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14 GOVERNORS FAVOR LAW TO GOVERN WAGE

Illinois Committee Receives Assurance of Support From All Over Nation in Campaign to Remedy White Slavery and Wage Problem

President Wilson Sympathizes With Principle of Minimum Wage—Factories, Sweatshops to Be Probed

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 12.—Stacks of telegrams and letters confronted the Illinois state senate committee probing the starvation wages and white slavery problems when they returned here today to resume their deliberations. Communications from governors of 14 states, in response to letters from Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara promised immediate recommendations looking to white slave probes. These states are Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In addition to the promises by these governors, unsolicited offers of aid have poured in from legislatures all over the country.

It has also been learned by the probes that President Wilson sympathizes with the principle of a minimum wage and will be glad to receive them in Washington. The senate committee probably will decide tomorrow when they go east to visit Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Albany and Pittsburgh.

After returning from their eastern trip the Illinois committee expects to delve into conditions existing in sweatshops and factories in Illinois. They also probably will probe the conditions under which chorus girls are forced to work, especially regarding the danger to their health and morals from improper dressing rooms in the theatres where they are employed.

OJEDA DESERTS BORDER FORTRESS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 12.—General Ojeda evacuated the federal post at Agua Prieta, Mexico, opposite Douglas, today with his command, augmented by the fugitives from the defeated garrisons of Nacozari and El Tigre. At the head of about 500 men he marched westward, apparently with Nogales as his objective point.

OREGON DOCTOR TO GET TURTLE SERUM

ASTORIA, Ore., March 12.—Dr. August M. Kinney will leave for New York tomorrow where he has an appointment to meet Dr. Friedmann, alleged discoverer of a tuberculosis cure. Kinney goes as a representative of the state board of health. While in the east he will consult with government experts who are investigating the cure, and will endeavor to secure a quantity of the serum to be used on Oregon sufferers.

WASHINGTON ABOLISHES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 12.—Capital punishment has been wiped off the statute of this state today with the assurance that Governor Lister will sign the bill today. The measure passed the legislature last night by a bare constitutional majority. Senators Collins and Sharpstein fought for the retention of the death penalty, while Senators Jensen, Fairchild and Steiner supported the bill.

FIND RAILROAD OWNERSHIP IN STEAMER LINES

Interstate Commerce Committee Orders Railroads to Submit Statements Showing Connection With Shipping Companies

Court of Commerce Slaps at Congress by Declaring Pipe Lines not Common Carriers as Now Considered

WASHINGTON, March 12.—With the issuance of an order to all railroads in the country to submit statements showing their connection with domestic, coastwise and foreign shipping companies by April 15, the interstate-commerce commission began a sweeping probe today of railroad interest in steamships. The statements must show the connection between land and water traffic up to June 13, 1912.

A recent act of congress provides that railroads cannot hold an interest in competing water lines unless the interstate-commerce commission exempts them. The law applies to every interstate road and its provisions include ferry boats, tugs and vessels of all kinds.

The object of the new probe is to ascertain what roads operate steamers, so that the commission may be prepared to enforce the congressional act regulating Panama Canal commerce and barring railroad owned vessels from the waterway.

Another clash between the United States court of commerce and congress came today when the court decided that congress is not empowered to make pipe lines common carriers, and declared the interstate-commerce law to that end invalid.

The decision involves the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the Prairie Oil and Gas company, the Uncle Sam Oil company, the Ohio Oil company and others.

The court also issued an injunction restraining orders issued by the interstate-commerce commission regulating Philippines lines.

WOLGAST STARTS FOR MEDFORD VISIT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Taking time out to give Willie Ritchie absent treatment for cold feet before he departed from this city, former champion Ad Wolgast is on his way to Medford, Ore., to look after some business interests. He is accompanied by Mrs. Wolgast and Tom Jones, his manager. The former champion expects to return here in a few days.

Ad says Ritchie is waiting for a soft one. Then he said things about the champion that probably would start a fight without the formality of a ring or a purse were Ritchie present.

Paint Creek Junction, W. Va., March 12.—Whether it is murder if a man kills another in war was the issue offered by the defense today to the military court which is trying "Mother" Jones, the noted woman labor leader, and 49 miners here on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

DEFEAT OF THE TURKS AT JANINA GIVES THE GREEKS ANOTHER BIG VICTORY



The Turkish fortress of Janina, the key to the possession of the Province of Epirus, with its garrison of 32,000 men, surrendered to the Greek army after a defence which forms one of the most brilliant episodes of the Balkan war.

