

STRIKE CAUSES GRAVE CRISIS FOR MINISTRY

Balfour Moves for Rejection of Government Bill, Declaring It Unwise—Ultimatum of Downfall of Government is Predicted as Result.

Great Central Railroad Notifies Public That Traffic Will Be Suspended Sunday for Lack of Coal.

LONDON, March 21.—Declaring that the crisis resulting from the strike of the coal miners is the gravest in the history of the British nation and characterizing the minimum wage bill of Premier Asquith as extreme, unwise and by no means a remedy for the situation, A. J. Balfour, leader of the conservatives in parliament, moved for the rejection of the bill in the house of commons today.

Balfour said that the government was trying to rush through an experimental law without considering its effect. He denied that he wished a dissolution of parliament at this time. Premier Asquith ignored the plea of the conservatives and moved the minimum wage bill to its second reading.

LONDON, March 21.—Unless Premier Asquith accepts their amendment to his minimum wage bill the striking coal miners will continue to paralyze the country's commerce and to jeopardize the political power of the liberal ministry by remaining on strike, according to an ultimatum which they issued to the premier today.

The Miner's Federation has notified Premier Asquith that he must accept their amendment providing that the minimum scale shall be at least five shillings per day for adults and two shillings for minors, or the miners will not abide by the law and will not return to work. If the premier does not accept this ultimatum the downfall of the liberal ministry is predicted.

The laborites and the Irish nationalists are opposed to the bill as framed.

LONDON, March 21.—Because it is impossible to get coal with which to run its engines, the Great Central railroad today posted notices that it will suspend operations on next Sunday unless the strike of the coal miners is ended.

TAFT'S VOTE IS LESS THAN 2000

FARGO, N. D., March 21.—That the vote for President Taft in the state preference election primary will not exceed 2,000 is shown in additional returns received here today. Indications are that Senator La Follette's plurality over Roosevelt will be about 12,000, although many rural districts have not yet been heard from.

The democratic vote was about 5,000.

WOOL BILL AGAIN BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Congressman Underwood introduced in the house today a bill reducing the duty on wool, which is identical with the measure vetoed by President Taft. The committee on ways and means endorsed the Underwood bill this morning.

TEDDY TURNED DOWN BY MAINE LEGISLATURE

AUGUSTA, Me., March 21.—Determined opposition to former President Roosevelt was shown in the state legislature at today's session, when the lower house voted unanimously not to invite Roosevelt to address the legislature.

GRAND JURY NOW PROBING COUNTY COURT

Accusations of Graft Being Investigated—Road Building Operations Sifted—Celebrated Cant Hooks Cost \$5.25, Not \$17.25.

Several Matters "Blow-Up"—Harmon, Lampman and Ulrich Before Grand Jury—Await Report.

The grand jury has turned its attention to certain charges which have been made during the past three months against the county court and former Roadmaster W. W. Harmon. The result of their probe will not be known until they make a report on the matter, but it is not believed that any of the charges will be substantiated in any particular. Rex H. Lampman and W. W. Harmon have appeared before the jury and today William Ulrich of this city was summoned.

It is known that several matters under investigation have "blown up." One was to the effect that a merchant in Medford was overpaid on a bill and that he had sent the overcharge back to the county but that it had never reached the county funds. Investigation, however, showed that the check had been endorsed by County Treasurer Crommiller and that it was placed in the proper fund.

Another charge brought to the attention of the grand jury concerning the purchase of three cant hooks. In Engineer Harmon's report this item appeared charged at \$17.25 when the amount paid for the implements was only \$5.25. Mr. Harmon showed this to be a clerical error which was substantiated when he called attention to the total amount charged to implements. In auditing supply bills the several amounts were charged to various road crews and quarry gangs, and therein the error lay.

Mr. Ulrich was summoned today by the grand jury. Just what he knows in regard to the matter is not yet known.

It is generally believed that the grand jury will not find any charge against the court or Mr. Harmon which can be substantiated.

OUTLAWS ELUDE SHERIFF'S POSSE

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 21.—Unable to get within striking distance of the Allen clan of outlaws, members of the pursuing posse who returned here today declared it will be weeks before the bandits are captured, if they are taken at all. The outlaws are familiar with every nook in the mountain passes and owing to heavy rains which have practically obliterated the trails the posse so far has been unable to get near the supposed stronghold of the fugitives in Devils Den.

