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STRIKE BALLOTS SLOW IN REACHING CHICAGO

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HOPE FOR RUSH OF BALLOTS NOW

Reports of Balloting at Burnside Shops of Illinois Central Show That the Men Are Against a Strike.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, June 21.—Although expressing hopes for a rush of ballots the rest of the week, union headquarters where the strike vote of railway employees is being tabulated, to day expressed disappointment over the volume of returns in nationwide referendum of shopmen and other rail workers on the question of a walkout in protest against wage cuts ordered by the United States Railway Labor Board.

BISHOPS OF M. E. CHURCH HOLDING CONFERENCE

Meeting to Work Out Church Affairs and Select Date and Places for Conferences. Indianapolis, Ind., June 21.—The semi-annual conference of bishops of the M. E. church, at which general plans for the administration of the church affairs will be discussed and the date and places selected for holding annual conferences of the Methodist church, opened here today to continue through Sunday. All sessions of the conference will be closed to the public. Twenty-six bishops from various parts of the United States, and three from foreign countries, were here for the meeting.

6,000 VETERANS ARE ATTENDING REUNION

This Number Has Already Registered at Richmond, and More Are Arriving on Every Train. Richmond, Va., June 21.—Branch B. M. Morgan, chairman of the local housing committee today announced that 6,000 old soldiers are registered here for the reunion. He added that more veterans are arriving on every train coming into the city. Early estimates had placed the number of survivors of the war between the States at between 4,900 and 5,000. Mr. Morgan declared the attendance exceeds all expectations.

Ready to Purchase Gorgias Plant. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—Thos. W. Martin, president of the Alabama Power Company, told the Senate agricultural committee today that his company stood ready to pay the government \$3,000,000 for its interests in the steam plant at Gorgias, Alabama. "If the government insists that \$3,000,000 is a fair value for the plant."

ROTARY MEETING

Report of Boys' Work Committee and Program by Fellowship Committee Features of Weekly Meeting. Further discussion of means for helping young men of the city who desire to secure a college education featured the meeting of the Concord Rotarians Tuesday, and within another month the club members hope to be able to adopt a definite policy for the future.

Bill Caswell, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, stated to the club members that the members of his committee had definitely decided upon one young man who is to be given financial help by the club, but that the committee so far had been unable to decide who is to be the second youth to receive help. The club at present is in position to help but two young men. Bill added, however, that his committee would probably determine upon the second young man this week.

The nature of the aid the club is to give, or rather the extent of the financial aid, was the chief topic discussed. Some members favor the raising of an educational fund; others believe it will be more practical to help the young men borrow the money, while still others think the club should merely get the youth in college, pay his expenses until he can get acclimated and secure a position, and then let him develop his own future.

A committee composed of Luther Hartsell, Bill Gibson and Bill Flowe was appointed by President Richmond to work out the most feasible plan for the club to adopt, and it is hoped the plan will be ready when the club meets next Tuesday.

The program of the meeting was put on by the Fellowship Committee, with Joe Davis chairman. Joe had several members give facts relating to their early life, with the idea of better acquainting the members with one another. Tom Webb, Arthur Odell and Tom Lawrence were questioned by Chairman Joe.

Bob Hidenhour reported as chairman of the entertainment committee, that his committee recommended the purchase of a piano jointly by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and the Y. M. C. A. The club adopted Bob's report, which recommended that each club pay one-fourth of the cost of the instrument and that the Y pay one-half, with the piano to be the property of the Y in case the two clubs should divide.

THE COTTON MARKET

General Active Realizing at Opening. Decline of 14 to 24 Points. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, June 21.—There was general active realizing in the cotton market at the opening today, and prices were easy at a decline of 14 to 24 points. The disposition to make profits following recent big advances was probably increased by expectations of favorable weekly crop review by the weather bureau, and the rather irregular showing of Liverpool cables. Foreign and domestic interests were credited with buying on the decline, however, and the market steadied up after the call on prospects of unsettled weather in the South, October relying from 22:36 to 22:72, or within 8 points of yesterday's closing quotations.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 22:70; Oct. 22:63; Dec. 22:36; Jan. 22:28; Mar. 22:15.

