

The Weather

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PRESIDENT TO DECIDE R. R. STRIKE

Chief Executive to Have Personal Conference Tomorrow With Three Representatives of the Railroad Brotherhoods—Will Decide on Justice of Demands—White House Officials Declare Situation More Serious Than Public Realizes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, made public today a letter to President Wilson expressing the hope that he "would not permit Mr. Hines to accede to present railroad demands."

Mr. Blanton told the president that in the past few months he had received more than 5,000 letters from democratic voters asserting that "if the administration truckles to another demand from organized labor, they will no longer vote the democratic ticket."

He asserted that a "show down must come sooner or later," and now is the "opportune time."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The union representatives have chosen B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor; W. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, to meet the president.

It was said at the White House that the president had been giving the railroad situation serious thought for several days and that it was his own suggestion that he see the union men. He was understood to have felt that he could handle the situation better if he saw the representatives personally.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—President Wilson will have a personal conference tomorrow with three representatives of the railroad brotherhoods to discuss the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad employees which are to be referred to him today by Director General Hines.

Before meeting the brotherhood officials the president will study in detail the report on the wage negotiations which Mr. Hines will submit through Secretary Tumulty.

Decision Up to Wilson

The director general was in conference with Mr. Tumulty this morning and then returned to his office to complete his memorandum for the president, who will be asked to make the final decision on the demands presented by the railroad workers nearly a year ago.

White House officials declared that the general public did not realize the serious nature of issues involved.

Union officials, with the exception of maintenance of way employees and the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, apparently were willing to leave the case in the hands of the president. It was evident that the union men felt that another opportunity should be given for adjustment of the differences which have been held in abeyance at the president's request since they were submitted last July.

R. R. Men Impatient

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, was to confer with the director general on his individual reasons for invalidating the agreement which his organization has. Notification of intention to break the agreement was given Mr. Hines January 23, which under the thirty-day clause will leave that organization without a working

ENGLAND CONSIDERS PAWNING OLD GOLD TO PAY DEBT TO UNCLE SAM

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The question was raised in the house of commons today whether the government had under consideration the suggestion of Carter Glass, recently retired secretary of the treasury, that the United States be paid her international debts in gold. It was asked also whether, in order to meet this request the British owners of ornamental gold, such as trinkets and plate, be invited to hand them to the treasury in return for interest-bearing bonds and thereby assist the position of exchange between England and America.

"BOB" STANFIELD WILL BE CANDIDATE SENATE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Robert N. Stanfield, former speaker of the Oregon legislature, today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator. If nominated at the primary on May 21, Stanfield will be the candidate of the republican party against Senator George E. Chamberlain in the general election next November.

Stanfield's name will appear on the ballot as a resident of Multnomah county, as his home is in Portland and he is registered here as a voter.

In the last senatorial contest in Oregon, Stanfield, who is a wool grower with large interests in eastern Oregon, was defeated for the nomination by United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

PROSECUTION IN I. W. W. CASE THRU BY NEXT WEEK

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 12.—Court took a holiday today in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim. The holiday came just as the state was in the midst of presenting some of its most important testimony.

Yesterday two important statements, alleged to be a confession and supplement thereof were introduced into the court record as evidence and two important witnesses offered testimony tending to establish the chain of evidence the prosecutors are weaving in an endeavor to convince the jury that the killing of Grimm and three other ex-soldiers was the result of a pre-arranged plot.

Further testimony introduced tending to strengthen the state's case was to be offered tomorrow of alleged conditions in the I. W. W. hall in which the alleged conspiracy was planned, it is said.

That all of its evidence may be completed by next week was intimated by the prosecution.

ENGLAND INSISTS ON EXTRADITION

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The allied supreme council today after discussing the situation arising from Germany's violent protest over the extradition demands agreed on the question of insisting upon those demands, it was stated tonight.

Colonel Day Passes Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The wife of Colonel F. Perick R. Day, former chief of staff in the Philippines, died from an attack of heart failure at a local hotel early today.

contract with the railroad administration on February 23.

The action of Mr. Lee admittedly is giving administration officials concern. Mr. Lee contended his organization had reserved the right to press its grievances for adjustment separately. He declined to add to his statement of yesterday which asserted of the trainmen had waited sufficiently long for the government to force down living costs.