Floyd Allen and his son Victor will be arraigned here next Tuesday on charges of murder for their part in the killings in Judge Massie's courtroom. The county prosecutor will resist any effort for a change of venue, and he plans to ask Governor Mann for a military guard during the progress of the trials.

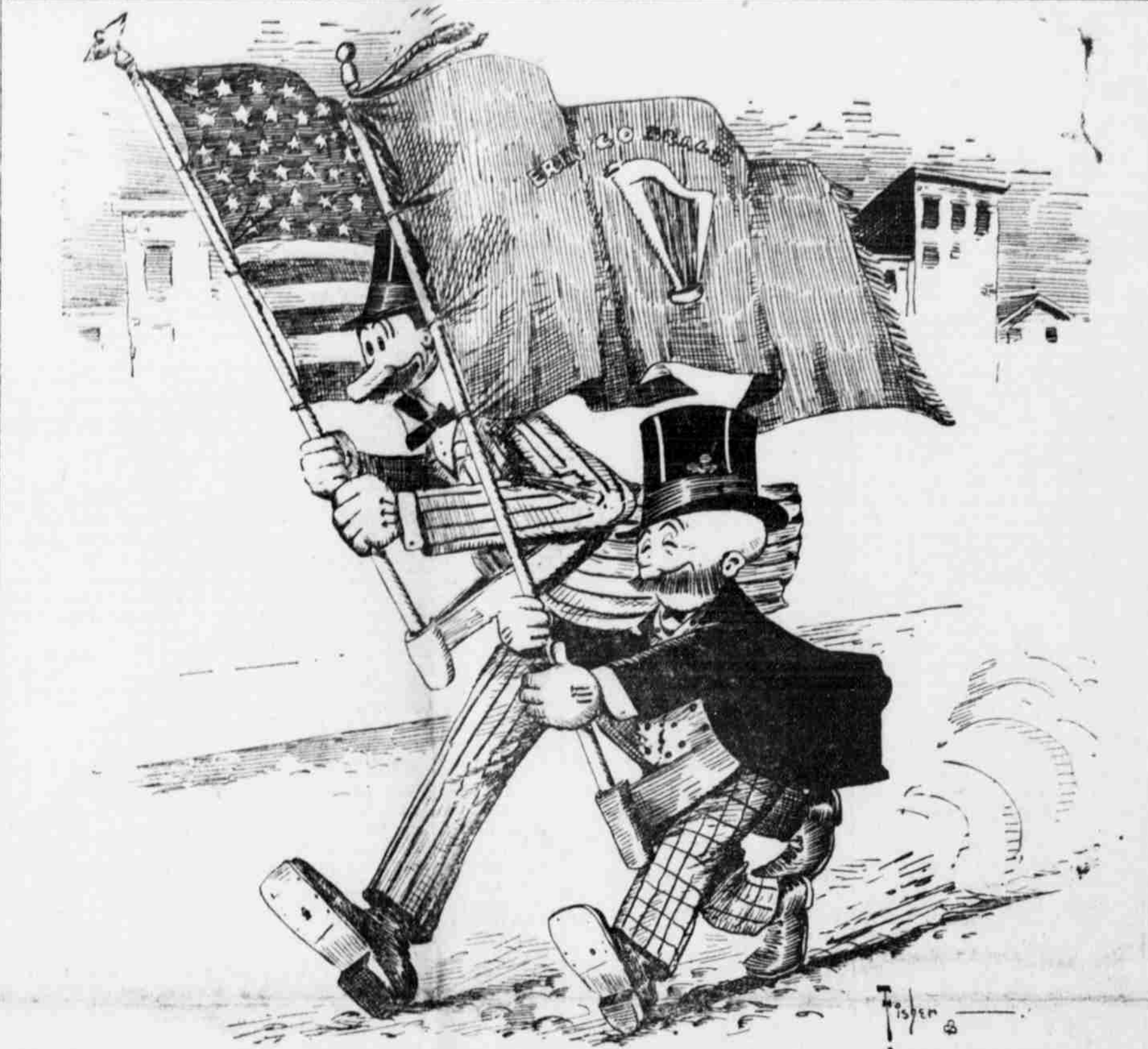
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SEIZE CARSON EFFECTS

NEW YORK, March 21.—United States customs officials today seized most of the personal effects of Mrs. Blanche Carson, the San Francisco society woman who committed suicide by hanging here yesterday after being arrested on a charge of smuggling valuable jewels into this country.

