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SITUATION BAD IN FRANCE

No Break Shown in Striking Government Telegraphers and Postal Employees

DISMISAL IS NOW AUTHORIZED

Chaos Reigns in Paris and Entire Public Service is Paralyzed and Both Public and Private Business is at Complete Standstill.

PARIS, March 18.—There is not the slightest indication late tonight of the break in the deadlock between the government and its striking telegraphers and postal employees, nor was there any prospect of any improvement in the situation. The strike however will be considered in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow and a solution may then be furnished. The cabinet passed a decree tonight authorizing the dismissal of the strikers from the state service and reaffirmed its determination not to yield. A semi-official note giving the result of the meeting announced that many merchants had offered to lend the government their employees. This indicated the completeness of the tie up and extremity to which the government has been forced. The note did not mention the sensational report that the government intends to call the reservists to the key and force them to work under penalty of mutiny. The report is discredited, however. On the contrary it is believed that Premier Clemenceau seeks only to save the principle for which he has contended and that if the Chamber tomorrow endorses the government's attitude, the Premier will be ready for Under Secretary Simyan and thus open the way to end the strike.

Failure of carriers to deliver letters today made chaos in Paris complete. The entire public service is paralyzed and business, both public and private, is in confusion. The situation grows worse every hour, undelivered letters run into millions and not less 300,000 undelivered telegrams stacked up this forenoon awaiting distribution. The government has managed to keep several wires open to London and Berlin for conducting important diplomatic negotiations. A few days more and Paris will be reduced almost to a condition of siege so far as food is concerned. It is impossible to get funds out of the city and the principal trade is hung up for that reason. Already merchants have been obliged to send agents to the provinces with ready cash to obtain supplies. The banks are withholding the payment on checks in absence of advices from their correspondents and prices at the stores are soaring. The strike leaders are claiming victory in spite of the bold front assumed by Premier Clemenceau. The belief is becoming stronger that the government will be compelled to make some advances looking to a compromise.

GRAND JURY ACT ON "RED LIGHT"

Los Angeles Muddle Taken Into the Courts and the "Rounders" are on Their Way to Mexico

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Members of the grand jury summoned by presiding Judge James to investigate the graft charges against certain city officials and owners of "redlight" property, assembled today. Fifteen of the 30 who appeared qualified and another venire was ordered to secure four more in order to complete the necessary 19.

A SUB-WAY CASE

Brooklyn Child Injured On The Great Transit System.

NEW YORK, March 18.—On the strength of an affidavit presented by a physician the Supreme Court in Brooklyn has advanced the trial of the case of Mary Begley, 15 years old against the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. It will be held on the first Monday in April and will not have to wait two years as would have been the case had the calendar been followed. The child was injured in the subway on April 4 last and it is alleged that with the exception of 12 days she was unconscious until February 15 of this year.

Dr. W. B. Moseley presented the affidavit saying that the child might at any time relapse into another protracted stupor or become insane and for this reason the court agreed to advance the case. The girl is a daughter of Mrs. Catherine J. Bagley of Brooklyn. The injuries she sustained were considered trivial at first, and were caused by a guard hurriedly closing a door of a subway car.

TAFT SPEAKS AT CLEVELAND ANNIVERSARY

PAYS A GLOWING TRIBUTE TO HIS DEMOCRATIC PREDECESSOR IN OFFICE.

NEW YORK, March 18.—"The Payne tariff bill is unquestionable revision downward," said President Taft to some of his callers today on the train during his trip from Washington to New York. The President came to New York to eulogize in his first public address as President, a democratic predecessor in office which he now fills, the late Grover Cleveland. President Taft praised Cleveland as a man who was as completely American in all his character as Lincoln. The President spoke at the Cleveland anniversary exercises in Carnegie Hall and was an interested listener to the tributes to Cleveland tonight when the ceremonies were continued in the auditorium of the college of the City of New York. Taft traveled in the "Constitution Car" in which he did 40,000 miles of campaigning last fall and from which he made more than 400 speeches. The trip from the capital was without incident, except the visit of Judge Gray of Delaware who boarded the train at Wilmington and came to New York to speak at the Cleveland meeting tonight. Judge Gray spent most of the trip in the President's car.

