

RAILWAY PAY CUT REJECTED IN EAST

Fight Is to Be Carried to Labor Board.

BIG FOUR ONLY EXCEPTION

Some Accept Cut; 70,000 Will Oppose It.

ONE ROAD IS NOTIFIED

Workers' Position Is Made Clear When Statement Is Served on New York Central.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Railroad workers in the east have decided to reject all proposals of wage reductions and carry the fight to the railroad labor board. Representatives of the workers who have been conferring here take the position that the present wage standard must be maintained and economic conditions will not permit reduction.

The workers' position was made clear today when representatives of the unskilled men notified the New York Central that they refused to consider proposed wage cuts of from 17 1/2 to 21 per cent. "We find that those employees today are not receiving sufficient income to maintain their families properly."

Some Accept, Some Reject.

Representatives of the skilled workers of the New York Central, except those in the Big Four brotherhoods, it was learned, have decided to accept proposed wage cuts, although approximately 70,000 employees of the Central lines have decided to oppose a reduction.

After receiving proposals for wage reductions for unskilled labor ranging from 7 to 15 1/2 cents an hour, effective April 15, from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, labor representatives in conference here, it was learned, virtually decided to reject this offer.

Board Permission Wanted.

Union leaders declared that if the New York Central put the decrease into effect April 1 without first getting permission from the labor board, it would be a violation of the transportation act. Railroad officials said that the board will be requested immediately to authorize the reductions.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—

Conferees between regional general managers of the Pennsylvania railroad system and representatives of its 210,000 employees to consider proposed wage reductions will be held at Pittsburgh March 21.

The company announced today the contemplated downward revision of salaries and wages would become effective April 20.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—

An increase of 6.4 per cent in passenger rates on western roads, instead of the 20 per cent allowed by the interstate commerce commission, would have been sufficient to return the amount set by the carriers as due them under the transportation act, the supreme court was told in a supplemental brief filed today by J. E. Benton, counsel for the 42 states which are co-operating with Wisconsin in the so-called Wisconsin rate case.

PACKER LABOR LAYS PLANS

Meeting Today Is to Consider United Fight Against Cut.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Representatives of employees in the packing industry will meet here tomorrow to consider united action against the reduction in wages and readjustment of working hours which was put into effect Monday.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had been expected to attend, but would be unable to do so. He will be represented by Thomas Rickert, vice-president of the federation.

While strike ballots were being mailed today, employees of Armour & Co. took the first step to put into effect the company's plan for an industrial democracy, selecting 24 fellow-employees to act as a conference committee.

The election was hailed by the company as a test of the strength which might be exerted by union leaders who called on employees to refrain from voting. It was announced that 70 per cent of the hourly time employees voted.

WAR ON JEWS PLANNED

Anti-Semitic Demonstrations to Be Held in Austria Monthly.

VIENNA, March 15.—World-wide war on Judaism was contemplated in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the Austrian anti-Semitic congress yesterday. A world anti-Semitic congress was called to meet in Budapest next autumn, and a central bureau was created to get in touch with anti-Semitic centers throughout the world.

Provision was made in the resolutions for anti-Jewish demonstrations similar to the one that occurred here Sunday in every provincial capital of Austria once each month.

BIG AIR FLEET SEEMS TO BE JAPAN'S GOAL

PLANE FACTORY WILL ADD TO CRAFT BOUGHT IN EUROPE.

20 British Aviators to Instruct Nipponese Students in Art of Aerial Navigation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Embarkation by Japan on an elaborate programme of naval aviation is to be expected, in the opinion of officials, by the activity of Japan in the purchase of airplanes in Europe and in the endeavor to enlist the expert advice of British naval fliers.

Until recently, naval statistics show, Japan had made little or no provision for naval aviation.

Disappointed at the failure of the British naval air mission to send to Japan this year at the request of Japan 20 officers and men to give expert instruction, the Japanese government has obtained instead a private mission of 20 ex-naval flying officers and men from Great Britain, according to the reports. These experts, the advice declare, will be used in instructing the new Japanese naval air service. The party, which is expected to arrive in Japan next month, is taking several late model Short and Vickers airplanes.

Japan, according to these reports, had ordered from France three six-passenger airplanes, Spad type; 50 Breguet type, equipped for day bombardment; 19 Nieuport type, double command, and 19 of similar type.

