

Some Dull History. The Foolish Greeks. One Powerful Man. Hiram Johnson's Value.

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Senator Lenroot, very earnest, honest public servant, takes a wrong view of some things affecting States other than his own.

He protests, without good cause, against the tariff secured by Hiram Johnson for the important products of California. Senator Lenroot says in his denunciation: "The average tariff protection on all California by-products is one hundred and fifty per cent."

What of it? Why is not that a good thing for other States, as well as California? California's wealth comes from the ground, from mines, to a small extent; from fertile earth, beautiful orchards, to a much greater extent.

Wealth taken from earth is honest wealth, and it all means HUMAN LABOR. To protect California's products is simply to protect American labor, protection of the most useful kind.

The wealth of California, constantly growing, destined to be a hundred times greater than it is now, is part of United States wealth. There cannot be too much of that.

Hiram Johnson did make a savage and successful fight for the products of California. His individual force in the Senate is responsible for the protection California will have.

But Senator Lenroot need not sob over a few cents per pound tariff on almonds, for instance. When people buy California almonds they get clean and perfect almonds, grown by men and women that live happily in good homes, produced by labor well paid and independent.

California almond growers use automobiles, many of them made in Senator Lenroot's State. California cannot compete in labor cost with the Spanish almond grower, working his women and children on starvation wages from dawn until dark, driving his miserable little donkey to market, with the almonds and their owner on the donkey's back.

Instead of attacking Hiram Johnson because his power in the Senate gives California deserved protection, Senator Lenroot should praise Johnson, as an example of what a powerful man can do for his State.

In addition to being a vigilant, constantly alert, efficient servant of California, Hiram Johnson is the best advertisement California ever had.

The whole country knows him and recognizes his power. When New York, the biggest city, wanted protection from corporation rascals trying to rob the poor through increased street car fares, New York's intelligent mayor went 3,000 miles and got Hiram Johnson to undertake the job of defending the citizens of New York. There has been no street car fare increase and there will not be any.

That is one reason why Wall Street papers, interested in the increase, hopefully predict Johnson's defeat at the coming California primaries. They predict it because they desire it.

You remember the famous election in Athens, more than 2,000 years ago, when the citizens voted to decide what public man should be driven out. Each wrote the name of the man he did not like on an oyster shell, hence our word "ostracize." A Greek unable to write asked a fellow citizen to write for him on his voting shell the name of Aristides. It was Aristides himself of whom the man unwittingly had asked the favor.

"Why do you want Aristides banished?" asked the great Greek. He might well ask. He had led his tribe, Antiochis, at the battle of Marathon. It was he that persuaded the other tribe leaders to obey the orders of Miltiades, instead of fighting and commanding separately, each of ten generals commanding supreme for one day. Thus he did for Greece what the allies did recently when they decided to let Foch rule them.

Having supplied the idea that (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

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WASHINGTON, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1932.

WEATHER—Partly cloudy today and tomorrow. Moderate temperature; variable winds.

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SHIPPING BOARD MEN FIGHT FIST DUEL

COAL FAMINE TO CLOSE FORD FACTORIES SEPT. 16; CLINE TELLS OF DEATH FIGHT WITH MOVIE ACTOR

SHIPPING MEN IN FISTIC DUEL AFTER BATTLE ON TELEPHONE

Meet in "Affair of Honor" to Settle Alleged Hard Feelings of Years.

POTOMAC PARK THE SCENE

Fought With Bare Knuckles and One Goes to Hospital as Result.

Their faces bruised and battered and their clothing torn almost to shreds, two men—one until recently a high official of the United States Shipping Board, and the other his erstwhile assistant—fought a man-sized fist fight in Potomac Park at the entrance to the Speedway, it was learned last night.

So furious was the encounter that one of the fistic duelists had to be taken to a hospital for treatment, according to eyewitnesses of the battle.

Soft Pedal Fails to Work.

Every attempt was made in Shipping Board circles yesterday to put the soft pedal on the news of the fistic encounter. Persons who freely admitted they witnessed the battle steadfastly refused to relate the details of the affair.

N. C. Finninger, former head of the Bureau of Audits of the Shipping Board, and Phil Austin, his former assistant, are credited with being the principals.

