

WAGES DO NOT INFLUENCE COST

WILLIAM G. REDFIELD SAYS MONEY PAID TO LABOR DOES NOT AFFECT PRICES.

EFFICIENCY IS REMEDY

Cost of Production May Often Be Lowered by Finding New Uses for Neglected Power—Industries Best Able to Meet Foreign Competition Are Those Paying Highest Wages.

New York, May 25.—The rate of wages is not the controlling factor in the cost of production and there are many manufacturers who should employ more efficient methods before attempting to reduce wages on account of the proposed reductions in the tariff.

This was the statement made by William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, at a dinner given in honor of Secretary of War Garrison by the Hudson County Bar association.

"The cost of labor is in many industries but a minor part of the total cost and rarely the controlling element there," Mr. Redfield said.

"The industries in our country which meet foreign competition best are those which pay the highest rate of wages, such as machinery, steel and shoe industries. The industries in America which profess the least ability to meet foreign competition are those which pay the lowest wages among us, such as the textile manufacturers.

"It is frequently true that the industries with the highest protective tariff pay the lowest wages (wool and cotton), while those with the smallest tariff protection (shoes) pay higher and sometimes the highest wages. The products of American factories are often as cheap or cheaper in the labor cost per unit than are foreign ones.

"Many of us are not using to their full the productive powers we control. The men and women in our factories are endowed with reason, interest, judgment, energy, imagination, attention and memory. Has a deliberate effort been made to try what the responsive force of these powers is to patient and inspiring leadership? Has it not been rather true that men have been considered a kind of producing merchandise to be hired at the lowest rate at which poverty would force them to work, rather than at such a rate as would inspire their highest productiveness? Is not the whole outlook upon wages as an expense a blot upon the greater truth that they should be a remunerative investment? Has not the man been taken at his mathematical value rather than at his human one?"

CHILDREN FIND BONES.

San Francisco, May 25.—While playing in the back yard of their home here today two children uncovered a tightly sealed jar containing human bones. After playing with the contents several hours, the children took it to their mother. Spread upon the table the following was discovered written on a card attached to the remains: "No. 1424—Mr. L. A. Trotter, aged 38, incarcerated August 27, 1911, Portland, Ore. (Signed) 'FRANK B. GIBSON, Manager.' "Per K."

TRAIENMEN TAKE JAUNT.

Oakland, Cal., May 25. After a strenuous week more than 2,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, with members of their families, were taken for a pleasure jaunt and automobile sightseeing trip today through this city and nearby towns.

ALLIES ARE WILLING TO ABIDE BY TERMS

London, May 25.—The allies informed Caman Nizami Pasha at a joint meeting of the Balkan and Ottoman peace delegates today that they had no intention of asking for further modification of the peace terms already put forward.

This announcement is regarded as an important step in the direction of peace, as the Turks anticipated that if any modifications were suggested it would leave the door open for further demands on the part of the allies.

WORKERS ON CANAL COMPLETE FIRST OPENING

New York, May 25.—The first through cut of the Panama canal from east to west was completed yesterday when two steam shovels working from the opposite directions met at Colaba, according to a special dispatch from Panama tonight.

With the meeting of these great steam shovels, the canal was opened at grade from ocean to ocean.

Hundreds of workmen quit work and cheered when the big shovels scooped out the last bit of earth that joined the two continents. There is still to be excavated in broadening the canal about 8,000,000 cubic yards of earth.

TROOPS' SLAUGHTER WAS THE RESULT OF A PLOT

RELEASED ITALIAN WORKMEN CARRIED TALE UNDERESTIMATING ARAB FORCES.

Chiasso, Switzerland, May 25.—The strict censorship which the Italian government has imposed on all news relating to the state of affairs in Tripoli and particularly with regard to the Italian defeat at Sida Garba on May 16, has made it difficult to obtain exact information on the recent reverses in that territory. It has been learned, however, that the disaster at Sida Garba was due to a well-laid plan of the Arabs.

An Italian workman named Machiavelli, who had been taken prisoner by the Arabs, was allowed to escape after being carefully primed with false information, which he carried to General Garibaldi. Instead of waiting to carry out a scheme of co-operation with General Tassoni, who was on his way from Benghazi with a strong force, General Garibaldi, on the strength of the workman's report that the number of the enemy was small, decided to attack alone.

Accordingly, he divided his 3,000 men in three columns, supported only by four guns and a battery of howitzers. After the first flush of victory the Italian soldiers were resting, when suddenly each column was set upon from front and rear and cut off from the others. At the same time, they were subjected to a heavy shell fire.

