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OLD GUARD UNEASY ABOUT CHANGES TO RATIFY TREATIES

Asks Pennsylvania Governor To Expedite Appointment Of Successor To Knox

HOLD UP CONSIDERATION TO SECURE EXTRA VOTE

Senator Simmons Definitely Lined Up Against Ratification; Republicans Need Margin Of Only Three Votes In Democratic Banks; Harding Firing Program Too Slow

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Oct. 16.—Outwardly professing confidence in having sufficient votes to put across the ratification of the Harding peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary, the Republicans are really shaking in their boots over the narrow margin for the two-thirds vote of the Senate that is necessary.

How great is their alarm may be seen from the report current that Governor Sprout, of Pennsylvania, has been asked to expedite the selection of a successor to the late Senator Knox, and to be certain that he appoints a man who will "sign his name on the dotted line" when the vote is taken for ratification. The treaties are scheduled to be taken up Monday when the Senate meets and is to have the right of way under the unanimous consent agreement, with one hour's debate as the portion of each Senator. Not all will speak, of course, and there is expectation that late Thursday or possibly on Wednesday the vote will be taken.

Simmons To Oppose Treaty. Admittedly delay in taking up the treaties has worked advantageously to the opponents of the separate peace treaties. The death of Senator Knox postponed consideration from Friday to Monday and the arguments of Senator Walsh, of Montana, against the terms of the treaties strengthened the backbone of the opponents. It was only today that the Washington papers printed the news that Senator Simmons would vote against the treaties, this first published exclusively in the News and Observer.

In his argument against the ratification resolutions Senator Walsh put his finger on points showing various inconsistencies, calling attention in particular to the inconsistent position of the United States in siding in favor of Germany surrender its fleet and reduce its army to the smallness of police protection, on the theory that it would be protected by the League of Nations, and then refusing to enter the League and add to its strength for keeping the world at peace.

Margin Of Three Votes. As stated before the Republicans with the full Senate voting, will need 64 votes. With the seat of Senator Knox not filled and with Senator Norris, who is ill, absent, 63 votes will be required to ratify. If the Republicans, with 60 members of the Senate, poll 56 votes as they now calculate, including Senator Land, North Dakota, whose vote is uncertain, Senators Borah, La Follette, and Norris being against ratification, then they will need only seven Democrats of the 36 in the Senate. The counting of noses indicates that there are 26 Democrats who are unalterably opposed to ratification leaving 10 Democrats upon whom the Republicans are relying, a margin of but three votes for the ratification advocates.

If four of the ten Democrats regarded as "sure" for ratification change their views, then ratification will fall in the present form of the treaties. The unusual feature in the situation, one that is provoking much criticism and dissatisfaction among the Democrats, is that Senator Hitchcock, former leader of the minority in the Senate in the fight for the Versailles treaty and the League of Nations, and also Senator Underwood, present minority leader, who has previously argued against a separate peace treaty, are both in line for ratification, their support making it possible for the Republicans to pick up enough Democratic votes to make the necessary two-thirds. With over two-thirds of the Democrats against ratification the leader and former leader are with the minority, if Senator Underwood changes from there is no doubt but that ratification will be defeated, for with him would go other Democrats now regarded as "on the fence."

Democrats Still Hopeful. But the Democrats opposing ratification, led by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, have not lost heart and have a feeling that some of the Democrats now talked off by Republicans for ratification may yet join them. For they hold some of those to be in the doubtful list. And delay gives opportunity to press home arguments to bring them into the camp of the anti-ratificationists. The outcome up to the last moment will be in doubt, and the result may hinge upon some of the reservations which will be offered.

That the Republicans will stretch the blankets as wide as possible to get Democratic votes in a pinch is regarded as certain but there are reservations which may be proposed by Democrats whose rejection will drive the so-called "doubtful Democrats" in line against ratification.

Republicans Not Satisfied. Even the speed that the Harding administration has shown in ousting Democrats from the Federal pay rolls

Leaders Of "Big Four" Brotherhoods



Arrangements for a grand parade which would begin October 20... William S. Carter, Warren S. Stone, L. E. Sheppard, W. G. Lee.

PERSHING ARRIVES FOR CEREMONIES

General Met At Victoria Station In London By Distinguished Committee

London, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Pershing, who comes to London to take part in the ceremonies attending the laying of the Congressional medal on the tomb of Britain's "unknown soldier," arrived here from Paris at 7 o'clock tonight. He was met at Victoria station by a distinguished reception committee from the various government departments. The general was the first of the party to step off the train and was greeted by Sir Louisa Worthington-Knives, secretary for war, who introduced him to the officers while hundreds of onlookers who had streamed in through the gates applauded.

