

RAIL WAGE AWARD STOLEN ON EVE OF BOARD'S DECISION

Chicago, July 19.—(I. N. S.)—A number of papers including a memorandum of the wage award to be announced by the United States railway labor board tomorrow, were stolen from the offices of the board by an intruder who gained an entrance to the offices through a transom, it was announced by the board officials today. The theft was committed late Sunday or early this morning.

"Someone evidently wanted to obtain advance information concerning the award," said Chairman R. M. Barton of the board, who ordered an investigation of the robbery.

RAILROAD UNION CHIEFS MAY REJECT WAGE AWARD

Chicago, July 19.—The wage award of the federal railway labor board will be rejected by union chiefs, according to a report today. If the award is rejected a general railroad strike, involving more than 2,000,000 men, will be called, it was said.

According to information secured tonight the award will grant an increase of 20 per cent to the highest paid group of workers—engineers, conductors and firemen—and 27 per cent to the lowest paid group—the shovemen, trackmen and helpers. The brotherhoods had demanded an increase of 25 per cent for the highest paid workers and 68 per cent for the lowest paid men.

The brotherhood chiefs have said they will be unable to hold their men in line if the wage award is unsatisfactory.

MANY UNION LEADERS CARRY STRIKE VOTE IN POCKETS

Chicago, July 19.—Five hundred railroad union chieftains rolled into Chicago today for what is considered one of the most important labor conferences ever called in the United States.

On the decision of these rulers over the destinies of 2,000,000 railroad workers will depend whether the United States is to face a general railroad tieup in the near future, or whether the award of wage increases, to be announced Tuesday at 9 a. m. by the railroad labor board, is to be accepted as equitably covering the needs of 200 classes of railroad labor and if the general strike cloud is to disappear like some ephemeral thing that never really existed.

The union leaders here, besides the grand officers, include practically every district and department chief on every class A railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific. More than 1000 railroad labor leaders met Monday to out-

line the stand to be taken on the award to be issued Tuesday.

SIR THOMAS WILL STICK BY SKIPPER

By Francis J. White
Sandy Hook, N. J., July 19.—(I. N. S.)—No change will be made in the skipper or crew of the cup challenger Shamrock IV.

Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the big sloop, stated this afternoon that Captain William Burton and the same crew that has handled the challenger in her brushes with Reo-clute in the international cup races to date, will be aboard her when she skims across the line in tomorrow's triangular race.

Sir Thomas' statement put an end to a myriad of rumors that Captain Burton was to be deposed as skipper.

"Captain Burton and the same crew that has sailed the Shamrock so far," Sir Thomas told me aboard his steam yacht Victoria, "will remain in charge of her and will be at the helm tomorrow."

The Irish baronet refused to commit himself regarding the apparently well founded report that a change was contemplated.

He merely remarked: "There is no call to make changes when a yacht has not been beaten."

HARDING'S ANSWER TO WOMEN STARTS THEM ON WARPATH

Washington, July 19.—Upon Senator Harding's reply to his delegation on July 22 depends whether or not the National Woman's party will open permanent campaign headquarters in Ohio this summer.

Telegrams received from Alice Paul, now in Ohio, completing arrangement for next week's deputation, announce that an option has already been secured on a fraternity house in the town of Delaware, a few miles from Marion, which will serve as headquarters if it is found necessary to maintain constant pressure upon the Republican leader in order to secure action in Vermont and Connecticut.

Diva's Adopted Son Plunges to Death

Tulsa, Okla., July 19.—Robert Midkiff, adopted son of Madame Schumann Heink, lost his life here Sunday when an airplane he was piloting collapsed.

Nation-Wide Drive on To Sell Army Meats

Washington, July 19.—(I. N. S.)—The war department today started an intensive campaign to dispose of surplus army stocks of meats at cost prices. Advertisements have been inserted in many newspapers and posted in every postoffice in the country. The distribution of the meats will be nation-wide and none will be sold for export.

Campaign Body Named
Freewater, July 19.—An executive committee to carry on the statewide expansion campaign of the State Chamber of Commerce in this section has been named as follows: H. E. Gleason, chairman; H. R. VanStyke, H. S. Murray, H. O. Mansfield and George Propek.

Boy Who Loved His Books, Kills Self When He Goes Blind

Chicago, July 19.—(U. P.)—Life to Carl Becker was confined to the printed page. His eyes failed and he had to give up his books. He ended his life today.

Entries in a diary showed the progress of blindness. The last notation was: "When others see the sun shine or see the sunset glow or see the pretty flowers nodding to and fro, or when they see the portraits that glorify the wall, your boy sees only the darkness—eternal night—there's all."

JAPANESE INQUIRY BOARD IS COMING

San Francisco, July 19.—(U. P.)—Members of the congressional committee on immigration were divided in groups today to resume in different zones their inquiry into Japanese matters.

