



RAIL WAGES MAY STAND UNTIL SEPT. 1

State Rests Case In Trial of Centralia's Alleged Radicals

TWO EVIDENCE STATEMENTS IN CASE ARE LOST

Private Control Given Chance to Make Good Hoover Tells Miners

Prosecution Unable to Produce Documents Signed by Witness When Demand Made by Defense

New York, Feb. 18.—The return of the railroads to private ownership on March 1 will mean the placing of private operation on its "final trial," in the opinion of Herbert Hoover, expressed last night in his inaugural address as president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 18.—The state, in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, rested at 11 o'clock this morning.

"No scheme of political appointment," Mr. Hoover said, "has ever been devised that will replace competition in its selection of ability and character. Both shipping and railways have today the advantage of many skilled personnel, sifted out in a hard school of competition and even then the government operation of these enterprises is not proving satisfactory."

Statements Lost Montesano, Wash., Feb. 18.—Two statements alleged to have been signed by T. C. Morgan, important state witness in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, have disappeared from the files of the prosecution, it became known when court opened today.

"The return of the railroads to the owners places predominantly private operation upon its final trial. If instant energy, courage and large vision in the owners should prove lacking in meeting the immediate situation, we will be faced with a reaction that will drive the country to some other form of control."

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"The problem of the relationship between the employer and employe was next discussed by Mr. Hoover. He asserted that the country had until recently 'greatly neglected the human factor' that is so large an element in our productivity, and that this neglect had accumulated much of the discontent and unrest throughout the universal population and had reacted in a decrease of production."

Abolition of Nine Sub-Treasuries Proposed to House

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"We are today contemplating," he said, "maintenance of an enlarged army and navy in preparedness for further upheavals, while failing to even provide some insurance against war by a league to promote peace."

State Aid In Defense Of Bandon Boy Sought

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 18.—A J. S. Sherwin of Coquille, who was assistant counsel to District Attorney John F. Hall, in the prosecution of Harold Bandon, the Bandon youth accused of the murder of Lillian Leuthold, has returned from the case, leaving District Attorney Hall alone in the work required in trying the Howell boy.

The movers in the new phase of the case declare they were induced to this procedure by the belief that special counsel was to be provided for the Howell boy. It is said the Bandon residents who are backing the governor's third trial will ask the governor to send Attorney General George M. Brown or some other able prosecutor and L. A. Lillqvist, former district attorney of Coos, is mentioned as a possibility. It is understood here that Attorney General Brown is not in favor of interfering in the case unless ordered into it by the governor.

PAYNE REJECTS ALL SUBMITTED BIDS ON LINERS

Shipping Board Heads Recommends Offers for Former German Liners be Turned Down in Report

Washington, Feb. 18.—Rejection of all bids received for the thirty former German passenger ships offered for sale by the shipping board was recommended today by Chairman Payne of the board who asked authority to renew negotiations for sale of the vessels for operation under the American flag.

The resolution was embodied in a prepared statement which Mr. Payne read to the committee. He recalled that the board had sold 188 ships in accord with its policy to dispose of the fleet to American citizens for operation under the American flag and that eighteen former German cargo vessels were included in this number. The price received was \$93,545,847.

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KERENSKI JAILED BY BOLSHEVIKI, REPORT

London, Feb. 18.—Alexander Kerenski, the former Russian premier whose regime was overthrown by the bolsheviks in November, 1917, has been imprisoned in the Caucasus according to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen quoting the Estonian newspaper Variania.

Hampshire Sows Bring New Record Price at Sale

Nehawka, Neb., Feb. 18.—What the owner said were world record prices for Hampshire sows were brought here yesterday at a sale by Raymond C. Pollard of this city. Forty-two head sold for \$21,985, an average of \$523 as compared with the previous high of \$469. One sow brought \$2550, a new top for this breed. Buyers from twenty-eight states were present.

PRESENT SCALE IS FAVORED, REPORT IS GIVEN IN TODAY

Washington, Feb. 18.—Wages established by the railroad administration during the war would continue in effect until September 1 under the railroad reorganization bill, the conference report on which was presented in the house and senate.

The restriction of wage increases was looked upon with special interest by members of congress, railroad officials and union leaders in view of the recent demands of the more than two million railroad workers for an advance in pay.

The fourteen railroad union heads have called a conference to begin Monday to discuss the policy to be adopted in dealing with a commission either created by law or appointed by the president to arbitrate existing wage controversies as proposed by President Wilson in his recent conference with union officials.

