

Probably Showers Tonight and Sunday; Slightly Warmer Sunday. Full Report on Editorial Page.

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PRICE ONE CENT.

CAR STRIKE VERSION TOLD BY C. P. KING

President of Traction Company Begins Testimony.

SAYS DEMANDS SHOCKED HIM

Utility's Executive's Eyes Misty as He Recalls Men's Friendliness.

Clarence P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, around whom the waves of two strikes have broken and who is accused of provoking the present strike, was the principal witness before the Senate investigating committee today.

Mr. King, who took the witness stand after the cross-examination of S. Russell Bowen, secretary of the company, was concluded, did not get far with his testimony, owing to the adjournment of the committee at noon.

He will resume the witness stand Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock and is expected to be questioned several days by Attorney George F. Hoover, representing the company, Attorney James H. Vahcy, counsel for the strikers, and the members of the committee.

Senators Prepare Queries. All of the Senators on the committee have indicated that because of the testimony of Commissioners Brownlow and Newman, William Blackman, conciliator for the Department of Labor, and George A. Wilbur, president of the strikers' union, regarding the attitude of President King, they will ask him a great number of questions.

When the committee adjourned, Mr. King had told the story of last year's strike, from the company's point of view, and was leading up to the signing of the agreement with the employees in 1916.

Although represented in the testimony of several witnesses as being impetuous, adamant and obstinate, President King, during the brief time he was on the stand showed plainly that he is intensely human.

Regretful Over Strike. When questioned about the strike last year, he heaved a sigh, bowed his head, looked intently at the table before him and a mist gathered in his eyes as he slowly said:

"It was the first strike in all my career. I have been associated with public utilities for twenty odd years and never before had a strike. It was a blow to me. I don't like it. It broke the harmony which I found here when I came, and which had prevailed up to that time."

There was a general clearing of throats throughout the hearing room as President King said:

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UNCLE SAM TO BORROW \$200,000,000 FOR WAR

New Issue of Treasury Certificates Expected Early Next Week.

A new issue of \$200,000,000 in Treasury certificates probably will be made by the Treasury Department early next week to meet the needs of Government.

It is expected that this issue will bear 3 1/2 per cent interest, the same as the last issue which was quickly oversubscribed.

Treasury officials are convinced that issues of \$200,000,000 can be readily absorbed by the banks at regular intervals when issues are necessary.

WILSON TO SPEAK AT FLAG DAY EXERCISES

Will Address Departmental Celebration on Monument Lot.

President Wilson will be the speaker at the Flag Day exercises of the Government departments to be held in the amphitheater on the Monument Lot, June 14.

Employees of all of the Government departments in Washington will participate in the exercises.

President Wilson will be the only speaker, and the specially trained departmental chorus will sing patriotic airs.

Flag Day will be a half holiday in all of the Government departments to permit all employees to attend the exercises. All of the members of the cabinet are expected to attend with the President.

All arrangements are in the hands of the organization of departmental chief clerks, of which R. M. Reese, of the Department of Agriculture, is chairman, and Robert M. Watson, of the Department of Labor, secretary.

BANS SHARE IN CONTRACTS

Bill Bars Commission Members From Holding Any Interest.

Under a bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Trammell of Florida, members of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense are prohibited from having any interest whatever in Government contracts for supplies, munitions, or war material of any kind.

Marine Corps Boosters Are Off

One Hundred Washington Merchants, After Patriotic Meeting, Start on Down-the-River Campaign.

The boosters are off! With words of high praise and appreciation from Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Commissioner Brownlow, and with the cheers of thousands of patriotic citizens of the District still echoing in their ears, the Marine Corps recruit booster committee of the Retail Merchants' Association, one hundred strong, are on board the steamer Majestic, journeying down the historic Potomac to enroll recruits for the Marine Corps.

While for many years, the merchants have held outings to down-the-river towns and have held spectacular street parades, never before in the history of the association have they been accorded such a welcome by the people of Washington as this year, when they are laying aside business and giving up their time, money and energies to recruiting for the Marine Corps.