The belongings were transferred to the appraisers' store rooms, where they will be held pending the arrival of Mrs. Carson's brother, Paul Mabury, from Los Angeles.

TULARE, Cal.—Because Tulare has no jail, Officer Wheeler compelled a wobbly citizen to walk his beat with him seven hours. W. C. was in a sober and penitent mood at the end of the march.

Mutt and Jeff Enter the Jackson County Campaign



One dollar reward will be paid by the Mail Tribune for the best definition as to who is Mutt and who is Jeff and why among the candidates for office. Answers must be sent in by April 1st, when the cartoon will be reprinted correctly designated.

NORTHWEST IN FAVOR OF WILSON

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—"There's a strong preponderance of Woodrow Wilson sentiment in my state. I believe Montana will select Wilson as its choice for president," declared Governor E. L. Norris of Montana here today in commenting on the political outlook. Governor Norris is himself a Wilson democrat elected by a majority of 1,500 in a normally republican state.

"While there is some Clark strength I think there is no doubt that the democrats of Montana will instruct their delegates to the national convention for Wilson. In the republican camp, Roosevelt seems to be the choice over Taft."

Governor James H. Hawley of Idaho, also elected by a substantial democratic majority in a republican state, predicted that Wilson would sweep the state against any republican candidate thus far proposed.

"I believe Wilson gets the Idaho delegation," Hawley said. "Of course the state is normally strong republican, but there is a big split between the standpatners and the progressives of that party this year. The people of Idaho have always thought well of Roosevelt, but there are at present a great many republicans who feel that he has not played fair and sentiment is unquestionably against him."

PRICES GO SKYWARD IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, March 21.—Reading, Union Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Amalgamated Copper, American Smelting and a few specialties rose in the stock market today, the average prices in the active group reaching the highest level since November.

The market wavered in the first hour under profit taking but responded soon to large buying orders. Trading in United States Steel was especially heavy. The market closed strong. Bonds were steady.

TO HAVE HONOR MEN QUIT WORK

T. E. Pottenger of this city is circulating a petition to the county court asking that Westville, honor camp No. 1, be abandoned and the men returned to Salem. Mr. Pottenger states that the move was instituted by taxpayers who believe that convict labor is proving too expensive to the county.

Mr. Pottenger refuses to divulge the names of the taxpayers who launched the movement.

According to the men who are closely in touch with the work done by the honor men, the work is the cheapest ever done on roads in this county, it costing an average of 75 cents a day to clothe, feed and pay the men.

REBELS THREATEN TO HANG MADERO

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 21.—That President Madero of Mexico will be executed if he falls into the hands of the rebels is set forth in a decree signed by General Pascual Orozco, the rebel commander, which was brought here and published today by Melchor Camacho, special envoy of Orozco. Another decree warns Americans that if the revolution is successful any contracts entered into with the Madero government will be void.

SENATORIAL DEADLOCK ON IN NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE, N. M., March 21.—Today's balloting on the two United States senators who are to represent New Mexico resulted in the state legislature as follows: Democrats—Jones 21; Martinez 23; Republicans—Fall 22; Andrews 14; Mills 20; Baca 10; Catron 8; Scattering 20.

HONOR MAN IS SENT HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—John McMillan, the "honor prisoner," who broke faith with Governor West of Oregon when he fled from the tuberculosis ward at the Salem penitentiary where he was stationed to do light work without guard and who surrendered himself here several days ago because his conscience haunted him continually for breaking his word, will be sent back to the Salem penitentiary on the Steamer Bear. He will not be accompanied by a guard.

Governor West today expressed a belief that McMillan was sincere in a wire to the San Francisco police to place him on the steamer Bear.

Tears of gratitude gathered in McMillan's eyes when told of West's orders, and, after bidding farewell to his temporary keepers, he departed alone for the Salem jail.

FIRETRAP OWNERS ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

NEW YORK, March 21.—By direction of Judge Seabury a jury today in favor of Isaac Harris and Max Black, proprietors of the Triangle Shirtwaist company, on one of the indictments resulting from the fire in their factory a year ago in which scores of girls met death.

