

INCREASE WAGES

U. S. Steel Corporation Makes Welcome Announcement.

GREATLY ENLARGED PAYROLL

Large Majority of the Two Hundred And Twenty-Five Thousand Employees Will Be Beneficiaries.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—Substantial increases in wages by the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation will soon be announced, to become effective May 1, it was officially stated here today.

"As to the other companies, the figures will be definitely arrived at in time to become operative on May 1, except the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, and the transportation companies, which may not be able to arrange the increases until a later date."

"The subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation have decided to make substantial increases in wages. Notwithstanding that the subject matter has been under careful consideration for the last 60 days the exact amounts have not yet been fully determined, except as to the ore companies and the coal companies, which already have announced advances."

According to the last annual report the Steel corporation had on its payroll approximately 225,000 employees. It is calculated that the wage increases will involve an additional outlay of about \$9,000,000 by the subsidiary companies of the Steel corporation.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED BY GEN. EVANS

(By The Associated Press.)

New Orleans, April 14.—By command of Gen. Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, whose duties are defined in section 2, article 7, of the bylaws:

"Gen. Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, Ky., chairman; General H. French, Tallahassee, Fla.; Col. Winfield Peters, Baltimore, Md.; Col. George L. Christian, Richmond, Va.; Col. J. W. Scanlan, of Louisiana; Col. W. P. Manning, Galveston; Col. E. L. Russell, Mobile; Col. W. T. Shaw, Fort Worth, Tex.; Prof. I. T. Derry, Atlanta; Judge John H. Rogers, Camden, Ark."

OFFICER KILLED NEGRO AFTER BEING STABBED

(Special to Daily News.)

Salisbury, April 14.—While Special Officer A. C. Altway was conducting Jack Johnson, a negro from Asheville, to the city jail tonight Johnson suddenly drew a knife and plunged it into the officer's side. Altway immediately grappled with the negro and a desperate struggle ensued, the officer being stabbed several times by the desperate prisoner. Finally, securing his revolver from his pocket, the officer fired pointblank at Johnson, killing him almost instantly.

Mr. Altway, though seriously wounded, is not, so physicians say, in danger of losing his life unless complications set in.

There was much excitement on the streets tonight over the affair, but it soon quieted down and no further trouble is expected.

Winston Sued by Fries Company. (Special to Daily News.)

Winston-Salem, April 14.—An action was started in the Superior court this morning entitled Fries Manufacturing and Power company vs. the City of Winston, and the summons is made returnable to the May term of court.

The suit grows out of the grading of East Fifth street in order to lay the car line to East Winston. The street was reduced to a 5 per cent. grade by the company. A resolution was passed by the board of aldermen in 1907 making an appropriation to the plaintiff to have this work done and it is said that the cost of grading the street was considerably over this amount.

Goos to Raleigh to Die. (Special to Daily News.)

Charlotte, April 14.—Cobb Withers, sentenced by Judge E. B. Jones at the last term of Mecklenburg criminal court in March to be electrocuted on April 21, was this week taken to Raleigh, where, unless Governor Kitchener interposes, the negro will be executed on the date mentioned.

FOOD GREAT FACTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

Lord Kitchener Says When Supply Is Cramped Nations Become Irritable and Restless—Also Declared It Pays to Keep Your Powder Dry.

(By The Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 14.—Lord Kitchener, of "Khartoum," became a "Kitchener of Chicago" for exactly one hour and thirty minutes today. The admiral usually ascribed to him was not in evidence, succeeding graciously to a surprise attack by a reporter who boarded the train on the outskirts of the city. Lord Kitchener asked and answered questions with good humor.

"On militarism the general spoke guardedly, saying: 'One must be careful when a thoughtless word might be wrongfully taken to mean something one did not intend it to.'

"I see no reason why international peace should not continue from this very moment. One never knows, however, when something will stir up trouble and war does not often announce itself far in advance. It always pays to keep one's powder dry."

"Is that an expression of England's military policy?" Lord Kitchener was asked.

"Well, I shouldn't put it that broadly. England is at peace with all the world, but our surest safeguard of peace is always to be ready. Until such time as some international agreement shall be reached, if such there be, England will, by being ready at all times, lead the influence towards peace. I think that I may say that in a general way, without respect to my military position there."

Asked what he considered the chief factor tending to international peace, the general replied: "Food. I think food is one of the first. The Panama canal has come into the list now as a new factor also. The nation whose food supply is cramped is restless and irritable. It wants to expand. It wants what the other fellow has. It was a comfort to my heart as a peace-loving man to see broad acres of food-producing land in this country and to hear that Canada could duplicate it. The Panama canal will bring the east and the west closer together and be a big factor not only in commerce, but in the country's military future."

