

TRIAL CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON TODAY PROMISES TO REVEAL HISTORY OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

In Some Respects Unparalleled in American History—President Wilson Will Talk Over the Peace Negotiations and the Treaty With the Senate Foreign Relations Committee—Meeting is to Be on Lines of an Open Forum Discussion at Which the Whole Nation Can Look on—President is to Be Asked Questions Regarding the League of Nations, Japanese Control in Shantung and Just What Part the United States is to Take in Reconstruction.

Washington, Aug. 18.—At a conference in some respects unparalleled in American history, President Wilson will talk over the peace negotiations and the treaty with the senate foreign relations committee tomorrow at the White House.

By virtue of extraordinary plans to inform the public of every word that is spoken, the meeting will have the aspect of an open forum discussion at which the whole nation can look on.

As head of the American peace delegation and one of the inner circle which formulated the world settlement at Versailles, the president is to be asked the meaning and purpose of provisions of the league of nations covenant, the reasons behind the decision to give Japan control in Shantung province, just what the United States is to take in reconstruction, and many other questions raised in senate consideration of the treaty.

Whether Mr. Wilson will answer questions put to him or will consider that some of the information he received at the peace talks should be held in confidence as a matter of national policy, remains conjectural. But the committee members mean to give him the opportunity of setting forth to tell the whole of the inside story behind the treaty.

Today the committee heard its first direct account of the Shantung negotiations from Thomas F. Millard, an American writer, who acted as adviser

to the Chinese peace delegation. He said the settlement was reached after the Japanese virtually had threatened to bolt the conference, but he added that President Wilson seemed to be alone in considering the threat, more than a "pure bluff."

All the American experts on Far Eastern affairs at Versailles, Mr. Millard declared, agreed that the settlement meant war. He had heard that a similar view was expressed in the letter from General Bliss to the president, but that the latter has declined to send the answer as a matter of public policy. The United States, the witness asserted, could not avoid being drawn into such a war.

Mr. Millard gave it as his personal view, based on twenty years' experience in the direction of Eastern policy, that Japan never would leave Shantung until she was confronted with "a superior force." Asked whether he meant a superior moral force imposed by the league of nations, he replied:

"I mean material force. Japan does not care a snap of her fingers for moral force."

During the day the strategic positions of the opposing forces in the treaty ratification fight in the senate showed no sign of change, but there was another outburst of debate during which Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, declared that news of unrest abroad was being suppressed by British and French news agencies "while the senate is being whipped to ratify the treaty before the facts are known."

TO TEST LEGALITY OF RESTRICTING IMPORTS

London, Aug. 18.—The legality of the government's system of restricting imports to those licensed by the board of trade is to be tested in court by Sir John Simon, former attorney general and secretary of state for home affairs in 1915-16. Sir John, who is one of the foremost British lawyers and who is making a fight to uphold the principal of free trade, announced today that he proposes to import without license some of the commodities now under the government's embargo and to carry the matter to the courts.

The present system of licensing, which limits the amount of a certain percentage of the pre-war business, is said by critics of the present system to effect severely many American manufacturers.

Authority to restrict imports is claimed by the government under the Statute in 1773 which prohibits the importation of "arms, ammunition, gun powder or any other goods." Opponents of the license system assert the term "or any other goods" meant only goods of a similar character. Sir John has been one of the leaders in the campaign carried on by the free traders.

MUST FORGET POLITICS TO DEAL WITH HIGH PRICES

Washington, Aug. 18.—Congress must forget partisan politics and solve the high cost of living at once, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, declared in an address today.

"It is the cause of all the unrest, discontent, strikes and business uncertainty in the country today," Senator Walsh said.

"It is doing more than that—it is causing distrust of the government itself."

Although President Wilson called Congress' attention to the situation ten days ago virtually nothing has been done, Senator Walsh said.

FEDERAL AND STATE EFFORTS TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING

Washington, Aug. 18.—Attorney General Palmer, who has been selected today by Governor Gardner of Missouri, that the conference of governors appoint a committee to confer with him and help co-ordinate federal and state efforts to reduce the cost of living.

In a telegram to Governor Gardner at St. Louis today, Mr. Palmer urged hearty co-operation and assistance of state agencies would be helpful in the government's campaign.

Mr. Palmer left today for New York to confer with the fair price board for that city.

AMERICAN TANK STEAMER AFIRE AT PIER AT HAVRE

Havre, Aug. 18.—(Havas.)—The American tank steamer George C. Henry caught fire today and 300,000 francs worth of goods on its pier to which the steamer was moored were consumed. The tanks were badly damaged.

The George C. Henry left New York on August 2 with a cargo of oil. The vessel registers 7,000 tons and is owned by the Pan-American Petroleum Transport Company of Los Angeles.

