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CAMPAIGN FOR MORE HOUSES IS LAUNCHED

Telegram Joins Chamber of Commerce and Others in Efforts

PEOPLE KEPT FROM CITY SCARCITY HOUSES

Plan Advocated for Organization on Club to Build Houses—Wilkinson, Bullock Co. Volunteers to Become First Member Club of Ten if Organized.

A campaign for the erection of additional houses for rental purposes to meet the growing needs of the town, is about to be launched by The Telegram in conjunction with several of the leading business men and firms of the city.

The plan, which comes as the outgrowth of much discussion between representatives of The Telegram and other citizens, provided for the organization of a club of business men, each one of whom will bind himself by the promise of erecting three houses which will be rented to white persons, the promise of each man being dependent upon the carrying out of the promises of the various other members. Already tangible form has been given to the project by the promise of Wilkinson Bullock Co. to build three such houses under the stipulated condition that like promises be secured from at least nine other individuals or firms.

The undertaking of such work is primarily in the interest of municipal development. The housing situation has been acute in Rocky Mount for some time, and is such at present that some steps must be taken to rectify it. Specific instances of where the curtailment of the industrial growth of the city has been caused simply because of the failure to supply would-be residents with homes are too numerous to mention.

An engineer for one of the leading industrial firms of the city says that unless he can find a home very soon he shall be forced to leave for some other place. The Atlantic Coast Line has lost innumerable employes, skilled mechanics and laborers, a splendid type of citizenship, simply on account of the poor housing facilities in the community.

Only recently Postmaster O. A. A. Snipes wired the Government for five additional clerks granted when the local postoffice became a first-class office. Rooms were found for two, but as the other three were married and no places could be secured for their families, it was utterly impossible to bring them to work here.

Letters are received daily from persons desirous of coming to Rocky Mount, says Mr. L. H. Duncanson, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, but he is unable to offer them any encouragement whatever owing to the fact that there are six or seven applicants for each of the several available houses in the city adequately substantiates Mr. Duncanson's statements.

HARVESTER CO. IN THROES OF STRIKE

Manager Close Plant, Say It Will Remain Closed Indefinitely

Chicago, July 17.—Employees of harvester plant here of the International Harvester Company are locked out today as a result of the closing of the plant for an indefinite period, due to a strike which began last Tuesday. The men claim they have not presented their demands but want \$1 an hour pay, a 44-hour week, and a closed shop.

BOSTON STREET LINES TIED UP

Eight Thousand Men Walk Walk Out in Protest of Board's Delay

WANT WAGE INCREASE

Men Are Asking Eight Hour Day and the War Labor Board's Tardiness in Re-Replying Causes a Walkout.

Boston, July 17.—Car service on the street subway and elevated lines here and in twelve adjacent cities and towns was tied up today by a strike of 8,000 union employes of the Boston Elevated Railway system. The strike was called as a protest against alleged delay on the part of the war labor board announcing an award in the wage dispute between the company and the car men. The strikers demand an eight hour day and a wage of 73 1-2 cents an hour. Those demands which were rejected by the public trustees of the railway were presented to the war labor board and on June 23 and argued two days later before the board examiner.

WAR MOTHERS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

National Session of Mothers of Soldiers Slated for Sept. 29-31.

Indianapolis, July 16. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Alice M. French, national president of the American War Mothers has announced that the national convention of that organization will be held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 29 to 31 inclusive. The plans are for the national board of directors of which Mrs. Reuben R. Hutcheff, Paris, Ky., is chairman, to meet on the afternoon of Sept. 29. The convention will open formally that evening. Mrs. French is to preside, assisted by Mrs. Emily Hendricks, of Salem, Ore., and Mrs. C. L. F. Robinson, Hartford, Conn., first and second vice presidents, respectively.

The American War Mothers is an organization of mothers of soldiers, other women relatives not being admitted to membership.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 17.—Cotton futures opened steady; July 34.00, bid 34.45; offered: October, 34.12; December 34.02; January, 33.95; March, 33.75.

