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FIRST REPORT MADE ON THE Y CAMPAIGN

More Than Twenty-Three Hundred Dollars Reported As Result of the First Morning's Canvass.

130 NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED SO FAR

Work Will Be Continued on This Afternoon and Tomorrow.—Teams Composed of Ladies Make Best Report.

Good progress was made during the first day of the campaign being conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association of this city to secure 500 new members for the association.

From the total number of 23 teams which are making the canvass of the city, reports were received from eleven captains, and total shows that during the morning's work \$2,364.25 was pledged, with more than \$500 paid in cash.

The reports also show that 98 new members were secured during the morning together with 32 sustaining memberships, making a total for the day of 130.

Team No. 1—J. A. Cannon and A. F. Hartzell, captains; Regular members 47; Sustaining memberships 9; total \$115.

Team No. 2—W. G. Caswell, captain; Regular members 5; Sustaining memberships 2; total \$60.

Team No. 3—O. A. Swearingen, captain; No. canvass made, but 2 sustaining memberships reported; total \$10.

Team No. 4—Cameron MacRae, captain; Reported that his memberships were to be from high school boys, and no report was available.

Team No. 5—H. E. Hitenhour, Jr., captain; Regular members 5; Sustaining memberships 1; total \$60.

Team No. 6—C. L. White, captain; Regular members 4; Sustaining memberships 3; total \$125.

A COLOSSAL MAIL DEFAUDING SCHEME

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THREE BROTHERS INVOLVED IN FRAUD

Solicited Subscription to a Half Dozen Periodicals Which, It Is Said, Had Never Been Published.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 13.—In two arrests made here early today postoffice inspectors believe they have apprehended the perpetrators of a colossal mail defrauding scheme by which people of this city, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago were said to have been misled of thousands of dollars.

The four are alleged to have used the mails in soliciting subscriptions to half a dozen purported periodicals which, it is said, have never been published, and for other fraudulent purposes. Enterprises alleged to have been operated by them include "Argus Magazine," of Washington, "Feature Magazine," of Chicago, and "American Story Magazine," of Baltimore and Washington.

BASEBALL SEASON ON

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The eight fortunate cities for opening day dates were: National league: Boston—Braves vs Brooklyn, Philadelphia—Phillies vs Glants, Cincinnati—Reds vs Pittsburgh, Chicago—Cubs vs St. Louis.

American league: New York—Yankees vs Philadelphia, Washington—Senators vs Boston, Detroit—Tigers vs Chicago, St. Louis—Browns vs Cleveland.

Southern League Opens. Memphis, April 12.—The 21st Southern Association race got underway today with Chattanooga opening at New Orleans; Nashville at Birmingham; Atlanta at Mobile; and Memphis at Little Rock.

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A form of pumice stone has been discovered in Japan which can be used in concrete for boat building, making a concrete as strong, but 60 per cent lighter than the ordinary kind.

The Pied Piper



ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

V. M. C. A. Membership Campaign Launched Last Night.

With more than sixty Captains and assistants present last night at the Y. M. C. A., started the big drive for members which today and tomorrow will cover the entire city from house to house and every place of business.

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President Approves List of New Generals. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 13.—President Harding approved today the list of 12 new Major Generals and 26 new Brigadiers, as prepared by Secretary of War Weeks. Clarence R. Edwards, who commanded the 20th (New England) National Guard division in France, heads the list of the Major Generals. His name did not appear in the list which was sent to Congress by President Wilson and confirmation of which was held up.

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Mr. Editor: Concord is to stand the test today and tomorrow in regard to her attitude towards the Y. M. C. A. This is not a test of the Y. M. C. A., for every Christian man and woman in Concord who has watched the work of our Association this past season knows that a great piece of work has been done. After interviewing a business man yesterday who gave the first \$500.00, we feel confident to say that the campaign is going over if everybody does his and her share. This is not a time for discussion—it is a time for action. The Christian people of Concord are to be put to the test today—it is not a test of the Y. May God give us and Concord the victory.

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NO ACTION LEADING TO GENERAL AMNESTY

For Prisoners Convicted Under Espionage Act Until a State of Peace Has Been Declared, Says President.

A DELEGATION CALLED TODAY

Delegates About 200 Strong Marched to Capital Behind Motor Truck Bearing a Monster Petition.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 13.—President Harding told a delegation which called on him today to urge the release of Eugene V. Debs and all other prisoners convicted under the wartime espionage act, that he contemplated no action leading to a general amnesty for such prisoners until a state of peace has been declared.