FINISH PREMIER OUTLINES GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES

Helsingfors, Sunday, Aug. 17.—Premier Vennola, outlining the government's policies today, declared that its principal duty is to suppress the dread of people in their struggle against Bolshevism. Finland, he said, hopes to strengthen its cooperation with the Scandinavian countries. The government will see to the enforcement of the prohibition act, he added, and is determined to suppress all attempts to disturb public order or to spread Bolshevism.

ACTORS DEFENDANTS IN \$500,000 DAMAGE SUIT

New York, Aug. 18.—For having joined the actors' strike which has closed fifteen theaters in this city, Eddie Cantor, and other stars of "Ziegfeld's Follies" were named today as defendants in a \$500,000 damages brought by Ziegfeld's Follies, Inc.

TO RESELL STOCK OF FIRST REINSURANCE CO. OF MUNICH

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 18.—The stock of the First Reinsurance company of Munich, which recently was sold here, is to be resold by the Connecticut National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford. Francis P. Garvan, who is again auctioneer of the highest bidder, will announce the sale of the new sale will take place in the first week in September and the terms will provide that the purchaser and his associates must be buying for themselves as an investment and not for speculative purposes.

Goodwin Beach of this city was the recent purchaser, bidding \$785,000. He was unable to form a syndicate satisfactory to the alien property custodian. It was said, and his deposit of \$50,000 will be returned.

PRINCE OF WALES PAID A VISIT TO NOVA SCOTIA

Hallifax, N. S., Aug. 18.—Cheered by an enthusiastic crowd which followed him through the deserted streets throughout the day, the Prince of Wales paid a visit to Nova Scotia today.

It was the most strenuous day of the royal visit has since his arrival in the new world and while he showed some signs of fatigue, he was more than game at the finish, and bid the city farewell with the same easy grace with which he had greeted it. The prince landed at 10 a. m. and returned to his battleship, the Renown, at 3 p. m.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIGH YORK PRICES IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 18.—Attorney General Palmer, addressing the fair price committee here today, appealed for aid in sending to jail "unconscientious profiteers in the necessities of life. He said he had come from Washington to give instructions for conducting the campaign here for fair prices because "New York is the natural leader in this movement, and the eyes of the nation are fixed upon it."

"The prices set by fair price committees will be accepted as standard," said Mr. Palmer, "and the excess of those prices will be prima facie evidence of profiteering."

Daughter of Congressman In Play

Plans for spreading the stage hands and actors' strike of stage hands and musicians, which has been an undisturbed vaudeville and burlesque houses were reported to be under way at headquarters of the stage hands' and musicians' unions.

The conference of actors and managers was suggested by Eugene Walter and Avery Hopwood, playwrights who sent messages to the hostile camps asking appointment of representative to discuss the matter. The producing managers agreed immediately and named George M. Cohan, David Belasco, Winchell Smith and Arthur Hopkins as their representatives, declaring they would be ready to enter conference at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

No word was received from the Actors' Equity Association up to a late hour tonight, but it was hoped that the conference could be arranged for tomorrow.

More than 2,000 striking actors, actresses and stage hands marched this afternoon in one of the most unusual parades ever seen in the streets of Manhattan. Singing, whistling and shouting, and carrying flags and banners, the procession marched through the streets of the theatrical district from Sixty-Third Street down Broadway to Madison square, despite the rain, high spirits marked the parade.

"One For All, All For One, and All for Equity," rang clear from start to finish.

FORCED OWNERS TO REDUCE PRICES OF SUITS TO PER CENT.

Brighton, Aug. 18.—Manifestations against the high cost of living included today the large clothing stores today and forced the owners to reduce the price of suits to 25 per cent. The proprietors have asked for police protection.

Miss Tallulah Bankhead, the 17-year-old daughter of Congressman Bankhead, who has been selected out of 150 candidates, to play the leading feminine role in a special organization which is to produce the comedy "39 East" in four acts.

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\$900,000 Damages Sought Against Strikers Shoot and Plunder

Pittsburgh Railways Company Alleges Breach of Contract.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 18.—A suit asking \$900,000 damages was filed at Pittsburgh today by the Pittsburgh Railways Company against the local division of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, alleging breach of contract by 3,000 striking motormen and conductors who have defied a treaty with the company here since last Thursday night, when they rejected the national board's decision which they agreed to abide by. The suit is brought jointly against the union, its officers and members.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

London, Aug. 18.—(By the A. P.)—In three hours' session at the house of commons, in which he dealt with Great Britain's domestic affairs generally, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister today, disclosed three important decisions of the government. Two of these had been widely discussed and the third was anxiously awaited.

A device to increase the national debt here since last Thursday night, when they rejected the national board's decision which they agreed to abide by. The suit is brought jointly against the union, its officers and members.

