuses to recognize.

McNAB UNABLE TO SERVE

San Francisco Attorney Declines Shipping Board Appointment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—A telegram declining appointment to the United States shipping board was sent to President Wilson by Gavin McNab, prominent San Francisco attorney, today.

Mr. McNab said his professional duties would prevent his serving.

MORE COTTON MILLS CUT WORKERS' WAGES

EMPLOYEES ACCEPT RATHER THAN FACE SHUTDOWN.

Omaha Film House Musicians Decide to Return for \$50 for 5 1/2-Hour Day.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 22.—Wage reductions were announced in the Anawan and Ereo cotton mills today in line with the 20 per cent cut which the employees of the Massachusetts mills accepted yesterday. The mill management said the employees agreed to the new scale rather than face a shutdown.

OMAHA, Oct. 22.—Omaha motion picture theater musicians on strike since September 1 to enforce a demand for a 60 per cent wage increase have decided to go back to work at \$50 a week for a 5 1/2 hour day, pending settlement of the controversy by arbitration.

They had been getting \$35 a week for a 6-hour day.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Continued declines in shoe prices were predicted by delegates attending a conference of the Western Association of Shoe Wholesalers here today.

Phil A. Becker, president of the association, said the shoe business was "probably the only industry in which manufacturers and wholesalers voluntarily applied a reduction of prices upon orders booked for future delivery." He did not indicate what further reductions were expected.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 22.—Flour dropped 1 1/2 barrel at local mills today, reflecting the break in the wheat market yesterday.

FARMERS LOSE MILLION

Hogs May Be Imported to Fatten on Ruined Grain Crops.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The grain loss from the continued rains of last month in the central Idaho region is estimated at close to \$1,000,000. The larger part of this loss falls on the farmers of Lewis county where Camas and Nez Perce prairies are located. It is believed, however, that this loss can be minimized by co-operation among the farmers in disposing of the sprouted grain for feeding purposes.

A number of farmers and stockmen are now planning to import from the big stock centers a large number of hogs to be sent here for fattening.

Fruit growers are now experiencing great difficulty in getting their apple crops picked, owing to rains.

KANSAS IS FOR HARDING

Senator Capper Declares State Will Be Found With Republicans.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Oct. 22.—Senator Capper of Kansas in an address today declared "this was republican year," and predicted that Kansas would join the ranks of the republicans.

"Four years ago," he said, "Kansas threw a monkey wrench into the gears of politics by voting for Wilson, but this year I hope and believe that same thing will happen in favor of Senator Harding."



UMATILLA'S VAST WHEAT AREA SEEN

Portland Trade Tourists Are Met Everywhere.

COUNTY'S CROPS LEAD STATE

Athena, Weston, Milton and Freewater Visited.

PARTY TO START HOME

Stops Today Will Be Last and Special Is Scheduled to Arrive Here Sunday.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—In time of famine, if the world were to feel a sensation of acute hunger at the pit of its tremendous stomach, there is a certain county of Oregon that would heap high the bakery shelves and work to rout the wolf. It grows wheat by the section and the double section, and many of the most dependable producers of breadstuffs, area for area, to be found in the search of continents.

The Portland trade excursionists entered Umatilla this morning, and paused at daybreak in the town of Athena, in the Walla Walla valley, close to the Washington boundary.

Snow Powders Mountains.

The blue mountains lie to the eastward, their broad summits powdered with snow and hazy with distance, but from their base to the westward lie the fairest green fields in all Oregon. Folks say of the Walla Walla country, which, by the way, is named for the river that rises in Oregon, and is not to be confused with the Washington province, that it is merely a question of its soil and season whether it will grow a 50 or 60-bushel crop of wheat.

The trade excursionists smiled a trifle at this, but it was the friendly smile of fellow enthusiasts and they regarded the broad down fields, with the checkerboards of black summer fallow, as guarantees of the solidity and future of Oregon. At Athena a brief halt was made while the trade emissaries made new acquaintances, and in mid-morning the special visited Weston and the companion towns of Milton and Freewater.

