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THE PLUMB PLAN

Tripartite Control of Railroads Under Government Ownership Not Championed by Representative of Organizations.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Sept. 12.—The Plumb plan for tripartite control of the railroads under government ownership must be "buried beyond all hope" if it is not to be made a "rallying point" for the nationalization of all industry, Edgar J. Rich, transportation counsel for the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, declared today before the House Interstate Commerce Committee, considering legislation for final disposition of the railroads.

Mr. Rich, who spoke for the Manufacturers' Association of twenty-two states, and the Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, said the Plumb plan like Bolshevism, was a "perversion" of the principle of Socialism in that it would benefit only one class and deny the Socialistic theory of the "general public good." The railroads under the plan, he said, would be operated "for the benefit of the workers" while the public would assume all risk of loss. The greatest defect of the plan, he declared, is that the proposed wage-fixing board would enable the workers to "dominate" the board and fix their own wages, regardless of revenues, with the public to stand any resultant loss.

Row Over Postmastership

At Elizabeth City Raging

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—The row over the postmaster appointment at Morehead City, N. C., came up today before the Senate Postal Committee at the outset of its investigation of the differences between Postmaster General Burleson and the civil service commissioner.

Former Commissioner Galloway of South Carolina, who recently resigned, as he said, because the postmaster general was "debauching the civil service," appeared in connection with the appointment of Robert T. Wade, Democrat, to be postmaster at Morehead City, which is being contested by Cleveland Wells, a Republican.

According to testimony Wade upon examination was originally given a rating of 78 per cent while Wells received 80 per cent. At the alleged request of the postmaster general, reclassification was made, so that Wade was given the highest percentage, and his appointment followed. Mr. Galloway told the committee that the usual procedure was not followed in this case and that it was not referred to the commission.

Mr. Galloway said he knew only one similar case, and that involved the appointment of a postmaster at Buffalo, Wyo. During the hearing, Representative Brinson of North Carolina, who was present, expressed "surprise" at the presence of Mr. Galloway, whom he said had a "grievance," saying that both he and Senator Simmons of North Carolina had asked that a member of the commission be called. Mr. Galloway objected to the term "grievance," saying "the only grievance I have with the postmaster general he has brought on himself."

The former commissioner added that he came before the committee at the request of Senator Townsend of Michigan, chairman of the full committee.

Mr. Wade, applicant for the North Carolina postmastership, together with a number of Morehead citizens, also appeared to testify relative to his character and business experience.

EYES EXAMINED

GLASSES GROUND.
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WOMAN SHOOT MAN

Mrs. O. L. Smith of Mississippi Held Under Formal Charge of Murder of a Prominent Citizen, Who Was Shot from Ambush.

(By The Associated Press.)
Starkville, Miss., Sept. 15.—S. J. Wallace, candidate for state senator and formerly county superintendent of education, who authorities say was shot and mortally wounded by Mrs. O. L. Smith Saturday afternoon, died late Sunday after an operation was performed in an effort to save his life.

Mrs. Smith, well known in this vicinity, is held pending a formal charge of murder.

According to local authorities, Wallace was on his way to milk some cows when he was ambushed and shot several times in the abdomen by Mrs. Smith without any warning.

NEGRO KILLED

A SUPPOSED BURGLAR FOUND BY MR. WILLIAM JOHNSON IN HIS RESIDENCE ON ROBINSON STREET AND SLAIN—NEGRO WAS ARMED.

At 12 o'clock Sunday night a negro man was shot and killed by Mr. Wm. Johnson, in the home of the latter on Robinson street in this city. The story of the affair, as told by Mr. Johnson and his son, Mr. Vann Johnson, is as follows: About midnight Vann heard a noise on the second floor of the house as of some one opening the screen door to one of the rooms. He called to his father, and both went upstairs, entered Vann's room and "turned on the light." They then entered an adjoining room, where they found a negro, who fired on them and advanced toward them.

Mr. Johnson returned the fire at close range, so close that the blaze from the powder caught the negro's shirt sleeve. When Mr. Johnson shot, the negro started down stairs and Vann Johnson caught hold of him and both, in a scuffle, rolled down stairs to the first floor. Mr. Johnson says the negro called out, "Look out, Captain, there was somebody else with me up there!"

Mr. Johnson shot the negro with a 32 "special," while on the person of the negro was found a very large Smith & Wesson pistol. Mr. Johnson fired three shots.

After the shooting examination showed that the negro was dead, when Mr. Johnson phoned to J. M. Rogers, undertaker, who went to Mr. Johnson's house, got the body and carried it to his undertaking establishment.

Before entering Mr. Johnson's house it seems that the negro pulled off his shoes, socks and overcoat and placed them under the steps to the front porch, where they were afterwards found.

