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GOMPERS SCORES PLANS TO REDUCE WORKING FORCES

AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY AND PENNSYLVANIA R. R. SEVERELY RAPPED

CALLED HEINOUS OFFENSE

Organized Labor Proposes to Fight All Attempts to Cut Prices For Wages. Would Not Tolerate It, He Declares

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, July 28.—Mentioning the suspension of operations by the American Woolen Company, and the announced intention of the Pennsylvania Railroad to reduce its working force, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement today declared that "action of corporations, which today lay off thousands of men, is nothing less than a tremendous indictment of management of a heinous offense against a people in need of every possible source of production."

The Federation of Labor, Mr. Gompers further asserted, at all hazards will resist wage reduction. Organized labor, he added, "would not tolerate" payroll cuts.

"For months we have heard the cry 'increase production,' Mr. Gompers declared. "How can a policy of increased production be accomplished under a policy of laying off thousands of workers?"

Discussing the woolen company's action, Mr. Gompers said it had increased its net income in 1919 three hundred and sixteen percent over 1914, and its common stock earnings 531 percent.

The Pennsylvania railroad, he added, plans to lay off 12,000 men. "Will this help move freight?" Mr. Gompers continued.

"Will it help give the nation the increased production of which it stands in need? Or is the laying off of workers a revival of that old and crude policy of laying off men during a political campaign for the purpose of driving them in fright and necessity, into a political camp?"

"In addition to the laying off, there have been reports of efforts to decrease wages. There is no excuse and much less a reason for reduction of wages. Even yet we have ground to cover before restoring to all the purchasing power of 1913."

Los Angeles Earthquake Opens Up Two Oil Wells on City-Owned Property

By Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, July 28.—A light earthquake shock occurred here at 11:26 o'clock this morning.

Two oil wells were opened on city-owned property by today's earthquake, the city engineer reported. One was said to be giving forth considerable quantities of oil and the other was reported making the pavement near it dangerous for traffic.

FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN REACH AGREEMENT REGARDING COMPETITION CONCERNING OIL SUPPLY PROBLEMS

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, July 28.—France and Great Britain, according to information reaching Washington tonight from an authoritative source, have concluded an agreement in connection with oil supplies designed to secure international co-operation and to eliminate competition which might give rise to friction between them.

The agreement deals specifically with the French and British crown colonies and provides for co-operation in connection with commercial concessions to develop oil wells in Rumania, Asia Minor, Galicia and the territories of the old Russian empire. There is a proviso permitting extension to other countries by mutual consent.

ELECTIONS IN MEXICO WON'T BE POSTPONED

MEXICALI, Lower Calif., July 28.—Mexico's general elections, set for August 2, cannot be postponed, Adolfo de la Huerta, provisional president, telegraphed today to a request from Governor Estaban Cantu that they be postponed three months "in the interests of honest methods."

MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS TO MEET WITH RESISTANCE

GOVERNOR CANTU WILL FIGHT ATTACK ON LOWER CALIFORNIA.

SOLDIERS MAKING BOMBS

3,000 Yaqui Indians Reported to Be in Force—Recruiting Stations Opened in Efforts to Get Men in Army.

By Associated Press. MEXICALI, Lower California, July 28.—Preparations to resist three thousand Mexican federal troops reported en route to attack Lower California were made by Governor Cantu here today.

Three recruiting stations were opened and soldiers were put to work making bombs to be used in aerial combat.

The troops were reported to be Yaqui Indians. Two thousand, it was said, escorted by five thousand today in two transporters for Ensenada. The other 1,000 were reported leaving Ensenada for a point on the gulf of California coast, a few miles below the border and nearly opposite Yuma, Arizona.

The troops bound for Ensenada were expected to arrive in about a week and the others in four or five days.

600 Troops at Mexicali. Governor Cantu said his informants in Mexicali and Mexico City have told him the federals expect to attack when they reach their destinations. The government, it is believed, has about 600 soldiers at Mexicali. He sent a telegram of protest to Adolfo de la Huerta, provisional president. The reported dispatch of the troops would be in line with recommendations made a few weeks ago to prevent De la Huerta by Balderno A. Almeida, who was appointed by the provisional government as successor to Governor Cantu, but who never took office.

Governor Cantu has practically declined to give up the post and the provisional president was reported to have given him authority to retain his position "for the present."

Governor Cantu's telegram to President de la Huerta said informants had been received that troops intended to attack Lower California.

JAPANESE TROOPS WILL OCCUPY SAGHALIEN ISLAND

By Associated Press. TOKYO, July 28.—Four thousand Japanese troops have been ordered to complete the occupation of the northern part of Saghalien Island, Major General Tomoko, minister of war today informed the diet.

