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CONFEREES FAIL TO AVERT STRIKE

Labor Board and Rail Union Chiefs Split.

SESSION GETS NOWHERE

Interview Declared to Be Beneficial but Without Any Definite Results.

SECRET MEETING HELD LATER

Proposal Made at Afternoon Gathering Rejected—Night Confab Also Futile.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Efforts by the railroad labor board to avert the threatened railroad strike through conferences with heads of the five unions which have ordered a walkout effective October 30 failed when the meeting adjourned tonight with the announcement by the board that "while the discussions were beneficial, no definite results were obtained."

"There has been a full and frank discussion of the situation," said a statement given out by Ben W. Hooper, vice-chairman of the board. "The labor board and the brotherhood chiefs exchanged views in a perfectly pleasant way. The interview was beneficial, but we cannot say any definite results were obtained."

The five union presidents departed for their organization headquarters tonight with the announcement that plans for the proposed strike would go right ahead.

Adjournment Is Final.

"Adjournment is final," Chairman R. M. Barton of the labor board announced. "We do not plan any further conferences with the labor leaders, nor do we plan, at present, to call in the railroad presidents. I cannot say what our next step might be."

While the board members came out of the afternoon session smiling and in a jovial mood, they left the night meeting with solemn faces and refused publicly to discuss the session, aside from the statements by Chairman Barton and Vice-Chairman Hooper.

Settlement Plan Presented.

The afternoon meeting was started with the labor board, which called the conference, presenting its plans for settlement of difficulties. These were understood to be based on the public group announcement that the strike could be averted if the roads reduced rates, temporarily postponed attempts at further wage decreases and the unions accepted the recent 12 per cent cut.

The union presidents in the conference—W. G. Lee of the trainmen, W. S. Carter of the firemen, L. E. Sheppard of the conductors, Warren S. Stone of the engineers and T. C. Cashen of the switchmen—were said to have told the board that the unions "were fighting for their lives" and that any settlement would have to be one which would do away with what they termed the "prevalent impression among the men that they were being gypped."

Postponement Is Refused.

They found nothing in the labor board's proposal, it was said, which would warrant a cancellation of the strike order and were quoted as frankly telling the board that the strike "could not be postponed" and that only a settlement would keep it from taking place as scheduled.

The board, after a two and a half hours' discussion, requested that the conference be adjourned until 7 P. M., and immediately dispatched telegrams to Washington outlining the discussion. The night session also was futile, however.

One union president, following a conference of the five chiefs which followed the labor board afternoon meeting, declared: "Two lives are at stake in the present conference. "The labor board, according to reports in Washington, is fighting for its life and its future depends

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FOOD TO BE MOVED IN SPITE OF STRIKE

HOOVER ANNOUNCES PLAN TO SHIP COMMODITIES.

Department Is Declared Ready to Co-ordinate Efforts of Governors of States and Cities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Plans for the movement of essential commodities in the case of a general railroad strike have been completed by the commerce department, Secretary Hoover announced today.

Mr. Hoover said his department was prepared to co-ordinate the efforts of governors of states and municipalities in continuing the transportation of food, fuel and other primary commodities in the event of a tieup of the railroads. He indicated that the use of trucks and water transportation would be resorted to as well as the rail carriers.

All of the governors and some of the municipalities, Mr. Hoover said, were prepared to handle transportation within their states should such a situation develop, but it was in connection with interstate transportation that the aid of the federal government was needed.

CHILEAN TOWN IS SHAKEN

Violent Shocks Felt at Iquique; No Damage Reported.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Oct. 20.—Violent earth shocks were felt at Iquique at 1:45 A. M. today. No damage was done.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Pronounced earth shocks beginning at 1:13 A. M., and continuing until 3 o'clock were recorded today at the Georgetown University seismographical observatory. The center of the disturbance was estimated at about 4400 miles from Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 20.—An earthquake shock of moderate intensity, probably centered at a great distance southeast of Seattle, was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Washington last night. The shock began at 10:27 P. M., and continued for more than an hour.

PLANTING TO BE FILMED

Scenes of Roseway Dedication to Be Shown Throughout World.