In addition Japan has begun the building of a sea aircraft carrier, capable of carrying 30 or 40 planes. Completion this spring of a new airplane factory also is reported.

JOHN BULL BUYS CABLE

Direct Line to United States Is Acquired for \$2,850,000.

LONDON, March 15.—Purchase of a direct cable to the United States was announced by H. Pike Pease, assistant postmaster-general, in the house of commons last night during an explanation of postoffice estimates in the pending budget bill. He said the British government had acquired the cable for £570,000, including £100,000 worth of cable stock and three cable stations, at Ballinaskelligs, Ireland; Harter Grange, Newfoundland; Rye Beach, N. H., and Halifax.

The cable that has been bought is intended as a reserve for the existing imperial cable and has been leased for a short time to the Western Union company for £57,000 a year. Mr. Pease remarked that the new cable would have cost £1,000,000.

PARADE PROTESTS RENTS

Thousands of Chicago Tenants in Line Through Streets.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Thousands of tenants tonight joined in a parade and mass meeting to protest against high rents. Led by mounted police and a band, the marchers paraded through the north side residence section. Torches and red fire lent color to the procession.

Declaring 400,000 American citizens who are tenants in Chicago are at "the brink of the greatest crisis they have ever known," the destruction of their homes at the hands of rent gougers," resolutions were adopted urging the state legislature to pass a bill authorizing rent commissions to regulate rents.

LIQUOR FORCES REDUCED

One Federal Prohibition Inspector Eliminated at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—One federal prohibition inspector of a force of three now stationed at the state of Washington will be eliminated as the result of orders received from Washington, D. C., today by Donald A. McDonald, prohibition director for Washington and Alaska.

Further orders for a reduction of the field enforcement force in the state were expected, it was said at Mr. McDonald's office.

FRANCE ASKS DAMAGES

U. S. Railways Accused of Unlawful Charges for Storage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—France filed 25 complaints today with the interstate commerce commission against railroads serving New York, alleging unlawful charges for storage of war materials at New York harbor while traffic there was congested during the war.

Reparation amounting to \$500,000 was asked.

TREASURY ISSUES SOLD

Certificates of Indebtedness Are Oversubscribed \$60,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Subscriptions to the two issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness, which closed tonight, aggregated approximately \$460,000,000, Secretary Mellon announced.

The treasury called for about \$400,000,000.

4000 SEALS ARE SLAIN

Schooner Encounters Record Herd in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

QUEBEC, March 15.—The schooner Viking today reported by wireless encountering a record herd of seals in the gulf of St. Lawrence, near Byrd rock in the Magdalen islands.

The message stated 4900 had been killed in three hours.

EYES OF NATION ON MEYER'S TASK

War Finance Board Head Sure of Ability.

FAITH IN OFFICE IS STRONG

Relief in Business Expected to Be Slow Arriving.

BANKERS NOW TOLERANT

War Corporation Nomination Has More Immediate Meaning Than Other Administration Acts.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—(Special.)—The appointment of Eugene Meyer Jr. of New York as director of the war finance corporation has more immediate meaning for business men, farmers and other producers than any other single act of the administration.

I say "immediate" interest because all that the cabinet can do and all that congress can do to affect business cannot possibly show results for months or even years to come. But Mr. Meyer and the war finance corporation are expected to show results immediately.

Miracle-Making Expected.

Mr. Meyer indeed is expected to be a miracle maker and if faith can make miracles Mr. Meyer has the faith. His belief in the war finance corporation, its present efficacy and its ultimate possibilities is almost a rhapsody.

Some conservative bankers have not looked with enthusiasm on the revival of the war finance corporation, but since congress has revived it everybody thinks Mr. Meyer is the best man to run it. The news of his appointment has been received with humorous friendliness that says in effect: "Now, Gene, go to it!"

His appointment on "President Harding's part" reflects the sentiment rather than politics. Mr. Meyer is commonly looked upon as a democrat.

Figure Is Conspicuous.

Certainly he has been a conspicuous figure in the democratic administration. When the war came he severed such of his banking and corporation connections in New York as might have been embarrassing and came to Washington.

Wilson made him managing director (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

MARRIED WOMEN PAY TAX ON CARD GAINS

LARGE WINNINGS ALSO REPORTED ON PLAYING PONIES.

