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WILSON REFUSES TO PASS ON PAY

Request by Railroad Labor Is Rejected.

BOARD IS DECLARED CAPABLE

Confidence Is Expressed All Issues Can Be Handled.

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The president's telegram in part:

Telegrams Are Considered.

"I have considered the telegrams addressed to me dealing with labor questions and the railroad board under consideration by the railroad labor board.

"The transportation act places all questions dealing with finances and railway management and rates under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission. The act placed all questions of dispute between the carriers and their employees and subordinate officials under the jurisdiction of the railway labor board, sitting in Chicago.

"So far as I am advised, the board may be relied on to give careful and intelligent consideration to all questions within its jurisdiction. To seek to influence either body on anything which has been placed within their jurisdiction by congress would be unwise and open to grave objection.

Confidence Put in Action.

"All the matters mentioned in your telegram are within the jurisdiction of one or the other of these bodies, and in their action I think we may repose confidence.

"It does not seem wise to comply with your suggestion that the matter be submitted to congress and the only action deemed necessary is to submit copies of the telegrams to the interstate commerce commission and to the railroad labor board. This will be done."

The telegram was addressed to J. F. Anderson, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists; Thomas de Witt Cuyler, chairman of the board of the Association of Railway Executives; and E. F. Grable, grand president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance Employes and Railway Shop Laborers.

The reply of the president to two telegrams sent by the railway labor unions and to one telegram from the Association of Railway Executives was understood to have been based on recommendations of Secretary Payne, who still acts as director-general of the railroad administration.

RAILWAY CHIEF IS PLEASED

Wilson's Decision on Wage Issue Applauded in Reply.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Thomas de Witt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, tonight replied to President Wilson's telegram by telegraphing him that the railroads were gratified that he had seen fit to refer the questions involved to the interstate commerce commission and the railway labor board.

Railway labor union leaders deferred comment on President Wilson's telegram until tomorrow.

It was said in union circles that when the labor board reconvened tomorrow that the labor side might ask for a postponement until Thursday.

B. M. Jewell, who has charge of the labor rebuttal, was said to be in New York tonight and it was reported that he would not return until Wednesday.

8000 RABBITS ARE KILLED

Three Hundred Men Take Part in Drive Near Adkins, Wash.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Eight thousand rabbits were killed today in a drive near Adkins station on Eureka flat, 300 men, armed with shotguns taking part.

Another drive will be held at Burbank in two weeks.

HARDING CRAFT ANCHORS

Houseboat Victoria Is Now Day's Journey From Destination.

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Feb. 6.—The houseboat Victoria, bringing President-elect Harding back to St. Augustine, stopped for the second time today.

She is a day's sailing from her destination.

AUTOMOBILE VICTIM SUCCEUMS TO INJURY

RICHARD A. WHITE DIES AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.

Police Say Charge Against Harvey M. Thompson, Driver of Car, Will Be Pressed.

Richard A. White, who suffered a compound skull fracture when he was struck down at Broadway and Madison street by an automobile driven by Harvey M. Thompson Saturday night, died shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Vincent's hospital. He suffered a fracture at the base of the skull and another on the left side of the skull. He died without recovering consciousness.

According to Investigator Freiberg of the police traffic bureau, a charge of reckless driving will be vigorously prosecuted against Mr. Thompson in municipal court. An investigation of the accident Saturday night and yesterday disclosed that the automobile driver was at fault, according to Freiberg.

Whether or not a grand jury investigation is to be made will depend upon the outcome of an inquest to be conducted by a coroner's jury. Deputy Coroner Gotsch announced that an inquest would be held at the courthouse, probably tonight.

The body of Mr. White will be shipped tomorrow morning to Walla Walla, where he formerly lived, for burial. A son, George White, and a daughter, Mrs. I. M. La Mar, will accompany the body. Mr. White was a retired railroad man, 50 years old, and had been living at the home of his daughter, 216 Broadway.

Mr. Thompson is a bookkeeper employed at the First National bank. He lives at 674 East Burnside street.

The police investigation developed that Thompson had "the corner" at Broadway and Madison, said Investigator Freiberg. It is also reported that Thompson had an unobstructed view at the point and should have noticed Mr. White crossing the street had he been driving in a prudent manner.

