

QUIZ ACTOR AND CAMERAMAN IN TAYLOR MURDER; GERMANY FACES A GENERAL NATION-WIDE STRIKE

BERLIN IS CUT OFF FROM CAR SERVICE, GAS, WATER, LIGHT

Walkout of Municipal Employees Affects All Hospitals in City.

RAILROAD WORKERS QUIT IN ALL OF BADEN

Factories and Bakeries Have Reduced Hours and Some Have Closed.

UNIONS ISSUE MANIFESTO

Will Prosecute Their Advantage Until a Complete Victory Is Gained.

[By Associated Press.]

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Tramway service and the gas, water and electricity supply in Berlin were completely shut off when the municipal employees struck this morning.

The strike of railroad men has extended to all of Baden, where the workers went out last night.

The make-up of the negotiations, begun yesterday for settling the railway strike, which now has been in progress since Wednesday midnight.

Many factories and bakeries have reduced their working hours and some of them have already closed down.

Unions Issue Proclamation.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—With the railway without rapidly assuming the proportions of a general nation-wide strike, union leaders have issued a proclamation, declaring they will prosecute their advantage until a complete victory is gained.

Little result was gained from the instructions of the Imperial Traffic Minister to the managers of railway to dismiss all workers who did not return to work at once.

Telegraph workers in Berlin have also joined the movement, but no service has not yet been impaired to a great extent.

Notwithstanding the rebuke administered to the railway strikers by the general federation of labor and allied organizations, the railway up showed an extension in all

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600 SINN FEIN WOMEN REAFFIRM ALLEGIANCE

Will Support Candidates Standing True to Republic Proclaimed in 1916.

[By Associated Press.]

DUBLIN, Feb. 5.—Six hundred delegates, most of them youthful, representing women's Sinn Fein organizations, reaffirmed their allegiance to the republic in a resolution today.

They also called upon the women of Ireland to support at the forthcoming elections only candidates standing true to the republic proclaimed in 1916, and asked them to join in imposing the Belfast boycott unless prisoners in northern jails for political offenses are released forthwith.

Countess Markievicz presided at the convention, which was held at the Mansion House.

PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL GAIN IN EVERY STATE

Chairman Rouse Discusses Plans for Coming Election Campaign—Reports General Dissatisfaction in Country With the Republican Administration.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The prediction that the Democratic party would make gains in every State in the North, East and West, and would retrieve, in the coming campaign, the ground lost in Tennessee and Texas in the last election, was made today by Representative Arthur B. Rouse, of Kentucky, chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee.

In a formal statement, Mr. Rouse announced that the congressional committee organization would be completed within a week.

"We have been proceeding energetically," the statement said, "and have about completed our organization in each State. Our committee includes in its membership a Representative in Congress from every State in the Union that has Democratic representation in the national lawmaking body. There are now twenty-three States without Democratic representation. In all except five of these, I have appointed a prominent Democrat to represent the State on the committee and the organization will be completed within a week.

"The committee also will have a

Unemployment Shows Big Decrease in U. S.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Unemployment decreased sharply in the United States during January, the Department of Labor reported today, and forty out of sixty-five cities and industrial centers had 4.2 per cent more workers on pay rolls January 31 than they had on December 31.

The calculation was made from the actual reports of 1,428 concerns normally employing more than 500 people each.

Nearly all industries, outside of steel, textiles and railroads, increased their labor forces. In Detroit, center of the automobile industry, the increase was 8.9 per cent; in Sioux City, Iowa, 21 per cent; and in San Francisco, 14.8 per cent.

Chicago was listed with a 4 per cent improvement among forty cities reporting increases.

Denver, Col., showed the largest decrease in employment, with a drop in the number of employed of 43.7 per cent during the month, while Chattanooga, Tenn., lost 14 per cent; Johnston, Pa., 14.1; and Philadelphia, Pa., 13.7.

RETAIL CLOTHIERS ASSEMBLE TODAY

Merchants Representing Every Section of State Convene in Richmond.

AINSLIE TO WELCOME

Report of Secretary Horace Gans Shows Big Year for Association.