The Italians showed admirable courage and endurance. Some of the companies lost all their officers. One advanced detachment lost 36 out of 40 men. Colonel Magdalena was shot as he lay dying, writing a report praising his men and recommending them for promotion.

General Garibaldi on his return to Derna said: "It was the bloodiest day of the whole Italo-Turko war." The Italian losses are estimated at 1,000.

GOING TO TRIPOLI.

Rome, May 25.—Twenty thousand troops have been ordered to proceed at the earliest possible moment to Sidi Garba, Tripoli, where the Italians recently suffered a severe reverse at the hands of the Arabs.

The government is determined to crush the rebel Arabs in that district, where, on May 16, the forces of General Garibaldi came into action with 20,000 Arabs, all entrenched, with casualties of close to 1,000 men. The Italian commander on the arrival of the reinforcements will begin an energetic campaign.

PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT.

Wilmington, Curacao, May 25.—The discovery of a plot against the life of President Juan Vincente Gomez has led to the arrest of 39 persons, alleged to be implicated. According to the information, the intention was to kill the president on May 3, at the horse races at Paraiso, a suburb of Curacao. Rumors of a revolutionary movement in Venezuela are current.

STEFANSEN LEAVES.

New York, May 25.—Vilhjarn Stefansson, commander of the Canadian Arctic expedition which will seek the unknown continent that scientists believe exists in the Arctic, left this city tonight for Ottawa, Ont. The first stop of his journey to Victoria, where he will join the expedition, arriving about June 4.

FRENCH ARMY SERVICE SUBJECT OF HARANGUES

Paris, May 25.—Twenty thousand socialists, laborites and revolutionaries of various groups attended a meeting at St. Gervais, outside the fortifications, today, in protest against the three years' army service.

Eighty orators, including M. Juarez, the socialist leader, harangued the assemblage from wagons. Large forces of police patrolled the neighborhood, but were not called upon to intervene, as the meeting was orderly.

THROW HIM OUT!



ROOSEVELT'S SUIT CITY FACE TO FACE WITH IMPORTANT PROBLEM

JURY TO TRY LIBEL CASE PROBABLY WILL BE OBTAINED BEFORE NIGHT.

Marquette, Mich., May 25.—At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the scales of justice will be weighed in the circuit court of Marquette county with the editorial assertion of Publisher George A. Newitt that Roosevelt "gets drunk and that not infrequently" on one side, and with the latter's declaration on the other side that the charge is untrue and libelous and the proper basis for punitive damages in the sum of \$10,000.

Judge Richard J. Flannagan of Norway, Mich., arrived here today and confirmed the prevailing impression that motions of calendar could be disposed of in the forenoon, leaving the afternoon clear for starting the task of obtaining a jury. Judge Flannagan was of the opinion that, as only four challenges are allowed each side, the 12 men might be sworn in before night. The judge said that as women seldom attend court he was determined they should have a fair show at the present trial. He has reserved half of the main floor seats and the entire balcony for them.

The Roosevelt party, including lawyers and several witnesses, is expected to arrive at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Colonel Roosevelt will be the guest of George Shiras, a naturalist, whose hobby of photographing wild animals forms a bond of sympathy with the former president.

Colonel Roosevelt will be the first witness put on the stand. Judging by his statements, the plaintiff, it is expected, will call for all the evidence in the hands of the defense. This will open the way for the introduction of all the mass of evidence gathered by the plaintiff.

AUTOS IN SPEED TESTS.

Indianapolis, May 25.—Final preparations for the third annual 500-mile automobile race to be held at the Indianapolis motor speedway Memorial Day, started at the speedway today. Fully 15,000 persons watched the drivers give their cars the preliminary speed tests. Each machine entered must be able to make at least 75 miles per hour.

FOREST SERVICE IS TO ASK HOW MISSOULA FEELS ABOUT CONSERVING WATER SUPPLY.

What is to be the policy of the city of Missoula regarding the conservation and protection of the source of its water supply?

This is a question which District Forester F. A. Sisco proposes to put to the members of the city council at their meeting Wednesday morning. He desires to know exactly how the city considers this matter, if it has been considered, because the time has come when the administration of the timber and land of the watershed at the head of the Battlesnake valley must be considered and carried out along one of two well-defined plans. If the city desires this watershed thoroughly protected and believes that to insure a lasting and pure supply of water the land about the headwaters of the Battlesnake and its tributaries should not be occupied, the forest service will undoubtedly refuse admission there to either stock or settlers.