Chairman Esch, of the house managers, announced today that the conference report would be taken up in the house Saturday—and Chairman Cummins of the senate managers, expects to call it up in the senate at a later date.

Adjustment of rates by the interstate commerce commission so as to yield to carriers a return of 5 1/2 percent with another half of one percent for improvements.

Government guarantee to railroads against a deficit during the first six months after the roads are turned back.

Appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be used as revolving funds from which to make loans to carriers and pay claims growing out of federal control. Unexpended funds now in the railroad administration's hands are also re-appropriated for that purpose and of appropriation of \$50,000 for the federal labor board is provided.

Such dispute should if possible be decided by railway boards of labor adjustment established by agreement between the carriers concerned and the employees.

CHOATE QUITS HERE AND WILL GO TO EAST

After an affiliation of eight years with the U. G. Shipley store as superintendent E. H. Choate Wednesday tendered his resignation, and tonight or early Thursday will leave with his wife and two children for Chicago where he will engage in a more extensive merchandise business.

Mr. Choate came to Salem in 1908 from Boston, Mass., and soon after became identified with progressive movements in the city. For several terms he has served as director of the Salem Business Men's league. He will be succeeded in this capacity by P. J. Fullerton, first elected associate director.

BIG 3-DAY AUTO SHOW OPENS HERE TODAY AT ARMORY

With 40 cars on display and the show room thronged with spectators the second annual automobile show under the auspices of the Salem Auto Dealers association, opened at the armory at 2 p. m. Wednesday. The highly decorated show room, with flags, palms, vary-colored lights and the neatly arranged machines bespoke the care taken to make this one of the greatest automobile shows ever staged in the state.

MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS PURSUING BANDIT ABDUCTORS

New York, Feb. 18.—Mexican government troops are pursuing the bandits who kidnaped Wilson Welsh Adams, an American mine superintendent, but contact with the outlaws has been lost in the hills of Zacatecas, Mexico, according to a telegram received today by the American Metal company, limited, Adams employe, from its offices at Monterey, Mexico. The telegram also stated that the bandits assured others at the Proviencia mine where Adams was captured, that no harm would befall him. Ransom of \$25,000 was demanded for his release.

WOMEN URGED WITH PARTIES NOW EXISTING

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Alignment of women voters with existing parties and abandonment of efforts to inaugurate a political organization of their own was advocated today by the leaders of the League of Women Voters, successor to the National American Woman Suffrage association. Republican and democratic members of the league urged the women to affiliate with their respective parties and expressed their opposition to the formation of a woman's party.

The natives of India show the greatest interest in phonographs and it is considered a good market for these instruments.

PAUL DISCHANEL IS TODAY PROCLAIMED FRENCH PRESIDENT

Paris, Feb. 18.—Paul Deschanel today became tenth president of the French republic, succeeding Raymond Poincare, who laid aside the robes of office after one of the most critical periods in the history of the country.

The inauguration of the French president is a formal ceremony and the number permitted to witness the transfer of authority is limited to the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies, committees from each house and members of the cabinet.

While the crowds massed along the route on both banks of the Seine were cheering M. Deschanel as he passed with his escort, the members of the cabinet and the officials of the senate and the chamber assembled around M. Poincare in the palace to greet the new president.

With the arrival of M. Deschanel at the Elysee the formal transfer of power took place. On the conclusion of the formalities Deschanel and ex-President Poincare were driven through the crowded streets to the city hall where they were received by the president of the municipal council, the prefect of the department of the Seine and the president of the general council.

Greetings were extended to the president and the retiring executive and a formal reception followed in which Paris society was liberally represented. It was noted that the band at this function played a number of American airs.

HUN PRESS COMMENTS ON NEW ALLIED STAND

Berlin, Tuesday, Feb. 17.—Commenting on the allied note to Germany making concessions regarding the trial of Germans accused of war crimes, the Tageblatt today says: "The awakening of the democratic spirit in England and Italy has its effect in inducing the leaders of the entente to recede from their previous attitude on the extradition issue."

Capital Journal's Straw Vote for President

Vote for One, placing X after name; then cut out and mail or bring to Capital Journal Office. Table with names: BRYAN, COX, GERARD, HARDING, HOOVER, JOHNSON, LOWDEN, McADOO, OWEN, PALMER, PERSHING, POINDEXTER, POMERENE, TAFT, WILSON, WOOD.