The Roseway dedication exercises celebrating the planting of three miles of Sandy boulevard on either side with rose bushes, to be held at 2:30 o'clock next Sunday afternoon at the Rose City Park clubhouse, is to be filmed and shown throughout the world. Governor Olcott will speak at the exercises. Before the dedication there will be a parade, in which it is expected a large number of motor cars will take part and in which the Royal Rosarians will march.

A picturesque feature of the planting ceremony will be the appearance in native costume of little girls representing Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Peru, Spain, Armenia, Italy, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Finland, China, Belgium and France.

$60,000 LEFT FOR CATS

Sisters, Not Enthused Over Fussy Creatures, Cut Off in Will.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Cats all over the world will benefit from the $60,000 obtained by the sale of the Ewen homestead here.

Miss Caroline Ewen, who occupied the property for years with her two sisters, had a passion for caring for cats. She devoted her life to establishing sanitariums and relief organizations for stray cats and when she died left all her estate save $500 for carrying on the work. She cut off her two sisters in her will because they were not sufficiently enthusiastic about cats.

BABY SMOTHERED IN BED

Davenport Closed While Infant Lay On It Asleep.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 20.—When painters started work in the home of H. Bergquist at Pasadena park, a suburb, today, they closed a davenport upon which lay what they thought was a pile of bedding.

Five minutes later when Mrs. Signe Swanson of Burke, Idaho, a guest at the Bergquist home, was unable to locate her three-months-old daughter, she opened the lounge and found the baby wrapped in the bedding. It had been smothered to death.

BRAZILIAN FAIR INDORSED

Senate Passes Bill Providing for U. S. Participation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—American participation in an exposition at Rio de Janeiro next year to celebrate the centennial of Brazilian independence was provided in a bill passed today by the senate, carrying an appropriation of $1,000,000 for an American building and exhibit.

An effort by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, to cut the appropriation in half was defeated, 50 to 22.

GIANT GASSER BLOWN IN

Well in Arkansas Also Reported to Be Spouting Oil.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 20.—The correspondent of the Arkansas Democrat of Stephens, Ark., reported today that a well five miles west of Stephens in Columbia county had blown in as a giant gasser.

The well is spouting some oil as well as quantities of mud and water.

SILESIA DIVIDED IN EQUAL PARTS

Division Made Between Poland and Germany.

BOUNDARY TO FOLLOW ODER

15 Years Allowed for Inauguration of New Regime.

MARK MONEY STANDARD

Mixed Commission to Constitute Advisory Agency to Facilitate Application of Decision.

PARIS, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The decision of the council of the league of nations on the Upper Silesian question, made public here today, divides the plebiscite area in almost equal parts between Poland and Germany, as to the number of communes, and provides administrative machinery for the gradual inauguration of the new regime over a period of 15 years.

The long awaited boundary line, according to an official communique, will follow the Oder river to Niebetschau, assigning 22 communes in this southern section to Germany and 19 to Poland. The line is further traced in detail by the names of villages, the communique stating that the more northerly section to Germany obtains 20 communes and Poland 21. North of Lissau, the frontier will follow the old boundary line to the point where it joins that already fixed between Germany and Poland.

Mark Monetary Standard.

To insure continuity of peaceful economic life in Upper Silesia after the partition, the council of ambassadors is urged to take measures looking toward German and Polish cooperation under a general agreement.

The administration of private railways is left unchanged and as for the German railway system, a system of common exploitation is to exist for 15 years.

The German mark is designated as the monetary standard for not more than 15 years.

The customs frontier is to coincide with the political frontier and a customs tariff is provided for.

Advisory Agency Formed.

All inhabitants of the plebiscite area are to be allowed to cross the frontier without formality, until Polish legislation has been established in the area. All Poles living in the German zone and all Germans living in the Polish zone are to keep their

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AUTO CRASH FATAL TO OREGON STUDENT

HERBERT HOPKINS ONE OF KILLED AS TRAIN HITS CAR.

University of Chicago Men Making Trip to Attend Football Game at Urbana, Ill.

