

TOBAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM DOING POLITICS

Good Government Leaders Want Civil Service Rule Adopted ASPIRANTS WARNED 'Pernicious Activity' by Office Holders May Be Curbed

DEMANDING that the civil service rules apply to the employees of the county as well as to the employees of the city, the executive committee of the Good Government organization at a meeting in the new headquarters, 318 Fay building, yesterday afternoon adopted resolutions vigorously condemning the "pernicious political activity" of the county's employees and urging that incumbents of county offices, seeking nominations under the direct primary election law, be compelled to give public notice that in the coming campaign such "pernicious activity" will not be tolerated among their employees.

The resolutions are the outcome of careful deliberation on the part of a number of Good Government organization leaders who were present at the meeting yesterday and who discussed extensively the deplorable political conditions brought about by the failure to apply civil service regulations to county employees.

It has been a notorious fact that employees of Los Angeles county have been allowed, and in many instances even expected, to neglect their duties and "promote" the political interests of certain "higher ups" including, of course, heads of departments on whom these subordinates and assistants depend for their livelihood.

Employees "Do Politics" The non-application of the civil service rules makes it possible for these employees, who are several thousand in Los Angeles county, to waste much of their time "doing politics," and their political machinations and cajoleries, it is asserted, have contributed a powerful but dangerous—and frequently harmful—influence in county administrations.

It is a notorious fact, also, that frequently these employees have been dupes and agents of "the push" and have worked hand in hand with S. P. heeler and corrupt politicians. At the same time they have in numerous instances performed important duties in a slipshod manner and entrenched in the strongholds of authority have been able by corrupt methods to elect to office men wholly unfit for their responsibilities.

Such pernicious activity, rampant as it is, and extending into every recess of county government makes the work of the Good Government organization, which has just entered into its campaign for "purer politics" and a thoroughly efficient and reliable county administration, a task more difficult than it would be were it not for this phase of the problem. The enforcement of civil service rules would accomplish many salutary results, it is declared.

The action taken by the Good Government committee yesterday is practically the first step in the work of arranging the county program, and is considered an important move for the betterment of the county administration. Simultaneously the Good Government organization is reorganizing its precinct clubs and establishing leagues in every township in the county, so that when the "better government" forces are arrayed the desired reforms will be more easily accomplished.

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MOUNTED POLICE RIDE OVER MOB; CLUB AT RANDOM

Demonstration Planned by Philadelphia Strikers Is Routed 'BRUTALITY' THE CRY Appeal to Taft Voted by Federation—State Ready to Join in Big Tieup

NEWCASTLE, Pa., March 10.—The committee of nine, appointed yesterday to devise means of carrying into effect the resolution for a state and possibly a country-wide strike, in the event that arbitration fails to solve the labor situation at Philadelphia, reported to the convention at Philadelphia yesterday the action of the Pennsylvania state Federation of Labor here today.

President Greenawald of the state organization was authorized to call upon President Taft, Senator Penrose, Senator Oliver and Gov. Stuart to use their best efforts to compel an arbitration of the current strike within ten days.

The committee announced it had issued a request to all state and local union organizations to call special sessions to vote on the question of a state-wide strike within fifteen days and report the results by wire to President Greenawald.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—The sixth day of the general strike witnessed an attempt to make the center of the city the scene of a big demonstration.

The police blocked the move by exercise of "high-handed methods and brutal, unwarranted force," the strike leaders claim in statements issued tonight.

The action of the police was in prosecution of lawful, justifiable means, and with no more force than was necessary to check in its incipency what might have been serious disturbance of the peace, the authorities assert.

"March on the city hall" is the slogan that has been heard before in disturbances here. Suspecting that a crowd of 10,000 or more, who had been prevented from holding an open air meeting in the National league park and at Independence hall, would take up the indicated line of march today, the authorities took measures to prevent the invasion of the city's central districts by what it was feared might prove a turbulent mob.

Heads Battered Lines of police, with active clubs, partially checked the marchers on their way down Broad street, more than two miles from the objective point. A mile farther down they broke up the parade altogether. Half a dozen were injured on the onslaught and many arrests were made.

Labor Leaders in Philadelphia, Their Opponent and Old Independence Hall



ALLDS GRILLED BY INQUISITORS

CONGER BRIBERY CASE ASSUMES NEW TREND State Solon's Character Assailed in Effort to Show His Connection with the Purchase of Forest Lands

ALBANY, N. Y., March 10.—Hints that Senator Allds connived with friends to defraud the state in the purchase of Adirondack forest lands were developed today in his cross examination on the Conger bribery charges.

The defendant was under fire all day except for a brief respite when his own attorneys recalled Cashier Gale of the Groton National bank, in an effort to impeach Hiram G. Mos.

Congressional counsel assailed the accused senator's character in addition to probing his connection with the purchase of forest lands, now the object of a separate investigation recently launched by Governor Hughes, delved into Allds' bank accounts, and tried to prove \$2000 he sent to his New York brokers ten days after he was alleged to have received the \$1000 bribe in 1901, could not be traced to an innocent source.

