

RAILROADERS' PAY CUT \$400,000,000

Reduction Announced by U. S. Labor Board.

SLASH ABOUT 12 PER CENT

31 Labor Organizations on 104 Roads Affected.

ORDER EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

Award Proves Disappointing to Railway Executives, Who Had Expected Greater Cut.

CHICAGO, May 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—An estimated \$400,000,000 will be slashed from the nation's railway wage bill when an order cutting wages an average of 12 per cent to be handed down tomorrow by the United States railroad labor board becomes effective June 1.

While the decrease is specifically applied only to the roads whose cases have been heard by the board, the decision says it must later be applied to any other road asking a hearing under provisions of the transportation act.

Percentages of reductions computed by members of the board gave the average of 12 per cent, and the same source estimated the actual reduction in wages at approximately \$400,000,000.

The decision brought reductions varying from 5 to 13 cents an hour or 5 to 15 per cent, and in the case of section laborers wiped out the increase granted them by the \$600,000,000 wage award of July 26, 1920. For section men the reduction was approximately 18 per cent, or from \$3.70 to \$3.02 per day.

Common Labor Fares Well. Switchmen and shop crafts were given a 3 per cent reduction, while train service men were cut approximately 7 per cent. Car repairers were cut about 10 per cent.

The board recently reclassified the various employes in connection with all-day operations, and this it was pointed out, may have some effect on their costs.

The board, also, a few weeks ago, ordered abrogation of the national working agreements, to become effective July 1. At the hearing on the petition for abrogation of these agreements railroad witnesses testified savings in labor cost as high as \$60,000,000 annually. This would be in addition to the savings possible through the wage reduction decision.

Common labor pay, over which the railroads made their hardest fight, is to be reduced 6 to 8 1/2 cents an hour, while freight truckers average monthly wages to \$37.10 and track borers to \$17.11. This new schedule will give section men an average monthly wage of \$33.35 for an eight-hour day, although considerable testimony offered by the roads showed common labor wages as low as \$1.50 for 10 hours.

Shop crafts employees and train and engine service men, except those in passenger service, are reduced 8 cents an hour. Construction and section men are reduced 10 cents an hour. Passenger and freight engineers, who were given increases of 10 cents and 15 cents an hour by the 1920 award, are to be cut 8 and 8 cents an hour, respectively. Passenger and engine conductors, who received increases of 12 1/2 cents and 13 cents, respectively, are cut 7 1/2 and 8 cents, respectively.

Boy's Reduction Smallest. Train dispatchers and yardmasters lose monthly earnings average \$260 \$270 are cut 8 cents an hour.

The smallest reduction will apply to office boys and other employes under 18 years of age, who will receive cents an hour less. Clerks are reclassified so that clerks who are usually young men 18 to 20 years of age, will receive a monthly salary of 7.50 for the first six months and \$5.00 for the second six months. Clerks with less than one year's experience now receive \$1.20.

A new monthly schedule for floating equipment employes on barges, gas and steam lighters gives caplans \$200, engineers \$190, firemen and oilers \$140 per month. On lighters and barges captains will receive \$20 to \$25, engineers \$10 to \$15 and mates \$100.

The attitude of the railway unions toward the decrease ordered remains to be determined. The big brotherlyhoods are expected to meet here July 1 to consider the board's decision. Claiming they were hard hit by the inter slump in business railroad managements have been clamoring for lower wages and the decision will be the first relief granted by the board since it set the advanced wage scale more than ten months ago.

SCOTT BONE CHOSEN GOVERNOR OF ALASKA

NOMINATION LIKELY TO GO TO SENATE SOON.

Appointment of Outsider Made to Escape Political Feud Now Raging in Territory.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 31.—Scott C. Bone, who directed the publicity for the republican national committee in the campaign last year, has been chosen for appointment as governor of Alaska. This can be said on authoritative information. The nomination is likely to be sent to the senate in the next day or two.

The appointment of Mr. Bone, who is one of the best-known newspaper men in the United States, comes after many doubts and misgivings in administrative circles. Several well-known newspaper men at one time or another have been considered for this post. James Wickham, for several years delegate in congress from Alaska, was considered for the appointment. Afterward the contest between George C. Hazlett, a resident Alaskan, and Mr. Wickham became so heated that it was decided that no Alaskan should receive the appointment.