Seeking information regarding conditions in Southern California, Congressman Taylor and Swope are journeying to Los Angeles, San Diego and other points. Representative Kleckla will make two or three inquiries and then leave the state. The remaining committee members stay here to conduct further hearings today. Tomorrow members Valle, Raker and Box leave for Auburn and nearby points to hold hearings.

Splitting up of the members into sub-committees, Representative Johnson explained, is for the purpose of expediting the taking of an immense amount of evidence yet to be submitted.

The entire committee leaves here Thursday evening for the Northwest to investigate Japanese penetration in and near Tacoma and Seattle.

Major Fiske Promoted

Dallas, Tex., July 19.—Word has been received by Postmaster V. F. Fiske that his brother, H. B. Fiske of the regular army, was recently promoted to be a lieutenant colonel. Colonel Fiske served in France as a brigadier general on the staff of General Pershing, but at the conclusion of the war returned to his permanent rank. He is a former resident of Portland.

Graduates to Teach
Forest Grove, July 19.—Miss Dulcinea Brown and Miss Zella Buckingham, graduates of Pacific university with the June class, will teach at the Milwaukee high school the coming year. Miss Brown was a member of the intercollegiate debating team and Miss Buckingham editor of the Weekly Index.

ONE KILLED AND 14 ARE INJURED IN RIOTING AT CORK

London, July 19.—(I. N. S.)—One civilian was killed and 14 others, including seven women, were wounded in an outbreak of fighting at Cork, said a Central News dispatch from that city today.

A cordon of British troops was thrown around the city halting all traffic, an Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Cork reported.

"Cork spent a night of terror," said a dispatch to the Evening News.

"The trouble began when news was received that John Bourke, an ex-soldier, had been bayoneted to death by a sentry after failing to heed the challenge. Ex-soldiers attacked one man from a South Staffordshire regiment whom the Sinn Fein volunteers succeeded in rescuing. Later indiscriminate firing from the soldiers began."

"During the fighting lorries filled with military patrols and armored cars caused panic among the population by racing through the streets with the soldiers firing in every direction," said another Central News dispatch.

"At midnight the streets were nearly deserted."

The Cork outbreak is regarded as a sequel to the assassination of Inspector General Smyth of the Royal Irish constabulary on Saturday night. Inspector General Smyth, who was commissioner for the Munster district, played a prominent part in the recent "police revolt" in County Kerry. Sinn Fein leaders

showed documents which, they declared, showed that martial law would soon be proclaimed throughout Ireland and urging them to use harsh methods in dealing with the Irish people.

CONSTABLE COMMISSIONER SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD

Dublin, July 19.—In revenge for a speech in which he urged that the police "shoot down on sight all men suspected of being republican volunteers," Divisional Commissioner of Constabulary Smyth was shot to death in cold blood at a club in Cork Saturday night.

The assassination was carried out in the most brutally pointed fashion and has sent a thrill of horror through that part of the country. Never before has the doing to death of any British official been carried out so boldly and with so little regard for public opinion.

Commissioner Smyth was seated in the smoking room of the County club, chatting with several high police officials when a dozen armed men broke into the place. Without parley they fired at short range, several bullets penetrating his body. "Ais, an inspector, was wounded in the volley but not fatally. The others escaped injury and the assassins escaped without molestation."

The authorities are doing their utmost to hunt down the perpetrators of the out: ge.

PLAN OF MARTIAL LAW FOR IRELAND PROPOSED

London, July 19.—(U. P.)—Among the first tasks to be considered by the cabinet upon the return of Prime Minister Lloyd George will be martial law in Ireland.

This move is being discussed in official circles because of the precarious situation arising from the increasing disorders there. Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, opposes martial law.

Lord Lieutenant French received certain letters and documents stolen in Friday's raid on the postoffice, but they

were of no real value. They had been opened and censored by the Irish republicans. The most important documents and constabulary reports were still missing.

New letters received from General Lucas, who was kidnaped by Sinn Fein, indicate his hiding place has been changed and that he has been more closely confined. Lucas said his captors were still offering to parole him if he promised not to engage in political activities.

London's police arrested William Gallagher, supposed Sinn Fein intelligence officer, dressed in a British naval uniform of a lieutenant commander. He was believed to be gathering information regarding movements of British warships.

COX FAVORS WOMEN FOR FEDERAL WORK

By Annabelle Lee
Washington, July 19.—Women have proved themselves so capable and efficient that they must be given their share in the national life. This was the belief enunciated by Governor James M. Cox, Democratic presidential nominee, in an exclusive interview Sunday.

"I think it will be one of the logical possibilities of this election that women will be appointed to federal offices," said Cox.

"I don't mind saying," declared the governor emphatically, "that if we recognize efficiency in government to be an essential factor of successful legislation, then women must be appointed to such offices when their efficiency qualifies them for such positions."

Governor Cox had undergone the ordeal of several hours of conference with political friends and leaders in an informal garden party at the home of his host, and after waiting the last visitor good-bye, he sat down on a garden seat, leaned his elbows on his knees and said earnestly:

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