At the Ellipse, where Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Commissioner Brownlow spoke, at least 5,000 school children, teachers, Government employees, and business and professional men were gathered to greet the boosters, and cheered vociferously when Secretary Daniels expressed the appreciation of the Navy of the assistance the merchants of Washington is rendering them.

Not Citizens, But Patriots. On a stand back of the speakers' platform was the full Marine Band under the leadership of Director Santileman, which immediately after the speeches, played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America," well known local songs, leading the entire assemblage joined in singing the National anthem.

On the platform with Secretary Daniels and Commissioner Brownlow were R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association; Col. Gen. George Barnett, commander of the Marine Corps, and Colonel McLemore, in charge of marine recruiting in the United States.

In introducing Secretary Daniels, President Andrews said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, and fellow citizens of Washington, we wish to show the people in the States that although we are not full-fledged citizens of these States inasmuch as we have no vote, we still are as patriotic as anyone in any State in the United States."

"The Retail Merchants' Association of Washington has for several years held an annual booster excursion for the purpose of boosting trade. This year we have set aside business interests to offer ourselves and our financial support to securing recruits for the Marine Corps."

Daniels Felicitates. Secretary Daniels said:

"The Navy Department, and the Marine Corps, which is a part of the naval establishment, very deeply appreciate this patriotic enterprise of the Retail Merchants' Association of the District of Columbia."

"On your annual trip down the Potomac you have, this year, voluntarily relinquished the advancement of your own personal business for the aggrandizement of the nation's business. You have, unselfishly, offered your services to the Nation."

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COMPANY D HAS BEST TRAINED GIRL "SOJERS"

Wins Competitive Drill at National Service Encampment.

Announcement was made at the national training camp today that Company D, captained by Miss Corinne Weston, had won the competitive drill held several days ago.

Miss E. E. Poe, commandant of the camp; Mrs. George Barnett, and Mrs. Hugh L. Scott presented each one of the sixty winning "rookies" in Company D with a badge.

The girls begin to leave this evening, and by tomorrow morning there will be little left of the second national training encampment for girls more than its memory.

DR. L. S. ROWE OFFERED PLACE IN TREASURY

Pennsylvania Professor May Be Assistant Secretary.

Dr. L. S. Rowe, secretary of the International High Commission, and occupant of the chair of political science of the University of Pennsylvania, today was offered the post of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of customs to succeed Assistant Secretary Peters. His acceptance has not yet been received.

INVESTS \$2,221,000 IN HOUR

Massachusetts Community Snaps Up Liberty Loan Bonds.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., May 26.—When the total of Pittsfield's "one hour Liberty Loan bond sale" was added up today it was found that \$2,221,000 instead of the \$1,000,000 worth planned for had been sold. Out of 49,667 persons, here and in five small surrounding towns, 9,700 persons bought bonds from 1,900 salesmen and saleswomen.

HOUSE TAKES WEDNESDAY OFF

By unanimous consent the House agreed today to hold no session on Wednesday next, which is Decoration Day.

Avoids transfer across New York. Colonial Express, through day train to Boston via Hill Gate Bridge route. Leaves Washington 4:15 a. m. and New York 8:20 a. m. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Arr. Boston 8:20 a. m.

GOETHALS AT ODDS WITH SHIPPING BODY

May Resign Unless Given Supreme Control of Building.

FRICITION COMING TO HEAD Canal Builder Criticizes Treasury for Not Selling Bonds.

All Washington is agog today with gossip about the speech which Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals made last night in New York before the Iron and Steel Institute, describing as "simply hopeless" the plans of the Shipping Board to build one thousand 3,000-ton wooden ships in eighteen months.

ITALIANS AT ODDS PERIL OF DISASTER

Declare Europe on the Verge of Money Destruction.

WAR MAKES IMMENSE DRAIN Nations There Have Men, But Need American Credit.

Europe stands on the brink of financial disaster—a disaster from which it can be saved only by the United States—that is the message which the Italian war commission has brought to this country.

It was announced today that this is the vital issue to be brought up at the many conferences between high officials of the American Government and Ferdinand di Savoia, Prince of Udine, and his colleagues.

