

HOUSE SUSTAINS LOBBY CHARGES WILSON MADE

Mulhall's Story Indorsed by Both Democrats and Republicans—Manufacturers' Association Found Guilty of Influencing Legislation.

McDermott Censured for Venality—House Will Probably Be Forced to Expel Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Wilson's charge that an insidious lobby existed in Washington was sustained today by a unanimous report from the house committee which investigated the chief executive's accusation.

Democrats and republicans joined in denouncing lobbying and lobbyists and largely indorsed the story told by Colonel Martin M. Mulhall, including what he said about the National Association of Manufacturers.

Congressman MacDonald, progressive, made a separate report even more strongly worded than his fellow committeemen's.

The National Association of Manufacturers was declared guilty, in the majority report, of "improperly preventing or seeking to prevent legislation."

The American Federation of Labor was exonerated on all charges of "corrupt and illegitimate lobbying."

Congressmen Bartholdt, Burke, Calder, Sherlev, Webb and Fairchild, all mentioned in the Mulhall narrative, also were exonerated.

Congressman McDermott, another of the men referred to by Mulhall, however, was severely handled. "We cannot say he has been corrupt in his votes," said the majority report, "but we would be shirking our duty toward the house of representatives and toward the country if we did not say that we are driven, much to our regret, to the conclusion that he has been guilty of acts of grave impropriety, unbecoming the dignity of the distinguished position he occupies."

McDermott censured

The McDermott matter was one on which Committeeman MacDonald wanted to be more emphatic than his colleagues. McDermott's case, his report asserted, was an individual instance of venality resulting from vicious and corrupting influences.

"Any refusal to recognize the enormity of such shocking disregard by a congressman of his solemn duty cannot but tend to weaken the standing of the house."

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CHANCELLOR TOLD BY REICHSTAG TO RESIGN, REFUSES

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg had more trouble with the Reichstag today.

HUERTA BRAGS WILL GO DOWN IN GLORY BLAZE

"Before Driven Out, I'll Do Something That Will Make Me Go Down in History for a Hundred Years," Says Dictator—Actions Erratic.

Rumors of Fights in Many Parts of Country—Americans Leave for Vera Cruz.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—"I may be driven out, but before I go I'll do something that will make me go down in history for a hundred years," President Huerta was quoted today as saying.

The dictator was vacillating in his actions and orders despite his bombastic utterances. Within a few hours after ordering General Navarrete to succeed General Tellez in the field, for example, he revoked the order today and summoned General Navarrete to the capital.

In a dozen other ways he was equally erratic. To some extent this was attributed to his intemperate habits but he was constantly doing the unexpected and inconsistent even when sober.

Among his actions of today was the summoning to active military service of General Raseon who was the Catholic party's presidential candidate at the last election.

The chamber of deputies which has been expected again and again to consider the election's validity, was still again expected to take the matter up this afternoon.

Reports received today tended to confirm earlier rumors of the killing of General Genevevo de la, a Zapatista leader, in battle at Huiztilac.

Messages were received telling of fighting or of impending fighting in many parts of the country but the accounts were mere vague rumors, or, if authentic, related only to small engagements.

More Americans left for Vera Cruz today, alarmed by indications that a battle in Mexico City is near.

HUERTA'S ELECTION TO BE LEGALIZED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—Strong sentiment in favor of declaring General Huerta was chosen president legally at the recent election developed at a secret session of the chamber of deputies this afternoon.

If this should be done it will be against Huerta's wish. He will remain as provisional president and will have a much freer hand if the election is declared invalid.

The deputies seemed to be growing unmanageable in their opposition to permitting the situation to remain unchanged for the present, as the dictator desires.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 9.—In considering Harry Thaw's plea for release on bail, Federal Judge Aldrich today ruled that the question of the Pittsburgher's sanity must be settled by the United States courts.

OFFER REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF LOPEZ

SALT LAKE, Dec. 9.—Acting on information seemingly confirming the belief that Lopez is alive in the mine, Governor Spry this afternoon offered a reward of \$1000 for the outlaw's capture.

Six-Day Racers Break Records

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—At the end of the thirty-third hour, the leaders in the six-day bicycle race in progress at Madison Square Garden had covered 699 miles and 4 laps, four and one-half miles ahead of the former record. Walker and Cory were one lap behind the leaders.

RESCUERS RACE TO SAVE LIVES BRAZOS FLOOD

Conditions in Deluged Region Frightful—160 Dead Accounted for, But Hundreds Missing—3000 to 6000 Refugees Clinging to Treetops.

Smallpox Spreading in Stricken Region—Many Bodies Carried Far Downstream and Lost.

BRYAN, Tex., Dec. 9.—Brazos River valley flood conditions were frightful today.

