

RAILMEN BOOM J. LEWIS TO GOVERNORS MINNESOTA FARMERS UNIT FOR LOWER FREIGHT RATES

PRODUCTS HELD FROM MARKET, 170,000 STATE

Vote 10 to 1 Against Enactment of Sales Tax; Favor Profits.

Indorse Farm to Market Roads; Rap Transcontinental Highways.

St. Paul, June 18.—Minnesota farmers are virtually united in favoring an immediate reduction in freight rates according to returns compiled Saturday night at headquarters here of Minnesota Farm Bureau federation which canvassed more than 178,000 farmers in the state on their desires on 16 demands for national legislation vital to agriculture. More than 1,000 township caucuses were held to vote on the question.

On the basis of returns Saturday night, L. E. Potter, president of the state federation, said the voting indicates that at least 170,000 farmers in Minnesota could ship quantities of products which otherwise might be held from the market if rail tariffs are cut before harvest time.

U. S. Announcement Sunday. The results of the Minnesota vote were reported to national headquarters in Chicago and will be added to the votes cast in other states in the referendum launched by the American Farm Bureau federation. The final results will be laid before congress and probably will be announced in Chicago Sunday.

Minnesota farmers voted 10 to 1 against the enactment of a general sales tax and 20 to 1 in favor of continuing the excess profits tax. Other projects favored the Gopher state titles of the soil include:

Against Short Selling. Construction of farm to market roads prior to the building of great transcontinental highways under federal control; immediate completion of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway; laws prohibiting short selling of farm products; federal regulation of packers; a constitutional amendment forbidding issuance of tax exempt securities; passage of a truth-in-law; laws guaranteeing farmers the right of collective bargaining in marketing their products; establishment of a \$50,000,000 (fifty million dollars) export corporation to finance sale of American crops abroad; increasing the limit on farm bank loans from \$10,000 to \$25,000; a law empowering the federal reserve board to give priority to loans for basic productions; legislative action to provide long time loans for livestock producers; and establishment of means to furnish credit to farms on receipt for products stored in bonded warehouses.

The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of or opposed as the case might be.

PAY \$1,000,000 FOR BLAIR FARM

Spokane, June 18.—The Kelley Ranch Co. of Washington and Oregon has purchased the entire holdings of the Day & Hansen Security Co. of Spokane in Montana, R. R. Rogers, receiver of the Spokane firm, announced here Saturday. The deal involves \$500 acres, 60 miles east of Missoula, Montana, not including 2000 more under lease and the consideration is reported at approximately \$1,000,000. The land is known as the Blair ranch and is located in Blackfoot valley on the No. 2 Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul lines. H. F. Kelley of Prairie, Oregon, is president of the purchasing company, and will move to Montana at once to supervise the operation of the ranch. Livestock will be shipped in, bringing the total value of stock on the place to \$275,000, it is said. There are 4500 acres in timothy and clover, 2500 of dry farming wheat land and 5000 more that are tillable, Mr. Rogers stated.

SLAYS FUGITIVE NEGRO. Memphis, Tenn., June 18.—Sherman Richmond, negro, who escaped from a sheriff's posse after he had been arrested on a charge of having held up a young woman and her escort Thursday night and threatened to assault the girl, was shot to death Saturday by a town officer at Batesville, Miss., when he resisted arrest.

Mob Applies Torch to Funeral Pyre as Negro Calmly Smokes Cigarette

Moultrie, Ga., June 18.—John Henry Williams, negro slayer of Lorena Wilkes, 12-year-old white girl, was burned at the stake Saturday by a mob after he had been convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged July 8. The prisoner was taken from the officers as he was being escorted from the court room, and was rushed to the scene of his crime, where he was tied to the stump of a tree. Williams calmly smoked a cigarette as the match was applied to the fuel around him and he made but little outcry as the flames slowly burned him to death. It was reported that he made a full confession. The mob quietly dispersed after the lynching and thus far no arrests have been made.

Hero, Who Took Bergdoll's Place, Is to Be Honored

Philadelphia, June 18.—The man who took "over" C. Bergdoll's place when the convicted draft evader, now a fugitive in Germany, failed to answer the call, was cited by the commanding general of the brigade for bravery in action in one of the most noteworthy battles of the world war, that of Argonne forest. He was Russell C. Gross of this city, a private in Company E, 328th infantry, who was killed by bullets from a machine gun nest which later was captured by Company "G" of the same infantry, headed by Corporal Alvin C. York of Tennessee. This was revealed Saturday night by the Overbrook post of the American Legion, after an investigation. The post announced it would change its name to that of the hero and was planning a memorial to Gross "who was forced into service out of his turn by the slacker, Bergdoll."

