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SECRET SERVICE CALLED TO ACTION TO UNCOVER THE FOOD PROFITEERS

Whole Service of Bureau of Investigation Ordered to This Duty by Attorney General Palmer

GOING TO OPEN UP THE SECRET MEANS BY WHICH PUBLIC IS BEING GOUGED

Tangible Results Are Now Hoped For And Some Not Only Affecting the Profiteers But the Hoarders and Other Perpetrators of "Vicious Practices"; Leader Mondell Announces That Congress Will At Once Make All Necessary Appropriations For the Prosecution of the Investigation; Prison Doors Yawn For Some of the "Food Barons"

Washington, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Tangible results from the investigation of hoarding and profiteering initiated by Attorney General Palmer are expected to develop in the immediate future as the result of an order today directing the entire secret service of the Bureau of Investigation to assist the forces now at work trying to uncover instances in which the public has been gouged by the illegal control of prices.

Officials of the Department of Justice said reports from many sections of the country showed the search for evidence of extortion in the necessities of life was proceeding vigorously and it was indicated that many prosecutions might come very soon.

"Vicious Practices" Must Stop. Announcement was made today that Congress would proceed promptly with legislative measures recommended by President Wilson in his address yesterday as necessary to stop the "vicious practices" which have been largely responsible for the rising cost of living.

Republican Leader Mondell stated in the House that appropriations would be made at once to enable the government departments to attack the problem and Chairman Haugen announced that the agriculture committee would begin hearings Monday on legislation to control the time foods could be held in cold storage.

Reform in Interstate Shipments. The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee discussed suggestions of the President that interstate shipments of necessities be controlled by a licensing system, and Chairman Cummins announced that he would appoint a subcommittee Monday to recommend such legislation as it should decide was necessary.

Wilson Taking Much Interest. There were indications at the White House that President Wilson might let the high cost of living share with the league of nations in the speaking tour which he is soon to make. The President has been devoting virtually all of his time recently to the economic situation and has come to believe that the importance of the question demands discussion equally with the big international problem, to explain which was the prime purpose of the tour.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT WEDNESDAY

9 Biplanes, All-America Pathfinders To Start For Frisco Then

Mincola, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Nine biplanes, known as the "All America Pathfinders," will start on a flight from Hazelhurst Field to San Francisco next Wednesday under the auspices of the War Department and the Air Service, it was announced today. The itinerary embraces stops at 171 cities in fifteen States and covers 4,183 miles.

The objects of the flight include an educational campaign designed to show the people the actual workings of an aero squadron; recruiting for every branch of the military service; establishment of aerial mail ways for government mails; obtaining military information for the Air Service; advantage of establishing radio stations along the route; testing aerial phones and obtaining information on which to base recommendations for the placing of steel hangars.

STOCK YARD MEN TO RETURN TO WORK

Mass Meeting of Workers Decides On Resumption of Activities Monday

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Striking stockyard workers at a mass meeting today, decided to return to work Monday. Withdrawal of the militia from the yards yesterday and of the deputy sheriffs today was satisfactory to the men. In some quarters it had been believed the union leaders would demand a closed shop, with discharge of the 9,000 negroes not members of the unions. About 3,000 negroes are said to be members of the unions.

PACIFIC FLEET AT LOS ANGELES

Secretary of Navy Has Governor or Stephens of California as His Guest Aboard

On Board the Flagship New Mexico off the Port of Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Pacific fleet came today to make its bow to Los Angeles. Six dreadnaughts of the heavy fighting line and two of the older class battleships of the United States navy dropped anchor this afternoon at the San Pedro breakwater, while 23 destroyers with the mother ship, the cruiser Birmingham, and the tender Prairie came up into the inner harbor for anchorage.

The flagship New Mexico, with the Secretary of the Navy's flag—four white stars and an anchor on blue—flying from the main truck, took up her anchorage outside the harbor.

On board the New Mexico, with Secretary of the Navy Daniels and family, making the trip from San Diego to San Pedro, were Governor Stephens, of California; Governor Larrazo, of New Mexico, and a welcoming committee from Los Angeles.

Six o'clock this morning found Admiral Rodman with his flag lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander Jonas Ingram, on the bridge of the New Mexico. Orders had been given to "shove off" at that hour, and four bells had scarcely ceased sounding when the flagship got under way with the other dreadnaughts falling into single column formation.