[By Associated Press.]

Richmond, Feb. 5.—Retail merchants representing every section of Virginia are in Richmond this morning to attend the fourth annual convention of the Virginia Retail Clothiers and Furnishers' Association.

The convention, which convenes at the Richmond Hotel at 11 o'clock, sponsors from five States, as well as officers of the national organization, with which the Virginia clothiers are affiliated, will be on the program.

Registration of delegates will begin at 10 o'clock this morning and will be followed by an address of welcome by Mayor George Ainslie.

L. R. Shulman, vice-president of the organization, and W. Fleet Kirk, president of the association since its formation and national director from Virginia, will deliver his annual address.

With Easter only a few weeks away, merchants are clamoring for a greater voice in the selection of styles. Mr. Kirk declared last night, and this morning he will present this matter to the association.

His report will feature the opening session of the convention, which will convene at 10 o'clock for luncheon.

Horace Gans, secretary of the State association, will also deliver his report this morning, and, although the exact number of new members was not divulged by him last night, he

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A. S. Williams, Author Dies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Alice S. Williams, 64, author, naturalist and friend of the late John Burroughs, died in a hospital tonight.

Thirty years ago, after several years spent in newspaper work, Mr. Williams wrote a book exposing the illicit drug trade and its effects, which led to the adoption of stringent laws concerning the sale of opium.

He is survived by a widow.

Debate Medical Merger.

A debate resolved, held at the Merged Medical School in Lynchburg, Va., featured the program last night of the Young Men's Literary Club at the home of Charles Michael, 2362 East Marshall Street.

Judges awarded the decision in favor of the affirmative, argued by Messrs. Yale and Kieve Passamanick, Messrs. Tuburg and Emanuel Passamanick upheld the negative.

A review of current events by Sam Solomon and a reading by Louis Shocket, preceded the debate. Maurice Michael, critic, concluded the program.

Wrecks His \$600 Auto: Sells Remnants for \$15

[By Associated Press.]

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS WITNESS TODAY IN PROBE OF OFFICES

Saunders to Appear Before Committee Investigating Proposal of Mergers.

GAME DEPARTMENT IS TO BE REPRESENTED

M. D. Hart and Judge Rhea, of Corporation Commission, Will Testify.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX BILL

Hall Measures, Giving Court Powers in Divorce Suits, Up Thursday Night.

[By Associated Press.]

With the idea of completing a report on or before Friday of this week, the joint legislative committee investigating State officers and commissions, with a view of merger or abolition, will begin a hearing at 10 o'clock today, which, it is expected, will continue throughout the day, as the members have been excused from House duty while making their investigation.

The principal witnesses before the investigating committee today will be Attorney-General John R. Saunders, M. D. Hart, secretary of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Judge William C. Rhea, chairman of the State Corporation Commission.

Tax Segregation Bill Up.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the House committee will give a public hearing on the Byrd-Brown tax segregation bill and the Pratt bill for tax equalization, and tonight there will be a hearing of the so-called "pure paint" measure.

Considerable interest centers in a public hearing on the Hall bill in the House on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This bill gives the judge of a court the authority to name an attorney to make defense of any divorce suit, which in his opinion is not being properly defended, or in which the defendant does not appear.

Members from various sections of the State are expected here to take part in the discussion of the bill.

Fee officers from throughout the State will swoop down on the Capitol on Thursday night, when the various fee bills and the report of the State Fee Commission will be the subject of a public hearing. Some

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HARDING TO CONFER WITH G. O. P. LEADERS

Will Seek Means of Raising Money to Pay Bonus in Meeting Today.

[By United News.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Harding's congressional leaders, in a conference at the White House tomorrow, will seek means to raise funds needed to pay a soldier bonus.

Having agreed that a bonus bill should be enacted, leaders now find themselves in a quandary as to where the funds can be obtained. The bill, it is figured, would cost \$500,000,000 during the first year.

There is greatest hesitancy to increase taxes, but the money apparently can be derived only in that way. Projects to utilize interest payments on foreign debts still are being discussed, and it has been suggested that funds saved in the naval appropriation bill be applied to the bonus.