SHOFROTH TO SUCCEED PAYNE ON SHIP BD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Former Senator John Franklin Shofroth of Denver, Colo., is understood to have been selected by President Wilson to be chairman of the shipping board to succeed John Barton Payne, who was chosen today as secretary of the interior.

BAYONET IS ONLY LITTLE WAY AHEAD

Warren S. Stone, Railroad Labor Head Scores Anti-Strike Legislation as Forerunner of Trouble—Not Much of a Country That's Run by Injunctions and Bayonets—Co-operative Markets Suggested As Cure for H. C. L.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Truck trains carrying farm and dairy produce directly to co-operative markets in the cities together with government owned railroads which will haul the produce to larger centers will bring moderate prices in this country, Warren S. Stone, rail labor head told 300 farmers and labor representatives here today for the American Farmer-Labor co-operative congress.

Need for better understanding and more sympathy between the farmer and the city worker and the grinding need for relief from the high living cost were the keynotes touched by all speakers.

Mr. Stone scored the proposed anti-strike legislation. "When you make laws that tell men that they shall not have the right to strike the bayonets are only a little way off," he said. "And when you have to run a country with injunctions and bayonets there isn't much of a country left to run." Applause followed this statement.

H. A. Fuller of the American Society of Equity, St. Paul, Minn., was among the speakers and gave a practical talk on co-operation methods he has employed successfully in Missouri and Iowa.

"You could wear this mackinaw all your life without wearing it out," he said, holding up a heavy plaid coat. "In the open market it would cost \$35 or \$40 if you could buy it. We can sell it for about \$14. And there isn't a bit of shoddy in it." The coat, he explained, was manufactured by the Co-operative Woolen Goods Manufacturing branch of the society. This enterprise has machinery which carries the wool from the farm to "the back of the city working man," he said, and pays the farmer 25 cents for the wool where he formerly got 10 or 12 cents.

The farmer must be made financially independent by a co-operative system of banking, he said.

U. S. OIL YIELD 1919 MARKS NEW RECORD

OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 12.—Oil production in the United States during 1919 was 366,255,611 barrels, an increase of more than 24,000,000 barrels over the previous year, according to the annual review of the Oil City Derrick, made public today.

The 1919 report is a new high record in the annual petroleum output of the United States, according to the review. Fields which showed gains were North Carolina, Texas, North Louisiana, Gulf Coast, Kentucky, Wyoming and the Lima districts. Losses were recorded for Kansas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and southeastern Ohio.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IS DEFEATED IN VIRGINIA

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 12.—Woman suffrage was defeated in Virginia today when the house of delegates adopted, 62 to 22, the Leedy resolution rejecting the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the federal constitution. The senate, by a vote of 24 to 10, previously had adopted the resolution.

WANT 200 DOUGHBOYS WHO MARRIED GERMAN MAIDENS TO GO HOME

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, Coblenz, Feb. 12.—Two hundred and fifty soldiers of the American forces in Germany who have married European girls have been instructed to start soon for America with their wives, in accordance with a recent order of Major General Henry T. Allen, in command.

Army authorities announced they would not consent in future to marriages of American soldiers on duty in the occupied area, contending that men without wives in Germany are better soldiers.

About 200 soldiers have married German girls since the American forces reached the Rhine, the others have married principally French or Belgian girls.

KAISER INDIGNANT AT CROWN PRINCE'S PLAY TO GALLERY

THE HAGUE, Wednesday, Feb. 11.—It is declared in reliable quarters that former Crown Prince Frederick William was serious in making his offer to the entente governments to surrender himself in place of the Germans on the extradition list and that he is inclined to believe that the allies will accept his plan.

It is learned here that former Emperor William is strong in his disapproval of his son's action.

Nothing was known at Wierongen of the ex-crown prince's intentions before his message to the heads of the various governments had been dispatched, and the only notification given by Frederick William was one to the Dutch government when he sent the communications abroad.

Newspaper reports to the effect that the grand duke of Hesse and his sons and likewise seven German generals named in the extradition list had escaped into Holland are discredited at the Dutch foreign office.