General Pershing went direct to the American embassy where he will stay while in London and later was the guest of the Ambassador and Mrs. Harvey at a dinner party.

The "Star Spangled Banner," rendered by the British band, and the playing of the British national anthem, the "God Save the King," were the first of the ceremonies which will be held at the Victoria station during the stay in London.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN GEN. METIS' CONDITION

Washington, Oct. 16.—The condition of Gen. James I. Metis, commander of the North Carolina Contingent Veterans, who was severely injured in a collision between his automobile and a street car last Wednesday, was somewhat improved today, according to his physician.

DIRECTS SHERIFF TO ARREST PRIZE FIGHT PROMOTERS

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 16.—Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general for the State of Kansas tonight directed Sheriff Doug Simmons to arrest promoters of the tribulation fight, which is to be held in Wichita, Kan., on Tuesday night.

SETS NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR AUTOMOBILE RACING

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 16.—Sig Hagedahl, a motor car racer, yesterday negotiated the mile in 44 seconds flat on the Texas Fair speedway and set what officials declared was a new world's record, and which was stated would be regarded as official. The world's record of 44.35 seconds has been held by Tommy Milton and is on the Coast field, Cal.

ONE IN HOSPITAL ANOTHER IN JAIL AS RESULT OF AFFRAY

Wichita, Oct. 16.—In an affray in the tobacco district this afternoon between two white men, K. W. Ham, of the Locama section, and Larry Lamm, of this city, Ham cut Lamm in the neck. Ham is in jail and Lamm is in a local hospital in a weakened condition.

KOHLOSS SUBMITS FIGURES ON WORK

Federal Prohibition Director Says He Is Getting Together Strong Force

During the three months he has been in office, Federal Prohibition Director R. A. Kohloss reports that his force has destroyed \$75,000 worth of property used for distilling purposes and has reported taxes and penalties to the amount of \$301,000. The total number of arrests made is given as 117 while 218 have been recommended for prosecution.

Director Kohloss tabulated report shows better results for September than for the two preceding months, which he says is due to the fact that he has been deluged in getting together a force of men in sympathy with the prohibition law. His report to the News and Observer follows:

Approved and in great interest in the enforcement of prohibition in North Carolina and thinking that you would be interested in knowing the efforts made by this bureau in enforcing the prohibition law I am herewith giving you the official statement of the results as reported by our field men on a course during the months of August and September. We did not have a full staff of officers, for the reason that we are trying to select men to fill those offices who are in sympathy with the prohibition law and who are not carrying over from the past with that portion in mind hence our delay in appointing all the men assigned to the various offices.

IMPERIAL WIZARD WILL RESUME STAND TODAY

Washington, Oct. 16.—William J. Simmons, founder and Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, will be able to resume his defense of the organization before the House Rules committee today.

KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW HIMSELF KILLED BY SON

Wrightsville, Oct. 16.—Rosa Williams, 42, mother of E. Lee Williams, shot up in the front gate of the Williams home in southern town, Miss. Williams was killed here at 5 o'clock this afternoon calmly walked from his automobile to the front porch, where Mrs. Smith was sitting and shot her through the head. She died instantly.

MRS. VANDERBILT WILL WRITE SOME HISTORY AT FAIR

First Woman Ever To Preside At Opening Of Historic Event

SHE WILL INTRODUCE GOVERNOR TO ASSEMBLY

Army Of Workmen Worked Feverishly All Day Yesterday Preparing Exhibits For Opening Day; Parade Headed By Governor Morrison and Mrs. Vanderbilt

Noontime tomorrow will write a new chapter in the long annals of the State Fair when the curtain is lifted upon the hectic week by the hands of a woman, the first woman in the history of the State to preside at a function that has become traditional in the archives of the commonwealth.

At noon Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the State Fair Association, will, in keeping with custom, present to the assembled multitude the Governor of North Carolina, and he in turn will deliver the historic oration with which all fairs have been opened. But few times in history has there been an opening without the Governor.

Preliminary to the actual opening of the fair will be the parade, also a thing established deeply in tradition. The parade, under the guidance of the chief marshal, General John VanR. Metz, will move from the City Auditorium, headed by the First Regiment Band, followed by the Governor and Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Expect Big Crowd. Attendance tomorrow promises to break records. Openings in recent times have descended into perfunctory formalities, but tomorrow there will be the precious Mrs. Vanderbilt, who has stirred among the people of the State an unusual interest, to add attraction to the event. Raleigh will likely turn out in large numbers, and from over the State will come other thousands to attend the opening.