When the war broke out, members of the commission explain, Great Britain was the only one of the entente allies in a strong financial condition. The nearly three years of war, together with the tremendous drain caused by the demands from our less fortunate allies, have brought her today to a state bordering on bankruptcy.

Want Whole Truth Known. "We have come to America to ask her to save Europe," is the way one of the members of the commission put it today. "We want the American people to know the truth. It is only fair to them. They must drag us from the brink of the financial catastrophe which faces us. We have the men to fight the Germans and to save Europe, but we haven't the money. America must furnish that."

Members of the commission spent this morning in conference at the latter residence, on Dupont circle, where they are quartered, laying out the program of course, comprising the Italian ambassador was present, offering suggestions for the widely varied activities. The major part of the program, of course, comprises the conference between the Italian and American experts on the vital questions of the war, but there is another phase, in line with their policy for "publicity," the envoys are arranging a series of statements to the American public on the different topics of paramount interest.

Yacht Men Verbose. "Your situation here is very similar to what we had in Boston a few years ago," Mr. Filene said. "You have here a Chamber of Commerce, a Board of Trade, a Retail Merchants' Association, and a number of other organizations, all striving for the same purpose. We had in Boston a chamber of commerce and a merchants' association as the two chief organizations, and a number of other organizations. In Boston, as here, they were all striving to accomplish big things for the city, but due to the divisions among them they had not sufficient funds or sufficient men of the right kind in either organization to do the big things that were there to be done."

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ORDERLIES SELECTED FOR PERSHING FORCES

Men From Second Cavalry Named to Serve at Headquarters.

Orderlies for headquarters troops, the first appointments made public in connection with the Pershing expedition, were selected today from the Second Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va., as follows:

Sergeants, Dixie E. Guynn, Philip P. Auer, Troop B; corporals, Jacob P. Hefflinger and Leo J. Smith, Troop C; corporals, Fred Miller, Troop D; privates, first class, Ray Austin, Harry Baker, John J. Shaughnessy, and Albert E. McCarty; Louis A. Beaman, Christopher E. Schroder, Steve Papp, Carl Moilme, and Otto Zimmerman, Troop B; and Willie M. Felsted, Stephen Newman, and Charles Sedlack, Troop D; privates, Ralph Campbell, Abraham Cohen, John W. Morgan, and John A. Nagroy, Troop B; James J. Murphy, James Newberry, and Edgar B. Rawlings, Troop C; and Edgar R. Abels, Harry Cooper, Clyde E. Mundy, Edward E. Neff, Raymond J. Pickett, and Edward Cohen, Troop D.

LEAVES \$1 TO WIDOW, \$50,000 TO HIS FRIEND

Will Charge Wife Abandoned Him Forty Years Ago.

NEW YORK, May 26.—William Marshall, electrical contractor, who left an estate of about \$50,000 at his death, on May 16, gave \$1 to his wife and \$1 to his son by his will, filed yesterday. Miss Frieda Bullinger, "my dearest and most faithful friend," is the residuary estate.

Mrs. Rosa Marshall, widow, and George B. Marshall, son, live at Larchmont, N. Y.

The husband said in his will: "After all my debts are paid I give to my wife and son \$1 each, as my wife abandoned me more than forty years ago, taking with her my son, and as my wife and son have never visited me or inquired as to my welfare since then, I do not desire them to have any other share in my estate."

Miss Bullinger lives at No. 50 East Fifty-eighth street. Louis B. Brodsky, attorney for the estate, would not comment on the bequest.

INTERNED GERMANS TO LIVE AT RESORT

U. S. Leases Hotel at Hot Springs, N. C., for Prisoners.

Hundreds of German civilians interned in the United States will be quartered at the Mountain Park Hotel, at Hot Springs, N. C.

Secretary of Labor Wilson today authorized the rental of the building to take care of the interned alien enemies now quartered at immigration stations. Nearly 2,000 German civilians are held at different points in the country.

The overflow from the hotel will be quartered upon Government land in western North Carolina when quarters are prepared.