The cotton market was feverish and unsettled during today's early trading. First prices were 2 points higher on May, but generally 5 to 25 points lower and active months sold 25 to 35 points under last night's closing figures shortly after the call.

MECHANICS CORBETT PLANT ON STRIKE

Twenty-six Men Leave Work in Henderson Truck Plant Today

Henderson, July 17.—Mechanics employed by the Corbett motor truck company who went on strike here this morning demanding an 8-hour day and increased pay. According to R. J. Corbett, head of the concern only 26 men responded to the strike call. The men at the plant are on a ten-hour day basis.

Trying to Establish Trade With Russia

London, July 17.—The German government is believed to be trying to establish trade relations with Soviet Russia and the German mission has visited Russia and is about to do so, Cecil B. Harmsworth under secretary of state told the house of commons today.

More of the A. E. F. Land in New York

New York, July 17.—Forty-seven casual companies were among the 1,293 troops arriving here today from Versailles on the steamship Pesaro.

More Funds for the Disabled Fighters

Washington, July 17.—Amended to provide fourteen million dollars instead of six million dollars for the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers, sailors and marines, the sundry civil appropriation bill which was vetoed by the President was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

Poor of Spain Fed by Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria of Spain has opened a restaurant for the poor of Madrid. The picture shows the serving of the first meal, with the Queen at the extreme right standing by the table.



HE'D TIE PRESIDENT
PHILIP CAMPBELL

VIOLATE FEDERAL PROHIBITION LAWS

Defendants Bound Over to Court by Commissioner S. T. Thorne

Several cases having to do with the violation of the liquor laws were brought before United States Commissioner S. T. Thorne yesterday with the result that the defendants in every instance were bound over under varying bonds for appearance at the October term of federal court at Wilson.

W. T. Turner was hauled before the commissioner by Deputy Marshall Ramsey to answer a charge of illicit distilling. The marshal, it seems, had discovered a still in an outhouse at Turner's home in South Rocky Mount. The defendant was placed under \$100 bond for his appearance at the next term of federal court.

Albert Griffin was arraigned on the charge of selling whiskey without the bond required by federal law, and was likewise bound over, under \$280 bond, for his appearance at Uncle Sam's court at Wilson.

IN POLICE COURT CIRCLES

The following light docket was disposed of in the municipal court this morning: Alex. Bain, the defendant in a larceny case, was fined ten dollars.

Howard Alston and James Clark were arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct and found guilty by the court. The former got off with a ten dollar fine, while the latter was forced to plank down twenty dollars.

SEC. POLK ON WAY TO PARIS

Leaves Washington for New York to Meet Secretary Lansing

SAILS FOR FRANCE

The Under Secretary Will Go to France to Take Secretary Lansing's Place at the Peace Table.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Secretary Polk of the State Department, announced today that he would leave tomorrow for New York, where he will confer with Secretary Lansing before sailing for Paris to take Mr. Lansing's place as head of the American peace delegation. Mr. Lansing is expected to arrive in New York Saturday.

WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO CONVENE AT TOKIO

Tokio, July 17.—Extensive preparations are already under way in Japan for the International Sunday School convention which will be held in Tokio next year, and which will bring to Japan 2,000 foreign visitors, 2,000 of them Americans. The conference will probably open October 15, 1920 and last about ten days.

As foreign style hotels are always crowded with regular tourists, the delegates will probably be asked to lodge on the steamers which will convey them to Japan.

BORAH PASSES A NAGGING PLEA

Wants Government Furnish Senate Copy Protest on Shantung Matter

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Without a record vote or debate the Senate today adopted the resolution by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, asking the President to send to the Senate, but not incompatible with the public interest, a copy of a protest said to have been made by some members of the American peace commission against the Shantung provision in the peace treaty.

