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Critical Stage Is Reached In The Irish Situation

HARMONY HAS VANISHED IN CONFERENCE

Angry Dispute Marked Ses-
sion of British-Irish Leaders
Held Yesterday

OFFICIALS ADMIT
SITUATION IS GRAVE

Believed That Next Few Hours
Will Settle the Fate of the
Irish Question

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Following the conference of Sinn Fein leaders and members of the British cabinet yesterday afternoon, it was stated today by one of the Irish delegates that there is very little prospect of reaching an agreement on the Irish question and that all parties at the conference realized this to be a fact.

In spite of this assertion, however, it is understood that several additional sessions are to be held and that a final effort is to be made to reach a basis of common understanding.

Angry dispute over Ireland's standing is reported to have occurred at the session yesterday afternoon and the spirit of harmony, which had been in evidence at previous sessions is now a thing of the past.

The gravity of the situation is admitted by British sportsmen and it is believed that the next few hours will be of acute importance in the negotiations, determining whether either side will be willing to relinquish its claims on certain points where there is now a wide divergence of opinion.

SUIT ON NEWSPAPERS
PROVES A FAILURE

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Judge Harry Fisher today sustained the demurrer of the Chicago Tribune to the \$10,000,000 libel suit brought by the city of Chicago. He declared the city had no cause for action and denied it the right to amend its petition.

The city brought identical suits against the Tribune and the Daily News, claiming the papers had printed false statements regarding Chicago's financial standing and thereby had injured the city's credit.

Judge Fisher declared the portions of English common law and statute, which restricted the liberty of the press had not been inherited by this country.

"This action," he said, "is not in harmony with the genius spirit and objects of our institutions."

The decision was of far-reaching importance to newspapers as the suit was the first on record in which a municipality sought the right to criticize it.

REPORT ISSUED ON
ILLITERACY IN U. S.

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Five western states—Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Washington—had less illiteracy among their native white populations in 1920 than any other states, it was shown in figures made public today by the Census Bureau.

The native white population of those five states classed as illiterates, namely, unable to write, amounted to 1.7 per cent.

U. OF N. C. IS FAVORED
OVER SOUTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press).
COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 15.—The University of North Carolina is favored in the football game here today with the University of South Carolina. The former has a stronger team and the South Carolinians are forced to enter the contest with at least two of the regular players out of the game.

