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GOVERNMENT PROBES SHIP PRODUCTION

Investigators Now in Portland Go Over Books of Local Concerns to Renovate and Deodorize Them

TWO DECLINE TO GIVE INFORMATION

May Uncover Evidence for Another Case Like Blain's in Seattle

PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—Rigid investigation of the United States shipping board and its relations with Pacific coast ship building plants which constructed vessels for the government during the war is being made by the United States department of justice.

Five operatives of the department of justice are in Portland from Washington and are gathering evidence for presentation to the federal grand jury.

Books and records of all Portland shipbuilding plants are being carefully examined, as well as the records of the local shipping board office, it was announced. Two shipbuilding plants, the Northwest Steel company and the Columbia River Shipbuilding company declined to give the investigators information which was sought until the official knew for what purpose such information was desired, according to George G. Wheeler, who is directing the investigation of the department of justice operatives. Other plants have given such information as was demanded, he said.

When the proper time comes, Mr. Wheeler said the government would procure such data as it needed from these two corporations by taking official action through the grand jury.

Continued From Seattle
"While it was not intended to give publicity to our investigation at the present time, it is true that we are in Portland investigating the shipping board and the work of the shipbuilding plants," said Mr. Wheeler, as spokesman for the party. "The Portland probe is a continuation of the Seattle investigation which re-

SHOOTS ANOTHER'S WIFE THEN ENDS OWN LIFE

FORMER SERVICE MAN LIES IN WAIT TO SLAY WOMAN

When Her Husband Was Gone Arthur Williams Shot and Killed Mrs. Grace McCombs and Self

SEATTLE, April 20.—Arthur Williams, 39, a former service man, today shot and killed Mrs. Grace McCombs, wife of R. D. McCombs, a logging camp engineer, at her home at Ardmore camp, nine miles from Seattle, then shot himself twice, dying a few minutes later. The shooting occurred shortly after McCombs had started for Seattle, leaving his wife at home alone.

Williams, who served with the 167th supply train in Siberia, and had been employed recently as a private detective, visited the camp this morning, according to neighbors, and remained until McCombs left. Then he went to the McCombs cottage.

ONLY ONE MINE NOW OPERATING

Nearly 13,000 Miners in Butte Idle as Result of Wobbly Walk-Out

BUTTE, Mont., April 20.—One mine out of Butte's numerous ore producers was working tonight, and that only at part capacity, because of the strike of miners which went into effect Monday and which tightened up sharply today. The property still operating was the Elm Orie, a W. A. Clark property, where a small force reported for work this morning.

There are estimated to be 13,000 miners in Butte and virtually all of them are idle, many voluntarily and others, they said, because of intimidation. Few cases of assault were reported today, although pickets posted by Industrial Workers union No. 800 continued their watchfulness on "the hill" and turned back miners who had started for their work.

Fear was expressed that the Washoe smelter at Anaconda, employing 10,000 men and the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls, employing several hundred would be closed within a few days from lack of ore from Butte.

The F. W. W. at a meeting Sunday drew up demands which include \$7 for a six hour day from "collar to collar"; release of political prisoners and similar requests. No demands have been presented to the employing companies, it was announced.

DENIM WAVE NOT WANING AT CAPITOL

State Officials and Employees Pledged to Wear Common Garments at Least Until November 1

COLLARS ALSO BANNED

Pool System Is Organized for Purchasing Denim and Khaki in Lots

The overalls movement is by no means "fizzling out" in Salem.

At the state capitol a mass meeting was held late yesterday, at which about 200 men and women employees and practically all state officials were represented. All pledged themselves to purchase no outer garments other than denim, khaki or corduroy at least until November 1, beginning Sunday, April 25. White laundered collars also are banned.