PERSHING BAK IN AUGUST

Washington, July 17.—General Pershing will return to the United States in August, Representative Caldwell, democrat of New York, told the house rules committee today urging early action on his resolution setting aside a day for a joint congressional session to welcome home the American commander. "There is no politics in this," declared Mr. Caldwell. "Congress is anxious to honor General Pershing as the French, English and Belgians have done."

THIRTY THOUSAND HUNS AS PRISONERS

Many Held in Turkestan Are Said to Have Joined the Bolsheviki

Washington, July 17.—Approximately 27,000 Austrians and 3,000 Germans were prisoners of war in Turkestan during May, according to advices today from the American consular general at Stockholm. Of this number about 11,000 were of the Hungarian race, and the Bolsheviki army, most of them being compelled to do so by streets and boats. The British government is said to have asked the Turkish government of Turkestan in January to release the prisoners offering to pass them through the British lines to their homes. The prisoners without any communication from Europe have naturally become disquieted, adding that there was no medical supplies in the Bolsheviki territory.

LAYGROUND OPENING TONIGHT

All plans are in readiness for the institution of the playgrounds at the West school this evening from 6 to 9 o'clock. The details of all the games and various contests have been perfected and efficient and capable directors placed in charge of all the forms of entertainment. The small sum of ten cents will admit any one to the grounds and at the same time provide the privilege of participation in any or all of the sundry contests. Refreshments will also be sold, and the proceeds of the whole evening turned over to the parish house fund of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Should damp weather interfere with the opening tonight, the institution will necessarily be postponed until some future date, said Mrs. W. V. Waldman, who is in charge of the playground entertainments, to a representative of the Telegram today. Definite announcement as to the date, if necessary, will be made later.

THE BEER MAKERS ARE OVERRULED

Philadelphia Judge says case One for Jury Declines to Pass on Matter

Philadelphia, July 17.—Judge O. B. Dickinson in the United States District court here today overruled the demurrer of the Berger and Engle Brewing Co., to the test case against them for the sale of 2 3/4 per cent beer.

The judge held the court could not pass in advance on a question that should be brought before a jury.

The brewers contended the information brought against them by United States District Attorney Kane was defective in that if it failed to specify that beer is intoxicating.

Rep. Lever On The Farm Loan Board

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Representative Lever, Democrat, of South Carolina, was nominated today by President Wilson to be a member of the Farm Loan Board.

MARTIAL LAW NOW IN ALL POMERANIA

Order Forbidding Striking by Workmen Causes Trouble

UTILITIES ARE IDLE

The Gas, Water and Electric Light Plants at Stettin Are All Idle. Fear Some Disorders.

Berlin, July 17.—All Pomerania is aroused over the proclamation of martial law there and the order prohibiting workmen from striking. The workmen insist that martial law be abolished and prisoners arrested during the present strike be released and that recognition be extended to the workmen council. The gas, electric and water plants at Stettin the capital of Pomerania and every street car in the city has been stopped. Later reports say the strike is gaining force and the officials hope to keep food shops open with troops. This is said to be the most important as harbor traffic has ceased. Workers are said to have ceased their labors on farms but are quiet.

WILL HELP COUNTY IN ROAD BUILDING

Promise of Immediate Aid Secured From State Officials

With the assurance of Federal aid at the earliest possible date Mr. P. C. Shore, chairman of the Rocky Mount road commission, and Mr. W. S. Wilkinson, chairman of the Nash County highway commission, returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon well satisfied with the results of their trip in the interest of better roads for Nash.

The two local highway commissioners conferred with Mr. Falls, state highway engineer in the Capital city, and in connection with the conditional provision in last Saturday's bond election that outside federal aid must be secured as an addition to the sum voted by the county, and obtained from him the promise of financial as well as material help at the earliest possible date.

Immediately upon completion of necessary arrangements by the state authorities and the working out of accompanying details by the local highway officials, state engineers will arrive in Rocky Mount and begin actual surveying and preliminary work on the Battleboro-Whitakers-Rocky Mount highway and the road from this city to Nashville.