All the pent-up fury of years of alleged hard feeling between the men burst into flame, it was reported, when, during a heated session over the telephone Friday, Austin hurled this challenge at Finninger: "Meet me in Potomac Park and fight it out man to man."

Finninger Accepts Challenge.

Finninger, nothing loath, agreed to meet Austin at the entrance to the Speedway at Seventh and B streets northwest. Seconds were chosen by the principals, and everything was arranged to give the fight the appearance of an old-fashioned "affair of honor."

Somehow the news of the proposed "duel" leaked out and when the opponents "stripped for action" quite a crowd of Government workers had gathered to witness the encounter. It was said.

Persons who said they were present at the fight gave the victory to Finninger, and declared Austin was so badly mauled by the husky ex-official that he had to be taken to a hospital for treatment.

Austin now employed by the board was a former subordinate of Finninger's. It is said, and when the latter called him up and demanded (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

Richmond Woman Held In Brussels Jewel Theft

MUNICH, Germany, Aug. 26.—An American woman, who said she was Catherine Gray, of Richmond, Va., was arrested here today charged with the theft of jewels worth 3,000,000 Belgian francs. According to the police, she confessed. Request for the woman's arrest had been sent out by the Brussels police.

STORM APPROACHING.

The Weather Bureau last night announced that a storm, centering southwest of Jamaica, was moving northwest or west toward the Gulf coast. Its intensity is not yet determined.

Germany Puts Ban on Making Of Strong Beer

By S. D. WEYR, International News Service.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—As a measure of economy the German cabinet is planning to prohibit the brewing of strong beer and to bar the use of sugar in manufacturing brandy, it was officially announced tonight.

Regulations will be put in force at once which will amount to virtual war-time rationing of potatoes and sugar.

Sweeping reforms are to be instituted to combat speculation and the waste of all foodstuffs.

Demand that the government take such action was made to the government by the German trade unions. Labor leaders said that restrictions were necessary if the country was to be saved from famine.

COSGRAVE TO CARRY OUT COLLINS' AIMS

New Irish Free State Leader Outlines Policies in Message to U. S.

By DENIS O'CONNELL, Universal Service.

DUBLIN, Aug. 26.—William T. Cosgrave, home minister in Michael Collins' cabinet, and generally conceded to be the man who will carry out the slain Free State leader's policies, tonight asked Universal Service to send the following message to the United States:

"There only remains for the existing government to carry to completion those policies formulated by Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins. That is what the nation expects the government to do and that is what the government is doing, knowing that it has the support of the majority of the Irish people.

Steeled to Achieve Aims. "Those on whom official duty rests, while deeply deploring the loss of two great leaders, believe that the nation has been steeled by such losses to achieve the great work that is before it."

This week has seen another rush of young men to the national army, but the government has decided not to renew recruiting as it has sufficient forces at its disposal.

At a special meeting called by a Dublin corporation this afternoon to offer a vote of sympathy to Collins' relatives, Mayor O'Neill burst into tears, being unable to present a motion for condolence which he had carefully prepared. One of his aides did it for him.

Thousands of citizens continue to file past Collins' body as it lies in the city hall. Republican irregulars have opened a "guerrilla offensive" against Free State troops all along the Irish battle front and more than a dozen ambush attacks, in which many men were killed and wounded, had been reported during the twenty-four hours ending tonight.

Battle Near Collins' Bier. There was a burst of fighting in this city, close to the city hall while hundreds of persons were filing past the coffin of Michael Collins to get their final glimpse of the slain Irish patriot. The attack was precipitated by irregulars.

Eight men were wounded in fighting which followed an ambush of Free State troops near Glenfeak. Three different attacks from ambush were delivered against Free (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

DEATH DUEL IN DARK DESCRIBED BY CLINE

Movie Director Says Wife's Betrayer Was Killed in Battle for Gun.

CALLED BY TELEPHONE

Confronted by Woman He Admitted Charges and Shooting Followed.

By EARL L. SHAUB, Universal Service.