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"I'd give \$15 for her as she is," remarked a bystander.

"Sold," said a voter, and Edward Jackson, who bought the car yesterday for \$600, crawled from beneath its twisted remnants.

Young Jackson's father was learning to drive and in attempting to avert collision with a taxicab, put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake.

500 Panic Stricken by Fire in Theater

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—An explosion, followed by fire spread panic among 500 patrons of the Lyric Motion-Picture Theater, on West Twenty-third Street, this afternoon, but all reached the street safely.

The blaze was put out by firemen after it had destroyed several thousand feet of film and damaged the operating room.

The playhouse, one of small seating capacity, was crowded when a loud report was heard. Tongues of flames reached toward the ceiling, and in an instant the place was in an uproar.

Several persons were slightly injured in the crush at the exits.

Mrs. Grace Holly, the pianist, continued playing in an attempt to restore calm. She was the last to leave the building.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

\$5,000 Blaze Sweeps Barton Heights Baptist Early This Morning.

IN SOUTHEAST CORNER

Flames, Blamed to Defective Wiring, Confined to This Section.

The Barton Heights Baptist Church was badly damaged by fire, believed to have originated from defective wiring, early this morning. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

The fire broke out about 1:30 o'clock and, before fire apparatus arrived at the scene, the building was rapidly falling prey to the flames.

The fire started in the ladies' parlor in the southeast corner of the church, and that section of the building was badly damaged.

The firemen, however, managed to confine the flames to the rear of the building, but the front part of the structure was badly damaged by water.

The building is a frame structure, but was steccoed several years ago. Little damage was done to the main auditorium, the pulpit was flooded by the water, and the organ case, which is located in the front portion of the church, was damaged.

The church had been locked up after services last night, and, as the building is not heated by a furnace, but by means of gas heaters, there was no fire left in the building. This fact leads to the belief that defective wiring caused the flames.

L. B. Carver, a North Side patrolman, discovered the blaze and turned in the alarm. The North Side fire engine company responded to the alarm, and after about a half-hour's work, had the flames under control.

The entire section of the city, was aroused by the loud clang of the fire engines as they sped toward the scene, and, once out of their beds, a look at the sky informed them that there was a big blaze in the vicinity.

NOTED ACTOR DIES

Direct Descendant of One of Napoleon's Marshals.

[By Associated Press.]

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Joseph Maitson Sloan, a widely known actor of years ago, died today at his home. He was 81 years old.

As a member of the old stock company of the Walnut Street Theater, Sloan played with the actor Booth, Lucille Western, Ada Rehan, Maggie Mitchell and with Tony Denier, the celebrated clown. He was a direct descendant of Chevalier Pierre Maitson, one of Napoleon's marshals.

Flood Drives Out Hundred.

MERIDIAN, MISS., Feb. 5.—More than 100 persons were driven from their homes near here today by a flood of water, swollen by a five-inch rainfall Saturday night, overflowed its banks and the surrounding lowlands and flooded the homes of many negroes.

The Chickasaw River and tributary streams are reported rising rapidly. Railroad traffic has not yet been delayed, but it is expected that tracks will be covered with flood waters at a number of points near the city.

Leaves 70 Descendants.

WATERLOO, ILL., Feb. 5.—Leaving seventy descendants, Anton Wierschen, 52, is dead at his home near here. He is survived by his wife, eleven children, thirty-nine grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Neither was badly hurt. The elder Jackson was arrested for driving without a license.

To the South and Southwest best reached by Southern Railway. Three through connections daily. Ticket Office 805 E. Main St. Mid. 572.—Adv.

CARDINALS UNABLE TO REACH DECISION UPON NEW PONTIFF

O'Connell Is Expected to Take Part in Balloting for Pope Today.

PRELATES BUSY SEEKING POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

Voting Comes to Deadlock Following Contest of Merry del Val and Gasparri.

100,000 AWAIT BENEDICTION

Laurenti and Taceli, Both Created Cardinals in 1921, Declared to Be Leading.

[By Associated Press.]