Yesterday the fair grounds were the scene of feverish activity and again today likely a new access of energy. Hundreds of exhibits are not yet in place, the Rubin and Cherry shows have not yet established themselves. A thousand people worked through the day yesterday, arranging exhibits, putting up tents, and doing the two thousand and two things that always have to be done the last minute.

Hundreds of animals, thousands of chickens, hals after hals and crate after crate of individual, community and county exhibits were delivered on the grounds during the day, and the exhibitors began the task of making them ready for the eyes of the multitude that are coming. This morning activity will be redoubled, and before tomorrow noon transformation will have been worked.

Barren walls will have blossomed with the multitude of things that the State can boast of. Bleak and gaunt exhibit halls that have burgeoned forth in the glory that is North Carolina. There is more of everything this year than ever before in the history of the State Fair, and Tar Heels who think they know all about North Carolina will stand back in open-mouthed wonder when they see what the State really can do.

Notable already in the vast array of exhibits is the western element of the State's wealth. Mrs. Vanderbilt has started the people to a veritable frenzy of exhibition. Counties from the mountain region have come down with an array of their products that will be nothing less than startling. They have been a little more fore-handed with their arrangements than easterners, and their sections of the exhibition halls had already begun to blossom yesterday.

JAPANESE DELEGATES SAIL FOR CONFERENCE

Yokohama, Oct. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Members of the Japanese delegation to the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments sailed for the United States on board the steamer Kashiwa Maru. The newspapers say the delegation carries with it the disconcerting policy of the Japanese government formulated by the cabinet council and approved by the advisory council. A copy of these instructions was handed today to the American Ambassador.

There was a tremendous crowd at the pier to bid the delegation farewell. The pier to bid the delegation farewell. The pier to bid the delegation farewell.

CUMBERLAND JURY STILL OUT ON WILLIAMS CASE

Fayetteville, Oct. 16.—The jury trying J. Marshall Williams on a charge of insanity in connection with the killing of officer Pate last July is still out. They took the case at one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Trial resumed in superior court here Tuesday afternoon, October 14.

FINAL DETAILS ARRANGED FOR PROPOSED WALKOUT OF ALL RAILROAD EMPLOYES

Nothing But Miracle Can Stop Strike, Union Head Declares

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UNION LEADERS NOW PLAN FINAL WALKOUT FOR NOVEMBER FIFTH

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Cleveland, Oct. 16.—With the announcement today that the big Five Railroad transportation chiefs will meet here Tuesday to discuss plans for carrying on the nation-wide progressive railroad strike that has been set to begin at 6 a. m. Sunday, Oct. 20, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, declared that nothing but a miracle can prevent the strike going into effect.

Mr. Lee returned to headquarters today from Chicago where yesterday the five transportation organizations ordered the strike and at once began sending out official notices of the strike order to approximately three hundred general chairmen of his organization who did not attend the Chicago conference. General Chairmen of the four other organizations attended the conference and were given their orders there.

"Nothing but a miracle can stop this strike," said Mr. Lee. "Still, there may be a savior in some place, but I am afraid not." Mr. Lee explained that the strike order was final and definite no provisions being made for a postponement of action. Only a satisfactory settlement before the date set for the strike to begin has been provided for in the instructions sent to the general chairmen.

Grand officers of the Brotherhood of Engineers were arriving here tonight for a conference tomorrow with Gagn Chief Warren S. Stone at which they will receive final instructions before departing for the districts over which they have supervision.

Mr. Stone, W. B. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen; L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, and T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, are expected to arrive here tomorrow to take part in Tuesday's conference.

Orders for calling off the strike in case a "satisfactory agreement" has been reached are contained in sealed code messages mailed to all general chairmen with the official strike order, which are not to be opened until receipt of a code telegram. If this code telegram and the sealed code message are identical the general chairman will know the strike has been settled. All the code telegrams sent to the general chairmen are worded differently, and the general chairmen in passing along similar instructions to local chairmen, will use different codes also.

The purpose of using this code system, rather than one general code word, it was said, was to prevent the brotherhoods being imposed upon should the code word fall into improper hands, or otherwise.

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Pennsylvania, and the Erie roads, included originally in the first group on which the strike was ordered, were removed from that list, thus excluding at the start all states east of Chicago and north of the Ohio River.

The San Diego and Arizona railroad was added to the first of the four groups into which the unions have divided the roads for strike purposes and it was decided to order the three succeeding groups out at 48 hours intervals instead of 24 hours apart. Under this plan with the men on the roads in group number one walking out October 20, the strike would be in full effect November 5.