The visit of the delegation to the white house was part of a general amnesty program carried out today by delegates representing labor, political and civil organizations in the leading industrial centers as far west as St. Louis.

Similar plans to that presented to the President were made to Vice-President Coolidge, Speaker Gillett, of the House of Representatives, and Attorney General Daugherty, while petitions bearing thousands of signatures were presented to individual members of Congress.

The delegation, numbering about 200, marched to the capitol behind a motor truck bearing the monster petition to Congress signed by citizens of 41 states. At the capitol the petition was separated into lots representing signers in various Congressional districts and these were presented to the respective members of Congress separately.

The delegation issued a formal statement after leaving the white house in which it was said the President had received it "most courteously, asking questions to bring out certain points."

"He spoke of his entire sympathy with the desire of the committee to see an era of frank discussion in the atmosphere of good will established in America," the statement added, "and intimated that the cases of these prisoners for whom the committee spoke had already begun to receive attention from the Department of Justice."

TO TAKE UP CASE OF PRISONER IN RUSSIA

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 13.—President Harding promised a delegation from Alabama which called on him today to personally take up with Secretary Hughes the case of Capt. Emmitt Kilpatrick, of Uniontown, Ala., who is held prisoner by the Russian Bolsheviks.

HARDING'S MESSAGE CREATES A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN PARIS

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, April 13.—President Harding's message to Congress created a most favorable impression in Paris, in official as well as other circles. Particularly favorable was its reception of the passage in the message interpreted here as regards ratification of the treaty of Versailles detached from the covenant of the league of nations, and with reservations.

FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

(By the Associated Press.) Covington, Ky., April 12.—Four persons were killed, four injured and two others badly hurt in a collision between an automobile and a Chesapeake and Ohio railroad engine at a grade crossing here early today.

MAY BE A STRIKE IN ENGLAND AETER ALL

Great Britain's "Triple Alliance of Labor" Will Call Its Members From Their Posts at 10 O'clock Friday.

WOULD MAKE FOUR MILLION PEOPLE IDLE

Other Labor Organizations May Become Involved.—Decision to Strike Was Reached Unanimously.

(By the Associated Press.) London, April 13.—Great Britain's "triple alliance of labor" will call its members from their posts at 10 o'clock Friday night. It was announced here this morning at 11 o'clock. This decision follows the inability of the national miners' federation to reach an agreement with the mine owners and the government for a settlement of the miners' strike which began April 1st.

It has been estimated that if the "alliance" should call a strike, there would be nearly 4,000,000 persons idle in England as a result. The decision to strike was reached unanimously by the transport workers and railway men. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the railway men's union, said after this morning's meeting.

"The walkout," he declared, "will take place at 10 o'clock Friday night. Many other unions have sent applications to join the strike, and these are being considered."

Other labor organizations may become involved in the controversy between the government and the "triple alliance." The Daily Mail declared the executive committee of the electrical trades union resolved last night to support the "triple alliance." The electricians' strike would paralyze street car traffic and public lighting companies.

MINERS SAY THERE CAN BE NO RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS

(By the Associated Press.) London, April 13.—The miners, according to the Evening Standard today, have decided there can be no renewal of negotiations for a strike settlement, even if the invitation emanates from the government or the labor leaders.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL MEETS IN RICHMOND

Women of M. E. Church, South Will Be in Session for a Week. (By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., April 13.—With 38 presidents and secretaries of state councils, among those in attendance, the 11th annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began this morning in Centenary Church here. Committee meetings were held at 10 o'clock to consider work in Oriental, American and African fields. Educational institutions and social services were also discussed.

THE COTTON MARKET

Sharp Break in Liverpool Caused a Decline of from 11 to 19 Points. (By the Associated Press.) New York, April 13.—Less favorable reports of the British labor situation and sharp break in Liverpool had unsettling effect in the cotton market here at the opening today. First prices were barely steady at a decline of 11 to 19 points under liquidation and Southern and Liverpool selling of near months. Some of the Liverpool houses were buyers of later deliver however, while there was also a moderate demand believed to be for Japan and Wall Street account which steadied the market.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE EMPRESS

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, April 13.—Funeral services in memory of the late Empress Augusta Victoria, at Doorn have been delayed, according to a dispatch received here. It is said they will be held at Doorn on Sunday and at Potsdam next Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENT! The 47th Series in this Old Reliable Building and Loan Association is now open. Take shares in this series and save your MONEY and get ready to OWN YOUR OWN HOME Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association OFFICE IN THE CONCORD NATIONAL BANK START NOW