

WITNESSES TELL JOINT COMMITTEE OF TAX INCREASES

Committee From Mining Companies in Mexico, Before Commission.

MILLIONS INVESTED BY THESE COMPANIES

Protest Against "Confiscatory Decrees" of Mexican Government.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 2.—A committee representing fifty mining and smelting companies operating in Mexico protested today to the American members of the American-Mexican joint commission against what they called "confiscatory decrees" in that country, and urged the return to the old methods of taxation.

It was the first time that witnesses have appeared before either the American or Mexican commissioners.

Statistics Submitted. In the mass of statistics submitted to the American commissioners was a statement showing the decrease in the output of metals since 1912. According to these figures the output in 1912 was:

Silver, 23,000,000 ounces; gold, 245,000 ounces; copper, 74,000 tons; zinc, 45,000 tons, and lead, 68,000 tons.

The figures for the first six months of 1916 were given as:

Silver, 6,000,000 ounces; gold, 38,000 ounces; copper, 23,000 tons; zinc, 11,000 tons, and lead, 3,000 tons.

They told the American commissioners that the export taxes on gold and silver had been increased to four times what they were in 1912, and that now a heavy tax was placed on lead, copper and zinc, where none had been imposed. They also placed before the commissioners figures showing heavy increases in other taxes affecting the industry and characterized them as confiscatory since the low grades of great quantity of the ores produced made impracticable the operation of mines under such conditions. Many forfeitures already have been forced, according to the commission.

Millions Invested. The actual investment of the companies represented was placed at \$125,000,000.

Secretary of the Interior Lane made public the memorandum presented by the mining men and said that the commissioners would confer with them again tomorrow. They came here at the request of the American commissioners, who wanted their statement of conditions because of the mass of contradictory evidence.

The joint session of the commission earlier in the day was marked by the presentation by the Mexicans of a plan of border patrol which included the withdrawal of the American forces. The Mexicans assured the American commissioners of their belief that their government would be able to carry out the promises they were prepared to make that in the future the military forces of Mexico would adequately safeguard the border. The details of the plan were not disclosed.

ROUMANIAN FORCES HAVE INVADED BULGARIA WITH APPARENT TWO-FOLD IDEA

If Sufficient Men Have Been Thrown Across Danube, Big Seaport of Varna Would Be Threatened and Teuton Forces Would Be Isolated.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Roumanians have invaded Bulgaria.

On the upper reaches of the Danube between the fortified towns of Rustehuk and Turtukai, where the river begins its bend northeastward, leaving Bulgarian territory and separating Roumania proper from Dobrudja, the troops of Roumania have made their way to the southern bank of the stream.

Two-Fold Value.

Just how many men were thrown across the river is not disclosed in either the Roumanian or German communications, but the strategic value of the maneuver seemingly two-fold.

Ninety miles eastward from Turtukai, which lays at the western extremity of southern Dobrudja, is Varna, Bulgaria's chief seaport on the Black sea. If sufficient men have been sent across the river and are sent along the Dobrudja-Bulgarian frontier toward Varna, not alone would the seaport be in danger, but the move would constitute a serious menace toward the isolation of the German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces, operating against the Roumanians to the north.

Teutons Defeated.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the crossing of the Danube, comes a report from Bucharest that a fresh attack along the entire front in Dobrudja has resulted in the defeat of the center and right flanks of the troops of the central powers.

In Transylvania the Roumanians on both sides of the great Kukul river have advanced against the Teutonic allies, while westward in the vicinity of Ossova and near Petrosny the Austro-Hungarians have captured positions from the Roumanians.

