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Eighteen Witnesses Are Heard in Trial of United States Senator

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 4.—Eighteen witnesses appeared at today's session of the trial of Senator Truman Newberry and 122 co-defendants and other bits of evidence were considered in the prosecution as important to the conspiracy charge.

James Schweinhart, head of the New York bureau of a Detroit newspaper, and Frederick Cody, a defendant, told "the lid is off in Michigan and the sky is the limit."

Walter Chappelle, editor of a weekly newspaper at Harrisville, Michigan, testified that Benjamin F. Reed, deputy state labor inspector and another defendant, had solicited him to become county chairman in the Newberry organization and told him "the night will be paid."

One Forster Dollar Man. Lyle Shanahan, an attorney from Charlotte, and one of the organizers of the committee of three which had charge of the Newberry campaign in his testimony he received \$100 from J. P. Harris, chairman of the committee and a defendant.

W. H. Eichhorn, questioning for the government drew from Shanahan that he had received \$500 from Newberry money and I was a Newberry man before the committee was organized.

Martin V. Littleton, on cross-examination asked if Shanahan considered he had done wrong in accepting the money, bringing a successful objection from Frank C. Daley, assistant attorney general.

Shanahan testified that he had spent \$10 to \$15 in collecting primary returns by telephone; that many persons crowded his office that evening and that he had the place closed next day.

That constituted my expenses in the campaign," he said. Similarly the government blocked questioning of Chappelle as to his view of the morality of expression regarding "freight."

The campaign of J. W. Helme for the democratic nomination was again brought into the trial by the testimony of Charles Loomis, a deputy sheriff, and private detective from Jacksonville. Loomis said he had been hired by Charles V. Deland, a defendant, to circulate Helme nomination petitions.

G. O. P. COMMITTEE OF 171 IS HAVING ITS JOB CHARTERED

Collection Of Opinions Is Immediate Task Assigned By Party Heads

Washington, Feb. 4.—Plans for the work of the committee of 171 which is to formulate recommendations for this year's republican national platform, got actively under way today with the return to Washington of Will H. Hays, the party's national chairman, after a two month's swing around the globe.

The committee's immediate task as mapped out by the party chiefs is the collection of opinions on more than twenty matters of domestic concern, with probable creation of a number of sub-committees to deal separately with the various proposed planks.

Foreign relations will be passed over for the present as a possible factor in the campaign, the committee waiting on the trend of the peace treaty fight to develop what part of the platform is to be devoted to that subject.

Opposition Renewed. A conference which took place in the office of Senator Lodge, majority leader of the senate was marked by a renewal of opposition to the committee plan which developed in some quarters when it was announced several weeks ago.

Meantime it became known that two senators—Moses of New Hampshire and McCormick of Illinois—had declined to serve on the committee because they found themselves out of sympathy with that method of preparing platform recommendations.

Senator Moses is the manager of Washington headquarters for General Leonard Wood.

As outlined the work of the committee does not contemplate that the full membership shall be assembled at any stage of the pre-convention work.

Subjects Considered. Among the subjects selected as possible platform material are on which opinions will be solicited, are tabulated, are business rehabilitation, tariff changes, readjustment of foreign and domestic commerce, postal reforms, better labor conditions and a review of the democratic administration.

In a statement tonight regarding his trip to the Pacific coast Mr. Hays declared he found a general sentiment everywhere in favor of republican success in the campaign and enumerated the subjects, all of a democratic character, of which he found the people thinking.

Says Wardrobe Is Less Costly Than In Autumn

Food Administrator Finds That Family Might Have Saved \$8.81 By Waiting For November 23 To February 1.

New York, Feb. 4.—If a family desisted of clothing November 23 had waited until February the bill had saved \$8.81 in getting ready, according to statistics issued today by Federal Food Administrator Williams.

The man's wardrobe, including suit, dress, coat, shoes, union suit and stockings, can be bought now for \$12.56, November 23 it cost \$120.90.

In children's clothing there has been an advance in price since November 23 an outfit for the child now costing \$33.88, against \$28.40 in November.

ENGLISH LEAN TO CONFERENCE PLAN

Believed To Favor International Financial Meeting To Restore Equilibrium

London, Feb. 4.—Official information is forthcoming on the cabinet's discussion of the exchange problem, but according to unofficial reports the government favors the calling of an international financial conference, sitting preferably in London.

Parliament will reassemble Tuesday next and if the intentions of the government are not revealed in the meantime the ministers will be interrogated in the usual way.

The exchange problem is a closed book for the general public, owing to its complex working, but the position is becoming so grave that the whole nation is beginning to awaken to the seriousness of the situation, which is discussed prominently on the front pages of the newspapers, instead of being confined to the financial columns.

Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, in a speech at Paisley tonight, referred to the gravity of the situation. He declared that the governments of Europe and the United States should meet in a great international economic conference from which no nation should be excluded whether allies, enemies or neutrals.

ANTI-SEDITION BILL IS TOO REPRESSIVE, PALMER ASSERTS

Appeals To Congress For Measure That Will Not Destroy Rights

Washington, Feb. 4.—Additional anti-sedition legislation, simple in character and guarding the guarantee of the bill of rights but covering the "infinitesimal present statutory laws," was urged by Attorney General Palmer today before the house judiciary committee.

Unhinging the right of free speech and constructive criticism, the attorney general, protested against pending measures which he said were "too drastic and far reaching and so searching that they over-reached their purposes."

"More harm than good would come from repressive legislation," he added. "But there is no existing statute adequate to meet the present situation," Mr. Palmer told the committee.