Walters Acknowledge Tips of \$1000, and Man in Prison Requests Time Extension.

NEW YORK, March 15.—New York, financial center of the nation, today poured a golden stream into government coffers with first payment on federal income taxes.

Big Bill Edwards, collector of internal revenue, and his staff admitted tonight they were wearied accepting money. But they were not too weary to hazard a prediction that when the final penny was counted it would be found that more persons had paid income taxes here this year than ever before.

Depression in business and increasing unemployment played their part in making up tax returns. Officials said that many persons who had incomes in five figures a year ago reported earnings of only \$5000 or less. Income from many big corporations also shrank. Several persons who sent in payments of 2 cents sent 12 cents each to send them in registered envelopes. Several unemployed married women reported individual incomes due to playing the ponies and bridge parties.

One man confined in prison sent in a request for a 30-day time extension, explaining he was "temporarily detained." Several waiters reported tips approximating \$1000.

CHILD WIFE HELD SLAYER

Leads to Murder Charge.

FARMINGTON, Mo., March 15.—Mrs. Luther Parsons, 15 years old, who was married a week ago, today was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of her 6-year-old stepdaughter last Friday.

The little girl was shot in the head with a shotgun and died instantly at the Parsons home at Iron Mountain, near here.

The girl's 10-year-old brother, according to authorities, asserted he saw his stepmother loading the gun following a quarrel with his sister.

The child wife was said to have told authorities she was playing with the little girl and did not know the gun was loaded.

CALL MADE BY WILSONS

Cards Left at White House for President and Mrs. Harding.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, while motoring today, drove into the White House grounds.

Their automobile stopped at the entrance of their former home and they handed an usher cards for the president and Mrs. Harding.

The president had just left for the golf links.

BLACKMAIL SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES HOLDS MAN WANTED IN PORTLAND.

Herbert L. Johnstone Is Taken Into Custody by Postal Inspector or After Investigation.

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—A man said to be wanted in Portland, Or., in connection with the sending of threatening letters to citizens there, was arrested here today and held at the city jail under the name of Herbert L. Johnstone.

The arrest was made at the request of Postal Inspector Cookson, who said letters demanding money under threat of death were sent to several wealthy citizens of Portland several weeks ago. At that time, Johnstone was known to have been in that city.

According to the police, Johnstone denied any knowledge of the Portland letters, but confessed he mailed a letter to George A. Mottman, merchant of Olympia, Wash., demanding \$10,000 and saying Mottman's store would be dynamited if the money were not paid.

"The money was to have been left in a package in a wood," Johnstone was declared to have said. "I went about the city armed with shotguns and revolvers. I saw a package in the place I had named, grabbed it and got away from the deputies."

The package was filled with "phony bills," Johnstone added. He said he had planned to sail from San Francisco tomorrow for Australia, but Inspector Cookson said he had received word that officers were on their way here from Portland to take Johnstone there.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Herbert L. Johnstone, suspected as the man who on February 24 attempted to force George A. Mottman, ex-mayor of Olympia, to pay him \$10,000 under threat to blow up Mottman's store and who later escaped through a cordon of officers lying in wait for him at the spot where the sheriff's office arrested him, was captured by Los Angeles police, according to a telegram received late this afternoon by Chief of Police Eudiciott, from postoffice inspectors.

Herbert L. Johnstone, whose mode of operation in a blackmail plot of February 24 resembled that of "The Shadow," mysterious blackmailer who terrorized Portland citizens early in January, was thought by police to have some connection with the Portland case. No definite connection between the two cases was established, however.

The Portland police were notified at the time of Johnstone's escape from an Olympia posse, but no trace of him was discovered here. His identity as the Olympia blackmail plotter was said to have been established by a double act of shooting discovered after he was surprised and fired on by Olympia police. He was said to be a gas engine mechanic well known along the water fronts on Puget sound, and (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

GERMANY CARRIES FIGHT TO LEAGUE

New Occupation Is Called Violation of Treaty.

ANY INFRINGEMENT IS DENIED

Initiation of Mediation Proceedings Is Asked.

ECONOMIC TAX RESENTED

Protest Against Penalties Imposed by Allies Is Forwarded by Berlin Authorities.