ADMITS BURNING THIRTY BUILDINGS FOR ARSON RING

CHICAGO, March 12.—John Danies, alleged captain of the arson trust which has used the torch from Seattle to New York, confessed here today to Assistant District Attorney Johnson that he had burned at least 20 stores in Chicago as agent of the arson ring. He said the loss from these fires would reach \$560,000.

In his confession Danies implicated a score of business men and insurance adjusters here and in other cities, and the indictment of at least 40 prominent persons is expected.

Danies said Chicago merchants first asked him to become a firebug a year ago. He declared that Ben Fink, who confessed at South Bend recently to setting many fires, was employed by a rival arson ring.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR GAYNOR'S ARREST

NEW YORK, March 12.—Charging that Mayor Gaynor libeled his father, the late Joseph Pulitzer, in a speech before the South Brooklyn Board of Trade, Ralph Pulitzer, one of the publishers of the New York World, today demanded that magistrate Kernochan issue a warrant for Gaynor for alleged criminal libel.

"Joseph Pulitzer amassed a fortune of \$50,000,000 by blackmail and indecency," is the statement which Ralph Pulitzer alleges Gaynor made before the Brooklyn organization. Magistrate Kernochan had issued the order, saying that a charge of slander may be placed against Gaynor.

MOTHER JONES DEMANDS RIGHTS

Paint Creek Junction, W. Va., March 12.—Whether it is murder if a man kills another in war was the issue offered by the defense today to the military court which is trying "Mother" Jones, the noted woman labor leader, and 49 miners here on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

Defense Attorney F. M. Matheny asks: "Was the battle of Gettysburg murder?" He claims that if the miners killed, it was war, and should not be characterized as murder. Three proclamations issued by Governor Glasscock calling the great industrial struggle in the Paint Creek district "war" have been introduced as evidence. These declared the district under martial law.

NAMING OF RICHARD PROVOKES STORM AT GRANTS PASS

SALEM, Ore., March 12.—Objections to the appointment of E. H. Richard as county attorney of Josephine county are reaching Governor West today. The principal objector is Robert G. Smith, mayor of Grants Pass. Today the governor delegated his secretary, Ralph Watson, as special ambassador, to visit Grants Pass and investigate.

Watson will leave Friday. In the meantime the appointment of the county attorney is being held up.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 12.—The appointment of Edward H. Richard as county attorney of Josephine county has provoked a first class rumpus in the ranks of local democracy.

Assistant District Attorney Johnson, who is a republican, was endorsed by Mayor R. G. Smith for the position, but the bulk of the democrats endorsed Richard.

Mayor Smith says: "This appointment is absurd, and the governor would never have made it if he understood the situation. Richard has been in the county about 18 months, and has been practicing law in this state less than a year. The county attorney is the legal adviser of the county court and precedence would dictate that some one familiar with the laws and procedure of this state should be selected. If the appointee must be a democrat I am a candidate myself."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SWEEP BY STORM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—Although heavy seas are running it is believed today that the storm that has swept the southern California coast for the last 12 hours is abating.

The greatest damage was done at Redondo beach, where 200 feet of wharfage was washed away. Other piers were battered by floating piles. No damage to shipping was reported.

BARRYMORE MUST PAY BARBER EIGHT HUNDRED
LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—Eight hundred dollars is the sum Jack Barrymore, actor, must pay for resenting forcibly the implication of Martin Bergman, barber, that he needed a haircut. Seven hundred and fifty dollars exemplary damages and fifty dollars physician's bill is Judge Allen's idea of the damage suffered by Bergman, who sued for \$1,550.

\$100,000 BURGLAR STOLE WIFE FROM CHICAGO MINISTER

CHICAGO, March 12.—A pitiful story of his efforts to induce his wife to reject the attentions of Owen D. Conn, San Francisco's \$100,000 burglar, was told here today by the Rev. Nester Clarkson, Conn involved Mrs. Clarkson in his confession to the San Francisco police.

Clarkson shook with sobs as he told of his wife's relations with the burglar. The minister is now superintendent of the White Cross Mid-night Missionary association here.

"My wife," said Clarkson, "met Conn when he was in jail. She was a good woman then and was doing splendid work as a missionary. But she became infatuated with Conn and finally packed her trunk, kissed our children good bye and left with him. Conn deserted my wife in Omaha. She returned to Chicago and asked for a reconciliation, but I refused."

Clarkson's eyes filled when he admitted he did not know Mrs. Clarkson's present whereabouts. He exhibited several letters from Conn to Mrs. Clarkson which had been written from the Wisconsin state penitentiary.