DANVILLE, Ill., Oct. 20.—Herbert Hopkins of Portland, Or., Stanwood Johnstone of Minnesota, Thomas Monilaw of Chicago, and Harold Skinner of Oak Park, Ill., were killed, and Walter Reckless of Wisconsin suffered a broken leg and injured hand when the automobile in which they were riding was hit by a Chicago & Eastern Illinois freight train on a crossing one mile north of Milford, Ill., at 8 o'clock tonight.

All members of the party were students at the University of Chicago, who were en route to the University of Illinois at Urbana, to attend a football game Saturday.

Louis Roberts of Chicago was the only uninjured member of the party. With the aid of autoists who soon afterward arrived on the scene, he removed Reckless to the hospital at Watseka, while the bodies of the four dead students were removed to an undertaking establishment in Milford. Reckless is quoted as saying that the car in which they were traveling had all curtains drawn and none of the party appeared to have seen the approaching train. The automobile was badly wrecked.

Roberts said that the automobile had slowed down for the crossing, but was going perhaps 15 miles an hour when the crash occurred. The next thing he knew he was lying beside the track with a freight train grinding to a stop a few feet in front of him. Beyond a few bruises he escaped injury.

Johnstone, Hopkins, Monilaw and Skinner apparently were killed instantly.

Directories and inquiries failed to identify Herbert Hopkins as a resident of Portland, though it is considered probable that this city may have been his home.

BANK RESTRAINT REVOKED

North Dakota Supreme Court Dissolves Injunction Order.

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 20.—The North Dakota supreme court today issued an order dissolving the restraining order issued at Jamestown Tuesday ordering the Bank of North Dakota not to receive further deposits.

The order of the supreme court directs Judge Coffey as plaintiff to show cause November 1 why the order of the supreme court should not be made permanent.

CAMBRIDGE STILL BALKS

University Again to Bar Women From Membership.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Cambridge university today again voted against granting women membership in the university by a majority of 214.

It was voted, however, to give women titular degrees by diploma.

PEACE RESTORATION TO TAKE PLACE SOON

FORMAL GERMAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGE SCHEDULED.

Re-establishment of Diplomatic Relations and Drawing of Commercial Treaty to Follow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Formal restoration of peace between the United States and Germany awaits the exchange in Berlin of the ratification papers and will take place some days from now. Official evidence that the treaty has been made, signed by President Harding and is ready for deposit in German archives, is under preparation.

Re-establishment of diplomatic relations and working out of a supplemental commercial treaty will follow exchange of ratifications. It was indicated today that the treaty approved by the senate contains about all the commercial provisions that American authorities had considered desirable to provide for, reservation of American rights under the treaty of Versailles being viewed as accomplishing this result.

There are certain reciprocal agreements as to German interests in the United States which Germany is anxious to have written into a commercial pact, and it is expected this will be taken up later through the regular diplomatic channels and at German initiative.

No indication was available today as to when it might be decided to withdraw American forces on the Rhine, or to reduce the strength of the command.

While every suggestion that American troops might be recalled has met with opposition up to this time from the French and British, and from Germany, it may be found possible later to reduce the force.

It has been generally recognized that the size of the American force had little to do with considerations that prompted the desire that it remain on the Rhine, the thing sought being to keep the American flag flying there for such effect as it might have in tranquilizing the situation.

In any event, it is regarded as improbable that the American force will be withdrawn as a unit. No plans for mobilization of transports for the homeward journey have been considered by the war department. On the contrary, with transports plying regularly across the Atlantic, there are accommodations for several hundred men each month on homeward bound vessels and it was intimated that the force would be brought back in this way whenever the movement might be ordered by President Harding.

MOSLEMS BADLY BEATEN

Defeat in Battle Lasting Two Days Officially Announced.

ATHENS, Oct. 20.—Turkish nationalist forces have been defeated in a sharp battle of two days along the southern end of the battle front in Asia Minor.

An official statement to that effect was issued today.

AN IDEA OF OURS THAT ISN'T PATENTED.

FRENCH REDS PLOT TO FREE SLAYERS

U. S. Officials Warned in Case of Deaths.

PARIS POLICE GO ON GUARD

Retaliation on Envoys in Paris Is Threatened.

HERRICK BOMB TRACED

Infernal Machine Sent to Ambassador's Home Mailed in Workmen's District.