TURKS SLAUGHTERED BY GREEKS AT SMYRNA

Boston, Aug. 18.—Details of killings and disorders which marked the capture of Smyrna by Greek troops on May 14 are contained in a letter from an American educator stationed at the harbor, sent to the writer of this column. "Some Greek soldiers were killed by the slaughter of Turks was far more serious," the letter said. "There was no estimate of the number of casualties, which previously had been reported at several thousand."

AWAITING NEWS OF THE AVIATORS HELD FOR RANSOM

Washington, Aug. 18.—Officials here tonight, after a day during which the Mexican situation was to the fore, awaited news of the fate of the American aviators held for ransom by Mexican bandits. Lieutenant Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, American aviators, were held for ransom.

\$15,000 RANSOM RAISED AT COWBOY CAMP MEETING

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 18.—Assurances were anxiously awaited along the border tonight by the safety subcommittee of the United States senate, when the payment of a \$15,000 ransom for two men over the orphanage of the American Commission for Relief in the Near East, where there were 110 children.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE SUGAR SITUATION

Boston, Aug. 18.—The sugar situation will claim the attention of the federal grand jury at New York today. The grand jury will convene in special session to begin an investigation of the high cost of sugar, which has been a live issue in the government's food investigation.

DANGER OF PACKERS ENTERING OTHER LINES

Washington, Aug. 18.—The danger as seen by the federal trade commission in the entrance of the packing industry into lines of business beyond the packing of meats was asserted by William B. Colver, member of the commission, today to the senate agriculture committee when he was testifying on the Kenyon bill to regulate the packing industry.

TROUBLE OVER RUMANIAN HUNGARIAN ARMISTICE

Paris, Aug. 18.—The Budapest newspapers state that the Rumanians have expressed their armistice with the Hungarian government, which has forwarded them to the allies, according to a despatch from the Hungarian capital.

4,571 CASES OF EGGS SEIZED AT PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Me., Aug. 18.—Under a label against the New England Cold Storage company of Boston, United States Marshal Wilson seized 4,571 cases of eggs at this city and 11,000 at the company's plant today. The charge is hoarding to obtain an excessive profit. This is the first seizure made under the new hoarding law. The retail value of the eggs at present prices is \$122,000.

GREAT BRITAIN REMOVES RESTRICTIONS ON BEER

London, Aug. 18.—(By the A. P.)—All restrictions on the output of beer have been removed. The government announced today that the bill restricting the output of beer would be vetoed at the next parliament. The new provisions will not be enforced.

Condensed Telegrams

Italian cabinet, it is reported, decided not to levy an inheritance tax on its heirs.

Three miners were killed by the fall of slag and coal at the Filbert mine near Trilostoway, Pa.

Federal agents seized 15,588 bags of wheat flour at the Market Warehouse Co. in South Boston.

Continued improvement of the condition of Theodore P. Shonts was announced by his physicians, commanding that he be discharged from the hospital.

Two women passengers were seriously injured in an airplane crash, called above the aviation field at Venice, Cal.

Steamship Editor, launched by the New York Times, is a new newspaper, named in honor of newspaper workers.

Representatives of farmers appeared before the house agriculture committee and asked that price fixing be abolished.

MAJOR NEWMAN OF PATERSON, N. J., OFFERED TO BUY HOUSE

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 18.—Major Newman of the United States army, who is in the city on a 44-hour leave from his post at Fort Belknap, Mont., offered to buy the house of the late Major Newman, who was killed in the Mexican situation.

WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED DISCHARGE OF 500,699 OFFICERS AND MEN

Washington, Aug. 18.—The war department announced today that it had discharged 500,699 officers and men.

FREDDIE TINOCO, WHO RECENTLY ABANDONED PRESIDENCY OF SUBCOMMITTEE, LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 18.—Freddie Tinoco, who recently abandoned the presidency of the subcommittee on the investigation into the murder recently of Theodore Patterson, a British subject, is reported to be leaving for New York.

TWO MEN WERE KILLED AND TWO MORTALLY WOUNDED BY AUTO

Providence, R. I., Aug. 18.—Two men were killed and two mortally wounded by an automobile which struck a car at a crossing at 10 a. m. today.

STEAMSHIP ATLANTIS, FIRST CONCRETE STEAMER TO BE LAUNCHED FROM AN ATLANTIC SHIPYARD

New York, Aug. 18.—The concrete steamer Atlantis, first concrete steamer to be launched from an Atlantic shipyard, was launched today from the shipyard of the New York Shipbuilding Co. at 10 a. m.

NATION LABOR PARTY TO BE FORMED IN NOV.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—A national labor party will be formed at a convention here in November as a result of steps taken today at a conference of labor organization representatives of several states.

HOPES OF SETTLING THE STRIKE OF 3,000 MEXICAN RAILROAD MEN

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Hopes of settling the strike of 3,000 Mexican railroad men were increased today by a conference of labor strike representatives and Mayor Babcock.

