

LABOR BOARD SPURS RAIL STRIKERS

PHYSICIAN IS SLAIN IN N. Y. CHURCH

Maniac Caught After Shooting J. W. Markoe, Morgan Doctor.

New York, April 19.—Thomas W. Simpson, escaped lunatic who shot and killed Dr. James W. Markoe during services in the St. George's Protestant Episcopal church yesterday...

Mania for Sermons. The prisoner's statements indicated that he had a mania for hearing sermons. He told of listening with pleasure to a Paulist priest in New York a year ago and of having an argument with a minister in Gary.

The minister called a "cop" and had me arrested," he said. "When I got out I decided to get a revolver. I got it at St. George's yesterday. I felt alright until I heard the minister say: "Some people seem to ignore others and don't treat them kindly."

CLINTON YOUTH WINS IN ARMY ESSAY CONTEST

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Donald L. Campbell, a 15 year old Clinton, Iowa, high school pupil, has been awarded first prize in the army national school essay contest for the best essay on the "Benefits of Enlistment in the United States Army."

SUPREME COURT FAILS TO HAND DOWN DRY RULE

Wet and Dry Leaders Looked Today to Supreme Court for Final Prohibition Decision.

BULLETIN. Washington, April 19.—The supreme court reconvened today without rendering an opinion in any of the various pending cases involving the validity of the prohibition amendment and portions of the enforcement act.

WILSON READY TO RUN AGAIN, PARTIES HEAR

BY HUGH BAILLIE. (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 19.—A dramatic eleventh hour appearance of President Wilson in the political arena is being planned, according to a persistent report in circulation among Washington politicians today.

The plan is said to be to have the president suddenly plunge into the campaign late next month. One of his first acts would be to send a message to congress asking it to remain in Washington through the summer and pass legislation which he would urge. Should such a program be carried out, it is expected the message would be followed by a public appearance of the president and a speech by him.

Suspected Plan. The plan, according to these reports, would be carried out to give force to a demand to be made by Wilson that the Democratic convention nominate a candidate to run on a League of Nations platform, with planks praising achievements of the administration and promising to carry on its policies in other words, a "Wilson man."

No Trace of Illness. In support of this it is pointed out that he is attending to his official duties as usual and that cabinet members saw no evidence of illness when he presided at the cabinet session last week. Also all Democratic presidential possibilities except A. Mitchell Palmer, are keeping in the background, evidently not knowing what Wilson intends to do and at Democratic national headquarters the idea of a pre-convention such as the Republicans are conducting is deprecated.

Cancellation of Wilson's plan for spending the summer at Woods Hole, Mass., is likewise regarded as an indication that there is "something in the wind."

NO CHANCE OF GERMAN CONCESSION

Allies at San Remo Determined to Enforce All Treaty Terms.

San Remo, April 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The inter-allied supreme council began its formal sessions today in the Villa De Vauchan, on the hills northwest of the main town.

While the Turkish question was on the program for first consideration by the conference today, it develops that there already has been discussion over the question of enforcing the execution of the treaty of peace with Germany. There seems no doubt that the premiers are agreed a joint declaration must be sent to Germany requiring her to fulfill the conditions of the Versailles treaty and that if she does not do so, the allies will take measures to compel her to.

Plan Undecided. The premiers, however, have not yet agreed upon the form of pressure to be used, should Germany continue unyielding.

Premiers Millerand, Nitti and Lloyd George, after their meeting with Foreign Minister Scialoja of Italy; Philippe Berthlot, political director of the French foreign office; Earl Curzon, British foreign minister, and numerous secretaries yesterday at the Villa De Vauchan met again late in the afternoon at Premier Nitti's hotel. No outsiders were present with the exception of three interpreters.

They were agreed that Germany should be told in the most positive manner that she must observe the treaty, and that she should be warned of the punitive consequences should she refuse.

George Suggests Blockade. Premier Lloyd George suggested economic pressure, depriving Germany of food, raw materials and intercourse with the allied countries.

Premier Millerand is described as having said that such pressure, without the use of naval or military aid, would in effect be no pressure at all. He declared it would be another "make believe" and that Germany could conduct her economic business through the neutral countries just the same.

