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ABROAD SITUATION ACUTE: OFFICIALS MEET

No Progress Is Reported In The Irish Situation

SINN FEINERS CONTINUE TO INSIST UPON THEIR POINTS

Very Little Material Progress Is Reported To Have Been Made Thus Far

PRISONERS' RELEASE CAUSES A DEADLOCK

Irish Delegate Reports That Nothing Has Been Done and Nothing Will Be Done

LONDON, Oct. 14.—That very little material progress has been made in the negotiations now in progress between British government and Sinn Fein leaders was the information given out by a high British official, this afternoon, following the brief session of the conference held this morning.

It was stated that no basis of agreement had been reached through the conference thus far had been held in an amicable spirit with both sides displaying willingness to meet the views of the other.

The Sinn Fein leaders, it is said, have not refrained from their position in demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners, while the British have flatly stated that the granting of this demand is impossible.

REGRET REDUCTION OF CANAL TOLL BILL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—It is no secret that the administration regretted that the Panama toll bill should be brought up this week. So did practically everybody else in any position of responsibility. Many senators who spoke or voted in favor of free tolls because they sincerely believed in that position, did so regretting that any sort of action had to be taken at just this time.

Inasmuch as Mr. Lodge and Mr. Underwood are the leaders of their respective parties in the senate, the obvious question is—why, then, did they let it come up? The answer tells the whole story of the disintegration of leadership in the senate. The time to suppress the Panama issue was not today, but was eight weeks ago.

COMMITTEE TO DEFER VISIT

Ladies Will Not Leave Until Next Month to Invite Mrs. Harding To Come Here

The committee of New Bern women, who will go to Washington for the purpose of inviting Mrs. Warren G. Harding to accompany the President on his visit to New Bern, have decided to defer their trip until some time during the latter part of next month, according to announcement made today.

Comment Concerning Salary Of The Mayor

Following the action of the Board of Aldermen last night in voting an increase of \$600 to the pay now being received by Mayor Ed. Clark, there was considerable discussion on the streets of the city this morning relative to the action.

OCTOBER CROPS IN POOR SHAPE

Considerable Decline Is Shown In Some of the Leading Agricultural States

RALEIGH, Oct. 14.—The government crop report released October 8 shows a general reduction in the nation's grain crops since September 1. Several of the principal producing states showing a substantial decline.

North Carolina's crop showed a condition October 1 of 75 per cent, which is an improvement of 10 per cent over the September estimate and forecasts a \$1,956,000 bushels production for the state.

FARMER STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Had Narrow Escape From Injury This Morning When He Was Hit by Truck

Albert L. Bessboro, farmer, who resides near Maxville, had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident when he was hit by an automobile near the Union station early this morning.

CAPITAL SOCIETY GOES IN FOR REAL WORK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Washington society is all afoot. Right on the eve of the arms party and the biggest "season" in history, certain members of the innermost circle of the residential set, that inscrutable group with official society and the diplomatic corps have never been able to penetrate, have surrendered to commercialism.

BRITISH HAPPY OVER COMING OF PERSHING

LONDON, Oct. 14.—No one is happier in London over the announcement from Paris that General Pershing was coming next Monday to be given the congressional medal on the unknown warrior than the British officials who have come in for criticism from the British press for delaying arrangements for the ceremony. While everybody was blaming somebody else for what had happened there was a very evident determination that it would not happen again.

WIZARD CALLS BRUCE CRAVEN 'BASE TRAITOR'

Denounces North Carolina Man for Expose of Klan in Greensboro Paper

CRAVEN MAY APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

Senatorial Developments Occur In Rapid Order In the Ku Klux Investigation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Major Bruce Craven of Trinity, N. C., former member of the Ku Klux Klan, was assailed as a "traitor" by Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, imperial wizard of the order, as Colonel Simmons concluded his statement before the house select committee late yesterday afternoon.

