

BECOMES A CRISIS

New England Textile Workers in Big Walkout.

Want Seventeen and Half Per Cent Wage Raise.

OVER 20,000 ON STRIKE

Manufacturers Claim Industry Already Highest Paid.

Two Unions Are Involved—Plan Additional Demands.

Boston, May 4.—The New Bedford textile workers strike today developed into an industrial crisis affecting cotton and woolen manufacturing of all New England.

Approximately 20,000 operatives failed to report for work this morning following the strike action on the part of the manufacturers that mills would re-open today.

A sympathetic strike of allied trades has been called in New Bedford and machinists, millwrights and firemen were drawn into the general walkout.

The strike in New Bedford was the signal for concerted action on the part of the textile workers in other districts.

According to Thomas F. McMahon, vice president of the union a 17 1/2 per cent increase will be included in the new demands to be presented the last of May when the old contract expires.

Pay Highest Wages Now.

The manufacturers pointed out that the textile industry is paying the highest wages in its history and the textile council replied that it is likewise paying the highest dividends.

The American Wool company, which virtually controls the situation at Lawrence, expressed its intention of shutting down if the workers present additional demands.

If the United Textile Workers' demands for an increase are not accepted, a general strike involving from 75,000 to 100,000 textile workers in New England will be called, union leaders declared.

The organization is represented in the principal cotton and woolen districts and would result in a protracted war involving the two unions—the Amalgamated and the United—and the Manufacturers association who oppose any increase at this time.

Walk-Out Is General.

New Bedford, Mass., May 4.—The strike of textile workers here today became a general walkout of all workers associated with the mill workers.

No disorder has been reported at any of the mills, but heavy guards are on duty at all plants.

REDS WANT PEACE

In Five Days Poles Take 25,000 Bolshevik Prisoners.

Fighting for Possession of Kiev Is Furious.

Warsaw, May 4.—The latest communique declares the soviet foreign commissar proposed opening peace negotiations at Grodno or Bialystok.

The Poles have taken more villages and occupied the Pastoff railway station, it claims.

In the past five days, the statement says, the Poles have taken 25,000 prisoners, 120 guns, 413 machine guns and quantities of material. The Warsaw habitans are generally friendly to the Poles, especially in Zhitomir.

Reds Are Entrenching.

The Bolsheviks are entrenching in the hills on the west bank of the Dniester in a most strategic position with their backs against Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to information today from the front.

The fight for possession of Kiev is at its height, raging day and night along the line thru the valleys and rivers.

Disorder and confusion prevail in Kiev, according to reports received here. The dispatches, however, are contradictory, some stating that the Bolsheviks are evacuating Kiev, while others say that General Mieszkow of the soviet army has completed extensive preparations to defend Kiev.

In Kiev Says London.

London, May 4.—Russian soviet troops evacuated Kiev last Thursday and retreated toward the Ukraine, a new dispatch to the Daily News said today.

Poles entered the city Sunday, under personal command of General Pilsudski, the dispatch said, adding they were welcomed by the people.

Other dispatches said fierce fighting still was in progress in the region of Kiev.

ABSORBS ENGLISH COMPANY

Commerce Trust Company Buys Out Close Brothers, With Offices Here.

After representing Close Brothers and company, Ltd., of London, England, investment bankers in Topeka for twenty-five years, A. W. Bronson, 1920 Harrison street, with offices in the Central National Bank building, today announced that the company had been absorbed by the Commerce Trust company of Kansas City.

At present, Bronson stated, there will be no material change in the management of his office. The London firm has maintained offices in only two cities in America, Chicago and Topeka. In addition to representing the London firm, Bronson has been interested in the activities of the Central National bank of which he is a director.

Immediately after the Commerce Trust company acquired the farm mortgage business, it sold the entire block of securities involved in the deal to one life insurance company. Life insurance companies are the heavy purchasers of farm mortgage securities in the Missouri Valley recently.

WOULD BREAK HIGH COST

New York Department Store Offers Its \$20,000,000 Stock at 20 Per Cent Reduction.

New York, May 4.—One of New York's largest department stores inserted advertisements in today's newspapers announcing that it would assist in breaking the backbone of high prices.

By offering its \$20,000,000 stock at a reduction of 20 per cent.

The only goods excluded will be about \$50,000 worth of merchandise purchased under price restrictions which cannot be "honorably changed."

This reduction, said the advertisement, arises from "a conscientious sense of duty" caused by government reports that prices are still on the upward trend.

RAISE DUES TO \$2

State Teachers' Association Feels High Cost of Living.

Expect 6,000 at Fall Convention in the Capital City.

Kansas teachers may vote to increase their dues from \$1 to \$2 a year in view of the high cost of living and additional expenses which have been incurred by the state organization.

At a meeting of the executive board in Lawrence plans were laid for a referendum on the dues question at the annual convention to be held in the capital city.

It is during the special session of the legislature that the state organization secured passage of the law providing for a general increase in the dues from three to five dollars.

The teachers are to be asked to increase their annual dues to \$2, the association will continue with its work in this state.

A number of the more prominent speakers to appear before state association meetings next fall were selected. They include:

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, Ida M. Farrell, author of big business articles.

Dr. E. B. Bryan, Colgate university, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, Minnesota university, Ellis Parker Butler, author.

Dr. Frank Gussulius, Armour institute, Dr. May E. Wood, Holyoke colleges, Pres. W. A. Jessup, University of Iowa.