Arriving at Jersey City the Presidential party was greeted by a great throng. Heads were bared as the President passed along the station platform. He did not follow Roosevelt's precedent of shaking hands with the grimy engineer. It would have been practically impossible for him to do so even if he had desired for a swarm of policemen had been thrown around him as soon as he alighted. The President goes to New Haven tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation. Returning to New York Taft will be the guest of honor at the Yale alumni dinner attended by 1500 graduates.

PARTY LINES BE ELIMINATED

Each Member of Congress Will Endeavor to Protect His Own Locality

OFFER MANY AMENDMENTS

Price of Tea Takes a Jump of Five Cents Per Pound in Portland Owing to the New Tariff Schedule Which Raises Duty on that Product

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The first piece of legislation to be enacted by the house was the bill providing for the taking of the 13th census which was passed. The measure gives to the civil service commission jurisdiction over the appointments and provides for the printing of the reports by the government printing office. As enacted at the last session, the bill stripped the civil service commission of such authority and there was a provision allowing some of the printing to be done by private firms. President Roosevelt vetoed the bill. The tariff bill was officially referred to the house from the committee on ways and means and is now ready for consideration.

That party lines will be eliminated during the consideration in the house of the Payne tariff bill was indicated by the action of Representative Broussard of Louisiana in withdrawing today from a meeting of the committee members, because he differed from their views on the tariff. With few exceptions each member will fight for the interests of his home district. There is little prospect of lengthy general debate and consideration of the bill under the five-minute rule for amendment will be proceeded with as soon as possible, probably by the end of this week. Unless the gag rule for the prevention of an unlimited amendment under the five-minute rule is brought in the minority members of the ways and means committee will not report a separate bill. Their report will be brought in by Minority Leader Clark and will severely criticize the wool schedule. Probably numerous amendments will be offered and a heated discussion is anticipated.

A number of Democrats will join with some of the Republicans in an effort to keep the duty assessed in the Dingley law upon lumber. The fight for free lumber will be headed by Champ Clark. He has frequently expressed himself in bitter language regarding the lumber situation in this country.

The Payne tariff bill continues, the present duty of one and a half cents per pound on lead, lead dross, lead bullion, base bullion, pig lead, bar lead, refuse lead, run into blocks and bars, old scrap lead lead ore and all lead producing ores. It had been reduced by the committee to one cent a pound but at the last minute the old rate was restored.

36 DEPORTED

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Thirty six Chinese left here last night for San Francisco in the custody of United States Marshals. The unusual large number of prisoners was due to the presence of the score of Chinese arrested at San Luis Obispo recently. The prisoners will reach San Francisco this morning and will sail soon after their arrival for the Orient.

EXPERT RESIGNS

CHICAGO, March 18.—Ned Dearborn, assistant curator of the division of ornithology at the Field Museum of Natural History, has resigned to take place July 1, as expert on the economic relations of birds in the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

HILL RISES, LAND SINKS

California Farmers Are Alarmed Over Movement of Earth.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—A special from Woodland in this state brings the news that a hill has risen out of the bed of Cache Creek in Capay Valley. The course of the creek has been completely diverted and is now running several hundred yards out of its course. According to information brought from the Everitt ranch through which the portion of the creek flows where the upheaval took place, the formation of the hill was accompanied by two sharp explosions. The ranchers in the vicinity are much alarmed, as seven acres in the vicinity have dropped from 40 to 100 feet and the depression is rapidly filling with water from the creek.

VACANCIES FILLED IN SENATE COMMITTEES

NOTHING SEEMS TO BE DOING FOR THE OREGON SENATORS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Work by the committee on committees of filling the Republican vacancies in the Senate concluded work today, resulting in giving to the western senators very much greater representation on important committees. This is regarded as a direct result of the campaign that has been carried on for a long time by the "insurgents." It is asserted that never in the history of the Senate have the western states been so fully represented on important committees. The Democratic steering committee is still at work endeavoring to make disposition of the Democratic vacancies. The Republican committee on committees still accept without question the Democratic recommendations.

Among the additions of western men are:
Finance committee—Flint and Smoot.
Judiciary—Borah.
Military Affairs—Dixon.
Naval Affairs—Perkins (chairman).
Inter-oceanic Canals—Flint (chairman).
Education and Labor—Borah (chairman).
Irrigation and arid lands—Carter (chairman).