Soon after starting Admiral Rodman, desiring to show his guests how convey work was accomplished during the war, gave an order throwing an anti-submarine screen around the advancing column of dreadnaughts and battleships steaming 500 yards apart.

The scout cruiser Birmingham, with six destroyers in line abreast, took an advanced position 1,500 yards ahead of the dreadnaughts, while on both sides of the big sea-fighters, 500 yards away, were two divisions of destroyers, each in single column. So the armada steamed away.

DRAFTING OIL RESERVATION TO THE COLOMBIAN TREATY

Washington, Aug. 9.—Drafting of a reservation to the \$25,000,000 Colombian treaty to insure protection for American oil and other property interests in Colombia was discussed at a conference late today between Senator Fall, Republican, New Mexico, chairman of a foreign relations subcommittee, charged with the question, and J. H. Stabler, chief of the State Department division of Latin-American affairs, and Boaz Long, former division chief. A meeting of the subcommittee to consider the proposed reservation, which caused the treaty to be recommitted, is planned for next Monday.

SUPREME COUNCIL TALKS HUNGARY

Situation Considered Informally, There Being No Stated Meeting Saturday

Paris, Aug. 9.—While the Supreme council of the peace conference held no stated meeting today, the members of the council discussed the Hungarian situation informally. The conversations among the members bore more upon the question of Rumania's attitude than upon the status of the new Hungarian government, as the former phase of the situation is interesting to the conferees more than any other.

Dispatches from American relief officers who have been cooperating with British and Italian representatives in Hungary report that Budapest is quiet, but that all transportation, including that on the Danube, is being held up. As this involves great danger of famine, the allied officials have appealed for an effort to lift the embargo placed by the Rumanians on supplies, as well as all other embargoes on food transportation and distribution affecting the region.

The members of the council also had for their consideration a message from Archduke Joseph, head of the new Hungarian government, announcing the intention of his regime to execute the terms of the armistice and asking recognition and authorization to send delegates to Paris. The message received from the archduke outlines the policy of the new government and says that it will call a properly selected constituent assembly to reorganize labor with a view to increasing production.

Mondell Says the House is Ready. Washington, Aug. 9.—Republican Leader Mondell declared in the House today that Congress was ready to act promptly on such legislation as was needed to carry out the suggestions made yesterday by President Wilson for reducing the high cost of living.

LAWMAKERS SELECTED TO DIG UP THE FACTS THAT WILL ENABLE CONGRESS TO DRAW A BEAD ON THE REAL FOOD PROFITEERS



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United States Senators named on a committee to investigate food and rent prices. Left to right: Nathaniel B. Dial of South Carolina; Morris Sheppard of Texas; Davis Elkins of West Virginia; Arthur Capper of Kansas and L. R. Ball of Delaware, chairman.

MANY TO RETURN TO WORK MONDAY

Union Railway Shopmen in Alabama and Elsewhere Make That Announcement

RECALCITRANT ELEMENT IN CHICAGO TALK UGLY

On the Whole Officials of the R. R. Administration Are Encouraged With Outlook And Look for "Full Force in All Shops by Monday"; Some Radical Groups

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 9.—Officials of the Railroad Administration said tonight they expected a great improvement in the strike situation over Sunday, with virtually a full force in all shops by Monday.

Their reports indicated the men were returning to work gradually as the situation was explained to them, though radical groups in some cities were refusing to go back without wage increases.

Spencer Shopmen Still Out.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Spencer, Aug. 9.—Up to a late hour tonight federated craft here had failed to vote to return to work Monday morning. A meeting has been called for Sunday at 8 p. m. to pass on the matter.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9.—Although union railway shopmen in Atlanta and Birmingham continued to remain away from their work today, the promised return Monday of four thousand striking shopmen at Macon, Ga., and Albany, Ala., improves the situation in the Southeast.

Two thousand shop workers of the Central of Georgia, Southern, Georgia Southern and Florida and Macon, Dublin and Savannah railroads employed in Macon shops, voted by a substantial majority to resume their work Monday.