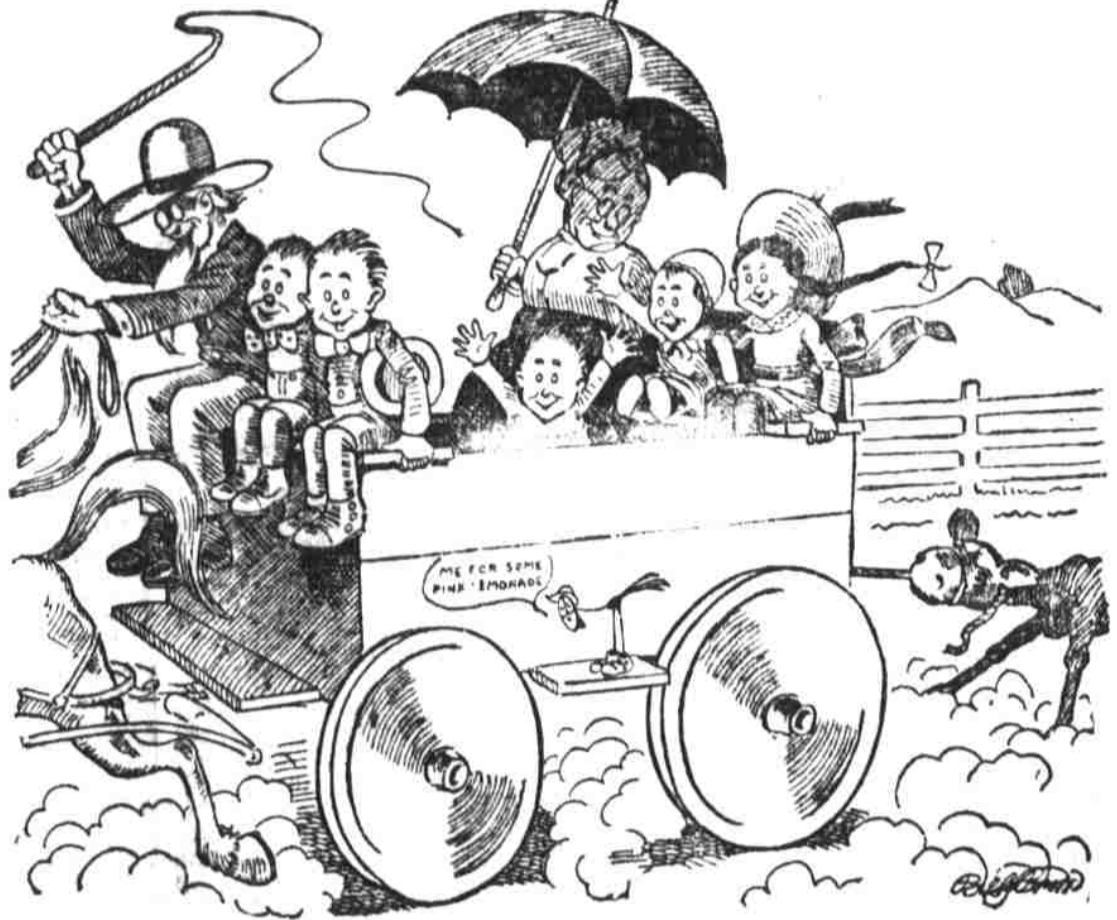
The fighting in Galicia, with Lemberg the stake, has resulted in successes for the Teutonic allies northeast of the Galician capital and for the Russians in the southeast. On the Brody-Zlochoff road the Teutons recaptured the ground lost last Saturday, according to both Berlin and Vienna, and made prisoner 2,306 Russians, while in the Narayuvka and Zlota Ripa sectors, the Russians repulsed vicious attacks of the Teutons, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing 1,600 men. In the Lutsk region of Volhynia, northwest of Svinuskv, a Russian attack was repulsed.

No Notable Successes.

Little additional news of the fighting on the Macedonian front has come to hand. The troops of both sides along the front apparently are continuing their attacks and counter-attacks, with no notable successes for either. Aside from bombardments which are especially severe in

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All Aboard for the Haywood County Fair!



Puzzle—Find the Only One Who Doesn't Want to Go.

SITUATION BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE ALLIES BECOMES TENSE AS RESULT OF RECENT ACTS OF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT

Swedish Waters Mined on Side Where Allied Ships Have Been Accustomed to Sail and Left Clear Where German Steamers Ply—Mail Question Is Still Unsettled and Swedish Replies to British Notes Are Characteristically Stiff.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The relations between Sweden and the entente powers are attracting unusual attention here, and there is every indication that the situation threatens to become somewhat tense. With the dispute as to mail matters still unsettled, there has arisen the charge by the entente allies that the neutrality of Sweden is not so loyal and impartial as it should be. This has drawn from Stockholm a reply as tart and crisp as some of the notes in the mail controversy which were characterized by Viscount Grey as containing words not usually found in diplomatic correspondence.