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BILL WOULD LABEL WOOL

Utah Measure Calls for Statement of Proportion in All Yarn.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 6.—A "truth-in-fabric" bill fostered by the Utah Wool Growers' association and calling for a statement of the proportions of virgin wool, shoddy, cotton and silk in all yarn, cloth, goods and garments manufactured or sold in the state will be introduced in the House of the Utah legislature Monday by J. Wilson Inlay, representative from Washington county.

The bill was completed today by Mr. Inlay. The measure is entitled "An act to prevent deceit and fraud and to reveal the undisclosed or un-revealed presence of substitutes of virgin wool in woven or knit fabrics purporting to contain wool and in garments or articles of apparel made therefrom."

SIX COMMITTEEMEN SHOT

Soviet Tribunal Reported to Have Executed Revolutionary Body.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Central News says the bolshevik newspaper Izvestia reports that the revolutionary committee in Siberia has been tried by the soviet tribunal at Tomsk on a charge of secret and treacherous negotiations with Japan. The foreign minister of the Far Eastern republic and five other members of the committee were shot. Six other members were given life sentences.

The dispatch says the soviet is arranging an agreement with China against Japan.

INJUNCTION TO BE ASKED

B. A. Green to Appear in Court Today for Steffens.

B. A. Green announced last night that he will appear in circuit court this morning and ask the presiding judge for an injunction restraining Mayor Baker and Chief of Police Jenkins from interfering with a scheduled meeting of Lincoln Steffens and Irwin St. John Tucker, to be held tonight in Columbia hall, Second and Oak streets. Both speakers, Mr. Green said, would go into court with him at 9:30 o'clock today.

Mayor Baker had no statement for publication last night as to what, if any, action he would take.

CANON IS FOUND GUILTY

London Archdeacon Is Convicted After Immorality Hearing.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Archdeacon John Wakeford, preacher and canon of Lincoln cathedral since 1912, has been found guilty of immorality, after a two days' investigation in the consistory court.

The offense as charged was made last March and April at the Peterborough hotel. The archdeacon, testifying in his own behalf, admitted being at the hotel, but declared he was alone.

PRODUCE WIFE, IS DEMAND

Man Whose Mate Disappeared Day After He Married Is Arrested.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Feb. 6.—A. T. White, whose wife has been missing since December 23, the day after he married Mrs. Minnie Longstreet at Pittsburg, has been placed under arrest here.

Authorities said he would be held without bail until he produces his wife.

DUBLIN IN TERROR DURING FIGHTING

Pedestrians Stampeded; Others Seek Cellars.

3 AMBUSHES MADE AT NIGHT

Suburbs Are Racked by Continuous Explosions.

CHILD, AGED 4, IS KILLED

Many Civilians and Military Members Are Wounded During Fighting and Bomb Attacks.

BELFAST, Feb. 6.—Dublin experienced three ambushes Saturday night, in one of which a four-year-old child was killed. Explosions and volleys in the suburbs were so continuous as to resemble the tumult of a small battle.

The first ambush was near Merion square. Explosions were followed by rifle and revolver fire. Inhabitants sought their cellars, while pedestrians were stampeded.

Three bombs had been flung at a lorry filled with soldiers. This precipitated an exchange of shots of several minutes. Two civilians were wounded by bomb splinters. The second ambush occurred on the south side, where lorries were bombed. A child of four was shot through the head and a woman was wounded.

Two Lorries Attacked.

The third ambush occurred when two lorries were attacked in the south suburbs. A military officer was slightly wounded and some civilians, including a boy, slightly injured.

The Dublin castle report declared several civilians were hit in the first affair, five civilians in the south-side incident and two young men in the third encounter.

From Queenstown it was reported that after services in the cathedral and the churches today, all males between 16 and 40 years were rounded up. Several hundred were conveyed to the barracks. There, before liberated, they were required to give their names and addresses.

Information Is Demanded.

Afterwards they were divided into groups, six persons in each, and given a number and a date. When they were informed that if any crown forces were ambushed within two miles of Queenstown on any dates assigned to the groups, the men would be held responsible and re-

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HUNDREDS HOMELESS; STORM LOSS IS HUGE

WASHINGTON DISTRICT 30 BY 40 MILES LAID WASTE.