At Albany, Ala., where 2,000 men have been on strike at the Louisville and Nashville shops, a mass meeting was held with a result that a vote favorable to return was tabulated. At Savannah, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala., shop workers agreed to return, under conditions which have not as yet been definitely settled.

So far as Atlanta was concerned, the shopmen remained firm in their refusal to resume work. Another mass meeting was held today, and additional resolutions were adopted, emphasizing the men's determination to remain out until wage increases were granted.

Western Situation Not So Encouraging.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shopmen's Union, which called a strike August 1 in defiance of the international officers of the shop crafts unions today, dominated conferences at which some of the international officers sought to have the men return to work in obedience to the wishes of President Wilson.

The council sent a telegram to the president, stating that until some concessions had been the attitude of the men would be unchanged, and they would remain on strike.

John D. Saunders, secretary of the council, asserted that notwithstanding the claims of the international officers and rail officials, that not more than 40,000 men were on strike, not fewer than 250,000 men were out. In Chicago, the Secretary said, men had returned to work. In the Chicago district only a few had resumed their work at Chicago, Ill., he said.

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FATAL ELEVATOR FIRE, 8 VICTIMS

Grain Lift Holocaust Also Burned Up Nearly Two Million Dollars

A CONCUSSION THAT SHOOK THE WHOLE TOWN

About 700,000 Bushels of Grain in the Bins Lost; Four Bodies Recovered and Many Known To Be Injured By Explosion Attributed To Spontaneous Combustion

(By the Associated Press.) Port Colborne, Ont., Aug. 9.—Eight persons were killed and a score were injured, seven of them seriously, in an explosion which wrecked the large government grain elevator on the Welland Canal here this afternoon. Four of the bodies have been recovered; one has been located in the debris of the elevator and three others are in the wreck of the barge Quebec, which lies on the beach outside the harbor, where she was towed to prevent her sinking.

The financial loss is estimated at \$1,800,000. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the explosion. The superintendent of the elevator, T. S. Harvey, was among the injured. The explosion occurred shortly after the elevator hands returned to work following their dinner hour. The concussion shook the whole town, and windows in nearby buildings were smashed. Flames spread through the wreckage but because of fireproof construction they soon burned out, and an hour after the explosion, rescue parties were at work.

The barge Quebec, moored at an elevator leg, was smothered under a pile of wreckage as she heeled over and a huge rent was torn in her side by a

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JUMP FROM TRAIN LATER CAPTURED

Three Federal Prisoners Have Short-Lived Freedom In Burke County

(Special to the News and Observer.) Morganton, Aug. 9.—Guy Field, John Field and E. Y. Prevost, alleged post-office robbers, who yesterday made their escape from train No. 22 at Bridge-water, were captured this morning near Glen Alpine. The men, who are charged with robbing the postoffice at Climax, Guilford county, were arrested a few days ago in St. Louis and in charge of an officer were en route to Greensboro to stand trial when they effected their escape by diving headlong through the open window as the train was leaving Bridgewater. Bloodhounds were brought from Asheville on the next train and during the night trailed the alleged robbers to their resting-place, the three being taken to Greensboro today.

REPORTED TO BE CHARGED WITH NUMEROUS OFFENSES.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, Aug. 9.—John and Guy Field and K. T. Prevost, three Federal prisoners who were being taken from this city to Greensboro yesterday morning by Deputy Marshal C. T. Rowan, of Greensboro, jumped from a moving train and made good their escape. The men are charged with the robbery of the Climax postoffice and with other robberies. They were recently brought to this city from St. Louis and are said to be charged with several offenses, the details of which have not yet been learned completely. United States officials and H. T. Dillingham left the city for Bridgewater, where the men leaped from the train, shortly after a wire was received here telling of the escape of the prisoners.

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KITCHIN PRAISES WILSON'S ADDRESS

Messages To Congress One of President's Finest Deliverances, He Says

LAWYER PROTESTS ABOUT METHODS OF LABOR UNION

High Cost of Living Affects All Classes, Tarheel Explains, And Laboring Man Should Remember; Deck Cleared for Harry Stubbs in Race For Lieutenant Governor

The News and Observer Bureau. 603 District National Bank Bldg. By S. R. WINTERS. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Aug. 9.—"It was really one of the finest deliverances of President Wilson," declared Representative Claude Kitchin, in an interview today in the presence of Republican Leader Frank W. Mondell. "The Republicans should get busy and enact his recommendations into law," said Representative Kitchin, as he winked at the reporter which remark evoked a broad smile from elder Mondell. "It was a great message," added the North Carolina Representative Kitchin and Mr. Mondell had just come out of a conference in the office of the Tar Heel Representative, the subject discussed supposedly being the recommendation of the President relating to the cost of living.