Using Swedish Waters. The new point of contact with Sweden is the growth of the practice of belligerent shipping in using Swedish territorial waters for all Baltic traffic. Within the safety of this neutral three-mile limit English and other ships of the entente nations have sailed defiantly into and out of the Baltic, paying not the slightest heed to the German fleet looking on from the outer waters. Similarly German merchant ships have sailed up and down the west coast of Sweden, heavily laden with foodstuffs and iron ores, while Russian destroyers in the northern reaches of the Baltic have been impotent to act.

Heavy Responsibility. This practice placed a heavy responsibility upon Sweden and kept

her fleet busy day and night patrolling the territorial waters in protection of the belligerent traders, despite which precaution there were several violations of Swedish neutrality. Public sentiment in Sweden was aroused and the government determined to mine the waters of Kogrud channel, leading out of the sound into the Baltic. Sweden also served notice that her naval commanders had been instructed to lay upon all submarines found prowling within the three-mile limit.

The situation was further complicated by a later return of the Swedish government to close the Kogrud channel entirely to all except Swedish vessels.

Allies Protest. The entente allies protested that in reserving exclusively to Swedish merchant ships the track across the mine fields established in Kogrud channel, Sweden had closed the only route by which English, French and other entente allied vessels could pass into and out of the Baltic, protected from attack by German naval forces. On the other hand, the note pointed out, the Swedish government not only left open in territorial waters between Kalamas strait and Lulea a route which is accessible only to Swedish and German ships under the new arrangement but further assured to these vessels the protection of an escort against the Russian navy.

With regard to submarines the British protest declared that Sweden appeared to establish between under-

water boats armed for war purposes and other submarines, a distinction in virtue of which so-called submarine commerce of a type not employed by the entente allies, might with impunity navigate Swedish territorial waters beneath the surface. The reply of Sweden was characteristically stiff. It was asserted that all submarines are to be treated by Sweden as war submarines if their equipment for commercial purposes is not established with certainty by common facts. It was asserted that all Sweden was doing was to safeguard her neutrality in the manner she found most appropriate to the object.

HUGHES RESTS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Charles E. Hughes spent today resting and going over correspondence which had accumulated during his latest speaking campaign. He saw no callers and remained in seclusion. The republican nominee went for an automobile ride this afternoon. Mr. Hughes will remain here until Wednesday morning when he will go to Montclair, N. J., to rest until the end of the week. He will begin another speaking tour next week.

PACKING PLANT BURNS.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 2.—Fires in the Morris company packing plant entirely gutted the structure tonight, entailing a loss estimated at \$750,000. The loss is covered by insurance, according to local officials of the company.

PRESIDENT WILSON COMPLETES PLANS FOR HIS CAMPAIGN

Program of Speeches Up to Election Day Outlined

For Chief Executive

HENRY FORD AGAIN PROMISES SUPPORT

Selection of Two Important Boards is Almost Completed.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 2.—President Wilson's campaign program up to election day partly was completed tonight at a conference that he held with Chairman Vance C. McCormick. The president also discussed politics with Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer and peace advocate, and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Arrangements were completed for a trip of the president to Cincinnati, making four visits that he will pay to the middle west. He will speak in Cincinnati on October 25, under the auspices of the City club.

Speaking Program.

The president's speaking program outlined tonight includes the following engagements:

Omaha, Neb., October 5; Shadow Lawn, October 7; Indianapolis, October 12; Pennsylvania Day at Shadow Lawn, October 14; St. Louis and Ohio Day at Shadow Lawn, October 17; Chicago, October 19; Farmers' Day at Shadow Lawn, October 21; Cincinnati, October 25.

In addition to these speaking engagements the president will deliver an address at Shadow Lawn, October 23, and will pay two visits to New York state on dates not yet selected. Mr. McCormick said tonight that this program will carry the president up to election day and that few, if any, additions will be made.

Ford with President. Henry Ford remained with the president four hours and assured Mr. Wilson that he was willing to go everywhere possible to bring about his election. He said he had made no plans for contributing to the democratic campaign fund because he did not believe in such a course. "I think the wisest thing is to bring about the man the office," declared Mr. Ford. Secretary McAdoo, who had planned to make several political speeches, probably will not carry out his plans because of public business necessitating his presence in Washington.

The president has almost completed the selection of the shipping board and the board created by congress to observe the workings of the eight-hour law for railroad employees. Two of the members of the shipping board probably will be Bernard Baker, of Baltimore, and William Denman, of San Francisco.