At this juncture it was determined that the next governor of the territory should be some man in no way entangled in the political feuds of that far northwest possession. Colonel William T. Perkins of Seattle, for many years a resident of Alaska, was considered, but he was thrown in the discard by reason of charges that he had once been associated with Charles Herron, long conspicuous in territorial politics and at present the publisher of two newspapers, one at Juneau and the other at Anchorage.

Mr. Bone is one of the best-known newspaper men in the United States. He might better be called a journalist, as much as that term is recanted in some circles of the newspaper profession. He comes of the old school, who know all of the ins and outs of the newspaper business from the front office to the back and who can get more glory out of an attractive front page than from a ledger on which the red ink is conspicuous by its absence. He has been editor and publisher of many leading newspapers and was the founder of the Washington Herald, still published, but now owned by Herbert Hoover, now secretary of commerce, and Julius Barnes, ex-president of the United States grain corporation. Mr. Bone has been living in New York since he retired as editorial head of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer three years ago.

EX-HUBS' WEALTH DENIED

Assertion of "Peggy" Hopkins Joyce Scouted by Husband.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Denial that "Peggy" Hopkins Joyce, his chorus girl wife, had previously had two husbands who were millionaires was made today by James Stanley Joyce, the founder of the Washington Herald, still published, but now owned by Herbert Hoover, now secretary of commerce, and Julius Barnes, ex-president of the United States grain corporation. Mr. Bone has been living in New York since he retired as editorial head of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer three years ago.

The answer charges that his wife was guilty of bigamy when she married Sherburne Philbrick Hopkins at Bel Air, Md., September 1, 1913, on the ground that her divorce decree from Everett Archibald of Denver was not entered until 14 months later.

Neither of the men "was a man of means," according to the answer, which also asserted that Peggy had been a manicurist in Richmond, Va.

STRIKERS HELD PENITENT

Plea Made for Reinstatement of Ousted Boston Policemen.

BOSTON, May 31.—A plea to Governor Cox for reinstatement of members of the Boston police force who went on strike in September, 1919, was made today in a letter signed by Michael Lynch as president of the Boston Social club, the former police fraternal organization.

BASEBALL HELD IN PERIL

Pools Threaten to Corrupt Sport, Says Methodist Board.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Baseball pools or lotteries threaten entirely to corrupt the sport, the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church announced today.

CAMBRIDGE HONORS SIMS

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws Conferred on Admiral.

BURNING OF BRIDE IS LATEST THEORY

Mahoney's Neighbors Recall Hearing Groans.

CLOTHES THOUGHT IN TRUNK

New Angle Added to Case of Missing Rich Bride.

PACKING CASE NOTICED

Man and Woman Declare Box Was Sent From Apartment on Day Following Groans.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—That the body of Mrs. Kate Mahoney was burned in the stove of her apartment at 409 Denney way was the new theory on which the police today began working in their investigation of the aged and wealthy bride of James E. Mahoney, ex-convict.

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FOOD EXPORT BILL DRAWN

Federal Farmers' Financing Corporation Is Proposed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Creation of a \$100,000,000 federal farmers' export financing corporation to buy farm products in the United States and sell them abroad is proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee.