The only pressure that would be effective, he asserted, would be forced—the application of such force as the military and naval advisors might deem sufficient.

Premier Lloyd George, it is said, described his conclusion. Premier Nitti inclined towards the British prime minister's view and the matter rests there for the present. The compromise may take the form of an ultimatum to Germany with the threat of applying effective compulsion without indicating what form of compulsion might take.

PRIMARIES IN NEBRASKA CUT BY BAD STORM

Lincoln, Neb., April 19.—Bad roads resulting from snow and rain storms in Nebraska promised to reduce the voting in tomorrow's presidential preference primary.

Johnson Will Not Be 'Second Fiddle' Washington, April 19.—One of the campaign managers announced Senator Hiram Johnson would not accept the nomination for vice president if he failed of the presidential nomination.

Deluge at Danville. Danville, Ill., April 19.—Danville and vicinity today was visited by one of the heaviest downpours of its history. 2.43 inches, the heaviest in the history of the local weather bureau, the rain falling between 5 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. today.

MEXICO SEEMS SURE TO HAVE CIVIL CONFLICT

United States Strictly Neutral as Between Candidates.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special to The Argus.)

Washington, April 19.—Mexico is experiencing a recurrence of the trouble that started the present era of revolution 10 years ago after a reign of three decades of peace under Porfirio Diaz. The latter assumed to use his presidential office in the elections of June, 1919, to defeat Francisco Madero and the country took up arms and drove out the dictator. Now, after five years of painful reconstruction under Venustiano Carranza, the presidential elections are again scheduled and this time the supporters of General Alvaro Obregon, one of the principal candidates and a hero of the revolution, are outspoken in their charges that President Carranza is manipulating the machinery of the government in the interest of Ignacio Bonillas, his candidate.

Is Significant Symptom. The secession of Sonora—General Obregon's home state—from the Mexican union is a symptom of widespread revolt though not necessarily conclusive evidence that civil war and bloodshed will follow. The people in Mexico don't want another era of destruction, and the effort to conduct a fair election will be supported by all the business elements, as well as the influential citizenry who are not under the thumb of any of the government officials or candidates.

The realization that the cards have been stacked against Obregon has driven his supporters to extremes. Stories of high-handed tactics in suppressing electoral freedom have reached here and freed no end of damage to Mexico.

Manifesto Attacks Carranza. But from Mexico City itself come advices that a manifesto has been issued to the nation, signed by 48 members of the house of deputies and 16 members of the Mexican senate bluntly charging President Carranza with having exceeded his constitutional powers and with having "violated the constitutional promises which induced the Mexican people to take up arms and engage in a bloody civil war."

This is all the more startling because the original revolution of 1910, the principles of which the Carranza regime has professed to support was waged with the slogan "Effective suffrage—and no reelection." There follow a series of reasons for the movement in behalf of Obregon, among them violations of the ballot, the packing of state governorships, irregularity in the municipal elections in Mexico City, conclave of governors presumably to forward the desires of President Carranza in handling the election machinery, the refusal by the executive to methods of coercion, including the arrest of partisans of congress on trumped up charges, and the attempt to entangle Obregon himself in court proceedings "so as to incapacitate him in the electoral struggle."

The manifesto, which was drawn up in the green room of the chamber of deputies, closes with a warning that the responsibility for the evils that may grow out of the

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KILLS BABY SO SHE CAN SLEEP

Aurora, Ill., April 19.—Miss Theo Mitchell of Plano, Ill., a 17-year-old mother who is an inmate of the state home for girls at Geneva, smothered her two-months-old baby to death while attempting to stop its cries so that she could sleep, it was learned at an inquest today.

The girl said that she put her hand over the baby's mouth and it became quiet. "Thinking it had gone to sleep she turned on her pillow and was soon deep in slumber. In the morning she discovered her baby was dead.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

LOWDEN VOTE TO PREDOMINATE AT IOWA CONVENTION

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U. S. STEEL IN WAR ON HIGH COSTS

Prices Held Down Because of H. C. L., Gary Tells Owners.