EDGEWATER, N. J., Aug. 26.—Details of the fight to death in a small upstairs bedroom in which John Bergen, moving picture actor, was killed last night, were told today by George Cline, location director for the Fox Film Corporation, who is charged with the slaying.

Never had the men in their most harrowing movies staged such a thriller as the scene they enacted over the honor of a woman—Cline's wife.

Fought Battle in Dark.

They repaired to the bedroom, where Cline told Bergen they would fight to death with revolvers, after Cline had accused the actor of attacking his wife. On entering the room Cline reached up and turned on the lights. As he did so he saw that the actor was aiming a revolver at him. He plunged the room into darkness and grabbed Bergen's shooting arm.

The weapon fell to the floor, and the two men began to struggle for its possession. At times Bergen seemed about to wrest it from Cline and at other times Cline was about to attain full possession of it. They fell to the floor in grips.

As they rolled over and over, first one was on top and then the other. In the fight the revolver was discharged. Cline says he does not know who held it when it went off.

Cline's Version of Affair.

Cline told this version of the affair to Prosecutor A. C. Hart. He said: "Some time ago, when I went to Saranac Lake to prepare for the filming of a big picture, I took Bergen along. Shortly after our arrival there several members of the company and I went to Standish, leaving Mrs. Cline, Bergen and some other actors behind.

"When I returned, after an absence of several days, I found Mrs. Cline distraught and in tears. I asked her what was the matter, and she replied:

"I have seen so many sick people here in the mountains that it has unnerved me."

"Shortly thereafter I heard gossip concerning Bergen's attentions to Mrs. Cline when they were at Saranac. I questioned her, and yesterday she confessed that he had attacked her while she was under the influence of liquor.

Invited Bergen to House.

"Both my wife and I telephoned to Bergen yesterday asking him to come to our house last night. At first he refused absolutely, but finally he consented to come.

"When he arrived, Mrs. Cline in the presence of her brothers and myself confronted him with her accusation. He admitted it brazenly and added:

"But I was perfectly justified. All wives are treacherous to their husbands."

"I was beside myself with anger. I had a revolver in my pocket, but did not draw it then. I told Bergen he would have to fight it out. He started to leave the house, but one of my wife's brothers ran upstairs, and returning with a revolver, prevented him from doing so.

"Quit Passing Laws and Go Home."—Dial

GOVERNMENT officials and agencies handling coal priorities are meddling in private affairs without authority and costing the people thousands of dollars, Senator Dial (Dem.) of South Carolina charged in the Senate yesterday.

The Senator also declared that Congress could better serve the nation by adjourning and going home than staying in session and passing a lot of additional legislation.

Senator Reed (Dem.) of Missouri suggested it would be "more in keeping if Congress stayed in session and enacted a law to send to the penitentiary any officer of the Government who proceeded to usurp any authority that he does not possess."

MAYFIELD DEFEATS FERGUSON IN TEXAS

Latest Returns Give Klan Senatorial Candidate 20,000 Lead Over Ex-Governor.

By International News Service.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 26.—With partial returns from 107 counties, including eight complete, out of a total of 252 in the State, in today's run-off primary for the Democratic United States Senatorial nomination to succeed Charles A. Culberson, it appeared at 10 o'clock tonight certain that the much-hoped-for goal of the Ku Klux Klan, that a man inducted by their organization should sit in the legislative halls at Washington, would surely be attained.

Earle B. Mayfield, present State railroad commissioner, who was inducted and reputed to be a member of the Klan, although he has never publicly admitted such affiliation, was leading his anti-klan opponent, ex-Gov. James E. Ferguson, by approximately 20,000 votes.

The vote as tabulated stood: Mayfield, 97,572; Ferguson, 67,595.

Shortly after 10 o'clock a huge Ku Klux Klan parade, headed by a brass band, made its way through the principal streets of Dallas in celebration of "Mayfield's victory." The marchers were greeted with rousing cheers as they passed through the densely packed thoroughfares. They were not masked.

It was predicted in political circles that Mayfield would carry the State by 75,000 majority. Mayfield's headquarters at 10 o'clock were claiming victory by 100,000 votes.