In an impassioned peroration, the imperial wizard assailed several former Klansmen who have written newspaper stories attacking the order. Colonel Simmons in denouncing this "treacherous conduct" said anyone could enter into fellowship with "Christ, who had his Judas; Caesar, who had his Brutus; and Washington, who had his Benedict Arnold."

At the conclusion of the Simmons statement after having been on the stand nearly an hour, the imperial wizard collapsed, sank into a chair and was seized by several committee members.

Colonel Simmons told the committee that Major Craven played false to the Klan because he did not see immediate action on his demand that he be made grand dragon of the order in North Carolina.

Major Craven published in the Greensboro Daily News the first so-called "expose" of the Klan and its alleged mercenary and profit-grabbing methods. This publication was followed by a series of articles by staff writers of the New York World and by articles in the Hearts publications by Maj. C. Anderson Wright, former leading knight of the knights of the air, proposed as a subsidiary Klan order.

If the rules committee orders further inquiry, Major Craven no doubt will be heard in rebuttal if he so desires. The committee would accord a hearing to Major Craven, who is now in Washington before the preliminary hearings are concluded.

ISADORA DUNCAN TO REMAIN IN RUSSIA

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Isadora Duncan, the famous dancer, likes Russia, "where art is not crushed by commercialism," and is going to stay there. Several months ago Isadora went to Moscow to establish a school to teach the Russian children impressionistic dancing, under the auspices of the Bolsheviks.

In a letter to Humanitas, the Socialist newspaper here, Isadora writes: "You ask my impressions of an artist. I quit Europe, where art is crushed by commercialism. I am convinced that in Russia the greatest miracle in two thousand years is happening. Those who live in the next hundred years will realize that humanity, through the communist regime, took a great step in advance. The martyrdom that Russia is suffering for the sake of the future will prove as fertile as that of martyrdom of the Nazarenes. Only the fraternity of the workers of the world can save civilization."

FORMER AERIAL ACE IS NOW MODEST PREIST

Marseilles, Oct. 14.—Wearing the rosette of an officer of the Legion of Honor, a small, modest young pilot attracted some attention as, with several other missionaries in charge, he boarded a liner here for New Guinea. Spectators were puzzled and one of them asked the Bishop as to the identity of his young recruit.

He proved to be former Flight Second Lieutenant Bourlaque of the French army, with 39 German airplanes and captive balloons to his credit. He ranks fourth among the list of French aviators, after Fonck, Guynemer, and Nungesser.

Miss Nell Davis, of Fernandina, Fla., arrived last night for a visit of several days with her cousin, Miss Charlotte Davis, on South Front street.

Mr. E. G. Jones, agency manager of the health and accident department of the Business Men's Insurance Company, of Greensboro, is among the visitors in the city today.

USED WARRANTY DEED FOR TRANSFER OF BOY

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 14.—A warranty deed, formally transferring ownership of a small boy from one woman to another was placed on record here yesterday. According to the deed the transaction took place last January in Texas when Mrs. Nettie Davis deeded her three-month-old son to Mrs. Nettie L. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson recently moved to Tampa and had the deed recorded to make her ownership legal.

Court house officials declare that in their opinion the deed is illegal in that it is unfair to the child and deprives him of the rights of inheritance in parents' adoption.

KNOX FUNERAL IS HELD TODAY AT THE CAPITAL

President Harding and Other High Officials Present at Services This Morning

BODY SENT THIS P. M. TO VALLEY FORGE, PA.

Services Were Held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Governmental affairs of the nation halted today while its leaders, headed by President Harding, attended the funeral services for the late Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, former secretary of state and attorney general. The services were held at 11 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church, which he attended, and were conducted by Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington.

The services were confined to the Episcopal ritual read by Bishop Harding. At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to a special car, leaving here at 12:55 for Philadelphia, to be taken via motor to Valley Forge, where funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon.

KINSTON ROTATES COMING HERE

Clubs From Neighboring City Plans To Have 100 Per Cent Attendance

The Kinston Rotary Club is planning on having a 100 per cent attendance at the inter-city Rotary convention to be staged in New Bern early next month.