SALEM BOY KILLED BY GRAVEL TRUCK

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—Clifford Pitts, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pitts, this city, was killed at 10:30 o'clock this morning when the wheels of a truck, carrying about five tons of gravel, passed over his body. The lad was riding a bicycle and hanging on to the side of the truck just ahead of the back wheels. When the wheel of the bicycle came in contact with a street car track it swerved and carried young Pitts under the wheel of the Willamette sanitarium by a passing motorist and died a few minutes later.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO PRESIDE OVER CABINET MEETINGS IN FUTURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The next meeting of the cabinet probably will be called and presided over by President Wilson.

Secretary Lansing said today he had written cabinet officers that there would be no more regular sessions of the president's official family for the present. He would offer no explanation but it was understood that his letter was written by direction of Mr. Wilson.

Throughout the president's illness the cabinet has met regularly and when the coal strike situation became acute the meetings were increased from one to two weekly. There was no meeting yesterday and none will be held tomorrow.

For several weeks now the president has been taking more and more of a hand in the conduct of official business. Secretary Tumulty said today he had never seen Mr. Wilson looking better.

PASSPORT IS SCORNE BY MEXICO

American Citizen Denied Admission Into Mexico Because of Testimony Before Senate Sub-Committee—Mexican Consulate-General Declares He Acts Under Special Orders From Mexico City—Can't Wish to Visit Country.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 12.—When W. R. Simons of Denver presented his passport for visa at the Mexican consulate general here yesterday, he was met with a refusal because he had testified unfavorably to Mexico before the senate sub-committee investigating Mexican affairs, two days before, according to an official announcement made today by Alberto Ruiz Sandoval, acting consul general here. Senator Sandoval said he acted under special instructions from Mexico City covering Mr. Simons' case.

"It is inconceivable to me that a man should testify that conditions in Mexico City are as bad as they could be, on February 9 and then ask to be admitted into Mexico on February 11," Senator Sandoval said in explaining the reasons for the refusal.

"I do not question the right of any man to have his own opinion, I merely contend that it is illogical for any one to wish to return to a country in whose capital city conditions are so bad."

Mr. Simons wished to proceed to Parral, Chihuahua at the time he presented his passport to the consul. The passport was drawn up by the United States immigration authorities here, Senator Sandoval said.

PLAN AIR SERVICE N. Y.-BUENOS AIRES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The United States government has completed plans for an international air service between New York and Buenos Aires and can put them into effect within two weeks, according to an announcement by the Latin American committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce here today.

According to a prominent committee member who was a delegate to the recent Pan-American financial congress in Washington, announcement was formally made by the government in an executive session of the congress that the service only waited a necessary appropriation.

SENATE ADJOURNS IN RESPECT TO LINCOLN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The original longhand manuscript of Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read in the senate today by Senator Keyes, republican, New Hampshire.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, of the senate printing committee, announced that a photostat of the address would be printed in the Congressional Record. The senate then adjourned as a further mark of respect.

WIRELESS PHONE FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Wireless telephone service for commercial purposes will be established between Chicago and New York, it was announced today, following a successful conversation held last night. Robert E. Gowen, in New York, inventor of the radio telephone, talked for thirty minutes with R. H. G. Mathews in Chicago.

Peret Succeeds Deschanel.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Raoul Peret was today elected president of the Chamber of Deputies by 372 of the 425 voted cast. M. Peret succeeds Paul Deschanel, who was recently elected president of the republic.

Arthur R. Allan of the Oregonian, is among the guests at the Medford.

JOHN BARTON PAYNE, ILLINOIS, SELECTED TO SUCCEED SEC'Y LANE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—John Barton Payne of Illinois has been selected by President Wilson to be secretary of the interior to succeed Franklin K. Lane. Mr. Payne is now chairman of the United States shipping board.

Mr. Payne will take over his new duties March 1 when Mr. Lane retires at his own request. Mr. Payne's successor as chairman of the shipping board has not yet been announced.

Before becoming chairman of the shipping board on August 7, 1918, Mr. Payne was general counsel of the railroad administration and before that he was general counsel of the emergency fleet corporation.

He is a native of Virginia and is 65 years old. His home is in Chicago.

LANSING PAYS A HIGH TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The American people were amazed today by Secretary Lansing to find in the life of Abraham Lincoln the inspiration to forget self in devotion to country and to the fundamental national principles of liberty and justice.

"The memory of Lincoln," said the secretary of state, "of his humble origin, of his attainment to the highest honor in the gift of his fellow countrymen, of his unsurpassed service to the republic and of his character as a man and as a public servant is one of the great spiritual assets of this nation."