On the other hand, the city feels that it is not concerned in the careful protection of the timber growth and that the presence of stock and human habitations on the slopes that drain into the streams are not liable to contaminate the supply, the forest service will probably be more liberal in its use of permits and in the granting of applications to settlers. The question is one that has not been "sprung" on the city before only as regards the danger to the water from the few ranches, one or two being dairy farms, that are now situated above the intake of the pipe line that brings the water to the storage reservoir. That these ranches are dangerous has been stated by health officers on numerous occasions and they have been carefully watched. But the forest service, taking its cue from the experiences of cities in all sections of the United States, has adopted a policy to co-operate with each municipality in the protection of its water supply. It believes that even one herd of stock, one ranch home or the existence of any source of filth that finds drainage

into the water supply is a menace to the city.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

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ASHES OF THE POET GIVEN TO FLAMES BY FRIENDS

PRETTY CEREMONIES MARK THE LAST RITES IN CONNECTION WITH JOAQUIN MILLER.

Oakland, May 25.—The ashes of the late Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras," were scattered today among the flames of a funeral pyre that had been built by the poet's own hands. The ceremony was at the Miller home, The Heights, situated in the picturesque hills near Oakland. The Bohemian club of San Francisco was in charge of the rites, which were witnessed by more than 500 people, including the poet's widow and daughter, Juanita, and many old-time friends.

The services were short, but impressive, in accordance with Miller's dying wishes. At their conclusion, Colonel John P. Irish of Oakland, mounted the steps of the pyre.

"This," said Colonel Irish, "is not an occasion for mourning, but for rejoicing. We are here not to mourn the death of Joaquin Miller, but to rejoice that through his genius he still lives."

Colonel Irish then applied a torch to oil-soaked faggots on the pyre. As the flames shot up, he took the copper urn in which the poet's ashes had been sealed and gave them to the fire. Instantly a jealous wind whipped the ashes from the flames and bore them away.

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GRAND JURY TO BE CALLED SAY LONG BEACH OFFICIALS

PROGRESSIVE PARTY WILL BATTLE ALONE

New York, May 25.—Decision that the progressive party will continue its fight as a distinct party organization was reported by the executive committee at a two-days' session, concluded Saturday afternoon at national headquarters here. Walter E. Brown of Toledo, Ohio, in making the announcement at the close of the meeting, said that in every state where a United States senator is to be elected next year the progressives will have a candidate. Party candidates in every state and in every congressional district also will be nominated, he said.

DISCUSSION OF PLAN FOR INVESTIGATION AFTER INQUEST, IS HELD.

DAMAGE SUITS IN SIGHT

Actions Totalling One Million Dollars Are in Prospect as Result of Tragedy Which Cost Two-Score Lives—Pier's Weakness Due to Decay From Salt Air on Wood and Iron.

Long Beach, Cal., May 25.—Prospective damage suits amounting probably to \$1,000,000 or more and a grand jury investigation engaged the attention of city officials today as the most probable outcome of the disaster yesterday when 36 persons lost their lives in the collapse of the portion of the municipal pier just after the close of the "British Empire day" pageant. The list of dead was added today by the death of Mrs. E. C. Bush, 70 years old, of Long Beach; Ernest Gales, Los Angeles; Mrs. Helen Gales, his wife, and Mrs. M. P. McDonald, Compton, Cal.

The list is expected to be further increased before tomorrow by the death of Miss Margaret Beck, aged 32, of Long Beach, whose back was broken, and of William Cooper of Pasadena, one of the two veterans of the Chinese war, who were in the van of the parade.

Rectification of errors made yesterday in the list of dead brought out the following names among the dead who have been positively identified: MISS FRANCES HARRIET NEWELL, Kenosha, Wis. MISS DOLLIE GALES, Oak Park, Ill. MISS LILLY M. HOLME, Denver, Colo. MISS ETHEL WYVET, 16, died at her home near Los Angeles today. Her mother was among those instantly killed.

Grand Jury Discussing. While City Attorney Stephen Long was occupied with the legal phase of the disaster's aftermath today, Mayor I. S. Hatch, members of the city council and a member of the board of public works, conferred with District Attorney John G. Fredericks with reference to the grand jury inquiry, which will be started either before or just after the coroner's inquest Tuesday.