He characterized the political aspect of the Pacific ocean as a hard question to answer.

"I wish I knew what the future would bring forth for the Pacific," he said. "It is gratifying to us that the canal is being built at Panama, for that helps to settle matters. But only by the movement of nations in the future can we tell what part the Pacific will take in history."

"My idea of the army and navy of the future is that the navy must be of the first consideration. Either in defense or offense the navy must take the initiative, but a nation will have to depend on the army before it can whip another."

"My whole view of the future is one made possible by force of arms. Even with an international agreement for peace, some force must exist to punish offenders."

After a brief ride about the city as the guest of Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Lord Kitchener left for New York, where he expects to meet his brother, Gen. Frederick Walter Kitchener, governor of Bermuda.

ROBIN COOPER'S BOND WAS FIXED AT \$10,000

(By The Associated Press.)

Nashville, Tenn., April 14.—The bond for the appearance of Robin J. Cooper at the next term of the criminal court, to answer an indictment charging the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, was today fixed at \$10,000 by the State Superior court, following the action of that tribunal yesterday reversing the verdict of the lower court, which had sentenced the young man and his father to 20 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Carmack. Pending the action of the Supreme court yesterday on the appeal, Colonel Cooper and his son were at liberty on bonds of \$25,000 each. According to Attorney-General McCarr, the case will be placed on the docket of the Davidson county court and will come up at the next term in May.

Governor Patterson, who pardon of the elder Cooper, immediately after the Supreme court had affirmed the sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary, caused considerable of a sensation, made no comment on his action today except to say that the pardon spoke for itself. The governor has received about 150 telegrams from his friends endorsing the pardon.

While the events of yesterday were still the chief topic of conversation today there was no gathering of groups anywhere to discuss the matter and there is no ground whatever for several sensational rumors that have gained currency.

REPUBLICANS HAVE OPENED UP THEIR HEADQUARTERS

(Special to Daily News.)

Asheville, April 14.—Chairman T. V. Roland, of the Tenth district Republican congressional executive committee, has opened up Republican headquarters at No. 9 Park square, and from now until the election in November will wage a vigorous campaign. Guy Weaver, his secretary, and L. A. Grant, son of Congressman Grant, will help him in the campaign work, while Miss M. J. Duckett will be the official stenographer. A large number of circulars are being sent out in the district urging the voters to attend to their poll taxes and see that their friends do the same.

SECRETARY SCOTT DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS MADE

(Special to Daily News.)

Charlotte, April 14.—G. C. Scott, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Pants company, today publicly denied the allegations set forth yesterday in the petition of C. E. Greenleaf, a minority stockholder, asking that a receiver for the concern be appointed. Mr. Scott says, in part:

"The allegations set forth in the application of C. E. Greenleaf to have the Southern Pants company placed in the hands of a receiver are not only absolutely false and untrue in every particular, but simply ridiculous, which will be shown at the proper time."

Mr. Greenleaf is a small stockholder, as well as a discharged employee of the company, and is indebted to the company several hundreds dollars for which he is being sued."

CONDUCTORS GET INCREASE

(Special to Daily News.)

Roanoke, Va., April 14.—An announcement was made today that a new wage scale has been agreed upon between the Norfolk and Western railway and members of the Order of Railway Conductors representing the conductors employed by the road, by which the employees get an increase of about 6 per cent. in pay.

STRIKE SETTLED

Struggle in Philadelphia Finally Brought to Close.

(By The Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 14.—The committee of 19, composed of representatives of the striking motormen and conductors from each of the bars of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, met tonight and voted in favor of accepting a settlement offered by the company through representatives of the American Federation of Labor.

The terms of the settlement have not yet been made public, but it is said they include many of the features of the proposal made through Mayor Reburn on March 20, when the company agreed to take back all the strikers and to guarantee them \$2 a day until regular runs could be secured for them. The cases of the 174 men whose discharge precipitated the strike on February 19 will be submitted to arbitration.

News that the committee of 19 and C. O. Pratt, national organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, were meeting tonight to vote on an offer of settlement of the strike came as a great surprise as it was generally believed that all negotiations were at an end.

The transit company has been hiring new men every day since their first offer of settlement was refused and only yesterday representatives of the company claimed to have enough men to operate all their cars on the schedules which were in effect before the strike was declared.

The strikers, on the other hand, claimed that their ranks were unbroken and that more than 3,000 men were still on strike.

