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PREPARE PROTEST IN WASHINGTON

CLAIM ENGLAND AND FRANCE HAVE FAILED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

IS IT A LEGAL BLOCKADE

Washington Government Remains Dark as to Basis of Order Issued by England Lately.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The Washington government considers that Great Britain and France in the British order and accompanying notes, has not answered the questions asked as to what warrant exists in international law for the establishment of an embargo on all commercial intercourse, directly and indirectly, between Germany and neutral countries. It is stated officially at the state department that this government is still undecided whether the action of the allies is intended as a legal blockade or whether the ordinary rules of contraband be the legal basis for future detentions. The preparation of a protest is well under way.

SOMEBODY MUST PAY FOR STATION

SAYS RAILROAD OFFICIAL IN RATE INCREASE HEARING IN CHICAGO.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—Questions designed to establish the fact that financially strong western railroads were attempting to assist the weaker ones in asking an increase in commodity rates, were asked Conrad Spens, assistant traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in session here.
Spens testified that the five-stock rate now in effect was not paying its share of the cost of transportation. In cross-examination the railroad official, A. H. Helm, counsel for the Kansas Utilities Commission, asked if it were not a fact that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad thought it necessary to increase its revenue, regardless whether or not the Chicago, Great Western, the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Missouri Pacific would ask such increase in freight rates. Spens replied that the Burlington would ask for the increase because of heavy obligations incurred in order to meet its share of the sixty-five million dollars required for the erection of the Chicago Union Station. Somebody has to pay for this structure, he said.

CONCLUDE HEARING OF ARBITRATION

ALL EVIDENCE IN ENGINEERS' WAGE DEMAND CASE NOW HEARD.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—Hearing of the evidence in the arbitration wage demand of the engineers, firemen and hostlers of twenty-eight western railroads was completed today. The voluminous records will be compiled and arranged for filing. The attorneys on both sides testify that the final result of the arbitration will depend in a large measure upon proper presentation of the evidence. The legal talent arrayed against each other in the case is of the highest class, and neither side can hope to gain much advantage in this direction. The briefs will be filed March 29 and the award is due April 20.

ONE FRANCHISE CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 32 GERMANS

GENEVA, March 18.—An Alpine chasseur returning from sentry duty to his camp over the heights of Domblouse during a blinding snowstorm, ran upon a party of German troops on skis who had lost their way. Taking advantage of the situation the chasseur called upon the detachment to surrender, shouting to them that they were surrounded and that it would be useless for them to resist. Not knowing where they were, and supposing they were in reality surrounded, it is said, 32 Germans skied down their guns and followed the chasseur to camp.

GOVT. LOSES THE ANTI-TRUST SUIT

FEDERAL COURT SAYS COM- PANY NOT AN UNLAWFUL MONOPOLY.

BOSTON COMBINE WINS

United Shoe Machinery Company Also Sustained in Patent Monopoly Lapse.

By Associated Press.
BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—Immediately following a decision in the federal district court here that the government's suit to dissolve the United Shoe Machinery Company as an unlawful monopoly under the Sherman Act was not sustained, United States District Attorney Anderson starting preparations for an appeal in the case, should the department of justice decide to take a step. The decision of the court sustains the legality of the original combination and the annihilation of over fifty-five companies subsequently. It also sustains the validity of leases in a patent monopoly.

VILLA LEVIES TAX ON FOREIGNERS

C. S. PROTESTS AGAINST THE COLLECTION OF TRIBUTE IN MONTERREY.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—A protest of this government has been dispatched to Villa against the collection of a million pesos, which has been levied as a tax in Monterrey against Americans and other foreigners. The action was taken as a result of a complaint from the British embassy claiming that an English owned corporation in Monterrey had been requested to pay a tax of thirty-five thousand pesos. Late advice would indicate that living conditions in Mexico City have somewhat improved.
Fighting between Carranza and Villa forces has been begun near Tampico.

RAILROADS DRIVEN TO THE LAST DITCH

SAYS JAMES J. HILL IN HEARING BEFORE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE.

By Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18.—The railroads of this country have been driven "to the last ditch and are no longer able to compete with each other or with anybody else," said James J. Hill, the railroad builder to the railroad committee of the Minnesota Legislature at a joint hearing on an increase of passenger rates from two to two and one-half cents a mile.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The appointment of a trade commission to promote the co-operation between business, is a new federal trade commission announced by the director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

New Independent Move.

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Tex., March 18.—An independent move, that the Yucatan insurance companies, who recently ousted Carranza officials, attempted to set up an independent government, was received at the Carranza agency here today.

GUilty OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST UNITED STATES

Two Men Will Be Sentenced Tomorrow for Aiding German to Secure False Passport.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, March 18.—Richard Madden and Gustav Cook were adjudged guilty today of conspiracy against the United States in aiding Richard P. Sengler, a German resident, in securing a false passport. Sentences will be pronounced upon the two convicted men tomorrow. The maximum penalty for this sort of an offense is two years in prison or a fine of ten thousand dollars, or both.