MRS. OLESEN FAR IN LEAD

Defeats Meighan for Democratic Nomination for Senator from Minnesota. (By the Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., June 21.—Returns from the Minnesota statewide primary Monday were sufficiently near completion today to show Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen far in the lead of Thomas Meighan, her nearest opponent, for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator. Sentiment on the question of sending a woman to the United States Senate will be an added feature to the party issues in the general election in Minnesota next November.

School Enrollment Less, Says Dr. Houston.

Mr. Editor: The people of Concord know that the enrollment of our schools is decreasing year by year? That the enrollment was actually less by 32 (a room full less) than it was the year before. That it was 44 less (another room full) the year before last than it was the year previous? Do the people know that taking the average daily attendance 1857 (last figures available) that our 56 teachers only averaged 35 pupils per room average daily attendance? Does that look so awful crowded? I obtained these figures from the superintendent of the public schools no longer ago than yesterday. ROUSTON. (Advertisement.)

Madame Bessarabo Found Guilty. Paris, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Madame Marie Bessarabo, poetess and playwright, was found guilty today of premeditated murder of her husband Georges, whose body was found concealed in a trunk at Nancy two years ago. The court found there were extenuating circumstances. Her daughter, by her last husband, who was also on trial, was found guilty. Madame Bessarabo was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor.

Statement by H. I. Woodhouse, Former Chairman of School Board

The public is aware that on May 6, 1919, an election was held to authorize a bond issue of \$40,000.00 for school improvements, with the idea of making the necessary addition at No. 2, and erect a new Primary Building at Central. After these bonds were sold but before they were issued the contract was let to John H. Greary, the lowest bidder for the addition at No. 2. After the bonds were sold bids were advertised for the new building at Central. F. G. Niblock was the lowest bidder, his figure being approximately \$38,000.00. The contract was not let because the board had already been notified by the City Attorney that the bonds had not been delivered and were probably illegally authorized. For this reason the board deferred placing this contract. A few days later the City Attorney notified the board that his assumption was correct, and that the bonds were illegal and were refused by the purchasers. Therefore, after an elapse of seven months another election was held, the amount being \$65,000 as the board already saw that the \$40,000.00 originally asked for would not begin to cover the cost of the two buildings, i. e., the addition at No. 2 and the new building at Central. This increase in the board's estimate was due to the fact, as the public will easily remember, that prices of building material and labor, in fact every commodity entering into this building had advanced very materially and was continuing to advance at an unsteady rate. Then when the \$65,000.00 did become available the board advertised for bids for the Primary Building at Central. Only one bid was received, that from a contractor at Hamlet, N. C., who required a guarantee against advance in price of material and labor. His bid was as follows, with composition roof, no paint nor electric wiring:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Building as per best bid we could get (\$65,000.00), Plumbing (\$1,493.00), Heating (\$6,900.00), Architect (\$1,224.60), Furniture: Desks, blackboards, chairs, etc. (\$2,173.79), Additional Plumbing installed (\$1,580.92), Total (\$13,372.40).

This would have made the cost of building complete \$78,380.50 on basis of bid as made without taking into consideration the guarantee of prices, which would have added a considerable amount, as the prices materially advanced. The Board felt that as they had to take all the chances by guaranteeing prices that it would be better for them to erect the building by day labor, looking after the work through a Committee of their own. The result of this action of the board was as follows with slate roof, painting and wiring, complete in every respect:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Building Actually Cost (\$50,511.47), Plumbing (\$1,493.00), Heating (\$6,900.00), Architect (\$1,224.60), Furniture: Desks, blackboards, chairs, etc. (\$2,173.79), Additional Plumbing installed (\$1,580.92), Total (\$63,883.87).

Actual cost of building complete as shown in this statement, which is taken from the City Treasurer's books, the School Board saved the town of Concord \$12,465.61.

