

'MOTHER JONES' FREED UPON CHASE'S ORDER

Aged Strike Agitator Released After Military Guard Since January—Case Presents Double Feature—Both Claim Victory.

Woman Denies She Asked to Be Discharged or Promised to Leave Colorado Strike Zone.

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 16.—"Mother" Jones, the famous woman strike leader, was released from custody here today by the military authorities. She was brought from Trinidad early today by Colonel Davis. They were met at the station by General John Chase, who took "Mother" Jones to his headquarters and then ordered her release.

The aged strike leader was arrested January 17. General Chase explained that she asked to be released and that he granted her request when she promised to leave the strike zone.

"This old woman is the most dangerous strike agitator in the country," said General Chase. "When she was first arrested I told her she would be given her release when she asked for it and promised to leave this territory."

"Mother" Jones gave a different account of her release than that given out by General Chase. She said that she had asked for freedom and also announced her intention of returning to Trinidad. According to "Mother" Jones she was taken in an automobile to the station, "millmen" explaining that Governor Ammons wished to see her. Upon her arrival here, she said, General Chase ordered her released from custody. She flatly denied she had promised to leave the strike zone.

WORKER REGRETS FAILURE TO KILL LABOR AGENT

TACOMA, Wash., Mar. 16.—Harvey Peterson, an employment agent, was shot and seriously wounded today by Frank Smith, a laborer, when Peterson is said to have refused to refund money that Smith paid to secure a job he claims did not exist. Following the shooting Smith attempted to kill himself but the cartridge failed to explode. He was arrested.

"I am sorry I didn't kill him," declared Smith at police headquarters. "That was the only way I had to protect my rights. The job I was supposed to get was a fake and when I asked for my money back Peterson threw me out of the office."

WILSON TO PROTECT HAWAIIAN SUGAR

HONOLULU, Mar. 16.—Either by removing the application of the Chinese exclusion act or doing away with coastwise shipping restrictions is the way the government plans to protect Hawaii's sugar industry if it is threatened by the new tariff law, according to the declaration here today of Justice Arthur A. Wilder, of the Hawaiian supreme court, who had just returned from Washington. Wilder said his declaration was based on statements made to him by President Wilson. He said he had been authorized to make a full investigation of the situation and was instructed to report personally to the president.

IRISH MUST BE CONTENT WITH NO CHANGE

Premier Asquith Announces No Further Concessions Will Be Granted Through Parliament—Sympathizers Pack Galleries.

Confirm Report English Government Will Not Yield From Position—Acceptance Up to Opposition.

LONDON, March 16.—Irish home rule was up in the house of commons again today. Both floor and galleries were packed.

Premier Asquith spoke. The administration, he said, had offered all in the way of concessions that it meant to offer. His words were mild, but they confirmed what First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill said in a speech last week—that the anti-home rulers would have to take the compromise he proposed or get nothing.

If the plan for county local option on home rule, with elections every six years, were satisfactory, the premier explained that the bill would be amended accordingly with reference to finance and administration; if it were rejected it would be simply a waste of time to consider these matters.

Finally he put the question directly to the opposition—would it or would it not accept his offer?

WIND FANNED FOREST FLAMES THREATEN LOSSES

POMONA, Cal., March 16.—Fanned by a terrific wind from the east through the mountain pass, a fire has started in San Antonio canyon, and a large force of men is being rushed from Upland to the scene. Immense volumes of smoke are rising, and while no reports have been received direct from the canyon, it is feared heavy losses will result.

Reports indicate that the fire is the worst that has occurred in this section in many years.

The officers of the Ontario Power company have little hope of saving the powerhouse in the mouth of the canyon.

Firefighters have been sent from Pomona, Claremont, Ontario and Upland. At Ontario a general alarm was turned in.

The fire started in Eve's canyon, and although it spread in all directions, its progress was greatest toward the west, threatening Palmers, Live Oak, San Dimas and the well-known Pleasure canyon.

WHERE HE BEGAN: BUD FIGHTS CLARK

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 16.—Manager James Long of the Eagle Athletic club of Raymond, has completed arrangements for a match in that club April 14, between Bud Anderson, the Vancouver, Wash., fighter, and Joe Swain, the "fighting butcher boy" of Portland.