ROME, Feb. 5.—Sunday passed without the election of a successor to the pontifical throne. Balloting by the conclave of the cardinals continued today, both in the morning and afternoon, but so far as could be learned, without coming any nearer to the selection of a successor to Benedict XV. than on the previous days.

It is now considered a certainty that Cardinal O'Connell will arrive in Rome in time to be introduced into the conclave through the barred and bolted doors and take part in the balloting tomorrow.

Indeed, the cardinals are reported to have discussed at length the advisability of prolonging the sessions so that at least one representative of the church in America could be present.

Vell of Secrecy Lifted.

The thick veil of secrecy which surrounded the deliberations within the Vatican since the conclave convened Thursday was lifted slightly today when it was learned from a most authoritative source that Cardinals Gasparri and Merry del Val were the leading candidates throughout Friday with a few scattered votes for five other cardinals.

On Saturday morning the conclave was still deadlocked, and the cardinals realized that the election of either of these candidates was impossible, and, in consequence, both were virtually eliminated at the afternoon session.

The cardinals were busy last night looking for a compromise candidate with Camillo Laurenti, secretary of the congregation of the Propaganda, and Giovanni Taceli, papal major-domo, both created cardinals in 1921, prominently to the fore.

Cardinal Taceli was reported to be leading in the balloting.

The cardinals within the palace, and the pontifical household outside, are pleased with the regularity with which everything is proceeding, according to an announcement made this evening by Prince Chigi, the marshal of the palace.

The crowd awaiting the apostolic

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AGED WOMAN DIES AT GEORGIA HOME

Mrs. Martha Smith Battey, 91, Was Widow of Famous Southern Surgeon.

[By Associated Press.]

ROME, Ga., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Martha Smith Battey, 91, widow of Dr. J. S. Battey, famous as a surgeon, and said to be the first white child to live in Floyd County, Ga., then in control of Indians, died at her home here today.

Although an invalid at the time of the Civil War, Mrs. Battey was many times summoned before the Union military forces for her outspoken sentiments in favor of the Southern cause.

Among her surviving children are Mrs. Grace Bayard, George M. Battey and Mrs. E. C. Crichton, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Mary B. King, of Waycross, Ga.

CONVICTS AT SING SING FORGE PRISON CHECKS

Inmates Were Assigned to Office and Accounting Duties of Institution.

[By Associated Press.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Convicts assigned to office and accounting duties at Sing Sing prison have demonstrated the State again, this time for \$14,518. It was revealed in the annual report of State Comptroller James A. Wendell, made public tonight.

The report will be submitted to the Legislature tomorrow night.

"Punk checks," the report said, were forged by the prisoners, and the comptroller recommends the employment of sufficient civilian help to keep the financial and industrial accounts of the prison, so that in the future no convicts need be employed to do the work.

Red Cross to Fight Smallpox.

COMMON COUNCIL TAKES UP V. R. & P. MEASURE TONIGHT

Will Consider Resolution Aldermen Adopted Continuing 6-Cent Fare.

DICKERSON PREDICTS ITS DEFEAT BY BODY

Provides for Taking Back Strikers to Fill Vacancies on Cars.

SAY SERVICE ALMOST NORMAL

Wilson Asserts Men Are Standing Firm and Will Act Only as Unit.

[By Associated Press.]

All eyes now center on the Common Council, which meets in regular session tonight at 8 o'clock. While the body has a number of important papers to be acted upon, the center of attraction is focused upon the joint resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen Friday afternoon in relation to the street car situation.

This joint resolution provides for a continuation of the 6-cent fare under the existing ordinance, which expires by limitation on July 31, and requires the street car company to re-employ all striking carmen up to the quota needed at the priority wage rates of 25, 27 1/2 and 40 cents an hour, with 5 cents extra for overtime.

Was Adopted by Vote of 8 to 2. This resolution was adopted by the vote of 8 to 2. Aldermen Epps and Winfree being absent.

The resolution was explained by the special committee that every effort had been made to bring the strikers and the officials together, but that while the company agreed to two points, those of the increased pay and the re-employment of the strikers, as needed to fill the ranks, the strikers would agree to but one point, that of the increased wage, while insisting to the end that the company must take back all the men who went on strike.