Companionship Is Close.

These twin thrives in such close companionship that the station name is hyphenated and the two communities are to vote on the building of a \$20,000 union high school to serve the districts of the Walla Walla valley. The bond issue, which is to come before the voters on November 15, is held to be practically assured of approval.

Weston hosts dashed up to the station in automobiles as the train drew in, and for half an hour the Portland visitors fraternized with residents of this elder city of the Umatilla country.

There are tall locust trees along the streets of Weston, testifying to the maturity of the former frontier town. And as for progressive spirit, other witnesses are everywhere in the midst of construction there. Weston has built, by public subscription, a fine memorial hall to its soldiers, sailors and pioneers, a self-sustaining enterprise, deriving its revenues from the operation of a motion picture theater in the hall itself, under the direction of S. A. Barnes.

Pendleton Shows Hospitality.

The halt at Pendleton, this afternoon and tonight, which marks the near departure from Eastern Oregon, was signalized by the hospitality of the Round-up city, which bears itself with the pride of self-assurance. At the banquet given in the parish house of the Church of the Redeemer, with 75 Pendleton business and professional men foregoing with the western pilgrims, local orators left no doubt of the fact that they deem the mission of their city to be the leadership of the eastern territory, and that they are ready in all ways to work with Portland toward the realization of a greater state.

J. R. Raley, president of the Pendleton Commercial association, presided as toastmaster. Roy Ritner of Pendleton delivered the address of welcome, with responses by W. L. Thompson, W. J. Ropes and Frederick Greenwood on behalf of Portland.

Party Met by Delegation.

At Milton-Freewater, the five-score Portland business men were met by a genial delegation of citizens from the two towns, and were taken on an hour's tour of the surrounding territory. The two towns themselves with but a single street dividing their incorporated districts, are communities where both homes and public buildings speak for the substantial nature of their prosperity.

Round about them are gathered the wheat fields of the Walla Walla country, with 50,000 acres under irrigation from the Walla Walla river, green with orchards and alfalfa, where the stream has touched the soil.

They are now cutting their fourth

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JOB COMES CLOSE ON HEELS OF CONVERSION

MARBURG APPOINTMENT BY WILSON IS AMUSING; Republicans Will Not Fight Choice of Party Deserter, but Let Him Rest Till March 4.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 22.—Democrats and republicans appear equally amused at President Wilson's appointment of Theodore Marburg of Baltimore to one of the republican places on the shipping board. About ten days ago Marburg, who had been prominent in the republican party of Maryland for many years, announced his support of Cox for president, and for several days has been campaigning for the democratic ticket.

It is assumed that this step qualified him for appointment as a republican member of the board, being in line with "Mr. Wilson's long and broken policy of preserving the right to answer" the question for himself, "What is a republican?"

It is not expected that the republican leaders will make any special protest against the Marburg appointment, although the law is specific in its requirement that both political parties be represented on the board. It is wholly improbable that the new appointee will be confirmed by the senate. They can hold under recess appointments until congress adjourns on March 4, because, while there will be no confirmation, there will not be a rejection, it being understood that all of the late appointments of the president will be permitted to slumber in committee instead of being brought before an executive session of the senate for approval. The places will then become vacant for the new president to fill.

2-CENT LETTER FAVORED

Burleson Contemplates No Increase in Request to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Postal estimates to be submitted to the coming session of congress, Postmaster-General Burleson said today, will not recommend any increase in the 2-cent first-class letter rate, in connection with any plan of taxation revision, and will renew the department's previous recommendations for a 1-cent local delivery rate.

The postmaster-general estimates that a reduction of the local delivery rate from 2 cents to 1 cent would probably increase postal revenue rather than decrease it.

CULT FOUNDER POISONED

Humanitarian Organizer and Wife in New York Hospital.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Misha Applebaum, founder of the Humanitarian cult, and his wife were removed to a hospital tonight suffering from the effects of poison.

They told the police the poison had been taken by mistake.

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