Strikebreakers Charge They Were 'Shanghaied'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 26.—Sixty-eight strikebreakers brought to Knoxville by the Southern railway were stranded here tonight, following their walkout yesterday at Coater shops.

The men said they were recruited in New York city, were promised jobs at Alexandria, Va., but locked in their cars at Washington and brought to Knoxville.

MEXICO GETS \$10,000,000.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 26.—Oil companies will pay the Mexican government \$10,000,000 on Monday in taxes as a result of the agreement reached by finance minister De Le Huerta and American oil interests, it was announced tonight. The money will be applied upon the Mexican foreign debt.

UNCOVER SECRET ARSENAL.

BREMEN, Aug. 26.—The police today discovered a great secret store of arms, including 1,000 rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

PRESIDENT TO KEEP 'HANDS OFF' STRIKE

Present Policy Is to Allow Shopmen and Railroads to Fight It Out.

WANTS DRASTIC POWERS

Seizure Law, However, Will Not Be Used Unless Situation Demands It.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

President Harding has decided, for the time being at least, to keep "hands off" the railroad situation and let the shopmen's strike go to a decision between the six federated shopcraft unions and the railway executives.

Accompanying this decision, however, the President desires to be armed with authority to act in any emergency that may arise, and to this end there probably will be introduced in Congress early this week legislation granting him power to take over railroads and coal mines in the name of the people in order to prevent public suffering.

"Ace in Hole."

The legislation will be the President's "ace in the hole" in the event the railroads are unable to maintain adequate transportation in the face of the strike, it was learned tonight from authorized Administration spokesmen.

The bills, it was stated, will be introduced by Senator Cummins (Rep.) of Iowa, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee and father of the transportation act, who already has them drawn up. Following their introduction they will be referred to Senator Cummins' committee and there be allowed to slumber until an acute public emergency arises.

Wants Authority.

President Harding was of the opinion last night, when he departed on the yacht Mayflower for a week-end trip, that the emergency will not arise necessitating the Government taking over the railroads or coal mines, but he nevertheless desires to be armed with ample authority to proceed should the occasion arise.

Accompanying the President on his trip tonight were Senator Cummins, Attorney General Daugherty, and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, three of his advisers who have been most frequently consulted during the industrial crisis.

The decision of the President that he should be granted ample powers to act in an emergency is understood to have been reached after a number of conferences with his legislative advisers. They pointed out to him that Congress is expected to finish its work within a month and scatter to the four quarters of the country, leaving an industrial crisis almost without parallel in the country's history.

Wants Ample Powers.

Before this exodus takes place, it was pointed out, the Federal Government should be fortified with assurance that it can legally and constitutionally act to save the public from the suffering that a transportation tie-up or a coal famine would entail.

Administration spokesmen admitted last night that they were not certain whether the authority desired by the President would be granted by Congress. It was pointed out that such a grant would be tantamount to Congress leaving a blank check behind it would could be cashed at any time, and in some quarters of Congress there is strong aversion to any "government seizure" of either railroads or coal mines.

This was exemplified by yesterday's developments in the strike situation.

One of the President's first engagements yesterday was with A. P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives. After a conference with Senator James E. Watson (Rep.) of Indiana, however, Mr. Thom cancelled his en-

Alabama Coal Men to Raise Miners' Wages

By International News Service.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 26.—Following the recent announcement of an advance in wages by the United States Steel Corporation and other large steel companies, it was authoritatively announced here today that Alabama coal operators have decided upon an advance of 20 per cent in wages of all employees in their mines, effective September 1.

The announcement followed a meeting of more than a hundred operators, representatives generally of the coal mining industry in the State.

SENATE MAY VOTE ON BONUS TUESDAY

Given Right of Way, Soldier Settlement is Scheduled for Showdown.

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON, International News Service.

A final vote in the Senate on soldier bonus legislation, providing billions of dollars as a financial reward to American veterans of the world war, will be reached next Tuesday, it was predicted last night by bonus advocates.

To Limit Debate.

Adoption of an agreement, limiting debate on amendments after 6 o'clock Monday, it is said, would bring a final vote on the following day. Indications were the McCumber bill would be passed, probably in an amended form to provide land settlements for veterans. The cost has been variously estimated at from \$2,500,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000.