COAL MEASURE NOW EXPECTED

Washington, June 18.—Senate factions Saturday prepared for another battle next week over the Freighting bill. Reports that certain senate elements planned to use the measure which would provide reduced seasonal rates on coal as well as for many fundamental transportation amendments, including repeal of the so-called railroad rate guarantee, caused opposing forces to prepare for battle. Members of the unofficial agricultural bloc of senators were said to be behind the amendment program. Besides pressing a proposal for repeal of the rate guarantee, it was said that other amendments would strike at the interstate commerce commission's power to regulate state rates. This has been protested from many states. Another amendment reported in prospect is for reduction of freight rates, especially on agricultural products. Reports of probable precipitation of general railroad legislation into consideration of the Freighting program led opponents to consider destructive measures.

NOTED JAPANESE CALLED.

Tokyo, June 18.—Two prominent statesmen of Japan are dead: Marquis Nachiro Nabeshima, court councillor and at one time minister plenipotentiary to Italy, and Nagao Ariga, constitutional adviser to the president of the Chinese republic. Mrs. Corbin Reveals Arson Intrigue With Chauffeur at Spokane

IRISH 'PIRATES' BOARD VESSELS; RIUM SUPPLIES

Crown Forces Ambushed in Dublin Streets; Seven Are Wounded. Armed Civilians Found Laying Road Mine; Murders Frequent.

Dublin, June 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Sinn Fein campaign against steamers carrying supplies to crown forces, coast guard stations and residents along the countryside, continues unabated. The steamer Rostellan Castle with supplies consigned to the military forces on Spike island was boarded Saturday by 20 armed men in boats at Black Rock, county Cork, and beer, potatoes and cakes were thrown overboard. Numerous incendiaries. Four coast guard stations in county Dublin were burned to the ground, the Wexford county court house was bombed and destroyed and Ravensdale castle in county Louth, one of the finest mansions in Leinster, was set afire Saturday morning. The castle had recently been sold by Lord Arran, to a London merchant. After the shooting of Constable Campbell in Leadville county Friday night, armed men early Saturday entered a saloon and took two sons of a proprietor, John and Patrick Watters, from their beds and shot them on the street. A third son escaped. Crown forces were ambushed Saturday night at the junction of Ryders row and Capel street. The streets were swept with bullets and three men, three women and a girl were wounded. Casualties of the crown forces were not reported. Surprise Mine Layers. Armed civilians were discovered late Saturday laying a road mine at Cool-bawn by a party of soldiers who opened fire, killing one and wounding two. A police patrol was ambushed near Newmarket-on-Fergus. One policeman was wounded. One of the attacking party who had been wounded, was captured and another member of the party is believed to have been killed. Philip Duggan was dragged from his home at Grangessigen, county Kildare, by eight armed men and shot dead. His mother, who is 70 years old, was seriously wounded. The body of Patrick Davies, a school teacher, was found near Corraclar by a police patrol. It was labeled "sooner or later we get them. This victim was twice convicted and executed by the Irish republican army."

Business Improves, Prosperity Looming, Declare Credit Men

San Francisco, June 18.—Business throughout the nation is improving, declared a statement issued here Saturday by the National Association of Credit Men. The statement was based on detailed reports made by delegates from all the important cities of the nation to the twenty-sixth annual convention of the association, which closed Friday. "Though liquidation in all lines is not yet completed, the National Association of Credit Men looks forward to a steady readjustment of industry to new conditions and to a return of prosperity at a not distant date," the statement says. SUB FOILS "GUNMEN" Washington, June 18.—The former German submarine U-111 sank off Cape Henry, Va., Saturday while being towed from Portsmouth, N. H., to a position off Cape Charles, where it was to have been a target for the guns of the destroyers of the Atlantic fleet Wednesday.

COAL MINERS' PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY MONDAY; KEEPS SILENCE

Report \$100,000 "Slush Fund" Being Used Among Delegates, Creates Considerable Excitement; Proof of Charges Will Be Demanded on Convention Floor, Says Colorado Rumor.