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Special to The News. MONROE, La., July 28.—(Eley J. Wilson, of Harrisburg, and congressman from the fifth Louisiana district, was declared the nominee of the Democratic party by the Democratic district committee here today, he having no opposition. This is the third time Mr. Wilson has been nominated in the fifth district without opposition.

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Native Intent to Share

To safeguard the interests of the natives in Mesopotamia, the two governments agree that native interests shall be entitled to participate to the extent of 25 per cent of the share capital. Before the war, rights of development of Mesopotamian oil fields were held by the Turkish Petroleum Company. The British and French governments agreed, as part payment of reparation to assign to France the German shares of the company, which thus became an Anglo-French corporation. According to the information here the agreement does not affect the interests of other governments or of the nationals and it reserves no exclusive rights to France or to Great Britain, not even in Mesopotamia. The agreement extends on similar lines to the French colonies and the British crown colonies.

NOT INTERESTED



FIGHT OVER NEGRO CAUSES 2 DEATHS

BOY IN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY WITH ALABAMA SHERIFF

By Associated Press. CARBON HILL, Ala., July 28.—Two men were killed, one fatally wounded, and a boy seriously shot here early today in a fight growing out of a controversy Deputy Sheriff Ben Barrett had with a negro, late today.

Deputy Barrett was killed by a union miner named Hicks. Oliver McDade, a non-union miner, was killed by Hicks while attempting to assist in the arrest of Hicks. A boy named McDonald was shot by a stray bullet. Hicks was then pursued by officers, and was shot a number of times so badly that there is no hope of his recovery.

The cause of the trouble between Deputy Barrett and Hicks is not known definitely. Hicks, however, took the negro's part and resumed the quarrel tonight with the deputy. Both the negro and Hicks had formerly been employed at the mines here, but have not been working recently.

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American Government is Devoting Much Attention to Activities in Far East

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. WASHINGTON, July 28.—The American government is understood to be giving close attention to Japanese relations and Japan's general policy in the far East because of the effect from the questions involved of the recent withdrawal of American troops from Siberia.

Secretary Cully has conferred with Sir Auckland Gosden, the British ambassador here, who brought into the conference Sir Billy Alston, British ambassador to Japan, who is returning to London on leave. Sir Billy was in a position to give Mr. Cully the latest information from the Japanese capital supplementing the views of Roland Morris, American ambassador to Tokio, who is home on leave of absence.

OFFICERS CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LE ROY

DEVELOPMENTS FROM VARIOUS CITIES ARE AWAITED BY DETROIT POLICE

By Associated Press. DETROIT, July 28.—With the body found in a trunk in New York last Friday positively identified as that of Mrs. Eugene Le Roy, police here tonight were awaiting further reports from various cities where men believed to be the husband of the slain woman have been taken into custody.

Authorities at Dallas, Mexico, had been asked to confirm reports that a man known as Oscar J. Fernandez had been located there. According to the detective bureau, this report held a possibility that the man wanted had been apprehended; their previous investigations having shown that "E. J. Fernandez" were names used by the husband of the dead woman.

A description of the Fernandez reported at Dallas had not been received here late tonight. Officers, it was said, may be sent to Lawrence, Kans., in an effort to identify a man said to answer Le Roy's description. Officers said the record of Allen A. Titman to accompany local officers from Birmingham would in no way hamper their investigation.

AMUNDSEN LEAVES ON FIVE-YEAR TRIP

EXPLORER TO STEER HIS VESSEL INTO THE ARCTIC OCEAN FOR LONG TRIP

By Associated Press. NOME, Alaska, July 28.—Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, will remain in Nome for two weeks and then will steer his vessel into the Arctic ocean for a five-year expedition, he announced here today. Amundsen arrived in Nome last evening from Sledge Island, where his ship, the Maud, is anchored. The two weeks will be occupied in provisioning the ship for her long cruise, the explorer said.

Cox Will Hear Antis on Suffrage Matter

By Associated Press. MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 28.—The request for a hearing will be granted, it was said here today, upon being informed tonight of dispatches stating that the "Southern Woman's League for Recognition of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment" were asking him for a hearing.

To a committee from the National Woman's party, the governor stated that he had two or three men working among members of the Tennessee legislature in an effort to secure ratification of the suffrage amendment.

Probe Into Death of Carranza Is Started

By Associated Press. MEXICALI, July 28.—An investigation into the death of the late President Carranza began today in the district court of Huachinagula, state of Puebla, according to a dispatch from Puebla City.