Confident that the bonus will be enacted by the Senate in one form or another, its leaders were concentrating efforts on passing the McNary reclamation amendment, which would throw thousands of acres of arid lands in the West open to settlement by the veterans. The McNary proposal, carrying an appropriation of \$350,000,000, has the support of an almost solid bloc of Western Senators.

Although there was determined opposition to the bonus from both sides of the chamber, advocates of the bill were in the majority. Their ranks were merely split over the form in which it should be adopted.

Battle For Cash Seen.

The principal fight, it was indicated, will be to supplant the McCumber administration measure with a bill paying the bonus in cash. The McCumber bill, while paying cash for \$50 bonus claims, would provide a twenty-year insurance plan for the principal payments.

Two cash payment plans were also being urged on the Senate. One, sponsored by Senator Bursam (Rep.) of New Mexico, would pay cash in full on \$50 bonuses and one-half in cash on all other claims with the remaining half to be paid, with interest, within five years. The other, introduced by Senator Walsh (Dem.) of Massachusetts, would pay off every claim in full in cash.

Another form, sponsored by Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah, would provide a paid-up insurance policy for veterans, but has a sales tax attached as a means of raising the necessary revenue. This tax proviso, it was predicted, would defeat the plan.

McNary Defends Plan.

During the day, Senator McNary (Rep.) of Oregon, introduced his reclamation plan by which veterans would be able to acquire homes on reclaimed Western arid lands. It was warmly defended by McNary and Senator Ashurst (Dem.) of Arizona. This proposal, it was indicated, will be voted on Monday and has a "fifty-fifty" chance of adoption.

COAL SHORTAGE TO CLOSE FORD SHOPS SEPT. 16 INDEFINITELY

80,000 Men Will Be Left Without Employment by Shut Down.

2,000,000 OTHERS HIT

Will Quit Rather Than Pay Graft Prices for Coal, Says Auto King.

By ALLAN L. BENSON, Special Correspondent of the International News Service.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 26.—Henry Ford today made one of the great strategic movements that have come to be associated with his career as a manufacturer.

Wishing to deliver a body blow both at the Steel trust and the coal profiteers, he announced that on September 15 all of his plants would close down.

Master Blow at Industry. This will throw out of work 80,000 men in Detroit and more than two million others in industries that furnish him with supplies. More than 900 telegrams were sent out today by Ford notifying the concerns that have been furnishing him with raw and partly manufactured materials to cease their shipments. The Steel trust, as it happened, notified him today that the price of steel on \$1.40 bars would be at once increased to \$1.60 and that the price would go to \$2 at a date near in the future.

"I told them that I wanted no steel," said Ford.

"I am going to shut down," said Mr. Ford, "because I will not pay graft to get coal, nor will I pay an excessive price for steel. I could get coal if I were willing to pay graft. Coal is offered to me every day at an excessive price. I had a chance to buy 60,000 tons yesterday at \$6 a ton. Four dollars and a half a ton is a good price for coal and that is all I will pay.

Charges Conspiracy. "I will not be a party to profiteering. That is why I am going to shut down until coal and steel profiteering are over. Tolerate such conditions and they will continue indefinitely. There is no good reason why such conditions should exist at all. It is all a conspiracy to fleece the public. I believe both strikes—the railway and the coal strikes—are conspiracies between Wall Street and labor unions. I do not mean that union working men as a class are conspiring, but I do mean that their leaders are. I believe labor union leaders are working in close co-operation with the railways and mine owners."

As a strategic movement, Ford's action of today, while entirely characteristic of him, is perhaps the greatest of his life. It is just such a move as he made after the war when, desiring to break war prices for raw materials, he closed his works and announced an indefinite suspension. Ford's move then was so sudden that the grinding of brake wheels could be heard all over the country. Firms that dealt with him were seriously embarrassed by the cancellation of his orders. He won his point, however. Prices dropped nearly or quite to a pre-war level, and when they dropped, Ford gave the order to resume work in his plants.

Order Hits 2,000,000.

Ford's gesture today will immediately throw out of work more than two million men. In Detroit alone it will stop the flow of \$3,500,000 in