The officials in Raleigh also volunteered the rental of three Liberty trucks, of from two to five tons capacity each, for use in the road work at the unusually low rate of a dollar per day for each truck. However the acceptance of this order depends upon the action of the local authorities in their development of plans for the construction work.

STOCK MARKET

New York, July 17.—Rails, oils, equipments and shippings were the most conspicuous issues in the active opening of today's stock market. St. Paul common and preferred, Pittsburg and West Virginia, Mexican Petroleum, Crucible Steel and Marine common registered early gains of 1 to 3 points. Coppers also strengthened with kindred metals. Trade broadened before the end of the first half hour embracing numerous minor rails and specialties.

THE IRISH SMILE

SENATOR SHERMAN SPEAKS IN SENATE

Washington, July 17.—Urging the Senate to refuse acceptance of the Shantung provision and in the peace treaty Senator Sherman, republican, of Illinois, declared today that the section giving Japan Shantung peninsula "so taints and poisons the professed altruism with which the league of nations was heralded as to crown it the superlative teacher in the history of modern times."

The provision asserted the speaker would aid Japan in becoming the emperor of the world and strengthen her for the day when she might cry like Germany for world empire. In such an eventuality he continued and with a British and Japanese interest in the orient identical the United States might well look to the safety of the Philippines.

Exports of Cotton Is Announced Today

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Exports of cotton and history for June were 631,000 bales, the Department of Commerce announced today. Imports for the same month totaled 17,000 bales.

G. O. P. LEADERS ALL TO BE CALLED

President to Take Five Each Day for Conference on Peace Matter

WILL DELAY HIS TRIP

Senators Borah and Johnson to be Among Those Invited Though They May Not Accept. Page Talks on Italian Matter.

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson today began conferences with republican senators for discussion of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant. His first caller was Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, a supporter of the treaty and the covenant.

Three other senators, Jones of Washington, Colt of Rhode Island and Nelson of Minnesota had been invited to call on the White House during the day but Senator Jones was out of the city. The President expected to see Senators Colt and Nelson this afternoon.

Aside from the senators only one other name appeared on the President's list of appointments for the day. This was the name of Thomas Nelson Page, who has resigned as ambassador to Italy. It is understood he would discuss Italian questions with the President.

Invitations to several more republican senators to call at the White House tomorrow have been sent by the President. Their names were not announced but it is understood there were five on the list. It was intimated that the President planned to invite all of the republican senators to the White House devoting 4 to 5 hours each day in conference with them. Senators Borah of Idaho and Johnson of California, two of the bitterest opponents of the league of nations were expected to be on the list but there apparently was some doubt in administration circles whether they would accept.

Under present plans of the President it was not believed that he would be able to start on his trip to the Pacific coast much before the end of the month. Even with such a delay naval officials hoped that he would be able to reach the coast in time to review the new Pacific fleet at San Francisco August 15.

MCCUMBER DOES NOT LIKE TO TALK

Senator McCumber was closeted with the President for more than an hour. He declined to discuss the details of his conference, saying he considered them confidential. "Our conversation covered a wide range," said McCumber, "and if the President wants to say what we talked about that is alright, but as far as I am concerned I consider that our conversation was confidential and I do not feel at liberty to disclose what happened." Senator McCumber added that his position in regard to the league of nations has been made as clear as the English language could make it, and that his position now was the same as it always had been.

Senator McCumber would not say whether the Shantung situation was under discussion.

Senators invited to the White House tomorrow to discuss the treaty included McNary of Oregon, who is understood to favor the league of nations, and Senator Keiog, of Minnesota and Capper, of Iowa, who have not announced any definite stand on the league proposal. The President's invitation to Senator McNary asked that he come to the White House to discuss "the treaty and all its environs."

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This is Eammonn De Valera, the president of the Irish republic, with the smile he wears most of the time on his tour of the United States. For every where De Valera goes he finds crowds to welcome him and cheer his efforts for the Irish cause.