"I'm so fed up on criticism that I don't believe I care for anything," said Ted Binkley, today, in declining a invitation to lunch. "Who remembers when folks used to hesitate at the price?"

FRANCISCO VILLA ON WAY TO TORREON TO TAKE FIRST STEPS TO END BANDIT LIFE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. EAGLE PASS, Texas, July 28.—Francisco Villa, bandit idol of the Mexican peon and for years a menace of his country throughout northern Mexico, is entraining tonight with his men for Torreon, there to take the first actual steps looking to his entrance once more as a private Mexican citizen, in consequence of his negotiations with the de la Huerta government, concluded at Sabinas early this morning.

Advices reaching here from Sabinas, which contain this information, told also the terms under which the bandit chieftain agreed in the words of General Eugenio Martinez, commander of the Torreon military zone and personal representative of the de la Huerta regime, to "submission to the de la Huerta government in recognition of its stability and his desire to retire to private life and abide by the laws of the government."

Under these terms, advices state, Villa is to be allowed a year's army pay for all his soldiers, and permitted to go with them to Torreon under personal escort where this condition of the terms will be effected.

The land will number about 1800, it is said. At Torreon the men are to be "mustered out" of Villa's service, and each allotted a tract of land on which to engage in farming.

General Martinez, communicating to Eliana Torres, Mexican consul at Eagle Pass, termed Villa's acceptance of the terms as "an act of patriotism."

General Martinez has wired that railroad traffic in the Sabinas district is being resumed and that he has given orders for running of all trains as per schedules in effect prior to the interruption.

Details of the negotiations by the Mexican government and Villa say that the conference for surrender, conducted on the part of de la Huerta by General Martinez, took place all night, ending at 11 o'clock this morning.

It was interrupted frequently by severe electrical storms, but resumed immediately thereafter. All rumors of a slaughter of Sabinas policemen and mutilation of bodies of many women there, yet lack confirmation.

VILLA SURRENDER IS PLEASING AT EL PASO

By Associated Press. EL PASO, July 28.—Reports of the surrender of Francisco Villa, Mexican bandit and revolutionist, pleased business leaders here and in Juarez, Mexico, today. Opinions freely were expressed that Villa's surrender would do much to stabilize mining and industry in Chihuahua, the state in which Villa chiefly operated. Some of Villa's agents and friends here expressed disbelief concerning the reports. Others said that if his surrender was substantiated, it would be shown many of Villa's conditions for surrender had been accepted by the de la Huerta government. It was not considered improbable Villa would be given some police powers in Chihuahua. He repeatedly has said that he could control the state and keep it in peace if the government accepted his terms and made him military commander in Chihuahua.

Surrender of Villa will mean the stopping of depredations by his numerous bands, it was said, who for years have wrecked trains by dynamite and other means, cessation of kidnappings and payment of large sums of money by foreign mining companies as tribute to Villa, and generally bring peace to the state. Villa so long has kept in fear of his depredations and raids.

REPLY ABOUT DEBS IS DELAYED BY COX

By Associated Press. DAYTON, Ohio, July 28.—Response soon will be made by Governor Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, to the request of Parley P. Christensen, of Salt Lake City, the farmer-labor party candidate, to join in an effort to obtain release from prison of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist nominee. Governor Cox today received Mr. Christensen's second telegram, and said he would reply, but not until after he had finished drafting his address accepting the Democratic nomination. It is expected generally here that Governor Cox will decline to act in Mr. Debs' behalf.

One of the most important parts of his address, the governor said, will be filed up for telegraphic transmission on August 7, notification day, instead of being contained in the address mailed to newspapers.

The governor said the insert would be brief, but prominent. He would give no inkling of its subject.

REICHSTAG APPROVES AGREEMENT

By Associated Press. BERLIN, July 28.—The Reichstag today by an overwhelming majority approved the agreement made recently by the government at Spa with the representatives of the entente.

ARMY MEN ORDERED TO STAY OUT OF POLITICS

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, July 28.—Army officers and others connected with the military establishment are prohibited, under an order issued today by Secretary Baker from taking "any active part in political management or in political campaigns" or from "using their official position to influence the result of an election."

Secretary Baker said the order was not directed at Major General Leonard Wood, who sought the nomination as the Republican candidate, for the presidency, and who has since promised his active support to Senator Harding. The secretary would not be more specific when asked if the order would affect General Wood's activities in politics in the future, saying that the order spoke for itself.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for Amarillo, Texas, including temperature by hours, humidity data, and a forecast for the following day.