TIP FOR ASTORIA COPS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—While he swung at the end of a rope by which he had let himself through a skylight, Policeman Martin Fogarty of this city succeeded in arresting 14 men who were violating the gambling ordinance. With a number of fellow patrolmen Fogarty had gone to a house on Geary Street, where a number of Greeks were reported to be engaged in a poker game. While his companions guarded the door he let himself through the skylight and arrested the men without any trouble.

JURY STILL IS OUT IN CARMACK CASE

REPORTED THAT THE JURY WILL BE UNABLE TO AGREE.

NASHVILLE, March 18.—With no word from the 12 men who are trying to decide the fate of defendants in the Cooper-Sharp case, the feeling grew tonight that there would be a disagreement. After dinner tonight the jurors hurried back to the room to resume their deliberations. Judge Hart remained in the court house until noon. At 6 o'clock tonight Judge Hart telephoned to the court house that he had left for home and would not receive the verdict in the Cooper-Sharp case even if one arrived, until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

HOMETELEPHONE SELLS STOCK

Portland and Puget Sound Capitalists Acquire Controlling Interest in Companies

NO MERGER CONTEMPLATED

Market Value of Stock Secured is Stated to be Over Half a Million Dollars—Los Angeles Capitalists Heretofore Held Largest Interest.

PORTLAND, March 18.—A syndicate composed of prominent Portland and Seattle bankers and capitalists have purchased between 40 and 50 per cent of the stock of the Home Telephone Company of Portland, Home Telephone Company of Puget Sound and the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone & Telegraph Company. The stock secured is that which has hitherto been held by the National Securities Company of Los Angeles and in effect is a controlling interest of these companies. The members of the syndicate declare that the stock is not being purchased in the interest of any other company nor that there is any intention to merge companies in which the syndicate has secured stock. The Home Company of Portland operates the automatic telephone system in opposition to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Portland and as the Home Company of Puget Sound does in Tacoma and Bellingham. The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone & Telegraph Company operates a long distance system and has a system in opposition to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, and close affiliation and working arrangements with practically all the independent long distance and local companies west of the Cascade Mountains. The market value of the stock secured is stated to be about \$550,000.

IDAHO SMELTING PLANT IN BAD SHAPE

FORMER MANAGER WRECKS FINE PROPERTY AND IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

SPOKANE, March 18.—Startling facts as to remarkable financial methods are being brought out following the appointment of a receiver for the Panhandle Smelting Company, owning an independent plant at Sandpoint, Idaho. When J. Herbert Anderson of Chicago and Winnipeg, secured control of the company, two years ago, according to the Evening Chronicle, the corporation owned a smelting plant with a capacity of 125 tons a day, a line of small steamers, 1000 acres of land, a townsite, water-power now worth \$250,000, mining interests of unknown value and 2,000,000 shares of stock in the treasury. Its assets could be estimated at \$1,500,000; its debts were only \$30,000. Of the 3,000,000 shares of stock then outstanding, hundreds of thousands had been sold to farmers and capitalists in Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin and the Dakotas at prices ranging up to 40c to 45c a share. Today the plant is in a receiver's hands. The debts total nearly \$400,000. The treasury stock has vanished. The total visible assets are estimated in the creditors' suit as worth \$250,000. Anderson, who is being sued by T. L. Greenough, the millionaire mine-owner, for alleged fraudulent over-issue of 846,000 shares of stock, is supposed to be in New York. His family, with two automobiles, is said to be in California.

MODJESKA IS ILL

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Madame Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish American actress, is seriously ill at her home on Bay Island near Newport, Orange County. Madame Modjeska's husband, Count Bozenta, is in constant attendance at his wife's bedside.

The veteran actress has been suffering for a long time from chronic kidney trouble but her ailment has been newly complicated by an affection of the heart and lungs.

Madame Modjeska was born near Cracow, Poland in 1844 and was married to the Count Charles Bonzenta Chlapowski in 1868. She made her first public appearance in Poland in 1861.

WHO'S SAFE IN NEW YORK?