New York, April 19.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, informed the stockholders at the annual meeting in Hoboken today that the corporation was holding down the prices of its products because of the high cost of living.

Referring to inquiries made by stockholders as to why the prices of the corporation's products had not been raised above those fixed by agreement between the industrial board and steel manufacturers on March 21, 1919, he said: "It seems to us the problem of high cost of living is of convincing importance. When the increasing tendency is to insist upon payment of unreasonable sums for every commodity and for every service, so that the vicious whirl of advancement seems to be unending, we think there is a moral obligation on the part of every one to use all reasonable efforts to check this carnival of greed and imposition, even at some sacrifice."

Champions Wage Earner. "There is a growing discrepancy between different individuals and interests. The man with a fixed income is at a disadvantage and is helpless. He can not increase his income to meet the increased cost of living. Therefore, it should be the first effort of all to establish and maintain a reasonable basis of prices; certainly to prevent further increases; otherwise the government, from the standpoint of protection of the public must interpose."

The attitude of the corporation on prices, Mr. Gary added, "has had considerable influence in preventing the first effort of all to establish selling prices of steel, although some manufacturers have made them as they claim to have sustained increased cost of manufacture."

Moreover, it is believed the selling prices of most of the diversified products of the corporation for the present, are high enough, though it is pertinent to say that when the actual value of all the property and volume of business are considered, the net return is at least moderate."

Disagree Over Time. Mr. Gary said much thought had been given to the problem of shorter hours for the corporation's employees, but that workmen were not satisfied with short days if larger pay could be obtained by working longer days.

Reviewing last year's steel strike, Mr. Gary announced that the corporation would continue to maintain the open shop.

"We stand," he said, "for the open shop which permits a man to work when and where he pleases, on terms mutually agreed upon, whether he does or does not belong to a labor union."

"We do not combat labor unions as such. We, of course, acknowledge the natural right of labor to organize; but we insist that a labor organization should be subjected to government control and regulation, like other organizations. Discrimination by law in favor of or against any particular class is detrimental to the interests of the general community."

Trust Denial Satisfactory. Mr. Gary said that public approval of the recent decision of the United States supreme court, refusing to dissolve the steel corporation, was practically universal and added in this connection:

"So far as the corporation and its subsidiaries are concerned, we shall not disregard the laws of the county or the public interest."

It had been the ambition of the manager of the corporation, he concluded, to prove that a corporation may be possessed of mind, heart and soul.

The Weather

Probably rain tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday, 51; lowest last night, 41. Precipitation last 24 hours, .74 inch. 12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, 45 48 41. Dry bulb temp. 45 46 41. Wet bulb temp. 45 46 41. Rel. humidity, .199 .84 .199. Daily River Bulletin. Change Stage. 48 hrs. St. Paul 6.4 -0.5. Red Wing 6.4 -0.5. La Crosse 8.1 -0.5. Dubuque 12.7 -1.2. Le Claire 9.5 -0.5. Davenport 12.1 -1.4. River Forecast. Falling stages in the Mississippi will continue from below Dubuque to Muscatine, unless further heavy rains occur. J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.

WATERWAY NEGLECT IS HELD GRAVE

Mississippi Ass'n Warns U. S. Inland Routes Must Be Developed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19.—The United States must develop and encourage her inland waterways transportation if she expects to retain her position in the world of commerce. This warning was sounded by speakers at the convention of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association today.

The railroads have reached the limit of their capacity, it was emphasized. Speakers also urged that the association be merged with the Mississippi Valley association, which opens its convention here tomorrow.

James E. Smith of this city, president of the association, asserted America compared with Europe of 50 years ago when the continent discovered the necessity of using waterways as carriers and built artificial channels.

Values Are Slighted. "We have natural channels," he said, "but it appears we do not appreciate their value as carriers of our products."

Brigadier C. F. Hines, chief of the transportation division of the war department, asserted the railroads welcomed the revival of water transportation as a "necessary ally in the solution of the transportation problems."

"Commerce has a greater, more urgent need for waterways today than ever before," he declared. "The present rail situation is sufficient evidence of this."