The object of the inquiry is to fix responsibility for the conditions of the pier, a section of which, in front of the municipal auditorium, went down under a weight of human beings estimated at not less than 750 tons.

The weakness of the pier, which was built eight years ago and never repaired in that particular portion, is believed to have been due to decay caused by the action of salt air on wood and its iron fasteners and supports. However, it was declared that a much stronger structure might have been wrecked under the same circumstances as the participants in the big parade marched upon the pier in step.

Military men pointed out that the rhythmic vibration created by the measured tread of thousands of feet caused a tremendous strain upon the supports which already had been heavily burdened by the crowd thronged about the auditorium doors awaiting admittance, and they recalled that military columns comprising large numbers of men always broke step when crossing even iron bridges, in order to avoid causing collapse or a serious damage.

The grand jury investigation was demanded by officers of the united societies of British-born residents and visitors, whose celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday anniversary was interrupted by the tragedy.

HEROIC SEAMAN DIES.

San Diego, Cal., May 25.—After suffering for two days from burns received in the explosion on the torpedo boat destroyer Stewart in which two sailors were killed, Alma Miller, 61, died in a hospital today. He has a mother in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and the body will be sent to that city. Miller was terribly wounded in an attempt to save his two comrades.

YOSHIIHITO HAS VISITORS.

Tokyo, May 25.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito was so favorable Sunday that he received in audience several state officials. The bulletins issued by the attending officials will probably be suspended in view of the steady improvement.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL SOON WILL BE UP TO WILSON

POSSIBILITY OF VETO OCCUPIES ATTENTION OF OFFICIAL WASHINGTON.

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson may actually have before him this week for his approval or rejection the much buffeted \$117,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill, which includes the provision exempting labor unions and farmers' organizations from prosecution through funds appropriated for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law.

What the president will do with the measure because of the exemption clause, which caused former President Taft to veto it, is engaging country-wide attention. The executive office has been flooded with letters and petitions regarding the measure, securing him to veto it because of the exemption clause and others appealing to him to give it his approval.

The tariff situation will reach an interesting period this week when the senate finance sub-committee, got down to the work of writing their revisions of the Underwood bill.

When the private hearings close Tuesday the three sub-committees will begin to shift the mass of material produced in the private hearings and briefs filed by protesting manufacturers. There is little prospect of the work of revising schedules being concluded this week.

Proposed Amendments. Senator Williams' sub-committee will take up the insurance feature of the income tax section of the bill. Another matter to occupy this sub-committee will be the amendments to the administrative features of the bill proposed by Assistant Attorney General Denison and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis. The amendments being seriously considered are one to give the secretary of the treasury the right to proclaim valuations on ad valorem goods and another to prohibit attorneys taking up disputed cases on a contingency fee basis.

Overshadowing the legislative developments last week was the beginning made by the republican party leaders in and out of congress to bring about a party reorganization and the organization plans of the democratic national and congressional committees. Following these conferences both republican and democratic national committees will meet soon to organize and work out details for the campaign next year.

G. O. P. TO CAUCUS.

This week the committee of five senators appointed by the senate republican conference to confer with house leaders relating to a joint caucus to talk over congressional plans will begin work and Senator Gallinger, the chairman, is authority for the statement that a caucus will be held early in June. The republican congressional committee has deferred its organization meeting until the executive committee of the national committee has met, so as not to interfere with any harmonious arrangement of work between the two organizations. The congressional organization leaders

GENERAL HSU PAO SAN IS KILLED BY A BOMB

Shanghai, May 25.—General Hsu Pao San was killed by a bomb today when opening a box in the belief that it contained porcelain, of which he was an ardent collector. He had sent for a piece of porcelain and when the box arrived he attempted to pry off the cover. A terrific explosion resulted and he was hurled with great force to the opposite end of the room. A servant also was instantly killed. The general, who was known as "Tiger Hsu," was a strong supporter of President Yuan Shi Kai and the object of bitter hatred to the southern extremists.

BUTTE MINERS ADOPT STRONG RESOLUTIONS

Butte, May 25.—Butte union men at a mass meeting held this afternoon protested against the practices of the coal authorities in the Paint and Cabin creeks old districts of West Virginia. Resolutions adopted at the meeting condemn the action of the governor of West Virginia and local authorities in establishing a military court and appeal to the president and congress to investigate and abolish "the state of anarchy which appears to exist there." Copies of the resolutions were forwarded to Montana's congressional delegation and to President Wilson.

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