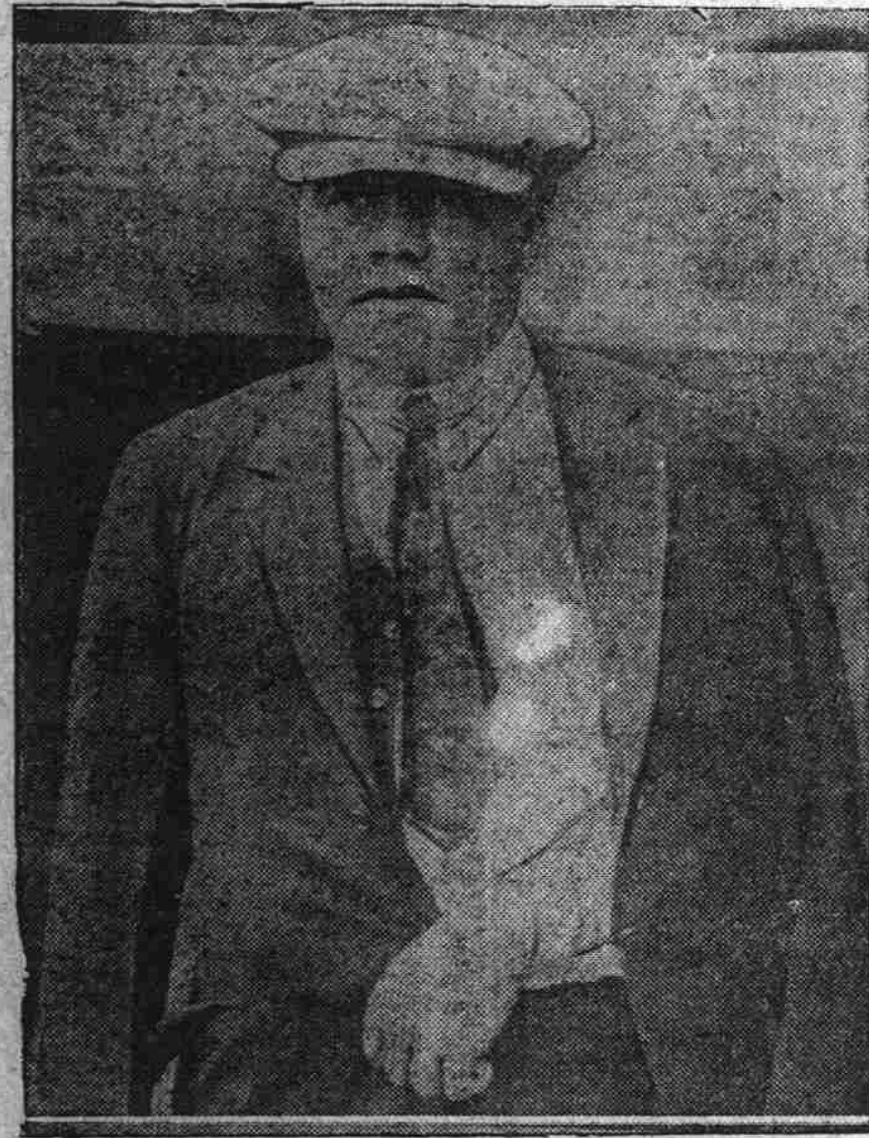
WILL APPROVE BIG
LOAN TO CUBANS

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The U. S. government stands ready to approve the \$50,000,000 loan by New York bankers to Cuba, it was stated today by high government officials.

The part to be taken by the government in the matter of the loan will be limited, however, to approval, it was said, officials adding that the government would not place itself in the position of standing itself responsible for the loan.

Some men suffer in silence; some for lack of silence.

Crippled Babe Ruth, Out of Series,
Looks Serious As Yanks Lose Lead



President Takes Up R. R. Strike Situation

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Harding today assumed active leadership in the government's effort to settle differences between the railroads and their employees and designated as the best available agencies to avert serious complications the public group of the Railroad Labor Board and the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The President brought together the three public representatives on the wage board and the full membership of the commission in a meeting to consider not only the threatened strike but the whole question of a readjustment of railroad rates and wages.

The three wage board members, Chairman Barton, G. Wallace W. Hanger, and Ben W. Hooper came to Washington at the President's urgent request and went with him to the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission where all the members of the commission were waiting. He remained there for 15 minutes before returning to the White House, where a statement was issued.

"The purpose of the meeting," said the White House statement, "was a broad consideration of the possibility of an early adjustment of railroad rates and wages, in the expectation that it would contribute to the industrial revival."

No specific mention of the threatened strike was made in the statement, although it was indicated that the situation had brought Mr. Harding's plan to a head. It was assumed that the strike proposal formed the principal topic of discussion at the conference.

The statement issued at the White House outlined the President's belief that the public group of the wage board and the members of the commission could do most for the public welfare if they worked in cooperation. It also emphasized the opinion held in administration circles that a readjustment of the whole rail situation would be of the greatest possible aid toward a general industrial rehabilitation.

Advices The Farmers To Fight Boll Weevil

County Agent Lawson today gave out the following instructions to the farmers of Craven county relative to guarding against the ravages of the boll weevil on next year's cotton crop:

"The farmers owe it to themselves to take every precaution against the boll weevil. And it is imperative that they take these precautions at once.

"The thing to do now is for each farmer to plow under his cotton stalks and to plow as deeply as he can. This will be instrumental in killing out most clean out his ditch banks and burn off all the trash on his

fields. Unless we do these things now I am afraid that Craven county is going to lose the greater percentage of her cotton crop next year.

"The boll weevil did considerable damage this year, but this was the first season that it has made its appearance felt in many years. It obtained a good start, however, and will be ready to take up its work next year where it left off this fall. So it will pay the farmers to be careful and guard against the spread of the pest. They can do this if they will get to work right now."

Tariff makers have an exaggerated idea of their duties.

BLOODSTAINED AUTO LATEST MURDER CLUE

Officers Believe It Had Con-
nection In Murder of Young
Jersey Girl Last Week

NEW DEVELOPMENTS
EXPECTED SHORTLY

Now Thought That Killing
Done Elsewhere and Body
Dragged To Woods

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—A mysterious motor car, splattered with mud and blood, is the latest clue through which the detectives of Madison, N. J., are trying to solve the murder of Janet Lawrence. The car was found in West Side of Manhattan Thursday, a month after it had been stolen. The New York police communicated with the Jersey authorities, so that an inspection of the automobile may be made.