L. & N. Also Dropped. The Louisville and Nashville railroad also was dropped from the first group, according to the list given out by the union leaders.

These changes were said by union leaders to complete assignment of roads to the first group on which walkouts would take place and the following was made known as the official list of carriers in that group:

Kansas City Southern, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern (Totton belt), International and Great Northern, Texas and Pacific Southern Pacific (Atlantic system including Houston, East and West, Texas and Houston, Texas Central, Southern Pacific (Pacific system), San Diego and Arizona, Chicago and North Western, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul (except Chicago, Terre Haute and Southeastern), Northern Pacific, Southern Railway (lines east and west), Seaboard Air Line, Virginian Railway, Chicago Great Western, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.

Transfer Not Explained. While an official explanation was forthcoming, the union group the Pennsylvania lines would be placed in, it was understood they would be assigned to group No. 2, on which the walkouts are scheduled to start November 3. All walkouts are scheduled to begin at 6 a. m. standard time.

The transfer of the Pennsylvania lines from Group 1, was unexplained by union leaders, but caused considerable surprise as the road has been considered by the unions as the most antagonistic of any to them and it was believed that the first strike would be ordered on it.

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Telegraphers To Join Strike. The Union forces gained strength today when Thomas M. Pierson, vice-president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, announced that the 51000 members of his organization positively were pledged to strike and that they would make every effort to completely tie up the country's transportation systems.

"It is our aim to tie up transportation so completely that it will be impossible for a train to move," said Mr. Pierson. "If every telegrapher quits work that will mean that no train or car can be sent and train service necessarily will be at a standstill. There is no question but that we will order our members out on October 30, but the final instructions probably will not be issued until October 21."

Differences between officials of the railroad telegraphers however, regarding the order's status in connection with the strike were disclosed in a statement made by E. J. Manion, president of the order, who on being advised of Mr. Pierson's announcement declared the vice-president had not been authorized to give any statement whatsoever. "The policy of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has not been formulated and will not be known until October 21," Mr. Manion declared.

Shop Crafts Defer Call. The shop crafts unions, comprising about 476,000 employees, today deferred the formal issuance of a strike call pending a meeting to be held here Wednesday but their leaders have officially announced their organizations conditions then existing.

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MIDDLE WEST CAN WEATHER STRIKE

Railroad Walkout Would Have Little Effect Except To Close Packing Plants

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—A railroad strike would have little effect on the average large industry of the Middle West but would result in closing down all of the packing plants within three weeks and undoubtedly would force many small factories to close, representatives of some of the chief industries of this region said tonight.

Tentative plans were being drawn up through which it was said Chicago and the larger cities could be kept supplied with most food commodities although it was believed that meat supplies would run short quickly, the packers asserting that their stocks on hand are smaller than in many years.

An official of one packing concern said that the meat packers had been operating at only 35 per cent normal strength for more than a year and that as they were entirely dependent on the transportation systems, they could not operate during an effective railroad strike. Approximately 75,000 men would be thrown out of work through closing of the Big Five packing plants, officials said although in normal times the number would have been much larger.

George R. Meyer, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association and reports he had received indicated that the larger industries would have no trouble in operating in spite of a railroad strike.

"There would be no general tie up of industry."

SECRETARY DAVIS LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 16.—Secretary of Labor Davis left here tonight for Washington, having been summoned there by President Harding in connection with the threatened National railroad strike. The Labor Secretary would make no comment on the threatened strike saying the summons from President Harding entailed a request that he make no statement regarding the situation until he had returned to Washington and conferred with members of the Labor Board there.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS SAY THEY CAN OPERATE LINES

Chicago, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite the insistence of union officials that the strike would paralyze the transportation system of the country, railroad officials steadfastly maintained that they would be able to operate their lines. A majority of them in statements last night and today seemed inclined to believe that a strike would not actually be put into effect.

Several took the attitude that a strike would be a strike against the government and not against the railroads.

RAILROAD HEAD SAYS IT SEEMS INCONCEIVABLE

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The suggestion in Washington by the Public Group of the Railroad Labor Board that the recent suggestion authorized by the board be passed along by the roads in lowering freight rates as a possible means of averting the threatened railroad strike "seems inconceivable at first glance," Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western Railroad, said tonight when informed of the suggestion by The Associated Press.

GEORGIA RAILROAD DOESN'T EXPECT TO HAVE STRIKE

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16.—The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad which has about 640 miles of track in Alabama and Georgia is not expected to be affected by the proposed national wide strike set to start October 30, Col. R. L. Bugg, receiver for the road, said tonight.

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