Judge Seabury decided that the defendants already had once been in jeopardy and all pending indictments against them were then dismissed.

NO WINDOW SMASHING FOR OREGON SUFFRAGETTES

PORTLAND, March 21.—Oregon suffragettes today are urged by Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton of Spokane, to avoid the window smashing tactics of their English sisters and go after the ballot quietly and peacefully. If they do so, Mrs. Hutton said they will win and by vigorous applause the women expressed their intention to follow her advice in their campaigns.

102 MINERS IN SHAFT ARE DEAD

McURTAIN, Okla., March 21.—So certain are the officials that the 105 miners entombed in Number 2 mine of the San Bois Coal company here which was wrecked by an explosion of gas, are all dead today that the relief train with its doctors and nurses has been returned to Fort Smith, Ark. Twenty bodies have been recovered. Seven, badly charred, were found near the main shaft.

With the mine a burning mass, recent work is extremely hazardous. Wooden coffins are piled high outside and ropes have been stretched about the mine's mouth, behind which women and children kept vigil all night.

At the time of the explosion 116 men were at work in the mine. Of these 11 were rescued alive one hour later.

TO PROVE CONSPIRACY AGAINST SUFFRAGETTES

LONDON, March 21.—In its efforts to prove a "conspiracy of destruction" against the leaders of the suffragettes here the government today caused Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, Mrs. M. Tuke and Pethick Lawrence and his wife to be examined in Bow Street court.

During the hearing the government presented evidence secured in its raid of the suffragette headquarters offices here among which were letters showing that a demonstration calculated to "make the ministry stop and think" had been planned.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL IN ARIZONA LEGISLATURE

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 21.—A bill providing a woman suffrage amendment to the Arizona constitution was introduced in the legislature today. It was the third measure to be brought before the solons of the newest state. Women lobbyists for the measure appear confident that it will carry, and be placed before the voters.

SNOW SHEET WRAPS ENTIRE CENTRAL WEST

Blinding Sleet storm Driven by Forty Mile Gale Causes Great Suffering in Chicago—All Trains Hours Behind Schedule—Wires Down.

Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan and Wisconsin Covered With Snow—Serious Floods Expected.

CHICAGO, March 21.—A three-inch fall of snow last night, followed today by a blinding sleet storm, which is driven by a 40 mile gale, is causing much suffering. All transcontinental trains are hours behind their schedules or have been cancelled.

Today's sleet storm has crippled all telephone and telegraph wires and all suburban traffic is at a standstill. The entire middle west is covered with a blanket of snow. All trains in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan and Wisconsin are many hours behind schedule.

Serious floods in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys are expected to follow warm weather, as the snowfall this winter has been unusually heavy.

ROOSEVELT TO STUMP WEST

NEW YORK, March 21.—Resorting to the old fashioned method of campaigning, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, it was announced here today, would stump the middle west to further his candidacy for the republican presidential nomination. The stump speeches he is to deliver are now in course of preparation and a tentative itinerary has been completed.

In all of his addresses, it is understood, Colonel Roosevelt will reiterate his Columbus speech in substance, and discuss the recall of judicial decisions.

Present plans call for Colonel Roosevelt to leave for Chicago next Tuesday evening. From Chicago he will go to Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis. On the return trip he probably will speak at Detroit and other points in Michigan.

THREE GOVERNORS SELECT FAIR SITES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Governors of three states—Washington, Idaho and Montana—are here today for a four days' sojourn, during which time they will select sites for their state buildings on the grounds of the Panama Pacific exposition.

In the party are Governor M. E. Hay of Washington, with his commissioners and a number of prominent business men of Seattle; Governor E. L. Norris of Montana and Governor J. H. Hawley of Idaho, and the Idaho state commission. Governor William Spry of Utah will arrive tomorrow morning.

The three states are making elaborate plans for a combined exhibit under the name of the "Inland Empire."

LA FOLLETTE VS. TAFT ISSUE IN OREGON

PORTLAND, March 21.—Considering the issue narrowed down to a fight between Senator La Follette and President Taft, followers of the latter in Oregon today are making every effort to defeat the Wisconsin senator. W. B. Ayer, chairman of the Taft campaign committee in Oregon sent out an appeal to the republican voters to register so that the full strength of President Taft may be mustered. Senator La Follette's supporters today predict that he will carry Oregon easily.