THE THIRD ARTICLE FROM ERNEST POOLE, THE TIMES MAN WITH THE FLEET, WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 10

EVERY MAN WHO REGISTERS WILL RECEIVE A CARD LIKE THIS.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. To whom it may concern, Greetings: THESE PRESENTS ATTEST. That in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and in compliance with law, (Name) (City & P. O.) Precinct County State of has submitted himself to registration and has by me been duly registered this day of 1917. Registrar.

This is the first publication in Washington of the form of card which will be given to every man who registers on June 5, and will be evidence that he has done his first duty in the service of his country.

URGES MERGER OF TRADE BODIES

Edward A. Filene, Leader in Hub Business and Civic Affairs, Says Washington Should Have Organization to Advance Interests of All.

"Washington should have a big organization representing all the business interests of the city, so big and so effective that it will be a model and an inspiration for all the other cities in the country, for Washington is the Nation's Capital, and sooner or later practically all the big business men of the country come here." This was the opinion expressed today by Edward A. Filene, president of William Filene Sons and Company, of Boston, and a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, through whose efforts the business organizations of Boston were merged into the great Boston Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest and most influential trade bodies in the United States.

Mr. Filene is in Washington on business and is watching with keen interest the campaign of the Fogward Washington Committee of One Hundred to build up a big central organization here.

Situation Like Boston's. "Your situation here is very similar to what we had in Boston a few years ago," Mr. Filene said. "You have here a Chamber of Commerce, a Board of Trade, a Retail Merchants' Association, and a number of other organizations, all striving for the same purpose. We had in Boston a chamber of commerce and a merchants' association as the two chief organizations, and a number of other organizations. In Boston, as here, they were all striving to accomplish big things for the city, but due to the divisions among them they had not sufficient funds or sufficient men of the right kind in either organization to do the big things that were there to be done."

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26 BODIES FOUND IN TORNADO TRACK

Wreckage Litters Kansas Prairies Where Village Was.

WICHITA, Kan., May 26.—Twenty-six bodies, victims of the tornado which swept out Andale, a town twenty-two miles northwest of here, late yesterday, have been recovered and identified today, while every train from the stricken section brings in additional injured.

Officials believe that the death list will reach thirty. Other bodies are believed to be in the wreckage, which litters the prairies for miles about the place where the little village stood.

GERMANS IN BRAZIL ATTEMPT DYNAMITING

Captain and Eight Men From Interned Ship Stir War Spirit.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 26.—An attempted dynamiting of a government depot here today by Captain Vending and eight German seamen from the interned German ship Coburn caused tremendous excitement and added to the war spirit against Germany. The Germans were arrested.

How near Brazil is to a declaration of war against Germany was indicated by today's announcement that the fleet is now patrolling the Atlantic.

The Brazilian government still discussed international developments. Anti-war members were still filibustering and no action was possible.

UNCLE SAM TO RETARD GOLD FLOW TO JAPAN

Shipments From San Francisco Mint to Be Discontinued.

Heavy withdrawals of gold for export from the San Francisco mint are to be retarded by the Government.

A total of \$5,000,000 in gold has been withdrawn from the San Francisco mint and shipped to Japan since the first of the year.

Officials are puzzled by this gold movement in the past telegraphic exchange has been carried on between the New York mint and the San Francisco mint to meet these withdrawals. In the future, however, it is probable that gold withdrawn for export will have to be taken from New York and the exporters will need to pay the freight across the continent.

The stopping of Government transfers will save the transportation charge to the government, which is considerable, and will serve, it is believed, to retard shipments.

Just what economic cause underlies the heavy shipments to Japan is not known. Officials are concerned, however, because of the necessity of maintaining the gold reserve of the United States, which is now the greatest in the world.

AIR RAIDERS KILL SCORES IN ENGLAND

76 Dead, 174 Injured in Bloodiest Aerial Attack.

THREE AIRPLANES DOWNED Women and Children Victims—Defense Planes Give Battle.