GREAT BRITAIN DIVIDED OVER PREMIER'S HOME RULE OFFER



The possibility of a settlement of the Irish home rule controversy is again in the forefront of popular interest. The opinions of the various parties as to the effect of the concessions offered in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith differed widely. The unionists, as a rule, expressed themselves quite dissatisfied with the suggested method of voting by counties on the exclusion of Ulster or portions of it from the operation of the Home Rule bill. Nationalists declared that the Cabinet had gone to the most extreme limit in its movement toward conciliation. The independent opinion of the country seems inclined to the feeling that the concessions really offer an opportunity for conciliation, and this feeling is strengthened by Sir Edward Carson's counter offer on behalf of the Ulster unionists to submit the suggested concessions to an Ulster conference, provided the limitation on the exclusion of the northern counties to a period of six years be stricken out.

Mr. John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, said his party was willing to make great sacrifices for peace but the Premier had gone to the extreme limit of concessions.

CHAUFFEUR'S WIFE FORGER, POSED AS DOROTHY ALLEN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 16.—Investigation of her claim that she is Dorothy Arnold, missing New York heiress, has resulted today in the arrest of Mrs. Charles O'Dell, on a charge of passing worthless checks. The woman is believed by police surgeons to be suffering from some mysterious mental condition and for treatment and examination she was taken to the receiving hospital instead of the city jail.

Dr. A. S. Coolidge, who has treated Mrs. O'Dell for recurrent mental troubles, told the police that she occasionally has believed herself to be famous motion picture actresses and other persons. The police say that recently while she believed herself to be another person, she signed a check, this furnishing the cause for her arrest. He appeared to place no value on the police suggestion that persons exerting a hypnotic influence over her had suggested to her that she was Miss Arnold, in the hope of collecting rewards offered for the return of that young woman.

ALASKA ROAD BILL SIGNING HONORED

PORTLAND, Or., March 16.—To celebrate the signing by President Wilson of the Alaska railroad bill, a big ratification meeting will be held at the Portland Commercial club tonight.

STATE SPORTSMEN MEET TO BETTER GAME LEGISLATION

PORTLAND, Or., March 16.—With sportsmen present from practically every county in the state, the organization of a state sportsmen's association is being perfected today at the Commercial club. H. B. Van Duzer, president of the Multnomah Anglers' club, was made temporary chairman, and C. A. Riddle of Riddle was made temporary secretary. Fifty-four men were present.

Everybody there seemed to be optimistic over prospects for a successful organization. The sportsmen, hunters and anglers included are here to build up an association with which they will endeavor to secure sensible game legislation. They also plan to educate the people in the value of game propagation.

LIGHT TRADING ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 16.—Early trading in stocks today was light, but most of the price changes were in an upward direction. Heavy selling of New Haven, however, soon checked the advance. Kansas & Texas dropped 1 and the preferred 3/4 under Saturday's close. New Haven lost its half point opening rise. Canadian Pacific fell 1. United States Express rose 1/2 and Westinghouse Electric 1/4. Around noon prices were slightly under opening figures.

REBELS DYNAMITE FEDERAL TRAIN, SLAY SURVIVORS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., March 15.—(Delayed by censor.)—General Eugenio Benavides dynamited a federal train of troops near Zalazava this forenoon and followed it by a sharp attack on the survivors of the explosion. No figures were available, but it was understood the federalists suffered heavily.

Benavides had repulsed a federal attack on Hermijillo Saturday night, but later encountered an overwhelming federal force near Peronal and was himself compelled to retreat to Conejos, where he and his men entrenched for Escalon. Finding he was not followed, however, he mined a long section of the Mexican Central track near Zalazava, connected the explosive with electric hidden in the brush and sat down to await developments.

90-YEAR-OLD CONVICT RELEASE SAN QUENTIN

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., March 16.—Ninety years old, blind and deaf, "Grandpa Billy," the oldest inmate of the state penitentiary, was let out of its gates here today, a free man. He will leave tomorrow for Oregon, where he will be cared for by a married daughter. The aged convict had served twenty-one years of a life sentence for killing his oldest son in a quarrel over the ownership of a steer.

WILSON DEFENDS PAGE'S SPEECH ERROR GROUNDS

Executive in Monday Conference With Press Says No Decision on Reserve Bank Appointments—Labor Union Request in Abeyance.

President Declares Garbled Quotations Placed Ambassador in False Light Before Own People.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—That Ambassador Walter H. Page, America's diplomatic representative in London, had simply been misunderstood was the opinion expressed today by President Wilson in dismissing with callers the ambassador's recent speech in which he referred to the canal tolls question and the Monroe doctrine.