As a check against the Treasurer's books, I make the following statement as to funds which were available for the above mentioned improvements:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Addition to No. 2 School with all equipment complete (\$10,263.88), Primary Building at Central with all equipment complete (\$63,883.87), Total (\$74,147.75).

RECEIPTS: Sale of bonds (\$65,000.00), Premium and interest on bonds (2,633.86), Borrowed of State Building Fund (10,000.00), Balance paid from General School Fund (2,513.89), Total (\$80,147.75).

This statement as Former Chairman of the School Board, covering the period during which the above mentioned work was done, being, as I have heard, that the Board, as well as myself, is being criticized, and accused of having wasted the school funds. So in fairness to myself and the board I feel that I am entitled to a hearing by the public, and the public is entitled to information as to how their money was spent.

Yours respectfully, H. I. WOODHOUSE, Former Chairman of the Board.

FURTHER MEETING TO CONSIDER STRIKE ACTION

Is Planned by Leaders of Striking Miners and the Rail Unions. Cincinnati, O., June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Further meetings to consider joint strike action were being planned today between leaders of the striking coal miners and the rail unions that are threatening a nationwide rail walkout next month. Union chiefs indicated they expected to hold conferences here this week, to be followed by a later meeting in Chicago where the rail leaders will canvass the strike vote next week.

A unanimity of sentiment as to the necessity of the rail strike was shown by a joint statement of President John L. Lewis of the miners and B. M. Jewell, head of the rail union, issued last night after the first formal discussion of the proposed joint strike action. A policy of silence also was adopted by the union men who attended last night's meeting, and after it had disbanded Mr. Jewell went into conference with lawyers.

The joint statement, which the union men said they regarded as important on account of its dual authorship, declared a "common crisis" faced both of the railroad men and the miners, and added "it is only natural that these workers should decide to do everything to protect their separate interests."

GOV. SMALL'S CASE

Final Arguments in the Trial Will Begin Late Today. Waukegan, Ill., June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Final arguments in the trial of Governor Len Small, charged with conspiracy to defraud during his term as state treasurer, will begin late today by order of the court. The order followed a ruling of Judge Claire C. Edwards, the trial judge, against a pleading of the prosecution seeking to open a collateral bank deal which was ruled out of evidence.

Almost Conquer Mt. Everest, Climbers Get Close to Summit. London, June 20.—A dispatch to The Daily News from Calcutta, dated yesterday, announces that a further attempt has been made to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Following upon the last one made by Captain Finch and Captain Bruce, Messrs Mallory, Wakefield and Somervell, after a terrific struggle, succeeded in getting within a few hundred feet of the top.

The weather conditions are reported to have been terrible and the climbers suffering greatly. Chinese students attending the University of Chicago, avail themselves of 20,000 books of Chinese, Japanese, Mongolian and Tibetan literature, history and philosophy in the library. This library reports the possession of 401 books printed prior to 1900.

RUTH GIVEN ANOTHER SUSPENSION FOR TWO DAYS

Ban Johnson Says the Star Must Behave, or He Will Keep Him Suspended. Chicago, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Babe Ruth's argument with Umpire Dineen yesterday before the Cleveland-New York game will keep him out of the game two days in addition to the three-day suspension imposed yesterday. President Ban Johnson, of the American league, announced today. Ruth, consequently will not be able to play until Monday.

Mr. Johnson announced that Ruth is suspended without pay and this feature of the decision will cost Babe \$1,500, or \$300 a day, which was said by the American League president to be the player's salary.

RAIL ELECTRIFICATION IN SOUTH IS STUDIED

Southern Roads Send Agents to Water Power Conference at Asheville This Week. Asheville, June 20.—Ultimate electrification of the major railroads of the entire south, will be one of the chief topics of discussion during the waterpower conference of the southern Appalachian states, which opened here this afternoon.