Since the beginning of the strike 28 persons have been killed by trolley cars. These accidents, the strikers claimed, were caused by inexperienced motormen.

The Duke of the Abruzzi, who is now the command of the naval arsenal, called on the ex-President. They talked chiefly of their recent experiences in Africa and the Himalayas, and the subject of Arctic exploration also came up, during the discussion of which the duke referred to Commander Peary as "my friend Peary."

Grand Duke Ferdinand, of Austria, happened today to be at the same hotel as Colonel Roosevelt, but they did not meet. While the colonel was luncheon privately in his room upstairs the grand duke and his morganatic wife, who was Countess Sophie Chiesch, but was recently raised to the rank of princess, lunched in the public dining room with two aides.

RESIGNATION OF BILBO DEMANDED BY SENATE

(By The Associated Press.)

Jackson, Miss., April 14.—Concluding their afternoon session with the adoption of a resolution sustaining State Senator Theodore Bilbo by a margin of one vote, the Mississippi senate late tonight adopted another resolution demanding that Bilbo tender his resignation and bitterly criticizing his actions in connection with his charge of irregularities during the recent senatorial contest.

Tonight's resolution declared that Bilbo, although acting in the role of detective by prearrangement with prominent friends of former Governor Vardaman, failed to disclose his evidence until after the senatorial nomination, which conduct, the resolution declares, "is utterly unexplained and absolutely incredible."

The resolution then attacks the credibility and character of Senator Bilbo, condemns his charge and statement that he acted in the role of detective as untrue. Concluding, it declares Bilbo unfit to retain his membership in the Mississippi legislature.

With the introduction of the resolution broke the storm. Senator Hoiron, president pro tempore of the senate and an ardent supporter of Vardaman in the senatorial contest, left the chair, surrendering the gavel to Senator McLean, and joined a group of adherents of Mr. Vardaman who were forcing to march from the chamber in a body.

The entire body withdrew and by a vote of 25 to 1 the resolution was adopted. Another resolution declaring in the sense of the senate that the senatorial contest was without improper influence; that the election of Senator Percy was free from fraud or corruption; and expressing confidence in the United States senator was adopted unanimously.

DRAKE GOT LITTLE BACK

(By The Associated Press.)

Charlotte, April 14.—John Drake, of Asheville, regained the title of southern champion wrestler tonight, when, before a crowd that packed the auditorium, he threw Walt Evans of Knoxville, two out of three falls. Evans wrestled the title from Drake two weeks ago. Evans won the first fall in 13 1/2 minutes, and it took Drake 20 minutes of hard work to get the second. In the third display, Drake used his aggression that again won the title. Drake fell upon his opponent, and in ten minutes won the match. Drake was in splendid form and set up an exhibition that outlasted Evans at every turn.

Differences Will Be Settled

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 14.—The differences which threatened to cause a strike of telegraphers on the Southern railway will be settled without trouble.

"All those points in dispute which have not been settled will be arbitrated," said Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission today.

Killed in an Explosion

(By The Associated Press.)

Bonacker, Va., April 14.—H. C. Kennedy, of Crawfordville, Ind., an expert in the manufacture of matches, was killed in an explosion at the plant of the Acme Match company here today.

MEN ACCEPT COMPANY'S OFFER

End Came as a Surprise, as It Was Generally Believed All Negotiations Were Off.

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WORK DONE AT ONE DAY'S SESSION OF THE CONGRESS

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 14.—The President today was requested to send to congress one fact in his possession which might make inadvisable an investigation of the sugar trust frauds unless, in his judgment, such action might be incompatible with the interest of the public service.

A speech by Mr. Rainey, of Illinois, dealing with the sugar trust and charging that Attorney-General Wickham and Henry W. Taft, brother of the President, had certain legal connections with the trust attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, announced that the secretary of war had sent to the committee on expenditures in the treasury department various information concerning the sale of Friar lands in the Philippine Islands which he had before the House. This information was in response to a resolution introduced by Mr. Martin, of Colorado, which charged that by means of illegal sales of Friar lands sugar lands had come into the possession of the sugar trust.

Representative Mann concluded his opening speech on the railroad bill and Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, senior minority member of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, spoke in opposition to the measure.

After devoting two hours to the railroad bill the senate laid aside that measure until Monday. The only amendment adopted was one prohibiting the interstate commerce commission from exercising jurisdiction over routes which are entirely by water.

The senate passed the Warren bill authorizing the government to dispose of surplus irrigation water.

Both branches will hold sessions tomorrow.

FURNITURE DEALERS BRING CONVENTION TO AN END

(By The Associated Press.)