BERLIN, March 15.—In a protest forwarded today to the league of nations against penalties, Germany declared that the only provisions in the treaty affecting this question do not admit of any fresh occupations of German soil beyond the territory west of the Rhine and the bridgeheads.

Germany further contended that there has been no infringement or partition of obligations justifying infliction of the economic sanctions and argued that the levies against German goods are in contradiction to the renunciations by the British, Italian and Belgian governments of paragraph 18 of the appendix to the treaty.

The league of nations has been requested to initiate mediation proceedings.

FRENCH DEPUTIES IN TILT

Interpellations Discussion Is Ordered Immediately.

PARIS, March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The chamber of deputies today ordered immediate discussion of interpellations on the reparations negotiations in London.

The house rejected Premier Briand's proposal for a postponement of the debate until there was a more numerous attendance.

Spokesmen for the communists, socialist, republican socialists and radical socialists attacked the decision of the London conference for the application of penalties. Vincent Auriol, socialist, declared that the penalties would be ineffective because France's part of the duties which it would be possible to be levied would, after payment of the reparations, show a deficit of 200,000,000 francs annually.

Asked by several deputies what he would propose in place of the London decision, M. Auriol declared that the international economic office should be established in which France, Great Britain, Germany and other interested nations should collaborate for the reconstruction of the devastated regions and a revival of economic activity.

"America," he said, "would finance such an organization."

Jean Hennessy, republican socialist, criticized the government for not considering the proposition of Dr. Simon that Germany collaborate in the restoration of the devastated regions through German industry and German hand labor.

Premier Briand replied that, if he had opened his ears to what he termed the vague and fragile suggestions made by Dr. Simon he would have started a discussion which would not have been terminated.

The interpellations will continue tomorrow and probably will end in a vote late in the night.

GERMAN MERCHANTS WARNED

Occupational Commander Puts Ban on Advancing Prices.

DUESSELDORF, March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Gaucher, commander of the occupational forces, in an order today warned merchants not to raise prices further. They were cautioned against creating the impression that the higher prices were due to the allied occupation.

Offenders will be punished severely and their stores closed, the order said.

VANDALS WRECK CHURCH

Altar Is Destroyed; Silver and Gold Articles Are Stolen.

DENVER, March 15.—Vandals last night destroyed the interior of the Holy Rosary Catholic church here. Using crowbars and other heavy implements, the invaders destroyed the altar, tore down the organ and accomplished other ruin estimated in excess of \$6000. The damage was not discovered until today.

The intruders stole a gold chalice, a number of silver and gold candlesticks and other valuable equipment.

DIVA SINGS AT FUNERAL

Schumann-Heink Renders "Taps" Beside War Veteran's Coffin.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—Mrs. Ernestine Schumann-Heink stood beside a modest coffin in the crowded little chapel of an undertaking establishment and sang "Taps" today.

She assisted at the funeral services of Captain A. A. Werner, newspaper man, and world war veteran.

VOTERS TO PASS ON 6 PROPOSALS IN JUNE

MEASURES, AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

Bonus Marriage Examination, Women Jury Service, Legislative Pay and Veto Included.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—All measures, constitutional amendments and resolutions referred to the voters at the recent session of the legislature, a total of six, will go on the ballot at the special election scheduled for June 7, according to I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

These include the measures authorizing the state to use its credit to the extent of 3 per cent based on the valuation of all assessable property, for the payment of the so-called soldier's bonus, mental and physical examination of all persons applying for marriage licenses, jury service for women, 60 days' session of the legislature and increasing the compensation of legislators from \$2 to \$5 a day, and single item veto by the governor.

The attorney-general in another opinion given to the secretary of state held that chauffeur, under the existing laws, applies to all persons operating a motor vehicle, whether it be a motor truck, touring car or motor bus, transporting or carrying passengers, freight or any commodity or merchandise for which a charge is made.

An appropriation of \$20,000 authorized by the last legislature for carrying on the work of the state child welfare commission will be available after May 25, 1921, the date on which the law becomes effective, according to a third opinion.

Relative to the appointment of judges and clerks constituting the so-called counting election boards approved at the recent legislative assembly, the attorney-general said:

"It is my opinion that in precincts where appointments were made last January the law as amended will be effective at the June election, but that the precincts for which such appointments were not made in January, 1921, cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the amendment for the reason that no means of appointing additional judges prior to next January is afforded."