Although the convention is to study all phases of present and potential waterpowers in the area, looking to their further utilization and conservation, the commercial interest centers largely in hydro-electric developments. The fact that railway companies of the south are represented by almost as many delegates as are the electric power companies, leads to the belief that the railroads are wide awake to the possibilities offered by the water courses of the southern Appalachian system for supplanting steam locomotive power with the cleaner, safer, more efficient and economical electric power.

All of the important railway companies of the south have in most cases sent both their electrical engineers and their industrial and development agents.

MRS. MARTHA LECQUOC IS MARRIED IN SALISBURY

Former Concord Woman Becomes the Bride of Mr. William Blake, of Oregon. (Special to The Tribune.) Salisbury, June 21.—Mrs. Martha Lecquoc was married last evening at 7:30 at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Harwood, to Mr. William Blake, formerly of Baltimore, who is in business in Oregon City, Ore. and after a bridal trip to northern points they will live in that city. Mrs. Blake is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lentz, of Concord. She had been employed in the millinery department of the Belk-Harry Company.

PUT CROOKS ON FORCE

Chicago Chief Exposes Plot of Underworld to Undermine Department. Chicago, June 20.—A criminal plot to undermine the police department by putting crooks on the force was carried in the flood of applications for 1,000 new police jobs recently authorized by the city council, according to Charles Fitzmorris, general superintendent of police.

Investigation of applicants has led to the solution of robberies amounting to \$70,000, the chief said today. One man who had received his star was arrested while attending a police school of instruction and confessed to a recent \$12,000 robbery of a dairy company.

URGES NATIONAL PARK ON MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD

Gen. Carr Urges Veterans and Sons of Veterans to Give Movement Their Support. (By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 21.—In a proclamation issued here today by Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, the people of the South and the sons and daughters of Veterans throughout the nation are urged to give moral and financial support to the proposed establishment of a national park on the fields where the first and second battles of Manassas were fought.

HEARING MUST BE IN OPEN SAYS SHARP'S ATTORNEY

Judge Jones Informs Mr. Sharp's Attorney's That the Hearing Would Be Held Today and That It Would Be Private. Charlotte, N. C., June 21.—"I will not permit my client to be examined in private. He will be examined out in the open or he will not be examined at all," declared attorney J. F. Newell this morning in police court when the presiding Judge J. Laurence Jones was listening to argument as to whether the hearing, in the ad testificandum papers served on Rev. J. A. Sharp, local Methodist pastor, should be public or private.

Judge Jones informed Mr. Sharp's attorney's that the hearing would be held today and that it would be private. Mr. Sharp was served with ad testificandum papers in order to give the municipal court officials the benefit of information he said in a sermon Sunday night he possessed to the effect that bootlegging and immorality are unchecked in Charlotte and are being condoned by the city administration and police officers.

CALLS FOR TRUE HISTORY OF SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY

To Replace Those Being Taught in the Schools of the Country. Richmond, June 21 (By the Associated Press).—Calling for a true history of the Confederacy to replace those now being taught in the schools of the country, the historical committee at the second session here today of the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans presented a lengthy report in which it disclosed that Mississippi, the Carolinas, Louisiana and Texas are now using "fair histories," and that it is "great to know that this sentiment is sweeping over the South."

The delegates adopted the report of the committee on credentials which showed that there are now on the rolls 1,013 camps which gives a voting representation of 1210 delegates in the convention. The standing of the various departments includes: Virginia 68 camps; North Carolina 50; and South Carolina 54. The election of officers and choice of next year's reunion city are scheduled for late today. Three names have been mentioned prominently in connection with the post of commander-in-chief. They are: Gen. Julian S. Carr, incumbent; Col. Wm. B. Haldeman of Louisville, Ky., commander of the Kentucky Orphans Brigade; and Gen. Wm. B. Freeman of Richmond, commander of the Virginia Division U. C. V.

LEGION HONORS ITS BASE BALL PLAYERS

Honor Guests at a Dutch Lunch Last Evening at Legion Club Rooms. At one of the snappiest meetings in the history of the Post, the Frey Y. McConnell Post of the American Legion was host to the members of the Legion baseball team at the Legion club rooms on West Depot street Tuesday night.