Only 160 dead had been accounted for, but hundreds were missing. Of these, many undoubtedly will turn up later, but many others certainly perished.

Not until a further fall in the water reveals the corpses held fast in the ooze beneath the rushing current can anything like an accurate estimate of the total number of victims be made.

Even then there will be uncertainty, for many bodies probably were carried far downstream, and in cases where whole families were wiped out there simply never will be a record of the merely missing.

From 200 to Thousands

Today's guesses varied all the way from 200 or 300 up to several thousand drowned.

Rescuers were racing with the current today to save between 2000 and 6000 refugees clinging in treetops or perched on roofs in the valley below here. Boatmen took several hundred of them off last night, but it was known that many more were still awaiting help. In most instances they had been marooned for several days, and as few of them had food, it was evident that they could not hold out much longer. Many unquestionably had already given up and been washed from their insecure places of refuge.

Smallpox Spreads

Surprise was expressed in messages from outside the flooded district that these unfortunates should have been left so long without aid, but the scarcity of boats and the extent of the district made it impossible to reach them earlier.

Doctors, nurses and medical supplies were rushed today to Navasota, Hearne, Hempstead and Brookside, where, as well as here, the smallpox was spreading and typhoid and other diseases were beginning to appear.

MILITANT LEADER LEAVES FOR PARIS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst left for Paris today. It was announced she was going to visit her daughter, Christabel, who, on account of her militant suffragette activities in England, has been an exile in the French capital for some time.

How long her visit would be was not stated, however. It was the general impression that it would continue indefinitely.

The British authorities raised no objection to the suffragette leader's departure, and it was stated unauthoritatively nothing would please them better than to have the leader remain outside the country.

PENNSYLVANIA TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—That Pennsylvania is committed to a plan for constructing good roads to connect every county seat in the state was the declaration here today of Governor John K. Tener, addressing the American Road-Builders' association, which opened its annual convention today.

"What the state needs, however," said Governor Tener, "is instruction from practical road builders and not the advice of dreamers."

COLONEL MULHALL, CONFESSED LOBBYIST, WHOSE CHARGES CONGRESS FINDS TRUE



VILLA PREPARES FOR MOVEMENT AGAINST CAPITAL

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 9.—Having occupied Chihuahua City, General Villa was believed here today to be planning for a speedy movement against the Mexican capital.

There were some here who thought a clash of authority possible between Villa and General Chao, another rebel leader, who, with several thousand men, was already in Chihuahua City, when the Villa forces entered it. Apparently, however, Chao yielded the command to Villa without controversy. The belief today was that they would join in the march to the southward.

The civilian refugees from Chihuahua City, who, with the federal garrison from the same place, finally arrived yesterday afternoon at Ojinaga, were crossing today to the American side of the border, evidently having had enough of Mexico.

TENER ELECTED LEAGUE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania was elected president of the National league here today to succeed Thomas J. Lynch at the meeting of the directors. It was reported that Tener was elected for a term of four years at an annual salary of \$25,000.

Just before the vote was taken former President Lynch addressed the directors, saying:

"In choosing the next president of the organization you have gone on record with the declaration that you wanted a man who would lend dignity and prestige to the league. In selecting Governor Tener for the position you have the right man, but I hope you directors will inject some of the same dignity into your procedure that you expect of him, and be a help to him instead of a hindrance.

"There is no ill-feeling on my part, as I realize it is a business proposition. I wish the league and its new president every possible success."

BIDDLE RESIGNS AS FRISCO VICE PRESIDENT

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—William Nixon, president of the Frisco line, and William Biddle, its vice-president, resigned this afternoon as officers of the company. They retained their offices as receivers for the road, however.

Mr. Biddle is well known in Medford, where he is a frequent visitor at the home of his son, Whelden Biddle.

COURT ORDERS JURY TO ACQUIT DR. W. B. CRAIG

Judge Blair Sustains Motion of Defense for an Instructed Verdict, Asserting That Prosecution Had Failed to Prove Murder by Craig.

Neither Court Nor Prosecution Accept Suicide Theory of Defense—Craig's Daughter Kisses Father.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 9.—At Judge Blair's order, the jury in the case of Dr. W. B. Craig, accused of murdering Dr. Helen Knabe at Indianapolis about two years ago, returned a verdict of acquittal today.

Craig and his motherless daughter, Marian, who has followed her father's trial closely, both appeared calm and confident when they entered the courtroom and smiled affectionately at one another as Judge Blair's opening words showed he meant to sustain the defense's motion for an instructed verdict.

Judge Blair said he recognized that it was unusual for the court to take so important a case from the jury, but it was clear the prosecution had failed to support its charges against Craig.