"The demands which the railroads are being called upon to meet are greatly in excess of their combined facilities. There is an existing unsupplied demand for 80,000 freight cars. Railroad men have admitted that every locomotive plant in the country would have to work at capacity for three years to enable the railroads to catch up with the present demand."

Railroads Inadequate. "The railroads are physically unable to meet the transportation demands of this new era. Of this work the waterways must perform an important share. And in assisting waterways to assume a considerable portion of the transportation burden of commerce, the war department desires to become a material factor. The operation of the several barge services already initiated is but a single but vital phase of this new undertaking. Within the next few months it is anticipated that the complete river fleet as originally planned for Mississippi operation by the railroad administration will be in service. This equipment will total 40 steel cargo barges and six steel twin-screw towboats."

Resolutions were presented demanding that congress pass the Newton bill, which provides that approximately \$65,000,000 be appropriated for waterways improvements and completion of channel widening projects on the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers that were begun 19 years ago.

Censures Railroads. Congressman C. A. Newton, who introduced the bill, censured the railroads for having lowered rates in sections of the country paralleling water competition, and censured the interstate commerce commission for having permitted it.

"This foolish practice of rate lowering," he said, "has been abolished by the Federal Commerce Commission, and this is expected to be a great impetus to the barge business."

AUTO BANDITS IDENTIFIED BY BARTLETT FOLK

Elgin, Ill., April 19.—Four of the automobile bandit gang which raided the village of Bartlett, early Saturday morning and were arrested in Chicago a few hours later, were identified by Bartlett citizens today.

A portion of a revolver handle found in the Bartlett postoffice was the means of positive identification. This piece of the pistol stock fitted exactly the gun carried by one of the men arrested.

The fifth member of the gang was not located. Herman Remmers, village marshal, who was wounded in the pistol battle, believes one of his shots took effect, and it is also believed that the missing man was the one wounded.

BLIZZARD HITS COLORADO WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Snowfall Ties Up Trains Throughout State and Kills Many Cattle—Drifts 15 Feet Deep.

Denver, Colo., April 19.—A two-day blizzard which tapered off here today into a light snowfall after bringing all steam railroads in Colorado to a standstill, was reported to be sweeping northwestward Nebraska and Wyoming.

A dozen passenger trains were stalled, some since Saturday afternoon. Milk deliveries in Denver have been impossible for two days. Thousands of homes are short in foodstuffs.

Heavy livestock losses were reported. Few trains moved in the storm area for three days. Snow plows succeeded in reaching some stalled trains, which made the nearest stations and afforded passengers the first chance to obtain food. Some passengers went foodless 24 to 48 hours.

Three ministers marooned on a Union Pacific train near Longmont, conducted Sunday services in the coaches.

The total snow fall in Colorado was two feet, but drifts in railroad cuts were ten to fifteen feet high.

LATE BULLETINS

Little Rock, Ark., April 19.—Seventeen persons were killed, and probably a score seriously injured during the storm which swept through the northwestern part of the state last night.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, April 19.—Four additional Yaqui troops and 400 Sonora cavalrymen arrived here yesterday in the last 24 hours, making 1,500 troops now stationed in this border town to oppose the Carranza government.

Boston, Mass., April 19.—Peter Trivoulidas of New York, a native of Greece, today won the American marathon race of 26 miles. The official time was 2 hours, 29 minutes, 21 seconds.

Chicago, April 19.—Rube Marquard, Brooklyn National League southpaw, whose sensational marriage to Blossom Seeley, the girl comedian, took place in 1913, was named defendant in a divorce suit filed by his wife in superior court here today. The suit, which was filed by Mrs. Blossom Seeley Marquard, charged Rube deserted her on Feb. 5, 1918, at their home in New York.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Washington, April 19.—The supreme court today held unconstitutional the New Mexico state act of 1919, levying an excise tax upon the sale of gasoline, insofar as it affects gasoline still in the original containers in which it was shipped into the state.

Washington, April 19.—The migratory bird act of 1918, designed to carry out provisions of a treaty between this country and Great Britain for the purpose of protecting migratory birds, was held constitutional today by the supreme court.