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 18.—The probability that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, would oppose Samuel Gompers for re-election as president of the American Federation of Labor, was heightened Saturday by reports that representatives of the majority of the railroad organizations at a conference Friday night had decided to support his candidacy. These reports brought here Saturday by delegates to the federation convention who came from Denver on a special train for an outing in the Pikes' peak region, declared Lewis would announce his candidacy before next Monday. The miners' chief continued to maintain silence, but his boomers claimed that Lewis was assured sufficient votes to win. Published reports that certain alleged anti-Gompers interests had representatives operating among the delegates with a \$100,000 "slush fund" created considerable excitement. Several labor leaders asserted that the entire matter would be brought before the convention next Monday morning and a demand made for proof of these charges. Gompers Confident. Representatives of President Gompers have declined to make any statement regarding the situation except to say that they are confident that the veteran labor leader will be re-elected. They, however, have been on the defensive and have been busy taking canvass of the voting strength and the situation in general. Up to the present time, however, no international union has publicly announced which candidate it will support if a fight for the leadership occurs.

FLOOD SUFFERERS SCORE SEC'Y WEEKS FOR MISINFORMATION

Pueblo, June 18.—At a mass meeting Saturday, attended by seven fraternal and relief organizations, including the American Red Cross, five civic organizations, the commander of the Colorado national guard and city and county commissioners, a telegram was formulated and sent to Joseph B. Weeks, secretary of war, stating that the telegram given to the Associated Press of June 17 is not only based on misinformation but is misleading and has done Pueblo and the Arkansas valley enormous injury. "This unexpected blow added to our present burdens is most discouraging and disheartening to our suffering people. The undersigned persons and organizations in mass meeting assembled today respectfully make the following representation of facts: "Over fifteen hundred persons are drowned and missing. Six hundred and sixty-five homes have been swept away. Over thirty-five hundred people are homeless. The total property and mercantile loss in Pueblo county alone is over twenty million dollars. With possibly one or two exceptions Pueblo, in proportion to its size, has suffered a disaster greater than ever befallen any American city. If you could only be on the ground for 30 minutes we would convince you that our statements are not overdrawn. We earnestly ask that you give this communication, together with any comments you care to make, the same publicity that you gave your published interviews. Rejected Suitor Slays Divorcee; Then Shoots Self

Haywood Acclaimed at Moscow Meet of Third Internationale

Riga, June 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—William D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Industrial Workers of the World, who some time ago fled to Russia from the United States was given an ovation at a public meeting of the delegates to the third internationale of Moscow by the Ivestia of that city. The audience stood and cheered, the newspaper asserts, when he was introduced as a man over whom a 20 years penal sentence was hanging at home. Haywood told the delegates that he formerly oppressed Russians fled to America, but that now American escape to "truly free Russia," the Ivestia declares.

Heat Kills Many Chicagoans; Mercury Touches 95 Degrees

Chicago, June 18.—Several deaths and many prostrations attributed to the heat were reported Saturday, when the mercury touched 95 for the second time in 48 hours.

GRAECO-TURCO WAR STOPPAGE ALLIES' TOPIC

Two Conferences Held by Curzon and Briand; Italian Envoy Joins. Plan to Give All of Anatolia to Moslems and Smyrna Autonomous.

Paris, June 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The best and quickest way to prevent the impending war between Greece and the Turkish nationalists, occupied the entire time of the British Foreign Minister, Lord Curzon, and Premier Briand, who held two conferences Saturday at the foreign office. Count Boni-Langare, the Italian ambassador, participated in the afternoon conference. No decision was reached, but after an exchange of the latest information it was decided to meet again Sunday when suggestions of the British government for bringing about peace in Asia Minor will be considered. An official statement issued after the conferences failed to reveal what their suggestions were, but it is understood that they contemplated giving all of Anatolia to the Turks and making the vilaye of Smyrna autonomous. Should the Turks refuse this arrangement, it is declared that financial aid will be given the Greeks in their offensive against the nationalists. PROTEST BOMBARDMENT. Constantinople, June 18.—Protest has been made by the Sublime Porte to the allied high commissioners against the Greek bombardment of the open town of Samoun, Shinope and Imboli, on the Black sea coast. The bombardment has caused loss of life and much damage, it was stated. Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the nationalists, and his staff are declared to have left Angora for the fighting front.