The spectators broke into applause at the announcement of the formal verdict. Craig and his daughter kissing one another. Marian then kissed her father's lawyer, Attorney Spain, and the women in the courtroom crowded about the group, congratulating Craig and petting the girl.

It was understood that neither Judge Blair nor Deputy Prosecutor McAllister accepted the defense's theory that Dr. Knabe killed herself. They believed she was murdered, but had no idea who the murderer was. Attorney Inman, the chief prosecutor, would not discuss the case.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—On Prosecutor Baker's motion, the court dismissed today the indictment against Alonzo Ragsdale, who was accused, with Dr. W. B. Craig, of complicity in the murder of Dr. Helen Knabe.

RITCHIE'S WEIGHT DROPS TO 134 POUNDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—After his usual six mile run this morning, Ritchie's weight dropped to 133 3/4 pounds. Manager Harry Foley said the champion would stick around that poundage until weighing in time.

Light work in the gymnasium with plenty of shadow boxing was Ritchie's program for this afternoon.

Weather bureau prediction of uncomfortable cold weather for tomorrow night did not bother Ritchie. While not given to making predictions, the champion declared he intended to try to win before there was any chance of getting chilled.

"I am not setting any particular limit to the contest," said Ritchie. "but you may rest assured that I will end it as soon as I can. I have planned to fight a careful battle, letting my punches go only when I think they will do some damage. It may be that I will not hit Murphy so often, but when I do it will be effective."

STEAMER RIO GRANDE SUFFERS NO FIRE LOSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Wireless denial that the vessel had experienced any trouble was received here today from the steamship Rio Grande which yesterday was reported burning at sea.

"We are not afire," the captain wirelessed, "and have not had any trouble."

WARSHIPS LEAVE FOR TAMPICO; BATTLE NEAR

VRA CRUZ, Dec. 9.—The scout cruiser Chester and gunboat Wheeling left today for Tampico. It was reported that the rebels demanded Tampico's surrender and that the federal commandant defied them.

ASHLAND WINS ROAD TAX CASE SUPREME COURT

Gateway City Exempted From Cooperation in Building County Highways—Alone of Communities in County Withholding Support.

County Loses Appeal to Highest Tribunal When Court Refuses to Reverse Itself on Devisions.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—O. H. Johnson vs. County of Jackson, appealants; appealed from Jackson; involving the validity of tax on real property; affirmed.

This decision means that the people of Ashland do not have to pay county road taxes, as paid by Medford and other cities of the county, by virtue of a clause in the Ashland charter exempting the city.

Notwithstanding this clause, the people of Ashland since its incorporation have always co-operated with the rest of the county in road building by paying road taxes without protest. The question was not raised until last spring, when Mayor O. H. Johnson enjoined the county court from collecting the road taxes. The city of Ashland retained City Attorney Moore and Attorney A. E. Reames to fight the case, the county being represented by County Attorney E. E. Kelly and Attorney Porter J. Neff. Judge Calkins decided the case in favor of Ashland and the county appealed.

It would have been necessary for the supreme court to have reversed itself for the county to win, but as the roads benefit the cities as well as the country, a strong case was made for the county and attorneys hoped for a reversal.

It will now be necessary for the county to refund some \$6000 of taxes collected and expended on roads in the vicinity of Ashland unless the taxpayers of that city are willing to let the payment go as an earnest of their willingness to co-operate with the county.

At the time the injunction was secured, Mayor Johnson stated that the people of Ashland wanted to show their co-operation with the rest of the county in road building, and that a charter amendment would be submitted to the people abrogating the exemption clause. The amendment has not yet been submitted.

TEAMSTERS WIN; EMPLOYERS YIELD AT INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—With more and more employers yielding to the striking teamsters' demands, 2200 men had gone back to work today under union conditions.

Though between 800 and 1000 were still out, the union leaders were in high spirits, declaring that such heavy defections from the Employers' association ranks meant the strike certainly would be a complete victory for the men.

Representatives of the association were, if anything, angrier at the employers who have surrendered than at the strikers. They declared they would fight to the bitter end.

There was on further talk of a general strike, the teamsters feeling sure they would win without one. The families of some of the men who were still out were suffering, however, and the union took steps to relieve them.

SEARCH FOR MISS MCCANN CARRIED TO PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Search for Miss Jessie McCann, aged 22 years, who has been missing from her home here since Friday, was carried on today in Philadelphia. It was announced that Detective Faurot of New York had received information that Miss McCann was seen in Philadelphia yesterday.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS FROM UNKNOWN VESSEL

NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 9.—Signals of distress were sent out today by an unidentified three-masted schooner off Great Point. Members of the lifesaving crew here are trying to reach the vessel.

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