Allds admitted his law firm received \$100 a month as local attorneys for the New York Central railroad in his home district, but that he began—140 the company reported—or thirty-six in excess of yesterday's high record.

State Strike Menaces Spread of the general strike over the whole state is still considered a distant possibility.

LIMITED TRAIN RUNS INTO OPEN SWITCH

Flyer on Santa Fe Partially Derailed at San Bernardino—Traffic Is Blocked for Hours

SAN BERNARDINO, March 10.—The California limited, which left Los Angeles at 10 o'clock this morning, narrowly escaped a disastrous wreck as it was leaving San Bernardino before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The locomotive struck a partly opened switch at the junction point of the main line and loop in the northern part of the city, and both engines with the buffet car left the track.

COUPLE FOUND DEAD; SUICIDE PACT HINTED

Washington Man Shoots Himself Just After Divorced Wife Expires Under Suspicious Circumstances

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 10.—The bodies of Mrs. Annabelle Farquhar and her former husband, Edward Farquhar, are in the morgue awaiting a coroner's inquest to determine the manner of death.

PRIVATE SHIP LINE CAUSES HIGH RATES

McLachlan Declares Government Steamers on Pacific Ocean Would Lower Freight Prices on California Fruit

NEW YORK, March 10.—California could save 75 per cent on freight in annual shipments to the east of \$10,000,000 worth of fruit, Representative James Mc Lauchlan of California told the Merchants' association here today, if the government would operate a line of steamers from California to the western entrance of the Panama canal.

KNOX, JR., WILL SELL MOTORS FOR LIVING

Honeymoon of Secretary's Son Is Brightened by the Offer of More Than Score of Positions

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 10.—Philaander C. Knox, Jr., said today that he had been offered so many positions that he was bewildered.

GARFIELD SAYS SEC. BALLINGER BETRAYED TAFT

Former Secretary of Interior Drops Bombshell at the Hearing AFFIDAVIT DECEIVED Department Head Accused of Disguising Syndicate's Interests

WASHINGTON, March 10.—James B. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, was finally exonerated from the witness stand in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation late this afternoon. His final half hour before the committee furnished the sensation of what had been a decidedly dull day.

Mr. Garfield stated that Mr. Ballinger, after having been commissioned of the land office, submitted to him on September 17, 1908, an affidavit signed by Clarence Cunningham and containing the statement that the Guggenbeims had no interest whatever in the Cunningham group of coal claims in Alaska, while as a matter of fact the record of a recent hearing before the senate committee by explaining in detail what he meant by certain terms used in his former affidavit.

Mr. Garfield said Mr. Ballinger, in giving him the affidavit, left the impression that his action was entirely casual, and that he had been requested by friends in Seattle to leave it on file for whatever it might be worth.

When he had concluded his testimony Mr. Garfield took a seat beside Gifford Pinchot and with arms about each other's shoulders they sat for some time in smiling discussion of the day's events.

A. F. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, followed Mr. Garfield on the stand. He declared he had no objection to Mr. Ballinger's affidavit unless directed to do so by the committee.

Chairman Nelson gave this direction and Mr. Davis had just started his testimony when a government witness was taken until tomorrow.

Issue Unnecessary "I do not believe the \$30,000,000 bond issue recommended by President Taft to congress is necessary for the proper forwarding of irrigation work in the west."

This statement from Mr. Garfield greatly enlivened the hearing. Mr. Garfield said this in defense of the co-operative agreements made by the interior with various associations and of the reclamation certificates he issued in evidence of work performed and which have come to be known as "Garfield's certificates."

AMERICANS ARE SAFE

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 10.—The anti-American rioting, which reached its height last night, has ended. The rioters here are safe. The ending of the disorder was due chiefly to the firmness and tact of Elliott Northcott, United States minister to Colombia.

MRS. CUDAHY YEARNS GOOD FELLOWSHIP TO BE FOUND ON STAGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 10.—Mrs. "Jack" Cudahy, whose husband attacked Banker Jere Lillis Sunday morning, said today she had received a score of offers to go on the stage, but had declined them all.

STRIKE LOWERS STOCK

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—The stock of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, which was selling at 26 on February 28, the day the strike of its carmen began, broke nearly 3/4 a share today. The stock is par \$50 with that amount paid in, and today's price is the lowest in years.

IRISH PAPER WILL PRINT A SPECIAL TAFT EDITION

CHICAGO, March 10.—A Chicago edition of the Cork (Ireland) Examiner will be printed in that city on St. Patrick's day, in which will be details and illustrations of the reception and banquet to be given President Taft in Chicago March 17 by the Irish Fellowship club, according to an announcement made by William J. Flaherty, president of the club, at a meeting held last night.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PROTESTS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 10.—The Albuquerque Commercial club has protested against the government appropriating funds for work on the Elephant Butte dam on the ground that the latter would irrigate only 116,000 acres in New Mexico and would prevent the irrigation of 400,000 acres on the upper Rio Grande.

Probe Is Deep

The details of Ballinger's testimony before the congressional committees regarding the coal bills that were pending in 1908 were gone into again in great length.