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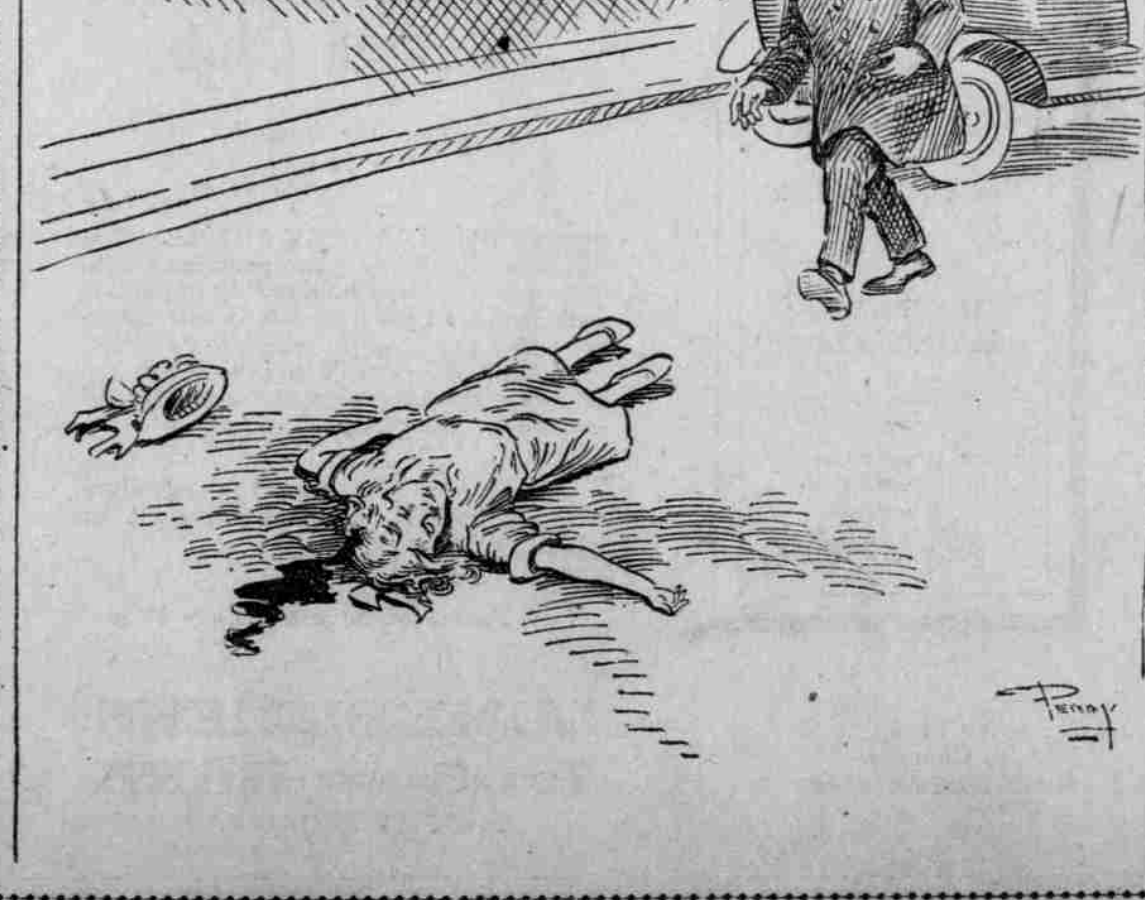
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3 U. S. STEAMSHIPS MENACED BY FIRE

GEORGE WASHINGTON BLAZES AT HOBOKEN DOCK.

Buckeye State Also Has Blaze by Dock at Baltimore, With Small Damage.

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 31.—A small fire of unknown origin tonight slightly damaged the steamship George Washington, which twice carried President Wilson to France and back. The steamer is in drydock here undergoing repairs. The blaze, which broke out on the hurricane deck, was extinguished in less than an hour after its discovery. Dry dock officials said the damage could be repaired within two days.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—The passenger and freight steamer Buckeye State, one of the large liners plying between Baltimore, San Francisco and Pacific ports, caught fire shortly after 5 o'clock while tied up at a Baltimore & Ohio railroad pier. The steamer is one of the shipping board vessels affected by the marine strike. The blaze was confined to the boiler room, where oil waste was ignited by sparks, according to reports.

The Buckeye State was only slightly damaged, it was said later today. Officials of the Matson line, which operates the vessel, said she would leave for San Francisco next Saturday, as scheduled.

BUENOS AIRES, May 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fire of unknown origin, broke out this morning on board the United Shipping board steamer Martha Washington, but the blaze was quickly extinguished. The strike of longshoremen continues, but the employment of non-union labor is increasing in the port area which is being guarded by military forces.

ARMAMENT "FEELERS" ALREADY SENT OUT

ATTITUDE OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIRED.

Washington Would Have Some Definite Information Before Opening Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—"Informal feelers" with respect to an international agreement for a reduction of armaments already have been put out by the American government, it was learned today in high administrative quarters. The purpose, it is understood, was to develop the attitude of foreign governments on the question before any formal negotiations are undertaken.

The approach already made are understood to have been conveyed through American representatives sitting informally in allied councils. The process is expected here to be a slow one and generally the belief is held that the "informal feelers" will be the only direct action taken by President Harding in response to the Borah amendment to the naval bill, requesting that the chief executive begin negotiations for a disarmament agreement.