PARIS, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A plot by French communists to take retaliatory measures against all American officials in France in the event of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, convicted in the United States of murder, was revealed tonight when it became known that threats had been made to blow up the offices of the American reparations commission and the passport bureau.

Threatening letters, warning of reprisals in the event of the death of the two men, were also received today by the American consul-general, A. M. Thackara, and the American consuls at Marseilles, Bordeaux and Lyons. As a result, strong forces of police began guarding the buildings occupied by the reparations and passport offices, and also the consulate here. The police in Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles are guarding consulates there.

Letters Are Not Signed.

Letters to the passport and reparations officials were not signed, but a letter received by Mr. Thackara tonight was signed by the communist organization in a small town near Lille. It was said retaliatory measures would be taken against American citizens in France if the men were executed.

No arrests had been announced tonight by the French police in connection with the explosion of a bomb in Ambassador Herrick's home, and police said they had abandoned the theory of a plot and believed that the sending of the bomb was the act of an individual communist.

Source of Package Traced.

Police have discovered the postoffice where the package was mailed. It is located in the workmen's quarter. Ambassador Herrick received 46 more letters of protest today, including one threatening lives of American officials in France.

The Americans do not accept the theory of the police; they believe a widespread plot exists to do serious harm to Americans. The latest letter to the ambassador is signed by the communist-socialist and young communist organizations of Chalons-Sur-Marne, and is stamped with the official seal of these bodies.

Tomorrow is the day generally set for carrying out these threats and demonstrations, and the French police began taking precautions to prevent gatherings near buildings occupied by Americans.

Red Paper Charges Trick.

Consul-General Thackara has received ten letters, but all except one were couched in mild language.

The Journal du Peuple, communist organ, speaking for the communists of Paris, dismissed the attempt on Ambassador Herrick's life as "purely and simply a police machination."

It finds too many "inexplicable coincidences in the affair," such as "the extreme astuteness of the valet, unless he had been forewarned."

"The American government has the habit of doing these things," it continues. "Such attempts have often in the last 20 years been fabricated beyond the Atlantic to give pretext for the repression of militant anarchists and revolutionaries."

Experts Examine Letters.

French experts, examining several hundred letters sent to Mr. Herrick, discovered one which they believed may furnish a strong clew in tracing the maker of the bomb.

The letter was addressed to the ambassador personally and was received by him at the American embassy October 14. It was said to have contained a threat to kill him, "by scientific means, "which the writer declared he had in his possession.

These experts today believed they saw a striking similarity between the handwriting of the letter and that of the address on the box which contained the bomb.

Letter Written in French.

The letter was written in French and in small, uneven letters, indicating that the author was an uneducated Frenchman. At the top of the sheet were the words "Sacco and Vanzetti," written in large letters. (These names evidently referred to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two Italians who were convicted of first-degree murder by a Massachusetts court last summer.)

Mr. Herrick went to his office in the American embassy as usual this morning, little affected by his narrow escape yesterday.

At the embassy Mr. Herrick found scores of telegrams and letters of congratulation from officials and

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SENATE VOTES TAXES ON FOREIGN TRADERS

EXEMPTION CLAUSE IN HOUSE BILL IS ELIMINATED.

Borah and Lafollette Contend That Provision Would Encourage Dodging of Levies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—After a two days' fight, the senate today voted, 36 to 30, to strike from the tax revision bill house provisions defining foreign traders and foreign trade corporations, which under other sections of the measure yet to be acted upon would be exempted from taxation on income received from sources outside of the United States.

Senators Borah of Idaho and La Follette, Wisconsin, were among the 11 republicans who joined with the democratic minority in defeating the provisions, originally presented by the treasury department.

Senator La Follette led the fight against the provisions and was supported by Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, and other democrats and by Senator Townsend, republican, Michigan. Finance committee members contended that the exemptions proposed were necessary so that American firms might compete in foreign markets on an equal footing with foreign concerns, but Senator La Follette and other opponents contended such exemptions were not granted by other countries.

Senators Hitchcock and Simmons argued that the effect of the proposals would be to have companies organized to take over foreign trade and foreign banking business in such a way as to escape taxation on the vast bulk of their business done abroad.