The pledge affects only working hours at the state house, though other garments worn at other hours must be those already possessed. Military uniforms may be worn by ex-service men. Buying of the denim, corduroy or khaki will be according to a systematic plan, R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control and who is state purchasing agent, together with C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, being appointed a committee on buying for those who wish to purchase according to the pool plan. Persons signing the pledge are not barred from buying on their own account.

Those who order the overall suits through the committees will not be required to appear in the new mode of attire until the orders are received. The wearing of coats now in the possession of signers will be permissible if the trousers are in accordance with the agreement, but the purchase of coats or other outer garments, except of the stipulated quality of goods, will not be permissible.

On November 1 another meeting will be held to decide what further action is necessary.

Palmer Leads Democrat Aspirants in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga., April 20.—With 131 counties out of the 151 in the state heard from at midnight, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer on unofficial returns had a lead of 23 county unit votes over his nearest opponent, Thomas E. Watson, and 64 votes over United States Senator Hoke Smith for the Democratic presidential endorsement in Georgia.

The vote as compiled by the Atlanta Constitution at that hour stood Palmer, 48 counties and 132 convention votes; Watson, 46 counties and 169 votes, and Smith 37 counties and 93 votes.

Headquarters of Senator Smith conceded that Palmer held a slight lead.

Mr. Palmer, in his campaign, appealed for an unqualified indorsement of the Democratic administration of President Wilson and the league of nations. Senator Smith endorsed the "great achievements of the Wilson administration and favored the league of nations with reservations. Mr. Watson has been a bitter opponent of the league of nations and many of the war measures enacted under the Democratic administration.

Wintrees Married Again by Judge in Portland

PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—Bygones are bygones today for P. W. Wintree and Mrs. Effie Wintree. Their differences, which led some time ago to a divorce, and culminated early during March when Mrs. Wintree took \$6500 from the vault of the Aurora State bank, dissolved yesterday in the mellow glow of a second honeymoon.

Tears streaming down her face, Mrs. Wintree stood beside her former husband in the chambers of District Judge J. W. Bell, and the Wintree family was put back on a pre-divorce basis.

The two Wintree children, girls, aged 7 and 9, were the reason for the remarriage. Wintree told Judge Bell.

Paving to be Resumed on Dallas Road at Once

Oscar Huber, contractor, who is constructing the Salem-Dallas road, yesterday began taking gravel from the Willamette river and paving of the stretch will be resumed immediately, according to an announcement yesterday at the offices of the state highway department. A portion of the road was paved last season and the entire stretch will be completed this year.

STRIKERS APPEAL FOR LAWLESSNESS

REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE SPREAD ABOUT IN EAST

"The Central Revolutionary Council of America" Posts Circulars Demanding Overthrow of Government

NEW YORK, April 20.—The striking employes on the Pennsylvania railroad who formed a part of the general "outlaw" strike, were directed to return to work before midnight Wednesday in an ultimatum issued by the company tonight.

The grip of the "outlaw" strike of railroad employes was confined tonight to the New Jersey waterfront yards.

Trains were operated through the tubes under the Hudson river. Police headquarters sent out an alarm tonight for the arrest of three men who had distributed circulars on the east side which called for a general strike and the overthrow of the United States government. The circulars bore the name of "The Central Revolutionary Council of America," it was stated.

SOLDIER BONUS IN ANOTHER ROW

Patriotism and Not Cash Should be Reward of Noble Heroes of the War

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Conflict between Republicans and Democrats on soldier relief legislation broke out in the house today after Chairman Good of the appropriations committee had warned members that to put through a cash bonus plan would "bring down the wrath of 100,000,000 men, women and children."

"The greatest badge that the American soldier will wear," Representative Good declared, "will be the badge of sacrifice and not the badge of a bonus."

The open fight over the legislation started when Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Republican leader, in opposing "any wild enterprises costing many millions," charged that the Democrats were attempting to foist an extravagant plan on the Republican house for political reasons.