Washington, April 19.—The supreme court today upheld the Kentucky separate contract act, requiring the separation of white and negro passengers and holding that it applies to the South Covington and Cincinnati street railway and the Cincinnati, Covington and Erlanger railroad company, while operating between points in Kentucky. Justice Vandewater, Pinney and Day dissented in part.

Washington, April 19.—Supreme court held today that civil courts have jurisdiction over soldiers in time of war, in refusing to grant a reprieve to Edgar C. Caldwell, under death sentence for killing a street car conductor near Ansonia, Ala. The government had intervened in behalf of Caldwell on the ground that decisions of federal courts were conflicting.

Washington, April 19.—The supreme court today held that upon cash dividends of a mutual life insurance company to its policy holder taxes must be paid by the company under the income tax of 1915. Payment of this class of tax was protested by the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance company, on the ground that the repayments should not be considered as an income under the meaning of the act.

COMPLAINT COGITATION IS REFUSED

Freight Handlers and Clerks of Chicago Take Strike Vote Today.

Washington, April 19.—The railroad labor board announced today that it would not consider complaints from striking railroad men.

The board's statement said it would not "receive, entertain or consider" any application or complaint from any parties who were not complying with the transportation act, or who were not adopting every means to avoid interruption of the operation of the roads growing out of any disputes.

Immediately after the statement was made public, spokesmen from striking railroad men in New York, New Jersey, New England and the middle west, were received by the board. They were accompanied by Representatives Egan and McGinnon of New Jersey.

New Strike Threat

Chicago, April 19.—Threat of a new strike among railroad employees in the Chicago district today confronted claims of railroad managers and Brotherhood officials that the "insurgent" switchmen's strike had been broken and the situation rapidly was returning to normal.

Eight thousand freight handlers and 30,000 railroad clerks employed on all lines entering Chicago will take a strike vote tonight after a conference today with the railroad heads, George A. Worrell, chairman of the Chicago and Northwestern clerks, announced. He said he had been empowered to speak for all the clerks and freight handlers.

Compromise Unlikely. Worrell did not announce demands to be presented, but said there "seemed little chance of compromise," and the men probably would strike Tuesday.

Continued improvement in traffic conditions throughout the central and far west was noted.

On the Pacific coast railways operated today for the first time since the strike without embargoes on perishable freight.

Leaders Rearrested. As a result of a new federal descent on strike leaders at Chicago 10 men, including John Grout, were arrested. Nine were released on their own recognizance to appear today and make bonds of \$10,000 each, but Harold Reading, chairman of the board of directors of the United Enginemen's association, was sent to jail when he would not pledge himself to stay away from strike meetings.

Many Return in N. Y. New York, April 19.—Striking railroad employees continued to flock back to work in New York and vicinity today, despite efforts of radicals, and railroad officials asserted conditions were approaching normal.

Except to state that a majority of the strikers had returned, J. J. Montell, spokesman for the General Managers' association, would not estimate the number of men back at their old positions. The roads are filling permanently the places of strikers who failed to return up to yesterday noon, Mr. Montell said.

All railroads in this section commenced to move freight from badly congested terminals today. Passenger traffic was virtually back to normal.

Tubes Still Idle. The Hudson tubes, connecting Manhattan and New Jersey cities, were still tied up and there were no surface indications of a break in the strikers' ranks. The federal grand jury was convened at Newark, N. J., today to consider alleged radical activities among strikers.

COMPLETE RESULT OF STATE PRIMARY

Chicago, April 19.—The following complete results of the presidential preference primary, held April 13, as announced today by the state election board:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Republican: Leonard Wood 102,179; Frank O. Lowden 175,403; Hiram Johnson 53,790; Herbert Hoover 2,747; Edward L. Edwards 1,530; William Hale Thompson 1,024. Democratic: Edward L. Edwards 4,546; Hiram Johnson 3,654; Leonard Wood 1,998; Woodrow Wilson 877; Herbert Hoover 834; Wm. Jennings Bryan 250. Socialist: Eugene V. Debs 64.