M. B. Sherrin welcomed the guests and Ray Hoover, chairman of the entertainment committee, introduced the members of the team. Each man was greeted with applause as his name was called. Following the presentation of the members of the team, Aubrey R. Hoover, president of the city league, and A. R. Howard, a member of the board of control from Gibson mill, were introduced and made short speeches. After the program a Dutch lunch was served.

"Chow" being over, the men gathered around the piano and listened to a concert given by Legionnaire Sam Goodman sing. His selections were received with marked favor and time and time again he was called upon to respond to encores.

Harding's Alaska Trip Abandoned

Washington, June 20.—President Harding's tentative projected Alaskan trip this summer has been abandoned, it was definitely announced today at the White House. The President was said to regret greatly that he saw no possibility of leaving Washington under prevailing conditions in legislative matters.

Italy Owns the longest stretch of electrified railway in Europe, covering

There are nearly 20,000 known medicinal remedies.

DOCUMENT MAKES A PUBLIC STATEMENT

Without Comment in Regard to the Two Steel Merger Cases Now Before the Department of Justice.

GIVEN VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS

He Says He Will Be Glad to Hear Any Dependable Person Who Has Any Legitimate Argument to Offer.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 21.—Attorney General Daugherty without other comment today made public the following statement:

In regard to the two steel merger cases now before the Department of Justice, it was announced today that the Department of Justice would be glad to hear from any dependable person who has any legitimate argument to offer against the merger. The two mergers which have been before the Department of Justice are the recently effected Bethlehem-Lackawanna consolidated and the pending combination of the Republic Iron & Steel Midvale Iron & Ordnance, and Inland Steel Company. The Attorney-General's statement was given varying interpretations in official quarters, some officials although not commenting for publication seeing in it an indication that thus far the Department of Justice had found no basis for any legal proceedings.

LEVEE GIVES WAY

Lowlands in Cameron County, Texas, Inundated. (By the Associated Press.) Brownsville, Texas, June 21.—Four hundred feet of levee, protecting a section of the San Benito irrigation district, about 25 miles up the river from Brownsville, gave way before the flood waters of the Rio Grande this morning, causing the first inundation of lowlands in Cameron county. A large force of workmen was sent to strengthen the levee protecting the little town of Los Indios, which is threatened by the break.

15,000 Acres Inundated

San Antonio, Texas, June 21 (By the Associated Press).—The critical stage in the lower Rio Grande valley flood which has inundated nearly 16,000 acres in Starr, Hidalgo, and Cameron Counties, marooned nearly 1,000 Mexicans in small border towns, and covered the roads leading west of Mercedes, is expected between midnight tonight and dawn Thursday, when the crest of the upper flood is due to reach the edge of Starr County. This flood, the result of a cloudburst in the hills of Tyrell County, Texas, last Saturday, is remarkable in the history of the river, not only because it has exceeded all previous records, but also because of its slow movement and sustained volume.

Asheville Not to Be the Summer Capital

Raleigh, June 20.—Governor Morrison will spend most of summer at Raleigh, he said today, the pressure of state business making it impossible for him to locate in Asheville, as he did last summer, or to spend any time elsewhere. He will go to Wrightsville for a short stay, and likely will visit in Asheville, and his home in Charlotte, but the greater part of summer months will be spent here, where he can keep in close touch with state affairs, according to his present plans.

HEY! June 22, 23, 24 I WILL BE AT Midway Garage MIDWAY, N. C. With Some real bargains in new and used cars. Don't forget the dates, June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. O. G. THOMAS

VOTERS Hear the School Bonds Explained No. 2 School, Buffalo Street, Thursday Evening at 7:30—L. T. Hartsell and F. C. Niblock Friday evening a number of speakers will speak from truck at the following places: 7:30—Forest Hill. 8:00—Barr's Store. 8:30—Barrier & Widenhouse. 9:00—Public Square. Music by Jackson School Band Both Nights (Advertisement.)