The statement of the Republican leader brought a quick response from Representative Garner of Texas, the Democratic whip, who attacked the Republican sales tax plan for raising the needed revenues, declaring the Republicans were planning "to place a tax on the backs and bellies of the people, instead of taking it from the pockets of those best able to pay."

Another development in connection with bonus legislation was the calling by Representative Tower, Iowa, secretary of the Republican caucus committee, of a party conference Thursday night to consider this legislation. His action was in response to a demand from two score Republican members, who were said to be dissatisfied with the work of the house ways and means committee in framing the legislation.

BRITISH PROBE RUMORS OF WARS

Rumor Loating Huge Plot Centre in New York Draws Investigation

LONDON, April 20.—Constantly reiterated reports that a plot having as its purpose simultaneous uprisings in Egypt, Ireland, India and Canada in June is being fomented in New York have oppressed British officials to the extent of setting on foot an investigation.

The officials entered upon their work of investigation today with the idea, it was stated, that if such a plot was on foot, those behind it were irresponsible agitators who would not be entrusted with funds collected in the United States for the "Irish Republic" and who are without organizing ability or other substantial backing.

The reports here have gone so far as to say that Irish sympathizers have left the United States for Canada, Egypt and India to plan a revolt in these countries. In this connection, British officials have taken cognizance of a statement of a member of parliament that he can prove that a soviet committee has been set up in South Wales and is awaiting the time of "the great revolution" when it hopes to assume power.

Present Fishing Season Claims First Victim

OREGON CITY, Or., April 20.—The first fatality of the present fishing season below the falls occurred yesterday evening when a boat in which Albert Letenmeier and Adam Satara were trolling were capsized. Letenmeier, who was 18 years old, was drowned. Satara clung to the overturned boat and was rescued by Julius Spagle and Frank Fuge who were fishing in another boat.

STORMS TAKE TOLL OF 146 IN FEW HOURS

Many Towns in Alabama Completely Obliterated in Path of Terrible Tornado; Huge Property Loss

DENVER VISITED BY GAUNT PROWLER

Portland Man Dies After Long Exposure in Train Stalled in Deep Snow

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 20.—A death list which tonight stood at more than 140 and a property loss of many millions of dollars was the toll exacted by a tornado which today swept a score of towns, villages and isolated farms in eastern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama and the southern counties of Tennessee.

Communication with many of the stricken districts was difficult, but fragmentary reports agreed that the tornado obliterated nearly everything that lay in its path. In at least one case—that of Rose Hill, Miss.—virtually the entire town is said to have been destroyed, and in several instances all members of a family were reported to have been killed.

Striking first apparently in Lauderdale county, Miss., about 10 this morning, the storm swept a narrow path across the state, carrying destruction to a dozen or more communities.

Meridian, Miss., the heart of the rich farming district, suffered the heaviest loss, according to reports, with a known death list of 21. The village of Glen, Alcorn county, numbered its dead at 10. Aberdeen, 10. Ingomar 6. Egypt 5. Baker 5, and Bay Spring 7. A lumber camp near Philadelphia, Neeshoba county, lost 12 workers killed and 30 injured.

Sixteen persons were killed, scores injured and property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars destroyed by the storm in the northwestern part of Marion county.

Twenty-one persons were killed on a single plantation near Aberdeen, Miss.

DENVER, Colo., April 20.—At least six persons lost their lives in the blizzard which raged over Colorado from Saturday to Monday, and many others are reported missing. Three of the dead are sheep herders and their herds perished with them. Nineteen other herds are missing and their herders are believed to be in the mountains. Conditions in Denver today were nearly normal again.

Practically all railroads have been cleared and are again running on schedule.

J. W. Bradford of Hoquiam, Wash., died in his berth on a Union Pacific train as it was entering the city after having been storm-bound for some time on it. His clerk indicated that he was traveling from Ferrand, Okla., to Portland, Or. He is believed to have a son in Bristol, Okla.

