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SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE IS NOT NEAR

Compromise Offer of Steel Company of 22 Cents Per Hour Rejected by Employees, More Trouble Is Feared

Youngstown, O., Jan. 8.—All hope of immediate settlement of the big strike of steel workers at East Youngstown went glimmering early this evening when the strikers turned down company offers of 22 cents an hour and stood out for their original demands of 25 cents.

With this decision fears grew that rioting might break out anew tonight.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 8.—A plot to blow up the Republic steel plant, in the wake of a night of rioting, was frustrated here today when disguised militiamen overheard the plotters and reported to their superiors. The first of the national guardsmen were immediately detained to guard the plant.

Twenty high salaried tube company officials, with annual pay ranging from \$5,000 upward, stoked furnaces today. If the fires were permitted to die out the furnaces would be ruined. Quiet prevailed during the morning following cessation of the last of the rioting about 3 a. m.

"There will be a strike of 30,000 steel workers in the Mahoning valley within a week unless this trouble is settled soon," John Graney, local organizer, said today. The strike was called when the concern, an "independent," refused to grant the workers' demands for 25 cents per hour; they offered a compromise plan of raising rates from 19 1/4 cents to 22 cents an hour.

After this plot had been broken, Brigadier-General Speaks dispatched two of his companies to the Struthers' dam, 10 miles distant, as strikers threatened to destroy it. Destruction of the structure, 70 feet high and 300 feet long, would mean demolition of the town of Struthers.

No troops were sent to the business district lest their presence incite the strikers to new rioting. Most of the forces were maintained in the tube plant, three miles from the ruined district.

Citizens heard with joy this afternoon reports that the strike might come to an end with acceptance of company terms; but they feared if the struggle is prolonged the city will see a bloody clash with troops after nightfall.

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DISMISS INDICTMENTS AGAINST MINERWORKERS

Denver, Jan. 8.—Indictments against John P. White, John R. Lawson and other officials of the United Mineworkers of America were dismissed today by United States District Attorney Tedrow. They were returned in Pueblo in December, 1913, early in the big Colorado coal strike. Tedrow held they did not fall within the scope of the Sherman anti-trust law.

TO CONTINUE FIGHT TO FREE SCHMIDT

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Attorneys Coghlan and Harriman told the Building Trades council today they plan to carry a sharp fight to the higher courts to free M. A. Schmidt, under conviction for the Los Angeles Times dynamiting. Motions for a new trial will be made January 12. Harriman urged his listeners to increase the labor representation in the state legislature.

HIGH SPOTS IN THE EAST YOUNGSTOWN STRIKE AND RIOT

Unidentified steel worker, 23 years old, shot and killed.
Thirty-seven wounded, three of them fatally.
Drunken, rioting mobs fired the business district, leveling 30 business houses.
Thirty houses and ten tenements destroyed.
Burned and looted area covered stretch one mile long, three-quarters of a mile wide.
Damage estimated at \$1,000,000.
Fifty strikers arrested; 6,000 men, largely Austrians, out in mills, demanding 25 cents an hour pay. Men have been receiving 19 1/4 cents an hour.

FAMOUS WRITER OF GERMANY HAS NOW BEEN GAGGED

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Maximilian Harden, one of Germany's most famous writers, has been prohibited from public speaking or writing for the remainder of the war. His weekly, the Zukunft, has been suspended for attacking the government.

The Harden suppression is one of the most drastic acts of censorship since the war started and the cause is unknown outside of Germany. The editor had been in difficulties with the censor repeatedly, however, for theorizing on the food situation. He has been one of the most feared German publicists and also one of the best known Germans. He was an intimate of the Iron Chancellor Bismarck. He gained his chief fame several years ago by a series of articles charging unspeakable immorality to the kaiser's entourage. He was acquitted, however, of a libel charge, and the kaiser dismissed by wholesale counts and princes of the "round table."

On December 1, 1911, Harden gave the United Press an exclusive interview in which he predicted that a war between Germany and England was inevitable unless there was a complete "right-about-face" in German policies. He said at that time:

"The kaiser has two ideas—that in a war with England the Mohammedans would rally to Germany's support, and, second, that America would help Germany. The Morocco agreement and Italy's occupation of Tripoli answers the first. The second is too absurd to consider. I have also always ridiculed the idea that England would help Japan in a war with the United States."

This interview created a profound sensation in Europe.