SUFFRAGETTES TRY TO BURN BRITISH MUSEUM

LONDON, March 12.—Militant suffragettes were accredited by the police today with an attempt Monday to burn the British museum. A woman left alone in a room was seen leaving hastily, the police say, and a watchman who investigated found oil-soaked rags smouldering in a corner.

Scotland yard detectives today are searching for Yinton Lenten, a suffragette who recently disappeared.

JOHNSON FAVORS MINIMUM WAGE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 12.—In reply to a Chicago newspaper which is polling the sentiment of the executive states relative to the investigation of the affinity between low wages and white slavery, Governor Hiram W. Johnson today wired a pledge of his co-operation in what is rapidly becoming a nation-wide probe.

FRANTIC APPEALS FOR HELP MADE FROM ADRIANOPLE

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 12.—Frantic appeals for aid, accompanied by the declaration that "I can hold out only a week longer," were received today by army officials in cipher wireless dispatches from Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commander of Adrianople.

It was said that Shukri Pasha has exhausted his supply of food and ammunition and that scurvy and intestinal disorders are ravaging the ranks of the defenders.

The Turks have withstood the siege guns of the Balkan allies for months.

ACTIVE LIST MAKE ADVANCES ON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 12.—Advances which included nearly the entire active list marked the opening of the stock market. Canadian Pacific jumped three points, and most of the railroads advanced a point. Selling took the edge off the market and a reaction set in. The market closed fairly strong.

PEARY SAILS TO RECEIVE A MEDAL

PORTLAND, Me., March 12.—To receive a medal from the Royal Italian Geographical society, Admiral Robert E. Peary, who discovered the north pole, will sail Saturday from New York for Rome. Mrs. Peary, Miss Marie Peary, Robert E. Peary Jr., and Secretary Herbert L. Bridgman of the Peary Arctic club, will accompany the explorer abroad.

The subject of a minimum wage for women is one in which I have been interested for a long time and upon which I have taken issue with the San Francisco Labor Council. It was my purpose at this session of the legislature, and is still if it is possible, to have a commission appointed which shall after the adjournment of the legislature thoroughly investigate the matter and report its findings.

"The same necessity for immediate action in fixing a minimum wage for women does not exist in this state as in some of the eastern states but that same necessity may soon exist, and it is my hope that then our people may be fully prepared to deal firmly, justly and adequately with the matter."

EXTRA SESSION TO FIX TARIFF FOR APRIL 8

President Wilson to Issue Call for Congress to Reassemble in Next Few Days, Announces Underwood—Revision Plans Incomplete

Only Tariff to Occupy Attention of Law Makers—Banking and Currency Await Session

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson was informed today by Democratic leaders that the committee's working on plans for a revision of the tariff would not be ready to report April 1. It is now reported that the report will call the extra session for April 5 instead of April 1 as originally intended.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Representative Underwood of Alabama, majority leader in the house, following a visit to the White House, announced today that President Wilson would issue the call for the extra session of congress within a few days. He predicted that Wilson's message would recommend that the extra session be confined to revision of the tariff, and probably suggest that the banking and currency committee organize and prepare bills for the regular session in December.

DEMOBILIZATION AUSTRIAN ARMY

VIENNA, March 12.—With the ordering home of the military reservists on the Russian frontier, demobilization of the Austrian forces began today. All of the reservists will report to the colors again March 26, but no significance is attached to this move.

The demobilization of the Russian forces is expected to follow.

SEEKING PARDON FOR HUMPHREY BOYS

SALEM, Ore., March 12.—A concerted effort on the part of many Oregon citizens is today being made to induce Governor West to commute the sentences imposed on George and Charles Humphreys, who are under sentence to be hanged Friday, March 21, for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith, an aged woman. Attorney H. J. Parkinson, attorney for the two condemned men, appeared before the governor with a statement that confessions reported to have been made by them were not true. Governor West replied that this would have no bearing on his action, as the sole question to be determined was whether the Humphreys were guilty or innocent.

LANE ASKS RENEWAL OF LAND GRANT CASE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—To request a renewal of the prosecution of the land suit against the railroads claiming ownership of thousands of acres under government charters, given in connection with their construction, Senator Lane of Oregon and the other members of the Oregon congressional delegation called at the department of justice today.

SHANIKO EDITOR FOUND DEAD AT THE DALLES HOTEL

THE DALLES, Ore., March 12.—E. H. Overman, editor of the Shaniko (Oregon) Star and Maupin (Oregon) Monitor, was found dead in his room in a local hotel today. Death resulted from natural causes. Overman arrived here last night on a business trip.