Timber Blown Down Is Estimated at \$10,000,000—Farms Are Stripped of Buildings.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—First reports of a cyclonic storm which swept Jefferson county on the west slope of the Olympic mountains last week, causing heavy property loss and completely cutting off the devastated district from communication with the outside world for more than a week, reached here tonight.

The news was brought to Port Townsend by Leroy Smith and C. H. Britten, farmers of Western Jefferson. They reported more than 100 families short of supplies, scores of farms stripped of buildings and stock, 100,000,000 feet of timber uprooted and communication blocked by broken telephone wires and tree-clogged roads. The timber loss was roughly estimated at \$10,000,000. So far as was known there were no casualties.

The storm began January 25 and continued several days, the wind reaching a velocity of 112 miles an hour on January 29. A district 30 by 40 miles along the coast between the Hoh and Bogachiel rivers was laid waste. The swinging bridge spanning the Bogachiel river was blown down, but the storm path missed the oil derricks and buildings in the town of Forks by a narrow margin.

Hundreds of Olympic elk, huddled together in fear of the storm, were killed by falling timber. A relief expedition of men and pack horses hauling donkey engines and other equipment to blaze a trail through the wrecked country is being organized by Jefferson county officials. Food and supplies will be taken to the destitute families.

MARDI GRAS IS TODAY

Little of New Orleans Festival's Former Glory Remains.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 6.—With but little of its former glory remaining, New Orleans' annual mardi gras will begin tomorrow with a river parade of vessels to meet the steamer Queen City, due from Pittsburgh with several hundred visitors from Ohio and Mississippi river points.

Destruction by fire last year of the French opera house, where most of the mardi gras balls were held, seriously handicapped carnival preparations. It also happened that prohibition has interfered greatly with carnival enjoyment.

ESCH UP FOR NEW POST

Membership in Interstate Commerce Commission Probable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Representative Esch of Wisconsin, who will retire after 23 years' service, probably will be named by Mr. Harding as a member of the interstate commerce commission, according to general reports. Mr. Esch was defeated for renomination.

Mr. Esch was chairman of the interstate commerce committee and aided in the framing of the Esch-Cummings transportation act.

ALL WAR PROBES TO END

House Committees to Turn In Final Reports by Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—All house war investigating committees will quit hearings with Wednesday afternoon after nearly two years of inquiry.

Final reports will be submitted to the house before March 4.

MEXICO IS BEST FOR LABOR, SAYS GOMPERS

GOVERNMENT HELD NEAREST TO ONE FOR WORKERS.

Adoption of Platform of "Constructive Democracy" Is Declared to Be Achievement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The Mexican government "comes as near to being a government of and for working people as any on earth," Samuel Gompers declared in a statement tonight commenting on the Pan-American Federation of Labor convention at Mexico City.

The greatest achievement of the Mexico City convention, Mr. Gompers said, was the adoption of a platform of "constructive democracy" and complete repudiation of all doctrine, divisive of democracy and democratic thought.

"While it was natural that the character of the labor movements in most Latin-American countries should differ from that of our own," he said, "nothing could more properly counterbalance whatever trend there may be toward European beliefs and tactics than the contact with American labor."

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Allies Believed to Expect Counter Proposals.

Industrial and Financial Leaders to Consult With Government Economists.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The premiers of the federated states of Germany were in session until late tonight over reparations, the meeting being followed by the announcement that unanimity prevailed. The speech of Foreign Minister Simons had received unqualified endorsement by the representatives of Bavaria, Baden, Wurttemberg, Saxony and the other states. It was declared.

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SHOPPING TOUR IS ENDED

Mrs. Harding to Rest Few Days Before Joining Husband.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Harding returned tonight from her shopping tour in New York.

She plans to remain three or four days before joining Mr. Harding at St. Augustine, Fla.

NAVAL PARLEY ON PACIFIC

Australian Admiral About to Go to Singapore.

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 6.—The Times today announced that the Australian warship Brisbane is about to take Admiral Grant of the naval administration to Singapore to take part in a conference for a discussion of the naval defense of the Pacific.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 6.—No official word has been received by the department of naval service of any conference at Singapore on the naval defense of the Pacific. No senior naval officer of the Canadian navy, it was said, had been appointed to attend such conference.