National Parks' Chief Off for Opening at Yellowstone Sunday

Salt Lake City, June 18.—Stephen I. Mather, director of national parks, department of the interior, accompanied by several high railroad officials left here Saturday night for Yellowstone national park. He accompanied more than 100 club women who came to Salt Lake from all parts of the country as delegates to the General Federation of Women's clubs council which closed here Saturday. Formal opening of the park will be Sunday morning. The first visitors will be the club women and two train loads of Shriners from Detroit. The opening date of the park was advanced one day due to the visiting Shriners. 600 IN PARK. Livingston, June 18.—All Yellowstone national park roads are open and hotels and camps prepared to handle tourists. Reports from the Livingston-Gardiner entrance show 600 automobile tourists have entered already, which number is a large increase over any preliminary traveling in the past. OIL STILL BURNING. Casper, Wyo., June 18.—Despite heavy rains throughout Saturday four of the seven oil tanks on the Midwest Refining Co. tank farm, fired by lightning Friday were still burning Saturday night. NOTED MASON SUCCEMB. Champlain, N. Y., June 18.—Dr. Thomas Ashbury Parker, 88, army chaplain, church builder and prominent in Masonic circles, died at his home here Saturday night. PRESIDENT ON CRUISE. Washington, June 18.—President and Mrs. Harding left here late Saturday aboard the yacht Mayflower for a week-end cruise on the Potomac in company with several guests.

WHEELING STEEL MILLS CLOSE; 2500 OUT OF WORK.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 18.—More than 2500 men in the Wheeling district were thrown out of work Saturday when three mills of the Wheeling Steel Corporation suspended operations in full or in part. Lack of orders was given as the reason. It is stated the well will prove one of the largest in that section. Tom Stout, Charles Wiper and Charles Hancock are the directors of this concern. The coming in of the A. C. M. syndicate's well, the West Dome No. 4, is reported in a message from Winsett to Ex-Mayor C. J. Marshall. The event is regarded as one of great importance, because it extends the productive area of Cat Creek much farther to the south than before. The well, it is stated, is one of the very best in that part of the field, costing \$-12-20.

Two More Cat Creek Producers Brought in; One Extends Oil Field

Lewistown, June 18.—The Cat Creek oil field brought in Saturday two wells to which considerable interest attaches. One extends the area of the field further south. The one well that was backed by a syndicate of men of the A. C. M. Co., led by C. F. Kelley, the Butte oiler, was the No. 1 of the Cat Creek Producers syndicate in section 13-15-29. A message from the officers on the spot, reports that the well has come in with unusually good production and, while this has not been gauged

McCormick Balks J. W. Roberts for Customs Officer; Is Move of Shelley

Special to The Tribune. Washington, June 18.—Another patronage row is on in Montana. Representative Carl W. Riddick recommended J. W. Roberts of Great Falls to be collector of customs for Montana and Idaho, after understanding, he asserts, that he would have the approval of the Idaho senators. It is an office that has always been in his district. It is now decided that no change is to be made at present. In the meantime, National Committeeman O. M. P. Shelley of Montana and the two Idaho senators have endorsed another man. The prediction was made here that the Great Falls man would win when a showdown is demanded, but in the meantime a hot contest may be waged.

Rescue Swimmer From Whirlpool of Niagara River

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 18.—Edward Denny, 16, was rescued from the Niagara whirlpool Saturday after he had been in the water nearly an hour. He saved himself by clinging to a drifting log. The boy, with a dozen companions, was swimming near the old Maid of the Mist landing on the American side above the rapids. He was carried out into midstream and was in the grip of the swift current before he realized his plight. Denny managed to catch a floating log and with it was hurled through the first of the lower rapids and into the whirlpool, where he was swept around into the big outer eddy while the other boys, who had followed him on the bank, ran for aid. One of them found a long rope and hauled him to shore. THREE LADS DROWN. St. Paul, June 18.—Three boys were drowned in the Mississippi river here late Saturday. The dead: Albert Mann, 8; Albert Sutton, 11; John Flynn, 9. They were wading together in the river in the feet of water, when they stepped into a hole. Their bodies were recovered.