Admiral Carden, Commander of Fleet Bombarding Dardanelles



Admiral S. H. Carden, British commander of the fleet which has been off the Dardanelles since the war began, has suddenly come into fame by his successful bombardment of the forts of the Dardanelles. He was placed in command of the allied fleet because he was the senior officer there. Just as seen in the great new superdreadnought of the British navy, the Queen Elizabeth, reached the scene with her fifteen-inch guns, which were able to pierce the Dardanelles forts from a distance. The great vessel was sent against the forts at the mouth and after a

EXPLAINS SOME OF TENANT PROBLEMS

COLEMAN COUNTY LANDLORD TELLS EXPERIENCE BEFORE INDUSTRIAL MEET.

By Associated Press.
DALLAS, Tex., March 18.—J. Tom Paritt, owner of twelve thousand acres of Texas land, was a witness before the Federal Relations Commission in session here today. Paritt described some of the land tenant problems according to his personal experience as a land owner. He stated that in Coleman county he had twenty-two tenant families on two thousand acres. The remainder he has leased to cattle-men. His agent, he said, preferred tenants with large families, because the country of Coleman county is sparsely settled and women and children are practically the only available source of extra labor supply during cotton picking season. The women of the tenants, he said, usually would chop, hoe and pick cotton. The children begin to work when about eight years old. The tenant would have difficulty in paying farm hands until the crop is sold, he said. His tenants, said Mr. Paritt, occupied two to four room houses costing as high as \$400. They started from four to six o'clock in the morning and usually worked until dark. He said he had no objection to reform discussion any place, except when the tenants "ought to be making a crop."

Local Forecast.

Partly cloudy and colder Friday. Saturday's temperature...
DALLAS, Tex., March 18.—The weather here is a prosperous condition in Lynn county. We have had this season which assure us a good crop for this year. The weather has been clear for the past few days making it possible for the farmers to begin work in earnest and with interest.

The WEATHER

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Yesterday's Weather
By Western Union Tel.
Eagle Lake, clear and, Longview, cloudy 60. Big Spring, clear cool. Dalhart, clear 53. Amarillo, clear 60. Dalhart, cloudy 52. Houston, clear 62. San Antonio, clear 60. Austin, clear 71. Mesquite, clear 70. El Paso, clear 70. Wichita Falls, clear 60. Waco, cloudy 72. Fort Worth, cloudy and, Hilltop, clear 73. Sulphur spring, cloudy 70. Terrell, clear 61. Corsicana, cloudy cool. Dumas, clear 60.
Washington Forecast.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18.—Clear, calm, and fair Friday, except probably rain or snow in the Potomac, Saturday fair.

VOTED EARLY AND HE VOTED OFTEN

END HARMIS PLEADS GUILTY TO VERY MUCH VOTE FRAUD.

BLISTERED HIS FINGERS

In Pulling the Lever of Voting Machine—Was Promised a Job if He Would Alter His Testimony.

By Associated Press.
INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Eugene Harms, the custodian of the city hall of Terre Haute until he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to corrupt the federal election, testified today that Mayor Roberts tried to tell him what to say if the grand jury got him. Roberts and twenty-seven others are on trial for what Harms confessed "Wage Fraud." He said last Sunday he was promised a "job on the streets next summer" if he would alter his testimony previously given. Harms says he voted for other people on election day until he blistered his fingers pulling the voting machine lever.

STILL LOOKING FOR THE MONEY

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS STOLEN FROM BANK NEVER DISCOVERED.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—White George Webster and John Blingham were being arraigned here today in connection with the big robbery of the Bank of Montreal in 1911, detectives are scouring the city to locate the "cache" where the bulk of the \$200,000 stolen from the bank is believed to be concealed. It is claimed by the Montreal bank officials that the arrest by the Chicago police of Webster and Blingham destroyed the work of detectives who for months have been working on the case, just as a roundup of the alleged robbers and their loot seemed near.
Two weeks ago today the Chicago police were called into the case of Webster's arrests to advise the Bank of Montreal bills for American money. Webster is said, made the mistake of taking too much to himself and went away in one trip to a money changer. The bills were now and had been worked in water to give them the appearance of new. The money changer became suspicious and called in the police. Webster carried, Webster had \$200 of the money on his person. Blingham, who also fell into the clutches of the police at the same time, was known as J. C. Blawie, and used the name of Boston and Fresno, it is said.
The 120 men, eight here, were held in 47,000 cell each. According to the Montreal detectives, the police had been following the two men about in an effort to discover the source of their supply of the stolen money, of which they expect to recover at least \$20,000. In the three years and a half since the robbery, which took place at the Bank of Montreal branch of the bank at 908 N. W. 121st, the bank has expended large sums in seeking to round up the members of the gang. Private detectives have been on the trail of Blingham, Webster and two others for months and believe they were within a hair of being caught when the Chicago police for the second time, spoiled their work by making an arrest. Once in 1917, the detectives were able to locate a cache, which is supposed to be in the city, and the men who were in the money of later in 1917, but it was under surveillance. Webster spent a few weeks in prison, but did not quit the game and the police were unable to locate the cache. Webster has again disappeared since the detectives' arrest.
It is said that a woman is in touch with the members of the gang. When Webster and Blingham were rounded up a woman was arrested, but she was released and has since kept secret.