PARK ELK ARE MYSTERY

Some 10,000 Are Dead or Are "Spoofing" Officials by Hiding.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Some 10,000 head of Yellowstone park elk either are dead or are "spoofing" park officials by hiding. On ranges where thousands had been seen only a few have appeared this year and officials are worried.

The herd was estimated at 25,000 in 1914, but dropped to 1700 in 1917, with less than half that number accounted for. Unless the shrinkage can be checked or it is found elk favor higher hills in open winters, a few years, it was feared, will see extermination of the herd.

ADMIRAL SIMS IS SCORED

Resolutions Passed by Assembly of California Irish Sympathizers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Resolutions demanding asylum for Donal O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, denounced Admiral Sims, U. S. navy, and demanding payment of American loans by European nations were passed at a meeting today of several thousand persons addressed by speakers who espoused the cause of the Irish republic.

Many joined the California branch of the American association for the recognition of the Irish republic.

AUTOIST BURNED FATALLY

Body of Warren Judd, 18, Found Under Overturned Auto.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 6.—Warren Judd, aged 18, was burned to death early this morning on the Montana city road when his automobile turned over and the gasoline tank exploded. He was alone in the car at the time. Passing autoist later found his body.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Judd, reside here.

GERMANY UNITED TO FIGHT DEMAND

Premiers of Federated States Back Simons.

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AVIATORS MAY BOMB OLD WARSHIP IOWA

TESTS TO DECIDE ABILITY OF AIRMEN IN NAVAL FIGHT.

Controversy About Superiority of Capital Ships and Planes to Be Settled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The controversy as to the superiority of battleships or aircraft may be settled through tests, said naval officers today.

Brigadier-General William Mitchell, assistant chief of the air service, who told a congressional committee that developments in air craft had doomed the dreadnought, and other service officers are understood to have issued a virtual challenge to the navy department to permit them to prove their case. The navy department is a believer in the superiority of the capital ship, and naval officers believe, will accept the challenge in the hope of checking the controversy.

General Mitchell has asked his superior to send a request to Secretary Daniels that two torpedo boats, two supply vessels and one battleship be designed for the tests. Naval officers believe such a request would be refused because of the material involved and the cost of fitting the five vessels with radio-control apparatus.

There is a strong likelihood, however, naval officers said, that the old battleship Iowa, fitted with radio-control gear and capable of being maneuvered with no one on board, will be used as a target for aerial bombs after experiments now being conducted on the control device are completed.

Another suggestion is that large fighters be towed at high speed and used as targets. Many officers believe no test of the ability of the aviators to hit naval vessels would be conclusive unless the target were moving at least 20 knots an hour.

It was generally conceded, however, that such experiments as General Mitchell has proposed would give an idea of the ability of the aviators actually to hit a moving vessel.

Army aviators maintain that any surface vessel can be destroyed by airplane attack, citing the tests on the battleship Indiana with dummy bombs as proof. Navy officers assert it was one thing to hit a battleship anchored and another thing to hit the same ship moving.

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BABY IN ASH CAN SAVED FROM SEA

Sailor Quits Wreck With Receptacle on Back.

ALL ON KLAMATH ARE SAVED

One of Crew Swims to Land Line During Storm.

WOMEN TAKEN UP CLIFF

Rescued Passengers Eat Breakfast at Farmhouse After All Night on Rocky Shore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The 19 passengers who were aboard the steam schooner Klamath when she went ashore at Del Mar, 30 miles north of San Francisco, early Saturday morning, were taken to Point Arena today.

An eighteen-months old baby in an ash can lashed to a sailor's back was one of the first to be taken in the breeches buoy from the steamer Klamath, after another member of the crew had swum 300 feet through the heavy sea to the rocks that the line might be made fast. Mrs. L. Slingerland, one of the passengers rescued from the ship, tonight told a San Francisco newspaper man of the crew's work in getting the passengers safely ashore.

In a sea frequently sweeping the decks, all of the passengers reached the rocks, where they stayed from 2:30 in the morning until 5:30. Mrs. Slingerland said, when there was sufficient light to throw a line to the top of the cliffs above.

Women Carried Up Lines.

A sailor then went up hand over hand, followed by three others who held the lines while the women were carried up by the