The reporter was told by neighbors of Mr. Johnson that the affair last night was the third attempt at burglary in that neighborhood, recently.

A Mr. Peacock, who rooms at Mr. Johnson's was asleep during the shooting and all of the affair, but knew nothing about it until it was ended.

Since the above was written, we have been informed by the police that they had been looking for the dead negro for ten days and that he had an alias of "Blue Baby." The negro, so the police say, walked into police headquarters last night twenty minutes before he was killed and informed the officers where they could get the participants in a "shin game." The officers took the information, found the gamblers and arrested several negroes. In the meantime "Blue Baby" proceeded to Johnson's house for the supposed purpose of burglary and was killed. It was thought he gave the gamblers away in order that the police might make the raid and leave the coast clear for him. He was wanted as an escaped convict from Wilson County.

WORD TO PERSHING

The National Capital Is Honoring America's Commanding General to Whom Congress May Present a \$10,000 Sword.

Washington, Sept. 13.—General Pershing today re-established the headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces at the War Department, where more than two years ago he took up the task, the results of which astounded the world, brought fame to him, and to his country undying honor. General Pershing was welcomed upon his return to the National Capital late yesterday with a fitting demonstration of gratitude.

At the headquarters where they began, General Pershing and his staff are winding up the affairs of the greatest force for overseas operation ever organized in the history of the world.

Appropriate to the occasion of General Pershing's return to Washington, a resolution proposing the gift to him of a sword has been given the right-of-way for consideration in the House today. The resolution, which tender the thanks of the American people and the Congress to General Pershing and the men of the American Expeditionary Forces, would appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of a sword.

Census Bureau Has Issued Another Cotton Statement

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 12.—Cotton consumed during August amounted to 502,536 bales of lint and 21,171 bales of linters, the Census Bureau announced today. In August last year, 534,971 bales of lint and 101,299 bales of linters were consumed.

AT HIGH POINT.

A Progressive Manufacturing Town in the Grip of Strikers—Capital and Labor at Loggerheads.

High Point, N. C., Sept. 13.—Governor Thomas W. Bickett, who arrived here last night for a series of conferences with labor leaders and manufacturers, in an effort to settle the lockout of the employees of manufacturing concerns of this city, was conferring with manufacturers this afternoon, following an executive session with the committee representing the union this morning. No statement was made regarding the progress of the situation.

The lockout is the result of employees affiliating themselves with labor unions. Manufacturers have persistently refused to negotiate with union leaders, and have declared that their plants would remain closed indefinitely rather than operate them with union labor.

Governor Bickett came here on the suggestion of James F. Barrett, labor leader of Nashville. The trouble started about two weeks ago, when a chair company discharged a number of employees who had joined a union. Other employers followed suit, while employees began joining organizations of carpenters and joiners by the hundreds. Some walked out of their own accord after joining, while others were dismissed.

The workers are demanding the right to work without discrimination on account of union affiliation.

It is estimated that four thousand men are idle as the result of the walk-out. They were employed for the most part in furniture and textile manufacturing concerns.

A SPECTACULAR OIL FIRE.

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 15.—The spectacular oil fire which since Saturday afternoon has raged at the plant of the Stone & Fleming Co., in Long Island City, with injury to more than 60 persons, and property damage running into the millions, was still burning today. Shortly before nine o'clock a naptha tank blew up, shooting into the air a great column of smoke. Six tanks are still on fire, but the conflagration is under control.

DAYS OF PEACE

Daniels Congratulates Canadians on Neighborliness of United States and Canada, and Presages Future Universal Peace.

(By The Associated Press.)
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 12.—Declaring that Canada and the United States had set an example for "world emulation" through their neighborliness and the treaty which forbids fortifications between the two countries, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in a speech before the Canadian Club here last night, said he believed it "presage the day in the full fruition of the League of Nations" when other countries would feel sufficient security in international justice to abolish their powerful armies and discontinue building navies. Secretary Daniels arrived here on the battleship New Mexico, accompanied by Admiral High Rodman. They were conveyed by the Arkansas and a division of destroyers.

Carranza Will Not Ask for Re-election as President

(By The Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Thursday, Sept. 11.—"Venustiano Carranza under no circumstances will seek re-election as President of Mexico, and without fail will turn the Presidency over to his successor upon completing his present term in December, 1920," Louis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury, announced today.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued since September 1, Period of Two Weeks.

White—Wiley Naylor of Parkersburg and Ida Smith of Roseboro; Frederick J. French of Houston, Texas, and Salie Tyler of Altton, Florida; Elgie Lilly and Modessie Parelolth, of Fayetteville; Ernest Edwin and Bessie May Collier, of Wade; Edward W. Beason and Fannie Horner, of Linden; W. B. Mason and Minnie Garner, of Linden; Walter A. Strickland, of Willard; and Ester Beard, of Fayetteville; Edward Hair and Mamie Jackson, of Dunn; Wm. P. Dunn and Gertrude Moore, of Linden; Walter H. Edge, of Fayetteville, and Lella Mae Oliphant of Cedar Creek.