Chance Offered Reservists to Man Fleet of Destroyers

PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—All naval reservists on the Pacific coast who desire to take part in the cruise planned by the navy department for the coming summer will be assigned to vessels of the destroyer squadrons, Pacific fleet, according to an announcement reaching here today from the navy department. This means that the dreadnaughts and cruisers will be manned by crews of the regular navy.

According to Lieutenant Commander John A. Beckwith of the naval reserve force, about 1000 men in Oregon are affected by the order. About 100 of these are from Portland. Present plans of the navy department call for a cruise of two weeks some time after July 1. All reservists intending to take part have been urged to arrange affairs so that they will be able to leave their civil occupation at that time.

Transportation and subsistence will be furnished reservists from their homes to the vessels and return.

Perkins Denies He Has Withdrawn Name

TACOMA, Wash., April 20.—S. A. Perkins, republican national committeeman, tonight denied a report from Spokane that he intended to withdraw from the contest seeking his reelection as committeeman. Mr. Perkins declared he had an idea how the story originated, but declared he had not telephoned to Spokane. He declared he had given out no statement but intended to make one in the near future giving his views upon the presidential situation in the state.

WAR HEROES BADLY STUNG BY O & C LAND

SOME COME LONG DISTANCE ON BORROWED FUNDS

Arrive Here to Find Tracts Offered to Be Not According to Expectation and They Lose Out.

PORTLAND, April 20.—Former soldiers who expected to secure good farming land in the Oregon and California railroad land grant, recently released by the government for entry, have been sorely disappointed, according to a letter received today by George Sayle, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, from LeRoy Hamman, an ex-soldier who went to Roseburg for the purpose of filing on government land.

Mr. Quayle advised Hamman that little of the land offered for entry was fit for farming, he explained today, but the former soldier thought he would "take a chance."

Hamman said he found conditions very bad. There were many sad cases among "the boys" who came from eastern states on borrowed money, the letter said.

CUMMINGS TO BE BOURBON GUIDE

Chosen to Call Convention to Order and Deliver Key-Note Speech

CHICAGO, April 20.—Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, today was selected to preside as temporary chairman of the national convention at San Francisco June 28 and deliver the keynote address which will announce the party policy in the forthcoming campaign.

The convention date was framed at a luncheon at the Iroquois club and the democratic chiefs then assembled there listened with interest to a speech in which their leader sounded what they said, probably would be the main point of his "key-note address."

The republican party has lost its moral character, he declared, in launching a vigorous attack on the action of the majority in congress in defeating the peace treaty and league of nations and particularly the methods by which control of the foreign relations committee was held by the republicans.

"The whole fight on the league of nations dates back to a corrupt election in Michigan," he said, "and a convicted criminal is the thing upon which republican supremacy rests."

He was convinced that the people of the United States wanted the league of nations. The republican congress had debated the peace treaty for eight months and had failed "to pass one constructive piece of legislation."

Turning to the war, he declared that "not chance, but brains, won it, and for this leadership, he maintained, the democratic party was entitled to credit. "It matters not what they may say of President Wilson," he added, "his fame is immortal and future generations will render tributes of praise and obligation to this great democrat."

Relation of democratic women to the party and their part in the deciding of its affairs would be decided by the San Francisco convention, the nation executive committee decided today.

Meeting with members of the women's advisory board, the committee appointed Mr. Cummings, chairman of a sub-committee to draft the program under which the enfranchised women will work. Their findings will be presented to the convention for adoption.

Today's session was said to be the first in which the women have had representation on the national executive commission.

Plans for the convention were virtually completed today with the selection of the temporary officers. Besides Mr. Cummings, these officers are:

E. G. Hoffman, national committeeman from Indiana, secretary.

W. R. Hollister, Missouri, assistant secretary.

Colonel John I. Martin, St. Louis, sergeant-at-arms of the national committee, to be convention sergeant-at-arms.