Spartanburg, S. C., April 14.—The fourth annual convention of the Retail Furniture Dealers' association of South Carolina came to an end here tonight with a banquet at the Spartan Inn. Two business sessions were held today and many social features were incident of the day. The following officers were elected:

President, William M. Walters, Florence; first vice-president, C. P. Hammond, Spartanburg; second vice-president, J. H. Van Meter, Columbia; third vice-president, S. M. Rose, Union; fourth vice-president, W. H. Keith, Union; fifth vice-president, J. B. East, Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Edward Reed, Rock Hill.

PRESIDENT TAFT HISSED BY WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS

Because He Had the Courage to Speak His Convictions Disgruntled Members of the Washington Convention Indulged in Unfavorable Demonstrations.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 14.—The President of the United States, the first chief executive of the nation ever to greet a convention of woman suffragists, braved the danger tonight of facing an army of women who want the ballot, had the courage to confess his opinion and was hissed. So great was the throng that sought admission to the hall that hundreds were turned away.

President Taft was welcoming to Washington the delegates to the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association. He had frankly told them that he was not altogether in sympathy with the suffrage movement and was explaining why he could not subscribe fully to its principles. He said he thought one of the dangers in granting suffrage to women was that the women as a whole were not interested in it, and that the power of the ballot as far as woman is concerned would be controlled by the "less desirable class."

When these words fell from the President's lips the walls of the convention hall echoed a chorus of feminine hisses. It was no feeble demonstration of protest. The combined hisses sounded as if a valve on a steam engine had broken.

President Taft stood unmoved on the platform during the demonstration of hostility—for the hissing continued but a moment—and then, smiling as he spoke, he answered the unfavorable greeting with this retort:

"Now, my dear ladies, you must show yourselves capable of suffrage by exercising the degree of restraint which is necessary in the conduct of government affairs by not hissing."

The women who had hissed were rebuked. The President's reply apparently had taken hold. There were no more hisses while the President continued his address, which he characterized as "my confession" on the woman suffrage question. At the conclusion of his talk, he was enthusiastically applauded and some of the leaders of the convention expressed to him their sincere regret over the unpleasant incident. President Taft assured them that he had not had his feelings injured in the least.

"I am not entirely certain," said the President, after he had been courteously presented to the convention by Rachel Foster Avery, vice-president of the association, "that I ought to have come here tonight, but your committee, which invited me, assured me that I would be welcomed even if I did not support all the views which are to be advanced in this convention. But I consider that this movement represents a sufficient part of the intelligence of the community to justify my coming here and welcoming you to Washington."

"If I could be wren," the President continued, "that women as a class would exercise the franchise I would be in favor of it. At present there exists in my mind considerable doubt. In certain states which have tried the experiment,

CLAIMS BONA FIDE CURE FOR HOOKWORM DISEASE

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—After having traced the wicked hookworm to its lair and taken its photo in many poses for the benefit of the medical fraternity, Dr. Mason W. Presley, of Philadelphia, has returned here on the Saratoga, of the Royal Dutch West India Mail line, from Dutch Guiana.

The physician, who is a specialist on nerve and stomach disorders, said he had spent six weeks in the Paramaribo hospital in Dutch Guiana, and during that period had learned all about the "million-dollar parasite" that Mr. Rockefeller has commissioned the doctors of this country to stamp out.

Besides bringing back a full set of lantern slides, illustrating the complete development of the worm, Dr. Presley said that while in Dutch Guiana he had found a bona fide cure for hookworm.

"The medicine of today and the future must be based no longer only on chemistry and pharmacology, but on microscopic and laboratory research work," was all Dr. Presley would say.

Apart from his studies of the hookworm, Dr. Presley found leprosy so prevalent among the negro and coolie population of the Dutch West Indies that it was no uncommon occurrence for a policeman to arrest a man who seemed to be suffering from a pronounced case of leprosy.

COMMONERS APPROVE THE PROGRAM OF ASQUITH

(By The Associated Press.)

London, April 14.—Amid scenes of intense excitement hardly paralleled since the Gladstonian home rule debates, the House of Commons tonight, by majority of 103 recorded its approval of Premier Asquith's resolutions dealing with the veto power of the House of Lords.

Having formally introduced, amid loud cheers, his supporter bill embodying the resolutions, Mr. Asquith said that they were confronted by an exceptional and perhaps a unique case. The government's effective existence depended upon the passing of the resolutions into law. If the House of Lords failed to accept or declined to consider their policy, the government would feel it their duty to advise the crown as to what steps were necessary to insure their policy receiving statutory effect.