MURDERER'S PAL G. A. R. BODIES SOUGHT IN U. S. ELECT OFFICERS

Cleveland, June 18.—A search that may reach across the country has been started for Vittorio Pisselli of Cleveland, indicted with Salve Calza of Cleveland, by the county grand jury Saturday for first degree murder of Daniel F. Kaber in his Lakewood home nearly two years ago. Calza was arrested near Buffalo, N. Y. Friday and is now awaiting extradition to Ohio. The indictment of the two men Friday places the number now charged with first degree murder of Kaber at six, the other four being Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, widow of the slain man; Miss Marian McArdle, her daughter; Mrs. Mary Brickell, mother of Mrs. Kaber, and Mrs. Erminia Colavito, mid-wife and alleged poisoner. Emphatic denial to parts of Calza's confession were made Saturday by Mrs. McArdle and Mrs. Colavito. WHEELING STEEL MILLS CLOSE; 2500 OUT OF WORK. Wheeling, W. Va., June 18.—More than 2500 men in the Wheeling district were thrown out of work Saturday when three mills of the Wheeling Steel Corporation suspended operations in full or in part. Lack of orders was given as the reason. It is stated the well will prove one of the largest in that section. Tom Stout, Charles Wiper and Charles Hancock are the directors of this concern. The coming in of the A. C. M. syndicate's well, the West Dome No. 4, is reported in a message from Winsett to Ex-Mayor C. J. Marshall. The event is regarded as one of great importance, because it extends the productive area of Cat Creek much farther to the south than before. The well, it is stated, is one of the very best in that part of the field, costing \$-12-20.

WOMAN SLAYS LAD TO AVENGE FATHER'S WRONG

Convict Aged Matron at Detroit; Given Life in Correction House. Body of Boy Is Found Strangled to Death in Michigan Marsh.

Detroit, Mich., June 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lewen, 58, was convicted of first degree murder by a jury in record court Saturday night in connection with the death last month of six-year-old Max Ernest. She was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Detroit house of correction. Mrs. Lewen, who had stoutly maintained her innocence before and during the trial, collapsed when the verdict was read and it was 15 minutes before sentence could be pronounced. The aged woman was arrested May 18, a week after the disappearance of the Ernest boy from his home. The body was later found partly covered with weeds and brush in a marsh. Physicians pronounced death due to strangulation. The prosecution introduced testimony at the trial in an effort to show Mrs. Lewen took the boy from his home and killed him to avenge an alleged wrong in a business transaction with the lad's father.

G. A. R. BODIES ELECT OFFICERS

Anacosta, June 18.—Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. delegates to the city's seventh annual state encampment held their final business sessions Saturday morning when officers were installed and the appointive officers named. The G. A. R. officers appointed are: J. R. Goss, Judge advocate, of Billings; Charles P. H. Bickens, patriotic instructor, of Deer Lodge. Rev. J. N. Chestnut, chief mustering officer, of Great Falls; W. C. Lewis, assistant inspector general of Helena; Henry Forray, aide de camp, of Butte; Dr. George H. Taylor, assistant adjutant, quartermaster general and custodian of the G. A. R. room at the capitol building of Helena. These officers were installed by Judge Advocate J. R. Goss. The Ladies of the G. A. R. held their installation ceremonies, Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson being in charge. The appointive officers are: Mrs. L. A. de Alberton, inspector; Mrs. Ira Gnosse of Anacosta, secretary; Mrs. Siller of Helena, patriotic instructor. Resolutions of thanks were adopted and adjournment took place at the noon hour. Just before adjourning, past department president, Mrs. Margaret Louison was presented with the jewel of the order and very beautiful sapphire ring. The presentation was made by Mrs. Richardson of Absorke. The convention closed with a sight-seeing tour by automobile in the Deer Lodge valley and a reception at Anacosta club.

Council Bares Poles Manufacturing Arms for Mexican Army

Geneva, June 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The disclosure that 10,000 gun barrels are being made by an arms factory in the free city of Danzig for Mexico caused a mild sensation at the meeting of the council of the League of Nations Saturday. M. Hanotaux, the French representative, expressed in sharp terms his surprise that of municipalities under the protection of the League of Nations was making war materials. Herr Salm, president of the free city, explained that the order had been received last October, before the constitution of the city was adopted. The council reserved its decision.



JOHN L. LEWIS.

TRAIN SMASHUP KILLS 4; HURTS 6

Jackson, Mich., June 18.—Four persons are known to have been killed and six injured when a Michigan Central railway steel limited car telescoped a wooden car near Ann Arbor. The dead: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce, Highland Park, Detroit. Miss Keneuch, Chelsea, a young woman 23 or 24, badly mangled. An unidentified body taken to Ann Arbor. First car, of wood, was almost completely demolished. The steel car was only slightly damaged.