FRAUD ALLEGED IN BANKRUPT COMPANY

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Theodore Roche, attorney for stockholders in the defunct General Supply company, the largest poultry concern in the state, charged fraud in the manipulation of affairs today in Federal Judge Dooling's court. Roche petitioned the court to set aside a motion making the concern bankrupt. The company filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy several days ago.

GAMBLER SHOT DEAD BY ST. LOUIS YOUTH

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Wm. Rohan, a notorious gambler and ex-convict, was shot dead here today by an unidentified youth, who escaped.

NO FEDERAL PROBE OF YOUNGSTOWN STRIKE

Washington, Jan. 8.—The department of justice found nothing in the Youngstown strike situation to warrant an investigation, said Chief Bielski of the investigation bureau today.

ENGINEERS TO LOCATE R. R. ROUTE

Camp Will Be Established at Love Station Monday, and Surveyors Will Mark Way for the Rails to Takilma

An engineering camp will be established at Love Station, at the foot of Hays hill, Monday, when a crew of engineers and surveyors will do the work of finally locating the route of the new railroad from its present terminus at Waters creek through the Illinois valley to Takilma. The crew will be in charge of A. E. Hammond, a civil engineer from Seattle, who is now here assembling the equipment for the party. Mr. Hammond is a former associate of Engineer MacVicar in work in the state of Washington and was here for a few days last summer with Mr. MacVicar and made a preliminary investigation of the Hays hill route. G. E. MacVicar, a brother of Engineer MacVicar, will also arrive from Seattle in time to join the party. Bert Anderson, who has been with the railroad for a couple of years as draughtsman, will be with the camp, and at least four other men will be with the party.

The first work to engage the attention of the party will be the location of the route over Hays hill. Former surveys have included a tunnel of 1,700 feet through the hill, but recently Engineers Boshcke and MacVicar have spent considerable time on the ground, and it has been determined that the tunnel will not be necessary. A route only a trifle longer will put the rails over the hill, with a gradient at no place of two per cent. This route will be selected by the engineers now taking the field, and the way will thus be prepared for the grading crews that will be put at work in the near future. While the weather is not the most acceptable for life in camp or for engineering in a brushy country, it is necessary to get the work under headway without further delay, the plan of the Twoby Brothers company as announced being to crowd the construction work as rapidly as possible during next season.

The route of the line over Hays hill and through the Illinois valley is known in a general way, but the party now will make the final location and the stakes which it sets will mark the course of the rails.

PUBLICATIONS WANT U. S. CONSUL RECALLED

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The quasi-official Cologne Gazette today demands the dismissal of American Consul Edward Higgins at Stuttgart, declaring that he is "altogether British, except for his citizenship."

Other papers followed suite, indicating that the publication was inspired.

RESTRICT SALE OF FOOD IN GERMANY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, Jan. 8.—Reports that spies are purchasing and destroying food in Germany, as part of a plan to starve the nation into submission, were circulated here today. In view of these stories, the magistrate at Wilmersdorf, with jurisdiction over part of the distribution of food in Berlin, restricted the purchasing power to a single member of each family.
Such purchaser must display their credentials at the stores. It was reported other magistrates would take similar action.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS BATTLE ON 20-MILE FRONT

London, Jan. 8.—A formidable battle rages along a 20-mile front on the river Styra. The Russians are attacking 50 miles east of Kovel, their objective in Volhynia. After capturing Czartorysk, according to Petrograd reports, the Muscovites assailed the heights barring their advance to Kovel.
The terrific fighting there has temporarily detracted interest in the combat for Czernowitz, Bukowina, and along the Tarnopol-Trembowla line, where nearly 1,000,000 men with several thousand guns are engaged.
The Vienna war office admitted that the Russians had approached Czartorysk, but claimed they had been driven back.
Russian losses on the Styra river and along the Bessarabian frontier in the new year's fighting were placed by Vienna at 55,000.

NEVADA LAND BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Pittman bill for development of Nevada public lands passed the senate today. It proposes giving any man prospecting rights for subterranean water on 2,560 acres. If his work proved a success, he would get a section with the water rights, and the rest would be sold for the benefit of the reclamation service.