"In my opinion the vast majority of the American people are sore with organized labor for the course pursued by it for the last three years," says a North Carolina lawyer in a letter to Senator F. M. Simmons. The office of the senior North Carolina Senator stated today that the letter was characteristic of many such communications received from North Carolina, complaining about the arbitrary methods of organized labor to complete its limits regardless of the merits thereof.

Other People Involved. "Labor unionists are not the only ones in this country who feel the pinch of the high cost of living," remarks the lawyer whose name is withheld from publication. "It is felt by the thousands of salaried men, professional men and others who do not belong to labor unions, but these latter, who compose the vast majority of the American people, are not trying to shovel the whole thing on the government. They recognize it as a situation which calls for frugality and patience on their part, and that the government has really very little to do with it and has correspondingly little power to correct it."

"Organized labor represents a small minority of the American people, but it is attempting to hold up the government and enforce its demands whether just or not. If I may judge from the opinion of all intelligent people outside of organized labor with whom I have talked the time has come for a showdown. Labor needs to be told in no uncertain way that its methods are those of the highwayman and that they will not be tolerated by the American people. We wish to see labor get what is just and right and not at the point of a pistol held at the American Congress."

Stubbs Not Named. The retirement of Harry Stubbs, of Williamson, as a candidate for appointment as district census supervisor of the First Congressional District suggests that Mr. Stubbs is actively to make the race for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. The census appointments as announced this week gave the job to John D. Biggs, of Williamson, instead of to Mr. Stubbs, whose name was recommended for the office.

Captain Daniels Returns. Capt. Joseph Daniels, Jr., of the Fifth regiment of Marines, arrived in Washington today from overseas, having reached Newport News yesterday on the U. S. S. Siboney. Captain Daniels was aide de camp to Brigadier General S. D. Butler, at Brest. He sailed from France on July 31 on a leave of absence, and will spend some time in Washington, going to Raleigh the latter part of the month.

WILSON WILL REVIEW MARINE BRIGADE TUESDAY.

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Wilson will review the famous marine brigade of the 2nd division in Washington Tuesday. Orders for the two regiments of marines to parade here were issued today by Acting Secretary Roosevelt. These will be the first returning troops to be reviewed by Mr. Wilson and aside from the District of Columbia units they will be the first to march in the Capital.

Street Car Strike in Charlotte.

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TO CONFISCATE HOARDED FOOD

Palmer Issues Instructions To That Effect Which Are Far-Reaching

QUANTITIES OF SUGAR HOARDED AT RICHMOND

Department of Justice Men Placed On Case And Ordered To Locate the Many Thousands of Pounds Alleged To Be Unlawfully Held; In Zone of "Sugar Famine"

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 9.—United States District Attorney Hiram Smith today received instructions from Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer to take immediate steps for confiscation of all foodstuffs found to have been unlawfully hoarded.

Advices have reached Attorney Smith that large quantities of sugar are being hoarded here, and active search has begun. "The Department of Justice men were placed on the case, with instructions to locate the alleged thousands of pounds being unlawfully held."

Richmond has been suffering from a sugar famine for the past month and the reasons advanced by the grocers that it was impossible to obtain a supply sufficient to supply the demands.

A report reached Attorney Smith today that certain commission merchants have been buying food for individuals and charging a commission, and then selling it and charging another commission, which according to Mr. Smith, is actionable under the act passed by Congress when war was declared.

CHARLOTTE MEN TO DRAW FOR CHANCE

Primary Election To Determine Which Shall Enter For Congressional Race

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, Aug. 9.—John A. McRae, a lawyer, W. C. Dowd, publisher of an afternoon newspaper, and Dr. C. A. Bland, banker and former mayor, today entered into an agreement permitting a primary election under rules of the Mecklenburg county Democratic executive committee to nominate this county's candidate for the seat in Congress expected to be vacated soon by the appointment of Congressman E. Y. Webb as Federal District Judge. Realization that Mecklenburg's hope of sending Representative to Washington lies in concentration in support of one candidate in the Congressional election prompted this action. Other prospective Mecklenburg candidates were invited to join this agreement.