Since Janet was slain last Thursday night many persons have believed that the killing was done at a point distant from Kluxen's Woods and the body carried or dragged there. The failure of the Madison police to prevent the woods being traversed by sightseers and the observation of much evidence, but despite the tramped condition of the woods, there was considerable support for the theory that the girl was attacked and killed elsewhere.

The mutilated body was found three hours after Janet disappeared and the log on which it was resting was in a section which had been searched an hour previously without any discovering it. Only a small pool of blood was found where the corpse, with twenty-five deep wounds, had been placed.

No blood stains were discovered between the body and the street. A few feet away, a dirt road, with the intentions of automobile tires, stretched through the woods. The body had virtually been drained of blood before it was found. The woman in which the child was slain is still undiscovered.

A chauffeur of Madison informed Chief of Police Johnson that last Thursday he saw an automobile with two men holding a woman propped up in the back seat. The woman, Janet's body was found. Inquiry revealed that the woman in this car could not have been the slain child.

Another local chauffeur said that Janet frequently asked him and other drivers for a lift when she was leaving town and was often accommodated, but he did not know whether she ever asked strangers for a ride.

Detective Brennan of Madison came to New York last night to confer with the police here about the splattered car. The owner of the machine from whom it is said to have been stolen, has been located. Examination of the mud will be made and samples taken to Madison for comparison with the mud in the road through Kluxen's woods.

Scraps of the blood will also be made for analysis. Whether the stolen car is known to have been in New Jersey in the last week has not been revealed.

Bertha Crane, the last person identified who saw Janet Lawrence alive, has been able to throw no light on the killing. Chemists began a thorough analysis of the blood scrapings made from the steps of a house on the Cook estate, near Kluxen's Woods, for comparison with scrapings made from the log where Janet's body was found.

An employee of the estate was said to be under police surveillance, though no evidence against him has developed.

REV. W. M. HUGGINS TO
PREACH AT TABERNACLE

The members of the Tabernacle Baptist church will have the privilege of hearing Rev. W. M. Huggins, tomorrow both morning and night.

Mr. Huggins was at one time a very active member of the Tabernacle, but for the past several years has been a prominent figure in this state in connection with evangelistic work, having a big tent of his own. He is a very forceful preacher and it is predicted that he will please all who hear him at these services.

The entire membership is requested to be present at the morning service, as a very important question will be brought up at that time.

Fog Stops Race.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 15.—Heavy fog caused postponement of the American fishermen's elimination race that will determine the fishing schooner that will represent the U. S. in the annual fisherman's trophy against a Canadian challenger off Halifax late this month.

SIXTEEN UNIONS HAVE ORDERED OFFICIALS TO CALL A WALK-OUT

KAISER QUILTS JOB
OF SAWING HIS WOOD

(By Associated Press).
DORDRECHT, Holland, Oct. 15.—The slump in the German market is being blamed to effect the former German emperor, who is endeavoring to combat unfavorable financial conditions by reducing his household and taking other radical measures. Today ten members of his staff were dismissed, including the chief gardener, whose place has been taken by Wilhelm himself.

Gardening now has become a hobby with the former emperor, who appears to have tired of sawing and chopping wood.

NAVY'S PLANS NOT HALTED BY ARMS PARLEY

Denby Going Ahead With
Program of Operations for
Well-Balanced Fleet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Regardless of the limitation of armament which may be effected by the international conference here next month, the American navy is going ahead with its building operations to round out a well balanced fleet.

While sympathetic with the aims and purposes of the conference, the Navy Department is actuated by no ideals, and until the great powers of the world actually agree to limit their war preparations, the American navy is going ahead.

This policy on the part of the administration has been made clear to the money-providing committees of the house and senate by secretary of the navy Denby.

The American navy is seriously lacking in several highly important particulars, and the naval heads want these holes securely plugged before the United States enters into a common agreement with other world powers to limit future building.

What the navy lacks most are submarines and air craft carriers, according to information lodged with congress by Secretary Denby and naval experts.