The synopsis of the speech as it appeared in the United States, the president explained, was full of misquotations, due both to omissions and additions by the correspondents who reported it.

For instance, the executive referred to the passage in which Page was quoted as saying that the president recommended repeal of American shipping's exemption from canal tolls, "not merely to please England." In the speech itself, said the president, the word "merely" was omitted so that what the speech really asserted was that repeal was not recommended to "please England."

The president stated he had not yet given serious consideration to applications and suggestions for appointments to the reserve bank board under the new currency law. Secretary of Agriculture Houston's illness, it was explained, had delayed the selection of reserve cities, so that their announcement was not likely before April 1.

The president had been informed, he said, that the American Federation of Labor had appealed to various congressmen specifically to exempt trades unions from the operation of the administration's proposed anti-trust legislation, but no appeal had been made to the executive personally.

He indicated that there were no developments in the Mexican situation. The trust bill, details of which were made public yesterday, would transfer the powers of the bureau of corporations to the proposed commission of three members, appointed by the president at salaries of \$10,000 each, and representing both great political parties.

Corporations are defined as all bodies incorporated under the law, joint stock associations and other associations having shares of capital stock or organized to carry on business for profit.

"Every corporation engaged in commerce excepting corporations subject to the acts to regulate commerce, which, by itself, or with one or more other corporations owned, operated, controlled or organized in conjunction with it so as to constitute substantially a business unit, has a capital of \$5,000,000 or more, or has a less capital and belongs to any class of corporation which the trade commission may make," reads the bill, "shall furnish to the commission annually records."

WALLA WALLA MAN VICTIM MEXICANS

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 16.—That J. M. Tweedy, for many years a resident of Walla Walla valley, was murdered and robbed near the Mexican border last Wednesday, the body being found the next day, was the word received here today.

YANKEE TROOPS PATROL BORDER AMERICAN SLAIN

Mexicans Raid and Burn Store, Killing Frank Johnston—Increasing Seriousness International Aspect Situation.

Brother Dead Demands Probe Overt Act by Nation and California—Clerk of Store Badly Beaten.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—With United States soldiers patrolling the border near Tecate and Campo, and the people of that vicinity aroused, the raid on the Tecate store and postoffice and the killing of Frank Johnston Saturday night, presumably by Mexicans, the international aspects of the case increased in seriousness as the day progressed.

E. D. Johnston, brother of the dead man, today appealed to Secretary of State Bryan, Governor Johnson, Congressman Kettner and the senate foreign relations committee. An investigation has been ordered by the Washington authorities.

Wiedenback, one of the proprietors of the store in which postoffice and custom house were located, was badly beaten and the building set on fire.

Instructions were sent also to Major Davis, commanding at San Diego, to patrol the border and do his utmost to find the bandits.

COMPROMISE IN TELEPHONE TRUST SUIT REPORTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—That a settlement has been reached between Attorney General McReynolds and officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in the suit of the government asking the unmerging of the so-called "telephone trust" and the Northwestern Log Distance Telephone company, together with the unmerging of other independent connections in various parts of the country, made by the big holding corporation, was intimated today by Miss Mary A. Bell, special stenographer-examiner in the taking of all the testimony in the litigation.

Miss Bell, who is stenographer for United States District Judge Bean, has been in the big cities of the Atlantic coast for almost five months taking testimony in the case, and has just returned from Washington. She refused to state positively that a settlement had been reached, but she had been informed both by counsel for the government and the telephone interests that no more testimony was to be taken, and she was allowed to return to her position in Portland.

SUFFRAGE BILL VOTE DATE UNSETTLED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—The problem of whether to delay the vote on the woman suffrage constitutional amendment was presented to the senate today by Senator Ashurst of Arizona. He read scores of telegrams from suffragists throughout the country, requesting, urging, ordering, calling upon him and beseeching him, according to their frame of mind, either to delay the vote until after the suffrage demonstration here May 2, or to push it to an immediate vote. Senator Smoot of Utah said a delay would not change a single vote, and urged an immediate roll call on the measure.

Leont and Meat High
PORTLAND, Or., March 16.—Despite the Lenten season, steers reached the highest price of the season today, when one load of Idaho price stock sold at \$8.25 per hundred. All other livestock was firm.