LEGISLATURE FINALLY PASSES BILL AUTHORIZING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

WEATHER FAVORS FARMERS DOWN IN LYNN COUNTY

By Associated Press.
AUSTIN, Tex., March 18.—The textbook bill was passed finally in the senate tonight. The bill has already passed the House. It will not become operative for two years.
A bill establishing three additional state normal schools, which the Legislature having finally passed it. The normals are to be located in south Texas, northeast and central Texas.

GERMANS BUILD RAILROADS.

Switzerland advises say the Germans are building two railroads on the Alsace-Lorraine frontier in order to strengthen the Strassburg system of fortifications.

DERVISHES HOLDING ENTIRE SUDAN.

The entire Sudan, including Khartoum, and parts of Nubia is held by Dervishes, according to a story by a German merchant returning to Berlin from Egypt. The British general Hawley and two thousand men are said to have been killed at Fashoda in December. The tribesmen killed two hundred Australians near the Pyramids. Railroad and telegraph lines were destroyed. Advices to the British foreign office say that Turkish soldiers in the Urumiah district of Persia killed several hundred civilians and looted and burned villages.

GERMANS PASS NEW WAR ESTIMATES.

The German Reichstag adopted, without debate, new war estimates which passed foreign estimates.

VIENNA FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS.

Reports received in Venice from Vienna say the food situation there is serious. Thousands are unable to secure bread and meat prices are rising. Bread and flour tickets are to be issued.

ANOTHER STEAMER IS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

Zeppelin Throws Bombs on Calais—Belgians Prepare For Another Round With Germans— French Repulsed in Champagne.

REST IN BOMBARDMENT OF DARDANELLES

RUSSIANS CLAIM THEY HAVE AGAIN INVADEN PRUSSIA— TURKS CONFIDENT DARDANELLES FORTS WILL HOLD—ENGLAND CERTAIN BOMBARDMENT WILL BE RESUMED WITH NEW VIGOR. DERVISHES HOLDING EN- TIRE SUDAN.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
LONDON, March 18.—The next important battle of the war on the western front will most probably take place along the river Yser, between the Belgians and Germans.
As the floods subsided the Belgian forces, supported by the allied warships, pushed their lines slightly forward. This will certainly lead to counter attacks by the Germans. Commencement of a general engagement may be delayed while the Germans are awaiting reinforcements.
FRENCH REPULSED IN CHAMPAGNE.
The French forces were repulsed in their efforts to advance in the Champagne region, according to the reports from German sources. Fighting in the Vosges mountain sections has slackened because of severe and unfavorable weather conditions.
LITTLE NEWS FROM EASTERN THEATRE.
There is very little news with reference to the activities in the eastern theatre of war. The Russians claim they have again invaded East Prussia, crossing the German frontier near Tilsit. The Russians also report that they are continuing their offensive in Bukovina against the Austrians.
LULL IN DARDANELLES BOMBARDMENT.
A temporary suspension of the bombardment by the allied fleets marks the operations in the Dardanelles. It is believed the lull is due to unfavorable conditions of the weather. The Turks are taking advantage of this opportunity by repairing the damaged forts. Constantinople expresses confidence in the impregnability of the defenses of the Dardanelles.
Here we are convinced that our ships will renew the attack very shortly with renewed energy and increase of force.
GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL OUTPUT OF MUNITIONS.
A conference between government representatives and labor leaders to arrange for the output of war munitions under government control, adjourned until tomorrow, when details of an agreement reached will be worked out. The labor representatives are particularly desirous that the arrangements now made will not prejudicially affect the workmen after the war is concluded.
STEAMER GLEN ARTNEY TORPEDOED.
The British steamer Glen Artney, owned by a Glasgow company, was torpedoed off Beachy Head by a German submarine today, the crew having been given no warning. In the scramble for boats one member of the crew of the steamer caused the drowning of forty others. Some other members of the crew were injured by the explosion and were picked up by a steamer and landed in New Haven.
The Glen Artney was a steamer of thirty-three hundred ton capacity. It was freighted with eight thousand tons of rice, loaded at Bank of Siam and bound for London.

ZEPPELIN BOMBARDS CALAIS.

PARIS, March 18.—Official communication from Calais states that a Zeppelin dropped several bombs on the city, aiming at the railroad station. The communication further states that aside from the killing of seven railroad employes no material damage was done by the air craft.

AUSTRIA FORTIFIES AGAINST ITALY.

Austria is reported as continuing work on fortifications along the Italian frontier. A large quantity of shells, bound from Germany to Turkey, was held up by the Roumanian government, according to the Balkan agency dispatch.

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