Colored—James Carroll and Lulu McLean, of Fayetteville; E. B. Williams and Caroline Bayout of Fayetteville.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 7, 1919, Mr. D. J. Smith died at his home east of Fayetteville. He was taken suddenly ill while at church and was hurried home. A physician was procured as soon as possible. He passed away a few minutes afterward, having suffered only about two hours.

The funeral services were conducted at the Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery by Rev. Snyder of Fayetteville. The beautiful and impressive floral offerings gave evidence of the love and esteem his many friends held for him.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Portia Maylin Smith, and three sons and three daughters; Sidney, of Seattle, Wash., Robert, Henry, Mrs. John Maxwell, Mrs. Ossie Holmes and Miss Beatrice Smith, all of Fayetteville.

Better Public Houses and Improved Tone for Saloons is New Policy.

London.—(Correspondence Associated Press.)—Better public houses, an improved tone for saloons, is the newly announced policy of the British liquor trade.

LIQUOR IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Rear Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, a member of the Parliament, who was recently elected to the directorate of one of the leading brewing companies of the kingdom, said that representatives of all sections of the trade had drawn up a bill embodying such principles as promotion of sobriety, restriction of drunkenness, reduction of the number of licenses where they are excessive and enlargement of premises so as to provide greater opportunities for social amenities.

"Recreation, including reading rooms, facilities for writing, music and games, should be provided," Admiral Hall said. "The entry into the trade of those who would set up and maintain a high social standard should be encouraged to the exclusion of those who might bring discredit on the industry."

TEXAS STORMS

Port Arransas in the Lone Star State Completely Demolished by a Hurricane—Public Records Lost—Steamer Lifted on to Docks

(By The Associated Press.)
Houston, Texas, Sept. 15.—Port Arransas, 25 miles from Corpus Christi, on the upper end of Mustang Island, was completely demolished by the hurricane Sunday, according to a wireless message picked up here today, which read:

"Port Arransas completely demolished by hurricane. Customs office and all records lost."

The message is the first direct word from what is believed to have been the scene of the tropical disturbance which swept inland from the Gulf of Mexico Sunday, near Corpus Christi. The radio is believed to have been from a ship, the signature being that of the deputy collector of customs for Port Arransas and Corpus Christi.

Port Arransas has a population of approximately 600 persons, and is in a more exposed location than Corpus Christi, where 15,000 persons live.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 15.—Reports reaching here today from Port Arransas state that the steamship Modian was lifted on to the docks by the high tide which accompanied the tropical storm, as it went inland along the lower Texas coast.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 15.—Via Army Radio to the Associated Press.—Brownsville suffered no material damage from the high winds that accompanied the tropical hurricane that touched the Texas coast here Sunday. The hurricane apparently did not hit the close country.

Canada Today Ratified Treaty; No Reservations

(By The Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The House of Commons assented without reservation today to the Peace Treaty with Germany. Both houses of Parliament now have ratified the treaty, and notification to this effect was forwarded immediately to the British Government.

STRIKE MAY BE DEFERRED.

(By The Associated Press.)
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 15.—It was learned from an authoritative source here today that the meeting of representatives of the 24 organizations affiliated in the proposed steel strike scheduled for September 22nd has been called by Samuel Gompers, to be held in Pittsburgh next week to consider Mr. Gompers' recommendations that the strike be postponed until after the industrial conference in Washington, called for October by President Wilson.

VIce-PRESIDENT MAY OPEN BRIGHT LEAF TOBACCO FAIR

Kinston, Sept. 14.—Vice-President Marshall may come here one month from today to open the Bright Leaf Tobacco Belt Fair. Officials of the association have declined to make a statement, but it is known on best authority that he has been invited and has signified Senator F. M. Simmons that he hopes to be able to accept.

His coming would probably bring a record-breaking crowd to Kinston October 14. William J. Bryna performed a similar office here in 1915. The Vice-President's last visit to this part of the State took him to Washington, where he delivered a patriotic address several years ago.

THE BOSTON MATTER

Probability of a General Campaign to Regain for the Striking Policemen Their Places Lost on the Boston Police Force.

(By The Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—A definite campaign to regain for the striking policemen the places now officially declared to have been lost because of desertion of duty, was expected to be inaugurated today. The action was expected to depend upon the result of the conference between union labor leaders and Police Commissioner Curtis. The Commissioner, at the request of the union heads, consented to a meeting on an unofficial basis, but the labor men state that they hope to obtain from it an exchange of views which might be made the basis for negotiations. The extent to which the American Federation of Labor would support the fight for reinstatement of the policemen's union was in doubt today.