The British navy, it was shown, has nearly twice the number of submarines and of more advanced types. The submarine tables of the two nations show:

G. B. U. S.	
Submarines, 1st line	71
Submarines, 2nd line	53
Fleet submarines, 1st line	66
Fleet submarines, 2nd line	44
Cruiser submarines	1
Monitor submarines	2

TEACHERS HELD FINE MEETING

Much Interest Displayed At
Conference Held at the
Farm Life School

The conference of county teachers, held yesterday and today at the Vanceboro Farm Life School, proved a success from every point of view and was one of the most successful meetings of its kind ever held in Craven county.

Much interest is being displayed in the sessions. The conference will adjourn this afternoon.

Splendid talks on school work were made at yesterday's meeting and there is no question but that the teachers gained much inspiration from the meetings. A splendid musical program was staged last night by a number of citizens from New Bern and this was greatly enjoyed.

BIG LOAN IS GRANTED
NORTH CAROLINA BANK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The war finance corporation today approved a loan of \$25,000 to a North Carolina bank. The banking house has paid advances totalling that amount for agricultural purposes.

Date of Strike Not Yet Been Officially An-
nounced, But Understood That It Will
Start on October 30.

UNIONS DETERMINED TO HOLD OUT

"Insult To Injury" Was Caused By Action of
Railroad Owners In Announcing Further
Wage Reductions of Workers

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Railroad brotherhood chiefs after two weeks of conference with their general chairmen and executive committees wound up their sessions this afternoon without issuing a strike call and with no announcement as to their conclusions. High officers of the brotherhoods prepared to depart for Cleveland tonight, where the strike order, if it is issued, will be sent out from headquarters.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Sixteen railroad unions have taken a secret strike vote and authorized their officers to order a walk-out if deemed advisable, C. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, announced today.

Although twelve of the sixteen will act independently of the four big brotherhoods, a joint meeting has been called for 2 p. m. today at which the brotherhoods will submit their plans of action to the other organizations.

One high union official announced that the date of the strike had been set, but declined to reveal it. October 30 has been reported as the day.

The brotherhoods also have selected the list of ten roads on which the strike will be effective the first day, the same union officials said. It is understood that strikes would be ordered on additional units of ten roads every 48 hours until the roads either give in or the walk-out becomes nation-wide.

Union leaders, who had been hopeful of averting a strike, some of whom had ever opposed it, declared today that the action of the railroad executives yesterday in deciding on further wage reductions had destroyed the last hope of peace.

"It will be the greatest strike in history" W. C. Lee, president of the trainmen, was quoted as saying when he left the union conference. "It is a life and death struggle for our organization and we are not going into this with our eyes closed. Our house is in order and we are ready."

... The sixteen unions involved have a total membership of about two million men.

(By Associated Press).

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Ninety-seven per cent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and shop laborers unions have voted to strike, J. C. Smock, vice-president, announced today. Smock said he would announce tomorrow night whether the strike would be carried out. The vote was taken independently of the four big brotherhoods, federated shop crafts and switchmen's union, which already have announced strike votes.

(By Associated Press).

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Leaders of the railroad brotherhoods assembled here today to consider the challenge of the railway executives in proposing a further wage reductions of approximately 10 per cent in the face of the strike vote just authorized by the railway men because of the 12 per cent reduction of last July.

The brotherhood walk-out—at least on some roads—was under consideration following yesterday's conference of the railroad men's leaders with the executives after the latter had announced they would apply to the Railroad Labor Board for a wage reduction.

"If I were a betting man," said W. C. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, "I would bet that there will be a strike."

"The final decision is only a matter of a few days," said Lee. "What else is there left to do? Since the men have already voted for a walk-out, I don't see how the roads can have the nerve to suggest another out."

LOWELL PUTS A BAN
UPON THE REPORTERS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 15.—President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, in asking newspaper men not to report a recent address by Viscount James Bryce at the Harvard Union, used his own censorship.

Just before he introduced the distinguished British publicist, Dr. Lowell handed over to the press tables and told the reporters it was Lord Bryce's wish that none of his remarks be published, inasmuch as it was to be an intimate talk to the under-graduate.

To make doubly sure that the Viscount's request would be respected, Harvard's president, with a smile, took the note-books from reporters and stuffed them into his pocket. Then, with the reporter's guns spiked, he introduced the speaker.

After Lord Bryce's address, which dealt in a informal way with university life, in England, Germany and this country, and emphasized the need in public affairs, President Lowell, smiling again, returned the books. The newspaper men did not print the address.

The pen is mightier than the sword and not as expensive.