Mr. Wilson leaves here tomorrow night for Omaha, going first to Philadelphia and Chicago, and reaching Omaha Thursday morning. Mrs. Wilson and Secretary Tamm will accompany him. He will return here Saturday morning.

CHARGES AND DENIALS RESULT FROM PROBE OF WRECK AT DETROIT

Five Arrests Are Made in Connection With Grade Crossing Accident.

EIGHT ARE KILLED

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 2.—Investigations of last night's grade crossing tragedy in which eight persons were killed and more than fifty injured, were made today by state and local officials, which brought forth a mass of charges and denials. The wreck occurred shortly before midnight Sunday night. A cross-town street car, carrying more than fifty passengers, was struck by a freight train on the Grand Trunk crossing on Forest avenue. Street-car officials and employes today told investigators that the railroad gates were not lowered and that the approach of the freight cars and the switch engine behind them, was not signalled. Grand Trunk officials declared there was a red light on the freight cars which hit the street-car and that the engine's bell was ringing as the freight train crossed.

Late today an executive official of the Grand Trunk road charged that the gateman at the Forest avenue crossing was about to lower his gates when the cross-town car approached, but that the conductor on the street-car, who was on the tracks, signalled his car to come ahead.

County authorities have detained Henry Gibson, engineer, and Robert O'Keefe, conductor on the freight train, and Motorman William Carter and Conductor Alex Chiers, of the street-car. Valentine Choiniste, the gateman, a cripple, also was taken in custody.

TRAIN BLOWN UP.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Captain Burriago, commanding the battleship Nebraska at Vera Cruz, forwarded a rumor last today that a train from Vera Cruz to Mexico City had been blown up by bandits. Dispatches from Captain Burriago for several days have referred to similar rumors of renewed activities of bandits in that section but as has been unable to obtain any positive confirmation.

PROMINENT NICARAGUAN RUNS AMUCK DURING AN ELECTION KILLING FOUR

Nephew of Former President Zelaya Attacks Group of Conservatives.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 2.—In a fight which broke out here yesterday during the election of General Emilio Chamorro as president of the republic, Salvador Zelaya, nephew of former President Zelaya, attacked a group of conservatives, shooting and killing four of them. During the fight Zelaya himself was seriously wounded, while a number of other persons were also hurt. The police quickly intervened and quelled the disorder.

The four men killed were given public military funerals today, thousands of conservatives following the bodies to the grave.

General Chamorro, who was unopposed for the office of chief executive, has been for years one of the active leaders of the conservative party. For the last three years he has been Nicaraguan minister to Washington. Dr. Irias, the liberal candidate, withdrew from the contest ten days ago, giving as a reason that the state department at Washington would not recognize the election of a candidate who had been connected with the administration of former President Zelaya. The liberals offered the nomination to Dr. Carlos Cuadra Pasos, of the progressive or government party, but he also declined to run.

SUPPLIES RACING NEWS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—A news service owned and controlled by Mont Tennes, alleged head of the gambling "trust" in Chicago, supplies horse racing information to hand book operators regularly at a charge of \$15 to \$450 a week, according to testimony before Federal Judge Landis today in his investigation of alleged wide gambling operations in the city.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACIES IN THE MILK BUSINESS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Complaint Made That "Conspiracies in Restraint of Trade" Exist.

NEW YORK AFFECTED

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 2.—A sweeping investigation of the milk situation in the state was ordered tonight by Attorney General Woodbury. He designated Deputy Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis, who was counsel to the Thompson public service commission, investigating committee to conduct the inquiry and announced that application for the appointment of a non-partisan referee to take testimony will be made to the courts at once.

The investigation was authorized after the receipt of complaints by both milk dealers and producing farmers alleging that conspiracies in restraint of the milk trade existed.

NO RELAXATION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—In the face of a serious milk shortage in this city because of the controversy between the Dairymen's league and individual distributors, Health Commissioner Emerson declared emphatically late today there would be no relaxation in the rigid inspection of the supply by his department. He asserted that he was more interested in quality of milk than in quantity and that the standard could not be lowered no matter how acute the shortage became.