BERLIN, via London, May 26.—"In a successful raid our air squadrons bombed Dover and Folkestone and the south coast of England," today's official statement declared.

By ED L. KERN. LONDON, May 26.—Death dealing German attacks by sixteen enemy air craft resulting in the killing and injuring of scores of women and children and followed by battles in the clouds between British and enemy airplanes yesterday, marked the bloodiest Teutonic attack on England since the war's opening. Details were revealed today in admiralty and home defense statements.

The list was officially fixed at 76 killed and 174 injured; 37 women and 23 children among the dead, and 43 women and 19 children among the injured.

Battle High in Air. Royal naval service planes at Dun-krirk called into action immediately swung into battle array above the channel. Here a series of thrilling encounters occurred. One British machine gave battle to three of the enemy craft—and shot one of the trio down. The two sped on with the other raiders to encounter more naval planes over the Belgian coast. Far aloft before the two could escape, two twin engine machines were shot down by the British. Of the sixteen aircraft participating in the raid, three were accounted for.

The home defense statement named the German raiders as "aircraft" which might be either Zeppelins or Zeppelins. The admiralty statement spoke of "enemy machines," but likewise described an encounter with "three airplanes" and destruction of "two twin engine machines," indicating airplanes. It is possible, therefore, that the German raiding force was composed of both Zeppelins and airplanes.

"Some houses and shops were seriously damaged," the official statement declared.

Raises Total to 355. Assuming the casualties in this latest raid were of non-combatants, the total number of civilians killed since the start of the war by German air raids—Zeppelins and airplanes both—is raised to 355 killed and 729 wounded in today's announcement.

The only other air raid which approached this present one in destructiveness of human life was that of March 21, 1916. Six or seven Zeppelins were part of this raiding force, the victims totaling 33 killed and 161 injured.

ITALIANS DOMINATE DEFENSES OF LAIBACH

Conquer Mountain Fortifications Barring Way to Trieste.

ROME, May 26.—Italian troops today stood victorious as masters of the vast and complicated system of fortifications which Austrian forces have been constructing all winter long to bar the way to Trieste and Laibach.

Last November General Cadorna pushed a threatening salient forward in the Carso with Trieste as his objective. Then came the winter and a cessation of massed fighting activities. Through all the snows and blizzards, the Austrians worked unceasingly fortifying against this Italian wedge, hollowing out vast underground works, erecting rocky barricades bringing up artillery.

It is along this mastery series of fortifications that the Italians have been fighting, and were reaching out today still more graspingly toward Trieste and Laibach.

GERMANY INCREASES BELGIUM'S WAR LEVY

Demands Additional Contribution to Pay Expenses of Army.

AMSTERDAM (via London), May 26.—German newspapers print a telegram from Brussels saying that the Belgian war contribution to the expenses of the army administration in the occupied region will be increased from 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 marks monthly. This must be raised by loan under the guarantee of the Belgian territory occupied.

The increase, says the telegram, must not be regarded as a punitive measure, but due to the increase cost of provisioning in the occupied region.

FRENCH STILL GAIN

Take 110 Prisoners in Mt. Cornillet Fighting.

PARIS, May 26.—Further progress around Mt. Cornillet and taking of 110 German prisoners there was reported in today's official statement. No general offensive movements were detailed.

Along the Chemin Des Dames the war office said there was considerable artillery firing. West of Caray two German attacks were repulsed.

EX-CZAR AND FAMILY BECOME SOIL TILLERS

Big Crowd Watches the Romanoffs Cultivate Own Garden.

PETROGRAD, May 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Romanoff, with the Misses Romanoff and Master Romanoff, have joined the "back to the soil" movement.

They are planting and hoeing potatoes in the park of Tsarokoei palace—where the same group, when they were known as the royal family, used to deal out life and death to the Russia.

The spectacle of the seven members of the erstwhile royalty garbed in peasant's clothes and doing peasant's work was enjoyed by a big crowd today.

Raiders and civilians alike lined the fence of the estate, peering through the steel bars and watching every movement made with the shovels and trowels by the former czar,arina, Carevitch and the four grand duchesses.