CORNELL HAS NEW CHIEF

Dr. N. Livingston Farrand Installed as University President.

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Cornell university today inaugurated a new president, Dr. N. Livingston Farrand. In addition to installing a new chief executive in the post made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Jacob Gould Schuman, minister to China, the university had prepared to lay the cornerstone of a new chemical laboratory.

Upwards of 125 universities and colleges sent representatives. Greetings from sister institutions of learning were confided to President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, for the colleges of the east; President M. L. Burton of the University of Michigan, for those of the middle west, and by President R. L. Wilbur, spokesman for colleges of the Pacific slope.

VENIZELOS BRINGS BRIDE

Aged Wartime Premier of Greece Reaches New York Today.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece, termed by his admirers "the modern Ulysses," will arrive here tomorrow on the Aquitania, with his bride, for his American honeymoon.

The elderly statesman married Miss Helena Schilizzi, many years his junior, in London, September 14.

BIG CHANDELIER DAMAGED

Ceiling Over President's Room Off Senate Chamber Falls.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—The great gold chandelier in the president's room off the senate chamber was badly damaged today when part of the ceiling fell and broke gold and glass globes.

Senators Pomerene of Ohio and Swanson of Virginia were showered by debris, but escaped injury.

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BRUMFIELD TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Convicted Slayer Cuts Throat in Cell

DENTIST FOUND ON COT

Condition Is Reported to Be Uncertain, but Hope for Recovery Is Held.

INSTRUMENT NOT LOCATED

Sheriff Starmer and Night Jailer Make Discovery Upon Noticing Blood.

BY DON SKENE.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, convicted by a jury last night for the murder of Dennis Russell, tonight attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat. The prisoner was found in a semi-conscious condition in his cell shortly after 9 o'clock. Blood covered the cot and had dripped onto the floor. Dr. A. S. Sether, Roseburg physician, who was summoned at once, said he believed the dentist's life could be saved.

Dr. Brumfield's condition was discovered after Sheriff Starmer and Charles Hadley, night jailer, saw a pool of blood on the floor at the edge of the cell. As they entered and turned on a light, they found the prisoner in his pajamas, his head on the cot and his feet on the floor. The cot was blood-stained. The dentist was bleeding badly, blood running down one arm.

Dull Instrument Used.

The officers found that the skin of Dr. Brumfield's throat had been scratched by a dull instrument, and expressed the belief the prisoner might have used particles from his eye glasses or the crystal of his watch. No evidence of what instrument had been used was found in a hurried examination made.

District Attorney Neuner and Deputy Attorney Hammersly arrived at the cell shortly afterward and attempted to obtain a confession from Dr. Brumfield. He was too weak to make a statement, they said.

Dr. Sether reached the prisoner about 9:30 and made an examination. He said the dentist had sustained a serious injury, and was weak due to loss of blood. The skin had been pierced near the jugular vein, but the vein had not been touched, the physician said. Dr. Sether expressed the opinion that the cut might be healed.

Brumfield Breaks Down.

The iron mask of self-control fell from Dr. Brumfield this morning. For more than two weeks he had sat through the long sessions of his gruelling trial for life with no sign of outward emotion. Today he "broke," and wept in dumb grief as he faced his loyal wife and his two brothers in jail.

A gasp of astonishment swept the courtroom late Wednesday night at the sight of Dr. Brumfield, serene and apparently untroubled, marching like a soldier from the room where his wife had just collapsed at the announcement that her mate must pay the death penalty on the gallows as the slayer of Dennis Russell.

Dr. Brumfield slept quietly last night, according to his jailers. At 8 P. M. his wife came to the jail to visit him. He was broken and forlorn in spirit. It was Mrs. Brumfield who declared: "It isn't over yet. I am a fighter and we won't give up."

Brothers' Farewell Silent.

Then came John A. and Victor Brumfield, brothers of the prisoner, who had journeyed from Indiana to take the witness stand in his behalf. The brothers met, but no word was spoken. Their farewell was the silent, crushing handshake of men whose hearts are too full for expression in words.

When the jury brought in the verdict, Judge Bingham fixed Saturday morning at 9 o'clock as the time for Brumfield to appear before him for sentence. Sheriff Starmer had

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