"It is in turning our thoughts to the career of this great American that we learn the true meaning of patriotism and gain a true conception of the opportunities which America offers to those who inspired by lofty ideals press onward along the path of unselfish public service."

"In commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln, we do honor to the American spirit of which he is the personification. He is the typical American for future generations, the inspiration to us all to forget self in devotion to our country and to the eternal principles of liberty and of justice which are the life blood of the nation."

TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T UNDER THE WINDOW

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—Silver and gold were thrown away here yesterday to illustrate a talk on the waste represented by the alleged carelessness among factory workers. The treasurer of a hosiery company told the operatives that in a week 11,760 needles, worth one and one-quarter cents each, had been lost.

The effect was the same, he said, as if \$147 were thrown from the shop window, whereas the treasurer took from his desk a pile of 147 silver dollars and tossed them out of the window.

BOLSHEVIKI DRIVEN OUT OF IRUTSK SEMENOFF IS JOINED BY KAPPELL

HARBIN, Thursday, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Chita reports that the forces of General Kappell, commander in chief of the western armies of the all-Russian government have recaptured Irkutsk and established contact with General Semenov.

General Kappell's force found no trace of Admiral Kolchak, former head of the all-Russian government, whose fate is unknown, the dispatch adds.

HARBIN, Wednesday, Feb. 4.—(By Associated Press.) The troops of General Kappell, commander in chief of the western armies of the all-Russian government have joined with the Czechs and are fighting the bolsheviks in the vicinity of Chermokova. Chermokova which is on the trans-Siberian railroad, 80 miles northwest of Irkutsk, has been retaken from the bolsheviks.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow today says: "The American troops guarding the Siberian railroad are being withdrawn from Vladivostok. The American mission has left Chita for Harbin."

"The whites are hurriedly evacuating Yekaterinodar, which is about to fall."

Orders for the withdrawal of the American forces from Siberia were given last month and the movement of the troops to Vladivostok has been in progress for several weeks.

Yekaterinodar is in Ciscaucasia, about 75 miles from the Black sea.

HOUSTON IS OPTOMISTIC OVER MONEY

New Secretary of Treasury Declares Outlook is "Very Bright"—Last of Floating Indebtedness Redeemed Monday—People Lose Sight of What Europe Has Received From U. S. A. Since War—Total Will Reach 4 Billions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Announcing that the last remaining floating indebtedness of the government would be redeemed Monday, Secretary Houston said the position of the treasury was "very bright" and that government officials saw nothing in the present financial situation which they would regard as extremely grave.

Only about \$60,000,000 of short term certificates requiring to be refunded at maturity remain to be redeemed. Outstanding tax certificates issued in anticipation of income and profits tax installments dates for the purpose of relieving the quarterly strain on the banks, amount to \$2,935,949,500 but in no instance exceed the estimated amount of taxes and accordingly no funds will have to be provided to meet them.

"People lose sight of the many ways in which we have been assisting Europe since the armistice," Mr. Houston said. "In addition to government loans, we have furnished them \$70,000,000 worth of surplus army supplies, \$100,000,000 for food relief, probably \$400,000,000 in private loans to foreign bankers and a considerable amount of accrued interest on the government loans, so that the total probably would read \$4,000,000,000. In addition Europe has been selling securities here."

Mr. Houston said all reports from Europe indicated that "reconstruction was going on while they were talking about it," citing the rebuilding of French railroads and bridges as a notable example of what has been accomplished. As to the domestic situation, he pointed out that approximately \$1,000,000,000 would be spent this year and next in road building under arrangements made while he was secretary of agriculture and that building permits, always a good index to business conditions, indicated that the country was rapidly making up the shortage of houses caused by the cessation of construction during the war.

LINCOLNIZE COUNTRY THE LATEST SLOGAN

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 12.—Closer co-operation between employer and employees and elimination of their misunderstandings is the aim of the reconstruction conference of the Lincoln American alliance here today. About 300 business, labor, political and university leaders of the country are attending.

"We are trying to spread the gospel of Lincoln, who stood for conciliation and co-operation in all lines of American endeavor," Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of the Lincoln Memorial university at Cumberland Gap, Md., declared. "Today's conference is the first of a series to be held in all sections of the country, for which we have adopted the slogan 'Lincolnize America.'"