Immediate danger of a general strike threatened by the Central Union in support of the patrolmen appeared removed by the disposition of the labor men to move slowly. From New York, where President Gompers had been directing the Federation's interest in the Boston situation, came word from one of his associates that there would be no general strike action. Officers of the Central Union, however, said they knew of no decision to warrant such a statement, that the proposal for a general strike was before the union, and that decision would come with the completion of the poll of the several craft organizations. This poll is being taken secretly.

Discussing Foundation of Baltic Federation

(By The Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Tuesday, Sept. 15.—An important conference has been in session at Riga, considering not only peace with the Soviet Government of Russia but the formation of a Baltic Federation, according to advices from Lettish sources. It is understood there has been no actual acceptance of the Soviet Government terms, but, on the other hand, it appears the Baltic Federation idea has materialized to the extent that an agreement has been reached for a common currency and customs union of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The first fall meeting for 1919 of the J. E. B. Stuart chapter, U. D. C., was held in the City Library on Wednesday afternoon, September 10. The president opened the meeting with the usual devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the treasurer, the president gave her report which showed the chapter's finances to be very low.

Ways and means of raising funds were discussed at length, and it was decided that Mrs. J. S. Hall be appointed to devise some means of relieving the situation.

A letter was read from the chairman of the war relief work requesting a record of all those descendants of Confederate veterans who were in service in the world war. Blanks were given out to different members of the chapter to be filled out and returned to the secretary before September 15. The convention call was then read, after which Mrs. J. W. McNeill was elected delegate to the convention at High Point. The following were elected alternates: Mrs. G. B. Renolds, Miss Maggie McArthur, Mrs. A. G. West. The following will attend the convention by right of offices which they hold: Mrs. J. S. Hall, chapter president; Mrs. Hunter Smith, chairman Confederate Woman's Home; Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Mrs. Harless Townsend, leader children's chapter. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MRS. HARLEEE TOWNSEND.

Secretary.

ON THE TREATY

William C. Bullitt, of Philadelphia, Today Gives Testimony in Matter Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 12.—William C. Bullitt of Philadelphia, formerly attaché to the American Peace Mission testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that Secretary Lansing told him in Paris last May "that if the Senate and the American people knew what the treaty meant it would be defeated."

"Mr. Lansing told me the day I resigned," the witness said, "that he was opposed to that part of the League Covenant relating to a mandate for Armenia. He said he considered the Shantung section in the League Covenant bad—that the League would be entirely useless; that the nations had arranged the world to suit themselves and that England and France got what they wanted."

"After saying he believed the Senate would defeat the treaty if it realized its meaning, Mr. Lansing expressed the opinion that Senator Knox really would understand the treaty, that Mr. Lodge would also, but that Mr. Lodge's position would become purely political."

Bullitt said he was sent to Russia by Secretary Lansing in February to obtain from the Soviet Government a statement of the exact terms on which it would agree to stop fighting on all fronts.

Before proceeding, Bullitt said he asked Colonel House a number of questions, bearing on the American position, and House told him, he said, that if the Bolsheviks were ready to stop fighting and declare an armistice the United States would approve.

Bullitt and Colonel House were enthusiastically in favor of making peace on the Soviet proposal. A day or two later, while having breakfast with Lloyd George and General Smuts, the former urged him to publish his report on Russia, which gave first-hand information of the situation there under the Bolshevik regime.

"I prepared a statement for the press," the witness said, "which I submitted to the Mission, none of whose members were ready to take the responsibility for the publication. It was referred to the President who said he did not want it printed at that time."

A TRANS-STATE HIGHWAY.

It is suggested that if Hoke, Cumberland, Sampson and Pender counties were put on the trans-state highway from Washington to the mountains, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick would necessarily be eliminated. We do not think so, but taking this for granted and assuming that there is no desire to keep the latter counties off the line, we would suggest that there are other routes for a trans-state highway. For instance: From Wilmington through Pender, Sampson, Cumberland, Harnett and Wake to Raleigh; thence to Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and so on to Asheville. That would be a fine route through the heart of North Carolina, and Wilmington would be reached without crossing Cape Fear River by ferry, but by bridge at Fayetteville. This route is simply a suggestion and about which we shall write later.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP EXTOLLED.

The City of Dayton, O., Engages in a Timely Get-together Affair That Should Serve as an Example.

Dayton, O., Sept. 13.—Dayton today extolled the blessings of good citizenship. Men, women and children—rich and poor alike—joined in the affair, which was considered timely in view of the present condition of unrest throughout the country.

All factories were closed this afternoon so that the owners and workers might join in the celebration. The day started with a program of speeches at the fair grounds. The prevailing theme was the duty of all citizens, whatever their station in life, to confront the industrial and social problems of the day with an open mind.