McNARY TO FILE PETITION

Senator to Ask Leave to Intervene in Albers Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Senator McNary of Oregon announced today that he would file with the supreme court a petition for leave to intervene as a friend of the court in the case of Henry Albers, a wealthy citizen of Portland, who was convicted three violations of the espionage act.

When the case was appealed to the supreme court, the government confessed error, and the conviction was reversed, to be remanded, according to Solicitor-General Peterson, for a new trial. If the permission he seeks is granted, McNary will ask the court to vacate its mandate and to hear the appeal.

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NEW SHIP BOARD FACES HUGE TASK

Sectionalism Is Likely to Be Set Aside.

NATIONAL VIEW IS FAVORED

Aid to Smaller Ports Is Considered Probable.

POLICY CHANGE FORESEEN

Sullivan Declares That as Far as Possible Good of Whole Country Will Rule Acts.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. (Copyright by the New York Evening Post. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1. (Special.)—The job facing the new shipping board is by far the most difficult of our after-war problems.

The first of many difficult decisions on a fundamental policy which it must make is whether the institution shall be conducted from a national point of view or from a sectional point of view.

Many things done by congress have the tendency to express the aggregate of various sectional interests. They are one variation or another of the process called "log-rolling." The shipping board, as it has been organized by act of congress, has the sectional point of view. One member must come from the north Pacific coast, one from the south Pacific coast, one from the gulf coast, one from the Atlantic coast, one from the north Atlantic coast, one from the Great Lakes and one from the interior.

Something Deeper Expressed. This sectional distribution of personnel is merely expressive of something deeper. What was wanted by the interests which came together in congress to pass the act was that the ports of the various parts of the country should be adequately cared for. The point of view was not national, but sectional. It was not to achieve the most direct and economical management, but how best to build up the ports on all the coasts of the country.

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WASHINGTON STANDS PAT ON HOLLAND OIL

FAIR DEAL IN EAST INDIES DEMANDED IN NEW NOTE.

Exceptions Are Taken to Assertions of The Hague That American Companies Failed to Act.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Exception to the assertions of the Netherlands government that the United States entered its protest against the Dutch oil policy in the Djambi oil fields too late to affect the operation of that policy is taken by the American government in a new note which it was announced today had been dispatched to The Hague.

Official description of the communication was withheld. The long history of the negotiations undertaken to obtain equal opportunity for American oil companies in the Dutch East Indies has been summarized in the new note, and it is said instances cited to show that the American government called to the attention of Holland the action indicating discrimination long before the bill closing the fields was introduced in the chamber of deputies.

It was explained that two months after representations had been made by the American minister, an application for concessions had been made by an American oil company, and that it was not until a month afterward that the bill was brought before the chamber.

Although the note is understood not to contain anything which might be construed as a threat, it is said not to have indicated any modification of the intimation in the note of May 9 that it might become necessary for the United States to adopt some new policy towards Holland.

BONUS PROBE IS ORDERED

Senate Committee Appointed to Investigate Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Appointment of a committee to investigate the needs of and problems in connection with soldiers' bonus legislation was announced today by Chairman Paterson of the senate finance committee.

Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, is chairman of the committee, and the other members are Senators Sutherland, republican, West Virginia, and Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts.

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FARMERS ESCAPE; CATTLE DROWNED

Pumping Station Pipes Blamed for Break.

GAP IN DIKE IS 300 FEET WIDE

About 5000 Acres of Lowland Under Water.

NIGHT RESCUES ARE MADE

Damage to Crops Is Estimated at From \$300,000 to \$500,000. Rail Tracks Protected.

WOODLAND, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—Flood waters from 2 to 13 feet deep today had covered about 3000 acres of Woodland diking district number five as the result of the break last night in the retaining wall at the northern end of the district.

The theory was advanced today that the break was caused by seepage of water along the pipes of the Hartz Creek Pumping station and that the leak gradually loosened the pipes, which ran through the dike, until the force of the rising Columbia river tore away the wall and washed out the pumping station.

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The leak in the dike became serious last Friday when a force of 125 men was put to work in an attempt to prevent a break. The men started work about two days, but their efforts proved of no avail when the dike caved in Monday night.

The rush of the water was so great that in addition to tearing out the pumping station it carried away several tracts in its path.