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WHERE GRANT AND PRIVILEGE CEASE

That's the Dead Line, Short of Which Fight Will Not Stop, Says Plumb

DEMAND FOR OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Author of Railroad Bill Founded I. C. Committee Table in Denying "Attempts by Threats of Violence or Strikes to Ham Its Provisions Down the Congressional Throat"

Washington, Aug. 9.—Organized labor will not attempt to impose the Plumb plan for railroad control on other industries, unless employees and the public desire it, and its fight for public ownership of utilities will not stop until it has reached that point where "grant and privilege cease."

This was the message delivered by Glenn E. Plumb, speaking as labor's representative, to the House Interstate Commerce committee, which for three days has been holding hearings on tripartite control of the transportation systems. It was spoken calmly, after the witness, worn out by the long ordeal on the witness stand, but still smiling, had denied that the plan was socialistic.

Again today Plumb pounded the table and denied, in terms calculated, he said, to brook no repetition of the charge, that the railroad brotherhoods had attempted by threats of violence or strikes, to force Congress to adopt his plan for control of the railroads by the public, operating officials and employees.

Where You Going to Stop? The denial was made first in a statement from Plumb's office and signed by the heads of fifteen brotherhoods, and while Plumb was answering a hot fire of questions from Representative DeWalt, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, who wanted to know where the new idea would stop.

"We unite in a definite assertion that we have no desire and have had none," said the statement, and also Plumb, who paraphrased it "to impress upon the public, by violence or by threat, our proposal that the railroads be nationalized under 'tripartite control.' Labor would be held to its own interests, Plumb added with emphasis, if it attempted such methods."

Conference in R. R. Control. When Plumb left the committee room during the afternoon to return again Monday, he went into conference with a number of men and women, invited by him to attend a national conference on railroad control. Later, he announced, information would be put before the committee in support of his charge that there had been systematic plundering of the great railway systems of the country.

Plumb stood his ground while Representatives DeWalt, Montague, Democrats, of Virginia; Merritt, Republican, of Connecticut, and others, asked questions which they intimated were intended to point out defects in the Plumb plan. Representative Montague particularly wanted to know if, in buying the railroads, the government would pay for the tracks and lines built out of profits.

Not a Lead to Socialism. Plumb said it would not. Representative DeWalt inquired if the Plumb plan was leading to Socialism. Plumb said it was not. Representatives Merritt wanted to know if the plan would be extended to gas plants, trolley lines and the like, and Plumb said it would—that he had in mind all corporations doing business on privileges which the individual could not enjoy.

Plumb cited the case of the Postoffice Department, "the only great industry politically managed," and said its efficiency would be greatly increased if the employees had a voice in its management, or if "it were operated under the Democratic principles of this bill."

Farmers May Come In. It would be absurd, he declared, to suggest farmers might come forward with a demand for tripartite control, but if they wanted it and the public said so, they should have it. There was scarcely a reference during the day's hearing to the high cost of living. The thread of Plumb's testimony ran constantly in another direction—toward greater opportunity for the laboring man.

Citing the case of railway executives who had advanced from the ranks, Representative Montague asked Plumb if he had found evidence of undue repression which would halt the upward march of the under man.

Reform in Official Boosting.

He quite agreed that a majority of the highest paid railroad men today went up from the bottom, but insisted that they were not advanced through vote or voice of employees, but by railroad autocrats who felt they "were extortioners of human effort." He wanted employees to pass on a man's right to go higher.

Carrying out the same line of thought, Plumb said in the army there were many able officers, but there would have been a larger number of good ones had the privates been given a voice in their selection.

50 KILLED WHEN MOB DISARMED TROOPS

Berlin, Aug. 9.—Fifty persons were killed during disturbances yesterday near Chemnitz, a railroad station, 38 miles southwest of Dresden.

Troops were overpowered and disarmed by a mob. The soldiers' horses were slaughtered and the flesh distributed to the crowd. Many wounded persons are in the Chemnitz hospital. Additional troops are being sent to quiet the disorders.