NEW YORK, March 18.—Miss Nellie Wilkins, 31 years old lies in a critical condition at Bellevue Hospital today after having been stabbed seven times last night by a man supposed to be an Italian, who escaped. Miss Wilkins was returning home rather late after visiting a friend who is ill, when she was accosted by the man in Second Avenue near 26th Street. She repulsed his advances and the man whipped out a knife and made several plunges at her. In the struggle which followed she was stabbed on the head, right cheek, on the side of her neck, under her chin, in the left arm and on the left hand. At the hospital she was too weak to give a good description of her assailant. Her recovery is doubtful.

MULTNOMAH WINS IN WRESTLING MATCH

TAKE FIVE OUT OF THE SIX MATCHES FROM WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Wrestlers of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club tonight won five out of six matches with wrestlers of the Washington State College of Pullman, Wash. In 125-pound class Buz Hughes, M. A. A. C. won two out of three falls from C. M. Krueck, W. S. C.; 135-pound class: Nelson Mose, M. A. A. C. defeated W. Ferguson in two straight falls; in 145-pound class H. Tuttle, M. A. A. C. defeated F. H. Jenne in two straight falls; in 158-pound class Edgar Frank, M. A. A. C., weighing 125 pounds, defeated Ned Cheeley two out of three, the first bout being a draw; in 175-pound class F. P. Calkins, W. S. C. obtained the decision over William King, the first two bouts resulted in a draw and Calkins won the third match; in the 200-pound class Ed Johnson, M. A. A. C., won two out of three falls from F. H. Hunter.

This is the first year that colleges in the northwest have taken up wrestling. The W. S. C. wrestlers will meet the wrestlers of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis Saturday night.

REDUCTION FOR MIDDLE WEST

Want Entire Duty Taken Off of Lumber and Put on the Free List

HEAVY BLOW TO PACIFIC COAST

A Number of Democrats Will Join With Some of the Republicans in an Effort to Keep the Duty on Lumber Where it is Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—There is a strong demand from Congressmen from the Middle West for the removal of all duty on lumber and the indications now are that the Republicans before they vote on the tariff bill will caucus to determine upon a course of action. Advocates of free lumber have already conferred with Speaker Cannon and the House leaders, and are encouraged to believe they may force lumber on free list. Caucuses are urged as a means of averting further insuring in the Republican ranks. Pacific Coast members are far from pleased with the prospect, and begin to believe they will be lucky to hold the duty at \$1.

PORTLAND, March 18.—"The reduction of tariff on lumber, as proposed by the Payne bill, will only hasten the destruction of our American forests, will only intensify the competitive struggle, for the sole reason that you can't have cheap lumber and save the trees." This is the terse statement of the effect of the reduction from \$2 to \$1 on lumber as George M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, of this city, sees it.

Another far-reaching effect directly touching the purses of the consumer was the advance of 5 cents a pound on tea, in Portland, this morning. This action was taken by the jobbers as the result of the probable imposition of the 8-cent tariff on this commodity. The 30 per cent ad valorem tax on the spices, it is definitely stated by the trade, will fall upon the consumer, and will not be absorbed by either the producing countries or by the jobbers and retailers.

GIRL'S SHOULDN'T KISS

ITHACA, N. Y., March 18.—The habit of the students of Wells College, on Cayuga Lake, near here, of saluting each other with kisses is supposed to have been at least partly responsible for the spread of tonsillitis which caused the closing of the college yesterday for the Spring vacation a week earlier than usual. There are 175 girls at Wells College, and like the young women of any other college they are won't to greet each other affectionately with kisses every time they meet.

WOMEN HARDER TO CURE OF DRINK

Most of Them do Not Want Too is Assertion Made by Prominent Physician at Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—When society women fall victims to the drink habit they are not so easily cured as men, according to the statement in tonight's session of the American society for study of alcohol by Dr. J. D. Quackenbos of New York. This and the declaration made by Dr. W. S. Hall of Chicago that alcohol caused race suicide gave the delegates plenty to talk about and they made full use of their opportunity. Dr. Quackenbos asserted that women do not wish to be cured in

most instances and were prompted to indulge too frequently by added sense of pleasure they felt in flattery of their admirers. Quackenbos emphasized this point in giving the small percentage of women drinkers who possessed the powers of resistance. His statement that he had cured more than 8000 patients by hypos suggestions after the subjects have become asleep through the use of drugs aroused vigorous protests from several prominent scientists who openly challenged its accuracy.