BOSTON BRAVES SOLD FOR HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Boston, Jan. 8.—The Boston National league team was sold today to Percy Haughton, Harvard coach, and Arthur Wise, banker. Haughton will be president. It is understood that Wise represented new moneyed owners.
Owner Gaffney sold because his contracting firm requires his personal attention, and he did not feel that he could swing both propositions.
Gaffney retains control of the Braves' \$1,000,000 park, however. The selling price of the club was estimated at \$500,000.

FOREIGN FLEETS CAN LAND ON U.S. SHORES

Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate today unanimously instructed Secretary of the Navy Daniels to make public Admiral Fletcher's August, 1915, report, which declared that a foreign fleet could land on American shores. The action came on a resolution by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts requesting such publication.
Daniels has opposed publication on the ground that he did not wish foreign nations to know its contents. The resolution was passed without debate.

MOTHER REHEARS HER INFANT CHILD

Minneapolis, Jan. 8.—Using a butcher knife, Mrs. Samuel Hokensen today beheaded her four-days-old baby, and then attacked her nurse, Miss Labelle, who, however, escaped with only slight injuries.
When Coroner Gilbert Seashore arrived, Mrs. Hokensen attacked him, cutting his neck, but he managed to tie her until assistance arrived. The nurse told of seeing the mother's mighty stroke completely sever the baby's head.

JANUARY 27TH NAMED AS JEWISH RELIEF DAY

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Wilson today named January 27 as Jewish Relief day. He will proclaim the needs of the Jews as a result of the war.

KAISER AND THE U.S. ARE AGREED

Differences Between Germany and America Seem Near a Settlement, With Overtures Just Made by the Teutons

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 8.—Complete and final settlement of all submarine controversies with the central powers, including the Persia and Lusitania cases, seems near today, following overtures from Germany yesterday. Pessimism has been dissipated.
From Austria and Germany the government has formal binding pledges concerning future conduct of submarine warfare in accordance with international law. These were contained in Austria's Ancona note and in Germany's submarine message yesterday.

Now the administration is concerned only over reparation in the Persia and Lusitania cases. Germany's promised disavowal of the Persia incident if it should prove one of her submarines was responsible, is believed to be the forerunner of similar action on Austria's part.

Having promised reparation in the Lusitania case, the only thing now necessary to a settlement is a disavowal.

Further evidence of the settlement of the controversy came today in the German note of November 30 in the Wm. P. Frye sinking case, made public by Secretary Lansing. In this was revealed a complete agreement with the American position, Germany specifically agreeing that passengers shall not be put to sea in small boats unless the sea is calm and land near.

There was no authority today for the statement that the administration will not insist upon an unequivocal disavowal of the Lusitania torpedoing. Germany's promise of reparation may be considered sufficient, however, to meet American demands in the case.

The failure of Austria and Germany to receive any report of the Persia sinking led to the belief that the cause may never be known.
Consul Gaulin, of Marseilles, reported that Rev. Homer Salisbury, of the District of Columbia, reported missing in the Persia case, was traveling under a London permit.

ADA REHAN DEAD

New York, Jan. 8.—Ada Rehan, noted actress, died today in Roosevelt hospital as a result of an operation.

Her most noted portrayal was in "The Taming of the Shrew."

London, Jan. 8.—Fifteen of the crew of the Norwegian vessel Bonheur, sunk by a submarine, have been landed.

STAR GAZERS WILL ADD MITE TO SCIENCE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Star gazers of the savage tribes of New Zealand are to be called upon by Dr. C. E. Adams, government astronomer from New Zealand, to relate all the old tales of heavenly phenomena, in an effort to unearth new stellar discoveries.
Dr. Adams, who has just sailed on the steamer Maitai for New Zealand, said he would study the star gazing methods of the old time witch doctors of the savage tribes.
"What they thought miracles may bring to light new ideas regarding stellar formations in the South Seas during the past several centuries," explained Dr. Adams.

SUBMARINE WARFARE AS GERMANY PROMISES TO CONDUCT IT

She pledges herself to obey the international law with regard to both passenger ships and merchant vessels.
She will give time for those aboard to reach places of safety.
She will grant indemnity and punish the commander if it is proven a German submarine torpedoed the British liner Persia.
She agreed with America that safety for passengers is not afforded by small boats unless the sea is calm and land near.
Henceforth she will see that they are not set adrift in rough weather in small boats.
She promises reparation for the American Lusitania victims.