Mr. Dalrymple, leader of the opposition, rose amid a considerable applause and said that the premier's important statement represented the culmination of long negotiations with the Irish party. The Nationalists had agreed to waive the budget, their assent in which they had never previously promised to get home rule.

The negotiations would lead him to have left both parties rather poorer than they were and the government, he declared, was proposing monstrous prices for the land.

ANOTHER PIE-HUNTER

(Special to Daily News.)

Winston-Salem, April 14.—H. R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny county, who passed through the city yesterday on his way home from a business trip, stated in conversation that, while he had not yet made any public announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic congressional nomination in the Eighth district, he would say that his name would be presented to the convention.

CAT OUT OF BAG

Reason Assigned For "Kick" Of Raleigh Democrats.

(Special to Daily News.)

Raleigh, April 14.—The question of whether or not Wake county is to send to the next general assembly a senator and representatives friendly or unfriendly to state prohibition is an issue that promises to loom up large very soon now. There is a very general contention that not only the Democratic county executive committee, but the majority of the voters throughout the county are hostile to prohibition. The claim is made that the reason certain Democrats have issued a call for a mass meeting of the county Democracy, overruling the Democratic executive committee in this action, is that they see that if the whole matter is left to the county primaries without a dry ticket getting the prestige before the primary through a convention endorsement, there will most probably be a domination of the primaries by the wet element of the party. The convention, or mass meeting, is called to meet April 30, the call having the support of J. W. Bailey and thirty-odd Democrats in various sections of the county and of the Raleigh morning paper. In the call for the convention there is this significant statement: "The object of this meeting is to give the Democrats of Wake county a chance to express their opinions as to men and measures before the approaching primaries, after which it will be too late. As matters now stand the Wake county Democrats have no means of getting together and making their wishes known until the candidates have been nominated, when it is too late. In consequence it is easy for any machine to run forward their ticket and run it over the rest of us."

MACHINE AGAINST MACHINE

(Special to Daily News.)

"Drys" Fear "Wets" Will Run Things To Suit Themselves If Not One Primary Is Held.

Without apology," said the senator, "I face the prejudice of men of 10,000 years in advocating suffrage for women. Even if the entire race of man contradicts me, I still assert that woman is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Rachel Foster Avery presented the report of the committee on petition to Congress. The petition, which will be handed to the national legislature within a few days advocating the enfranchisement of women, will be the first appeal to Congress by this method, the report stated for more than a quarter of a century.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage alliance, said the petition probably would be presented to Congress Monday, and the delegates would be given a hearing Tuesday. Mary Gray Beck, headquarters secretary, read her report for the year.

NORTH CAROLINA MUST HUSTLE TO KEEP LEAD

(Special to Daily News.)

Raleigh, April 14.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. V. Joyner, just back from attendance on the Southern educational conference at Little Rock, Ark., declared that if North Carolina expects to maintain her lead in educational matters among the southern states she will have to materially quicken her pace. Her people, he says, must not get the idea that North Carolina is the only public on the beach in educational progress; that while other states of the south have caught their pace from North Carolina's example, it will require renewed effort now for North Carolina to keep up. He says the conference was the most effective and profitable for the general cause of education that has yet been held. Every southern state superintendent except two attended and the reports showed wonderful progress.

SHRINERS BRING CONCLAVE TO A BRILLIANT CLOSE

(By The Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., April 14.—With a pageant similar to the New Orleans Mardi Gras parade and a ball in the old French opera house in Bourbon street, the annual convulse of the Mystic Shriners in this city was brought to a close tonight.

The day was given over to street masquerades in which many of the visitors took part. While several of the visiting temples will leave on their special trains early tomorrow morning, many will remain over until tomorrow night. The battleship Wisconsin, which has been tied up to one of the city's wharves during the Shriners' convulse, will leave for New York Saturday.

TEN PERSONS KILLED IN NORTHERN PACIFIC WRECK

(By The Associated Press.)

Spokane, Wash., April 14.—Ten persons were killed today in the wrecking of a Northern Pacific freight train west of Spokane. Several of the injured died of their wounds before the train was stopped. The wreck was the result of a derailment of the train.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSEMBLY GETTING THINGS IN READINESS

(By The Associated Press.)

Asheville, April 14.—The executive committee of the Southern Baptist assembly grounds at Blounton have let the contract for the construction of a first-class store building at Blounton. The first floor will be used as a general store and postoffice, while the second will be used for dormitories. T. T. Taylor, of the executive committee, has already purchased a large number of lock boxes for the postoffice. More than two miles of road has been graded out recently, and the grounds have been much improved since last season.