It is contended by Councilman James E. Dickerson, of Jefferson Ward, leader of the "stand-patters," that Common Council will, with little debate tonight, disagree with the Board of Aldermen, and that the joint resolution adopted by that body Friday will be killed. He will then, it was stated yesterday, introduce a resolution similar to the one tabled by the Board, requiring the Virginia Railway and Power Company to comply with all the provisions of the franchise. It is the design of Mr. Dickerson and his followers to compel the company to issue street car tickets at six for 25 cents, with 5-cent straight fares, and labor tickets at 21-2 cents each. Mr. Dickerson says there is little doubt but that his resolution will finally be acted upon favorably by the Board of Aldermen.

Next Step Jitney Regulation. Provided this program acted by Councilman Dickerson is carried out, the next step will be regulation of the jitneys and the fixing of a license tax. At present jitneys are running without restriction and without license, except that the regulation jitneys running over the prescribed route in the West End "fan" are paying \$25 annually as a license tax. All others, it is said, are running without any restriction whatever.

The body tonight will be called upon to act upon a resolution abolishing the office of City Auditor, and a proposed amendment to the charter

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Woman Dies From Wounds.

Found unconscious and bleeding profusely from severe wounds of the head, a colored woman was removed from a building at 621 North Seventeenth Street yesterday to the Virginia Hospital, where she died a few hours later.

Coroner Whitfield will hold an investigation today. A warrant has been issued by police for the arrest of her husband.

Jugo-Slav Army Reduced.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The forces of the Jugo-Slav army are to be reduced to 110,000 men. This is an outcome of an agreement reached by the Minister of War and the Parliamentary Budget Committee.

Shark Fatally Bites Australian Youth

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, Feb. 5.—While swimming in the sea at Cooage, a seaside resort near Sydney, Australia, Michael Coobhan, aged 18 years, was attacked by a shark and fatally bitten, says a Reuter dispatch from Sydney. His arms were almost severed.

A returned soldier, Jack Chalmers, swam to the rescue and dragged Coobhan from the shark's jaws. Other swimmers carried Coobhan out of the water, but he died on the beach. Thousands of horrified spectators witnessed the tragedy.

Red Cross to Fight Smallpox.

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, Feb. 5.—Smallpox has become epidemic in many districts, and a commission of physicians and Red Cross workers has left here to begin a sanitation campaign and take other measures to fight the disease.

U. S. S. Florida Lands Huge Gun on Beach

[By Associated Press.]

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, Feb. 5.—Anchored in Guantanamo Bay opposite the naval station, the U. S. S. Florida has successfully lowered from her decks and landed on the beach a 155-millimeter gun on a massive mount and tractor.

The big field piece, completely set up and in readiness for action when it reached land, was swung over the side to a platform built on two large motor-sailors, making a pontoon that would, with its own power, carry the gun to shore.

This was followed by the landing of two field pieces of 75-millimeter caliber and tractor tracks for ammunition and the train of a landing party.

The whole action was done with great dispatch and without a hitch and all equipment landed without an incident. These guns and tractors are a part of the equipment of the advance base of the Marine Corps.

ARMS CONFERENCE TO ADJOURN TODAY

Delegates Will Hold Plenary Session for Formal Signing of Treaties.

HARDING WILL APPEAR

President to Deliver Farewell Address, Being First Appearance Since Opening.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Washington conference on armaments and Far Eastern problems will come to an end tomorrow with a plenary session given over to the formal signing of treaties and a farewell address by President Harding.

Making his first appearance in the sessions of the conference since he welcomed the delegates to Washington on November 12, the President plans to voice briefly his gratification over the results accomplished and cover the subject of the experiment has justified full faith in the practice of settling troublesome questions in an "international meeting of minds."

Speech to Be Short.

Mr. Harding's belief in his "conference plan" of conducting international negotiations has been so strengthened by the developments here, his friends say, that he regards the invaluable relationship resulting from the Washington meeting as of even greater significance than the formal agreements that are to be brought to consummation tomorrow. He is to make only a short speech, but it

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