Dr. Emerson declared reports received from inspectors for his department indicated that about seventy-five per cent of the normal supply was received in the city today. Mr. Dillon asserted that the shortage would become more acute as the week advanced and that by Thursday the distributors would be receiving only about fifteen per cent of the 2,400,000 quarts which ordinarily come daily into the city. The distributors, however, were hopeful of keeping the supply up to at least 50 per cent of normal. They are developing new sources as rapidly as possible.

PARAPHERNALIA FOR BIG BASEBALL POOL SEIZED BY THE CHICAGO POLICE

Federal and State Investigations Succeed in Making Gambling Disclosures.

FUND FOR POLITICS

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—While Federal Judge Landis continued today to draw from reluctant witnesses testimony of a highly developed organization for gambling, which the police previously declared did not exist, city authorities uncovered evidence of a baseball pool in a raid on a downtown office building. State's Attorney Hoyle, conducting an independent raid on the Sportmen's Club of America, declared he suspected that the funds derived from a large sale of associate memberships was used as a political fund for the benefit of Mayor William H. Thompson, former president of the club.

Assistant State's Attorney Berger issued a statement that the raid followed investigations which indicated that officials of the club, including Chief of Police Charles C. Healey, were connected with the installation of slot machines in Chicago.

Police Captain Collins, who raided the baseball pool, said paraphernalia seized indicated elaborate preparations, had been made for betting on the coming world series.

VIRGINIA GUARD LEAVES.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 2.—Three batteries of the First Battalion, Virginia field artillery, entrained here this afternoon for San Antonio, Texas, for service on the border. They include battery A, the Richmond howitzers; Battery B, of Norfolk and Battery D, of Hampton. They number fifteen officers and 427 men. Battery C, of Portsmouth, with four officers and 136 men, will entrain at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The troops carry full field equipment and ammunition.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

Labor Leaders Admit That Men Failed to Respond to Call.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Tacit admission of the failure of the "general" sympathetic strike in New York in behalf of the striking street carmen was made in a report late today in a conference of labor leaders, which discussed the general situation. The leaders recommended that every union member of the city be assessed one dollar for the benefit of the subway, elevated and surface car employes who are on strike in Manhattan, Bronx and parts of Westchester county.

Police headquarters announced that canvass made by policemen showed that only 408 men had responded to the call for a general strike.

More than 100,000 members of the United Hebrew Trades returned to work after their holiday, as did 5,100 brewery workers.

BANDITS LOOT TOWN.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 2.—Following the battle with the Carranza troops under General Matias Ramos at Cusi-huirachic on September 26, Francisco Villa, Jose Ynes Salazar and their joint command left the mining town of Cusi after looting it of food supplies, killing several civilians and impressing all able-bodied men into their command, a resident of the Cusi-huirachic mining district who arrived, reported today.

The looting followed the retirement of General Ramos and his command, after the Carranza commander had been wounded. Many women were attacked by the Villista soldiers, the man reported, and a half day of terror followed the retirement of the Carranza forces.

STREET CAR SERVICE IN ATLANTA AGAIN STOPPED

Several Arrests Made and Two Large Fines Imposed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 2.—Service on all local and suburban street cars was ordered discontinued at 8:10 tonight and shortly after the general public was left to make its way home in jitneys or afoot. There were numerous cases of interference with car service in the suburbs today, according to police and street car company representatives, where striking motormen and conductors or their sympathizers gathered, and service on one suburban line was discontinued before night. Representatives of the company said that service would be resumed tomorrow. Several arrests were made today for "disorderly conduct," and two men were fined \$100 each in police court and bound over to the grand jury for pulling a motorman off his car.

TO REBUILD TOWN.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—The councillors of the Commune of Dixmude began a special session here today to discuss plans for the rebuilding of that ruined Belgian town. M. Goyssart, who is acting burgomaster of Dixmude in place of M. Baert, who died in exile in England last year, presided. As a compliment to French hospitality, the proceedings were conducted in the French language instead of in Flemish.

"ONE NIGHT ONLY."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 2.—Lloyds of London will enter the theatrical field tomorrow for "one night only," and will stage an open-air production of "Aida" in an effort to regain \$25,000 paid as insurance against rain for the production of the opera which was to have been given here Saturday for charity. It was said that all money taken in at the box office over \$25,000, Lloyds' expenses, and a deficit of \$2,500 would go to charity.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair in the west, rain east portion Tuesday with north-easterly north gales on the coast; Wednesday, probably fair.