POLICE ROBBER'S TARGET

Highwayman Holds Up Restaurant and Fires at Sergeant.

Police early this morning searched the railway yards in Lower Albina, where it was believed they had hidden in a robber who earlier in the night had held up a restaurant at 94 Russell street and fired five shots at Frank Mallon, police sergeant, as the latter passed the place in his regular patrol.

The robber was declared to have walked into the restaurant and ordered the proprietor to hold up his hands while he robbed the place. The highwayman was not masked.

MILK PRICE CUT 4 CENTS

Wisconsin Dairy to Sell Product at Reduced Figure.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., March 15.—Announcement was made by a leading dairy company today that milk prices would be cut to 4 cents a quart.

This move announced by the company will make milk an average of four cents a quart cheaper to the concern's customers, it is said.

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PICTURE IS DRAWN FOR JURY

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WIDOW BITES HER LIPS

Defendant's Testimony That Victim Was Silent to Protect Her Causes Expression.

ARDMORE, Okla., March 15.—Clara Smith Hamon, testifying today in her trial on a charge of the murder of Jake L. Hamon, republican national committee man, gave her version of the firing of the fatal bullet and underwent a strenuous four-hour cross-examination.

Speaking in a low pitched tone, she brooked no interference from her counsel until she had told her story of the occurrence of November 21, culminating in the firing into Hamon's body of the bullet from a tiny automatic pistol she said she held in her right hand.

"It went off as it fell, or I pulled the trigger, or something, as he hit me," she said, explaining the firing of the pistol as the climax to a fight with Hamon.

Attack With Chair Charged.

She said she smashed down on her with a chair after he choked, beat, kicked and mistreated her, but she said she did not know how the actual shooting occurred. "I don't know," she said. "I was went off."

Three times during her testimony she wept.

The tears first came as she spoke of the inception of the fight, Hamon, she said, having snatched her into a chair beside him in front of their hotel, cursed her and accused her of having been automobiling with some one.

Shooting Is Related.

With the words "Clara, you hit me," which she said he exclaimed when she shot him, the witness came nearest to a breakdown. She said Hamon threw back his vest and showed her a winking spot of blood on his right cheek.

It was a few minutes before she could continue her story.

Again she faltered and cried when she said that on the morning after Hamon was shot he sent her to go to the hospital, pulled her down to him, kissed her and said he hoped she had not been badly hurt in the fight and that it would not have happened had he not been drinking.

Widow Sits Few Feet Away.

Mrs. Jake L. Hamon sat a few feet away as Clara testified, intently watching the witness. Her face, for the most part, was expressionless, although at one point in Clara's story she bit her lips and closed her eyes tightly.

Clara Hamon just had testified in reply to a question by Attorney-General Freeling that she supposed Hamon's reason for telling her and friends to say to those who might inquire regarding the shooting that it was accidental, that she had said it she did not want to protect me and to prevent scandal."

Twice the witness stepped down and with the pistol with which Hamon was shot in her hand walked before the jury to show how he had been wounded. On cross-examination Attorney-General Freeling had her point the weapon at him while he assumed a position similar to that which she said Hamon had occupied.

On direct examination she dropped the pistol to show how it had fallen from her hand when the chair hit her.

Childbirth Is Denied.

She gave a low voiced "no" in reply to a question—cross-examination if there had been a child born to her, and in another answer said she did not know that Colonel Hamon had left a will, but that he always had said he intended for her to be provided for, and that she had said if she did obtain any money after Colonel Hamon's death she wanted to educate her younger brother and provide for her parents.

She said Hamon repeatedly had told her that he intended to obtain a divorce and to marry her and that she had waited six years for that to be done.

Second Contract Is Read.

A second contract, bearing the signatures of Clara Hamon and Jake L. Hamon, was read. It set forth that the two had entered an agreement whereby Clara Hamon was to receive \$35 a week as an employee of the colliery, subject to termination on two weeks' notice, and that should a child be born 325 a week should be set aside for the child, that Hamon agreed to acknowledge it as legal and that upon his death the child should share in his estate.

Shortly before she took the stand Clara Hamon was led from the courtroom almost in a condition of collapse, while deputy sheriffs and bailiffs ineffectually sought to clear the courtroom.

Mrs. V. B. Walling, sister of the defendant, had testified that for some time she had not known of the relationship (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