The following item, taken from yesterday's Kinston Free Press, shows that considerable interest is being displayed in the forthcoming meeting:

The local Rotary Club is planning to send a "hundred per cent" delegation to an inter-city conference at New Bern early in November. The club has between 30 and 40 members and it is expected that everyone will make the trip. Wilmington, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Washington, and Greenville will be other cities represented. The attendance will probably exceed 150.

SOLDIERS FEELING PINCH OF POVERTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Not only have some of Uncle Sam's ex-soldiers had occasion to call him ingrateful, but some of his present soldiers feel they have a big kick coming.

In recognition of their work a large number of men were elevated to sergeantants from the ranks some months ago. Washington ruled this had been done without proper authority, and not only ordered the men reduced but directed that they should pay back to the government the difference between a private's pay and that of a sergeant for the period they had received it.

The case of Private Perry C. Curtis, quartermaster corps detachment at the Presidio, is an example. He received as a private \$33 a month. The order directs him to pay back \$33.35 a month. He has a wife and two children to support. The war family allowances have been discontinued. As a private he does not even have quarters for his family. A point has been strained to permit the wife and two children to stay in their quarters.

That Curtis might provide food for his family Gen. William H. Wright, commanding the ninth army corps, directed that he be furloughed for three months. Curtis was unable to find outside employment, but has been doing some civilian work about the army camp which enables him to eke out a few dollars. There are many other such cases, it is stated, although only a few families.

Congress will be asked to remedy the situation.

Mrs. J. H. Williams returned home to Ashwood last night after spending the day here shopping and visiting relatives.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEF REQUESTS A MEETING WITH R. R. OFFICIALS

Union Leaders Are Fearsome of Effect Which Government Order Will Have Upon the Actions of Employees of Roads

80 PER CENT IN FAVOR OF A STRIKE

Meetings Now Being Held In Chicago.—Crisis Is Admittedly Serious.—Labor Board Amends Rules of Agreement

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Immediate reduction of freight rates on agricultural products of from 60 to 90 days, pending wage reductions, was one of the proposals presented to high railroad officers at the conference of the Association of Railway Executives today.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today requested a conference with railroad executives in session here on behalf of the six big railroad unions, which have voted to strike.

Officers of sixteen railroad unions went into session this morning while more than 100 railroad presidents were also in conference. The railroad presidents notified Mr. Stone by telephone that his letter would be considered at their meeting.

When the road executives met it was understood that they would vote to ask the U. S. Labor Board for further wage reductions, promising to pass all future cuts along to the public in lower freight and passenger rates.

The railroad crises was rendered more acute this morning when the Labor Board handed down a decision providing for the restoration of peace work. The railroad presidents were jubilant, while union leaders feared the effects on their men, more than 80 per cent of whom already have voted to strike rather than accept further wage reductions or rules which they oppose.

The board today handed down supplemental decisions, amending 17 more rules of the shopcraft agreement. The opinion was given in the case of the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. against the railroad employees. With the exception of the peace work order, all the rules dealt with minor technical shop practices.

As amended, rule No. 1 reads: "Eight hours shall constitute a day's work. All employees coming under the provision of this agreement except as otherwise provided, or as may hereinafter be legally established between the carrier and employees, shall be paid on the hourly basis."

"This rule is intended to remove the inhibition against agreement and to permit the question to be taken for negotiations on any individual railroad in the manner prescribed by the transportation act.

None of the brotherhood chiefs would deny or confirm reports that October 30 had been tentatively decided to begin calling out employees. Progress was temporarily halted in the brotherhood decisions pending the reply of the executives to the brotherhood request for a conference. Meanwhile the remaining groups, including maintenance of ways, signal men, clerks, firemen and others and other railroad unions met to discuss the situation. None of the men would intimate what their action might be.

With the removal of the peace work ban by the Labor Board, the shopmen were brought one step nearer a strike. Today's decision, permitting the roads to negotiate for peace work, was accepted as a defeat by the shopmen, who have opposed peace work strenuously.

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