J. J. Hughes, Oklahoma, assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Colonel Martin, who has been sergeant of the national committee for the past 25 years, has officiated at four previous conventions.

Objection to the San Francisco convention committee's arrangements and particular to the size of the hall, were reviewed following the appearance before the committee on arrangements of Postmaster Charles Fay, chairman of the San Francisco committee and Isadore B. Dockweiler, national committeeman from California who explained the plans being made to handle the guests and the convention.

Suggestions that the convention might be moved across the bay to Oakland or elsewhere were dropped.

LEAD GIVEN JOHNSON ON EARLY COUNT

Returns in From 89 Precincts Out of 1849 Give Hiram 3549, Wood 2293, Pershing 1444, Ross 126

BRYAN A TAIL-ENDER BUT SHOWS LATE GAIN

Hitchcock Candidates Top W. J. B. Though Hope Still Exists

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—With 89 precincts out of 1849 heard from Hiram Johnson is leading the Republican candidates for presidential endorsement at today's primary by the following vote:

Johnson 3549; Wood 2293; Pershing 1444; Ross 126.

United States Senator Hitchcock is running away ahead of his only opponent, Robert Ross, of Lexington who was also a Republican candidate. Political observers claim Hitchcock victory is assured beyond a doubt, even with only a small percentage of the vote heard from.

The Republican gubernatorial race is close with McMillen leading McKelvie by the following vote in 86 precincts:

McMillen 1695; McKelvie 1592.

William Jennings Bryan showed gains during the counting of the last 30 precincts and is not far behind the Hitchcock delegates who are leading for the delegate at large places.

Probably never before in its history has Nebraska gone through a primary campaign that was so filled with interest as the one which closed here today. The fight was by no means confined to one party and while Omaha has never before seen the hard work at the polls that was evidenced by the Pershing, Wood and Johnson forces, the Democrats were still issuing verbal broadsides even up to the very close of the polls at 8 o'clock.

Shortly before the election officially came to an end, John H. Mithen, president of the Hitchcock-for-President league, issued a statement outlining the friction that exists between Senator Hitchcock, who is running for Democratic presidential preference and Williams Jennings Bryan, who is a candidate for delegate at large.

Mr. Mithen's statement said: "The contest between Bryan and Hitchcock involved three principal issues—the league of nations, the right of primary voters to instruct the delegates they elect and modification of the Volstead act."

"Mr. Bryan attacked Senator Hitchcock because he had led the fight in the senate against acceptance of the Lodge reservations to the league covenant. He attacked him further because of his declaration in favor of an amendment to the Volstead act to permit the home use of light wines and beer. Bryan asserted that elected a delegate, instructed by the primary preferential vote to support Hitchcock for president, he would not cast his vote for Hitchcock at San Francisco, but would allow his alternative to do it."

Bryan Retraces Steps
"This led to Bryan himself being attacked as a repudiator of his own doctrine of 'let the people rule' and as a 'colonizer' of the Democratic primary election. He was sharply criticized also for having bolted his instructions to support Champ Clark at Baltimore, 1912, for having resigned from the cabinet when war threatened, and for seeking now to repudiate a Democratic national administration and to himself supplant President Wilson, as leader of his party."

Owing to the long ballot, political observers admitted that they did not expect to be able to announce any results, other than the Hitchcock-Ross contest, early tonight.

Charge of Perjury Against Mrs. Evans Is Dismissed

STEDFORD, Ore., April 20.—The perjury charge against Mrs. Lark F. Evans was dismissed in Justice of the Peace Taylor's court here this afternoon. The charges arose in connection with her testimony last week at her preliminary hearing on the charge of having stolen the automobile of W. G. White of Grants Pass, for the robbery of whom her husband was recently convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

The dismissal came on a technical point that she had testified under a voluntary oath not attorney by law to be made by a defendant in a preliminary examination. The dismissal has no bearing on the automobile larceny charge on which she was held to the grand jury last week.

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