SEVERELY WOUNDED BY A DEFLECTED BULLET

Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 18.—Michael Pogue, a 25-year-old man, was severely wounded by a bullet which deflected from the body of W. W. Dashiell, a resident of Palmer Hill, who is in business in New York City, at a party held in a home at 100 West 10th St. in New York City.

19 PERSONS INJURED IN TROLLEY COLLISION

Springfield, Aug. 18.—Nineteen persons were injured, seven seriously, tonight when an extra trolley car from Springfield collided with a heavily loaded Hartford-West Side electric north of Riverside, a pleasure resort near Springfield. The vestibule of the trolley was crushed and the motorman badly hurt. Most of the passengers were hurt by glass and iron flying about. Twelve persons were hospitalized in this city and twelve were transferred to their homes in Springfield, Suffield and Azawam.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IN ENCAMPMENT

Providence, R. I., Aug. 18.—More than 1,000 veterans were here today for the opening session of the twentieth national encampment of Veterans of Foreign Wars. The encampment will continue through Thursday. The visitors were welcomed by Mayor Gainer and President George L. Packer of the local chapter.

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INTERBOROUGH RAPID TRANSIT EMPLOYEES HAVE VOTED TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE OFFERED THEM AT A CONFERENCE OF CITY AND STATE OFFICIALS—THE MEN ARE TO RECEIVE A WAGE INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT.—QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL 25 PER CENT. DEMANDED IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION.

New York, Aug. 18.—The strike which for two days has paralyzed the subway and elevated system of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens was formally called off tonight by vote of the strikers to accept a compromise offered them at a conference of city and state officials this afternoon and night.

Under the terms of settlement the men will receive a wage increase of 25 per cent and it is provided that the question of whether they will receive the additional 25 per cent demanded by them shall be submitted to arbitration. Resumption of service was ordered to take effect at midnight tonight.

The 25 per cent wage increase was made retroactive to August 1, and according to Interborough officials, means a score of trains for the payroll of \$5,000,000.

NORMAL TRAIN SERVICE TO BE RESUMED WEDNESDAY

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 18.—With the strike of shophmen and mechanics ended, the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad tonight announced the restoration of 48 trains, effective at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, in addition to the strike and the train schedules and Pullman equipment will be resumed on Wednesday, except for the Knickerbocker and Merchants' Limited trains, which will be restored on Thursday.

BRITAIN TO HAVE NO PROTECTORATE OVER PERSIA

London, Aug. 18.—Nothing in the nature of protectorate over Persia is contemplated by the agreement between Great Britain and that country, Cecil B. Harmsworth, under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, told the house of commons today in replying to a question regarding the treaty.

MAN INSTANTLY KILLED BY A REVOLVING SAW

West Hill, just over the Torrington line, Aug. 18.—A man was instantly killed today at his place on West Hill, just over the Torrington line, by a revolving saw.

ATTEMPT SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE AT ROCKVILLE

Rockville, Conn., Aug. 18.—A conciliation committee which was recently appointed to settle the strike of the Rockville Manufacturing Company, was held today at a conference at which a strike committee to confer with them tomorrow. Strike leaders accepted the invitation. Officials of the company were asked to meet the conciliation committee at a later date.

NOMINATED TO BE U. S. MARSHAL FOR CONNECTICUT

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 18.—William R. Palmer of Oxford, nominated to be United States marshal for Connecticut, was today elected by the democratic state central committee from the Seventeenth district. He long has been active in party politics and at gatherings was a noticeable figure. He had been a delegate to many conventions of the party.

SHOT HERSELF WHILE SEATED IN AUTOMOBILE

Stamford, Conn., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Julia Burr, wife of William Burr, of Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, shot herself seriously in the head, while seated in an automobile with her young daughter, at 10 a. m. yesterday. The woman was taken to the New York hospital. It is said that Mrs. Burr placed a bullet in the trunk of the car, and that her daughter struck it, the bullet entering the temple instead.

OBITUARY

Dr. Mary Blair Moody. New Haven, Conn., Aug. 18.—Dr. Mary Blair Moody, a prominent physician and surgeon in this state for many years, died at her home here today at the age of 82. She was the first woman to be admitted to the Buffalo Medical School.

CONVENTION OF EAGLES OPENS IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 18.—The twenty-first national convention of the Grand Order of Eagles, fraternal order of New Haven, opened here tonight with a meeting in Woolsey hall. Grand Worthy President Allen B. Dunbar, of Missouri responded on behalf of the delegates to the address of welcome made by Mayor Proctor E. Fitzgerald of this city, and Dean Thomas W. Egan of Yale University. Governor J. B. Folger was invited to preside. The chief address of the convention was by Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Terling of Chicago.

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