EMPEROR YUAN SHI KAI IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

Tokio, Jan. 8.—Emperor Yuan Shi Kai of China was reported here today to have fallen suddenly ill with apoplexy. Though the story was unconfirmed, his illness was said to be serious.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—The United Press cable from Tokio reporting Yuan Shi Kai had been stricken with apoplexy and was in a serious condition, created a stir in Chinatown today and led to the prediction that if the president-emperor dies China will be saved a prolonged revolution.
"The death of Yuan at this time would turn the empire back into a republic and restore peace in China," said Robert Park, managing editor of the China World.

"The scheme to make China an empire would fall through and there would be no need of a revolution if Yuan were to die," said Leong Kow, editor of the Chinese Republic Journal.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Emperor Yuan Shi Kai was reported in a Hong Kong cable to the "China World" to have conditionally resigned his post and appointed Luk Ching Tseng as premier and secretary of foreign affairs. The story was that Yuan would remain in power until April, when a new cabinet would be proclaimed, still under the monarchical form of government, and a successor to himself chosen.

Local Chinese said that if Yuan had even conditionally resigned, as the cables said, he had done so only to stem the tide of revolution and with the idea of actually continuing in office, though technically and temporarily out of power. They felt that he considered himself certain of being returned to power in April.

Another cable to the China World said British police from Hong Kong turned the tide of battle against Chinese revolutionary forces which attacked the customs house at Kow Loong, 10 miles from Hong Kong. The cable stated the rebels were on the point of investing the customs house when, in response to calls for help from the Yuan garrison, the British police arrived and drove the rebels away.

Two Europeans who were in the customs house at the time of the attack were reported safe. Both the imperial and rebel forces made light of their losses, the cable stated.

Yuan is 56 years old. He became permanent president of China in 1913 and recently was chosen emperor after elections determined in favor of a change from a republic. He has been in public service since his 23rd birthday.

SENATE PROVIDES FOR CODIFYING MINING LAWS

Washington, Jan. 8.—The first bill to pass the senate in this session was Senator Smoot's today, providing a commission to modify and codify mining laws. Twenty-five thousand dollars was appropriated for hearings in the mining states and Alaska.

MORE CASH FOR FARM EXPERT

County Court Increases Appropriation for Employment of Horticultural and Agricultural Adviser

The county court has increased the amount available for the employment of a farm expert from the \$1,000 that had formerly been paid the horticulturist to \$1,250. As the state duplicates whatever sum the county appropriates, this will make \$2,500 with which to pay the expert or adviser. The agricultural college announced recently that it had a man in view for Josephine county, but that \$2,000 was hardly sufficient to pay his salary and the expenses of the office, and suggesting that the sum be raised to the figure stated. When the agitation for the county farm adviser was first commenced, a number of farmers and others guaranteed to make up this difference, but it was deemed that the method of appropriating from the county funds was more equitable.

The college has not yet announced who the man to be sent to Josephine county is, but he will probably be on the ground by February 1. He will be qualified to direct the work, both as horticulturist and farmer. He will have an office in town, and will be furnished an automobile in order that he may cover the various districts of the county quickly.

INVESTIGATE HAZING SCHOOL STUDENTS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 8.—With two hazing cases under investigation, it was possible today arrests would be made in the case of Irwin McKnight, Lowell high school pupil, injured when, it is said, pupils pushed him over a cliff in an initiation stunt. McKnight's mother has sought action from the board of education.
The second case is that of T. A. Neary, injured in a similar hazing affair.

COMPOSER PERLETT DIES AT NEW YORK

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 8.—Herman Perlett, composer of symphonies and a musician of international fame, died at his home here today. Perlett was conductor of the Peoples Philharmonic orchestra, which he organized five years ago when he came here from Germany.

PLAIN UNITED STATES NOW SUITS MR. KOHL

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Dutch Consul Torchiana here will talk "American" hereafter, for he has just returned from a trip through the northwest, where he and Vice-Consul Kohl of Seattle were nearly pinched by the British authorities because their Dutch language sounded so like German.

ROBBER IS CAPTURED

Camden, N. J., Jan. 8.—Frank Stratton, 38 years old, of San Francisco, was one of six robbers captured today in an attempt to rob the Penn's Grove post office near here. Three others escaped.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Wm. Dale needed an alarm clock, but couldn't afford one. He entered a drug store and appropriated one. Dale's actions aroused the suspicions of a policeman, whose suspicion was confirmed when the alarm went off.