Hays, Dr. Ellwood Cumberley, University of California, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Free Synagogue, New York City.

Ida Tarbell, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, Denver, Judge Ben Lindsey, Denver, Ellis Parker Butler.

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Pres. Arthur Holmes, C. A. Deardorff, Lyndon, Emil Kratochvil, Clay Center, T. W. Wood, Baldwin.

S. P. Rowland, Hutchinson; May Hoxes Wichita; J. O. Hall, Hutchinson; W. H. Johnson, Lawrence; J. Mayberry, Wichita; Miss Lillian Scott, Baldwin.

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BE TREATY FIGHT

Campaign of 1920 To Be Clear Cut Issue.

Knox Resolution Seems Certain of Passage in Senate.

WILSON CALLS OFF FILIBUSTER

Underwood Organizes Party Ranks for Big Battle.

Will Hays Calls G. O. P. Faction Leaders Into Conference.

Washington, May 4.—A presidential campaign on the straight-out issue of the treaty of Versailles versus the Knox peace resolution appeared possible today.

Democratic Leader Underwood let it be known that all plans for a Democratic filibuster against the Knox resolution have been called off on suggestion from the White House.

He was reshaping the entire Democratic program for the fight over the resolution, which comes up in the senate tomorrow.

Adoption Seems Certain.

Adoption of the Knox resolution seems likely in view of the new Democratic attitude, and 500,000 gallons of moonshine rum confiscated in prohibition states. In Nebraska there were twenty-six arrests.

It is probable that more than 12 per cent alcohol and yet the sap of every tree flows in violation of that law.

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Will Hays Into Fight.

Another development indicating the trend toward a clear cut treaty fight was the appearance of Will Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee in conference with three leading treaty irreconcilables at Washington. They discussed the question of the treaty plank to be written in the Republican platform.

Hays conferred with Borah, Idaho; McCormick, Illinois, and Brandegee, Connecticut, all irreconcilables. The senators appeared greatly pleased over their conference with Hays and it was learned that the national chairman had indicated to them he believes "a strong treaty plank" should be included in the platform.

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Says Trees Are Violating Law

Volstead Law Cannot Be Enforced, Declares Massachusetts Representative in Speech—Has Put Sent Remarks Under Suspension.

Washington, May 4.—Enforcement of prohibition will cost the United States \$38,000,000 a year, in contrast to a yearly period revenue of \$444,000,000 from liquor sales, Representative Gallivan, Massachusetts, declared in a speech to the house today.

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HE'S STILL MAYOR

Harry Perry Re-Elected Mayor of "The Bottoms."

Far Outstrips Hodgins and Anderson in Mock Election.

Harry Perry, head of the Seymour Packing company, was re-elected mayor of "The Bottoms," final count of the ballots cast Saturday revealed today. He far outstripped R. F. Hodgins and W. E. Anderson, his opponents.

Tom White, who had elected finance commissioner; Ed Sherman, proprietor of the Chesterfield cafe, water commissioner; and W. E. Kistler, of the Kistler Mercantile company, commissioner of parks; and Gene Hayes, of the Topeka Tent & Canvas company, commissioner of streets.

Each year the business men in the district between Third street and the river hold a mock election in which they name the officers of the "bottoms." There is probably as much interest in this event in this part of the city as there is in the real city election. There is much good natured rivalry, much strenuous campaigning and much electioneering on the part of the candidates and their supporters.

Reasons for Victory.

Perry is boasting that he was re-elected on his record for selling chickens without pinfeathers. Selling ice that will melt the eyes of potatoes got the voters "down" on Anderson. "Ole" Jamison and Charles Lyman were election commissioners.

The vote followed: For mayor—Harry Perry, 265; W. O. Anderson, 17; R. F. Hodgins, 15. For finance commissioner—Ed Sherman, 245; E. E. Strain, 5. For parks commissioner—Tom White, 215; W. E. Kistler, 5. For street commissioner—Gene Hayes, 195; Fred Antion, 30.

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SHAWNEE IN LEAD

Heads Entire State in Inter-church World Campaign.

Has Raised \$279,758 to Date, W. J. Herwig Reports.

STATE TOTAL IS \$1,136,888

Indicate Kansas Will Reach Goal This Week.

Workers Planning Whirlwind Finish in This County.

Shawnee county is leading the whole state in the interchurch world campaign, according to figures announced at state headquarters today. A total of \$279,758 has been raised in the county by the denominations participating in the world-wide campaign for funds to carry on their work during the first year's allotment. The Methodist centenary and Presbyterian New Era funds, which were provided for in previous drives. Actual pledges for the present drive total \$31,527.

Many of the churches are making their financial campaign on a five-year basis and consequently will raise only one-fifth of their entire quota during the present drive. Several are making their first year's allotment. The First Baptist has pledged \$46,687. The Central Congregational church will raise its world fund on the five-year plan, its quota is \$10,000, of which \$3,000 has already been subscribed.

The United Brethren, with only three churches in the county, has made a remarkable record. With an allotment of \$8,000, a total of \$5,745 has been raised.

Reach Goal This Week.

Reports from the state indicate that the campaign will come to a successful conclusion at the end of this week. A total of \$1,136,888 had been reported up until today noon.

"The drive in Shawnee county is expected to have a whirlwind finish at the week's end," said W. J. Herwig, city director. "The churches that have not completed their canvasses are setting out for a very complete canvass of the territory next Sunday. We feel very much gratified over results attained thus far."

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