"There is a condition of revolutionary infatig in the country on the part of both sides of the street which is sufficiently widespread to merit serious consideration of congress. This revolutionary intent is manifested chiefly by threats both written and spoken by persons who would injure, destroy or overthrow the government by physical force or violence."

"Citizens rights should always be guarded," the attorney general said, adding that he agreed with those who criticized the Graham-Yerling bill on this ground.

DAKOTANS FAVOR BRYAN AND WILSON

Promise To Support Choice Of Party

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 4.—North Dakota democrats at their state convention adopted a resolution endorsing the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and William J. Bryan and pledged support to the candidate named at San Francisco.

A resolution favoring Mr. Bryan as the party's presidential candidate was returned by a committee with the resolution adopted.

NEWPORT NEWS IS SORELY STRICKEN BY 'FLU' EPIDEMIC

More Than 1,300 School Children Are Sick—General Closing Ordered

Newport News, Va., Feb. 4.—The influenza epidemic in Newport News, thought to have abated, is declared tonight by Newport News physicians to be worse than at any time since the disease appeared here.

Orders issued tonight closing the public schools, fifteen teachers and over 1,300 students being ill today. Official reports from four physicians add 365 new cases of the disease for the last twenty-four hours and it is said that the reports of other physicians will bring the total for the twenty-four hours to 800 new cases or possibly more.

Physicians say they are unable to answer more than half the calls made upon them while hospitals report tonight that there is not a single bed available in any local institution.

The local department of health has taken no action relative to declaring a general quarantine and the school officials acted on their own initiative in closing educational institutions.

Better at Asheville. Asheville, Feb. 4.—A slight decrease in the number of new influenza cases was reported today when only ninety-seven were recorded, bringing the grand total to 1,173, with seven deaths for the epidemic.

There are twelve cases in the emergency hospital and the situation appears to be under better control than a few days since the disease first started here.

Three Die at Roanoke. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 4.—Three more persons died here today from influenza and additional cases of the disease have brought the total to 129.

Fifty-three persons are ill with pneumonia. The local health department announced tonight that in addition to the fourteen deaths which have occurred from influenza since January 23, nine persons have died from pneumonia which followed influenza.

MURDERS SCHOOL GIRL; NOW SOUGHT BY MOB

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 4.—At 11 o'clock tonight a mob of several hundred men had surrounded the state prison where Will Lockett, negro, charged with the murder of Geneva Hardman, school girl is confined. Governor Morrow has assumed charge of the situation personally.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Will Lockett, negro, charged with the murder of eleven year old Geneva Hardman, a school girl, was pushed to the Kentucky state penitentiary shortly tonight for safekeeping, early after he had been placed in the Fayette county jail.

A mob of angry farmers, coming from Lexington and six miles from this city bent on the lynching of the negro, who has confessed his guilt, according to officers, arrived too late.

Lockett was arrested late this afternoon at Dixonton, fifteen miles from Lexington and six miles from this city bent on the lynching of the negro, who has confessed his guilt, according to officers, arrived too late.

CHARGES AGAINST HUNS DISCLOSED

Demand For Their Extradition Will Go Directly To Berlin Government

Paris, Feb. 4.—The council of ambassadors, after its meeting tonight issued a statement saying that the decision of the allies with regard to Germans whose extradition is demanded for war crimes, would be communicated direct to Berlin.

The list of war criminals having been presented to Baron von Lersner for transmission by him to his government, the president of the German delegation returned the list with an intimation to the president of the conference that he had submitted his resignation to his government and was leaving Paris.

The decision of the allies will be communicated direct to the government at Berlin. Although the official list of those whose extradition has been demanded has not been made public, the correspondence has named the names of some of the Germans with the offenses charged against them.

CONFEREES CUT OUT ANTI-STRIKE ITEM; SETTLEMENT NEAR

Compulsory Submission Of Disputes Over Wages To Board Is Made Substitute

COMPROMISE BREAKS LEGISLATIVE DEADLOCK

Passage Of Altered Railroad Measure Before March 1 Is Now Probable

Washington, Feb. 3.—Casting aside the anti-strike provision of the Cummins bill against which labor has leveled protests and modifying the rate making clauses of the same measure, senate and house representatives today reached virtually a complete agreement on legislation designed to meet conditions growing out of the return of the roads to private control.

On the anti-strike provision the joint conference committee agreed to substitute what amounts to compulsory submission of wage disputes to a federal board appointed by the President.

A number of minor differences remain to be composed, but these Senator Cummins, of Iowa, chairman of the senate managers, said would be worked out by himself and Chairman Esch, of the house conferees.

A final report is anticipated late this week and efforts will be made to expedite consideration of the report in both houses in order to insure the bill's passage before March 1.

Breaks The Deadlock. An agreement on the Esch bill passed by the house and the Cummins bill enacted by the senate broke a deadlock that has existed several weeks, due principally to the house conferees' refusal to accept the anti-strike provision of the latter measure.

House members also have opposed the senate rate-making section. In agreeing on labor conditions, the conferees struck out the clause of the senate bill which would virtually make strikes illegal by penalizing railroad employers or employers for entering into conspiracies for the purpose of interfering with interstate commerce and provided in lieu thereof a settlement of labor disputes by boards composed equally of employes and employers.

The finding of this board must be approved by a federal board appointed by the President with the senate's approval to which appeals must be taken in cases in which agreements are not reached. While the size of the latter board has not been definitely fixed, Senator Cummins said it probably would be of five members.

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NEW YORK IN GRIP OF WORST SNOWSTORM

STEAMER MISSING

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