

Situation In Oklahoma Rapidly Nearing Crisis

Interest Now Centers In Effort of Governor Walton to Suspend Right of Recourse to Habeas Corpus.

SOLONS GATHERING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

They Are Preparing to Call Legislature Together in Defiance to Warnings Issued by Gov. Walton.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Martial rule over Oklahoma appeared rapidly to be approaching a climax today with attention momentarily focussed on Tulsa, where Governor Walton's authority to suspend the right of recourse to habeas corpus will be tested.

Menwhile state legislators are gathering here to perfect plans for an extraordinary session of the Assembly in defiance of Governor Walton. No secret is made of the fact that if the Legislature convenes, impeachment proceedings will be instituted against the Governor, should sufficient basis for charges be found.

Despite the Executive's threat to imprison all lawmakers who attempt to hold a special session of the Legislature "because it would interfere with the prosecution of his fight against the Ku Klux Klan," assemblymen declare it is in their rights, and the session will be called as soon as the signatures of a majority of the members of both houses can be obtained. Announced plans are for the Legislature to meet at a board to "investigate conditions in the state," and no effort is being made to convene for legislative purposes for which a call from the Governor is necessary, it was said.

Military courts of inquiry here and at Tulsa investigating acts of mob violence throughout the state continued in session today with no indication as to when the work would be completed.

Freed in Civil Court.

Tulsa, Sept. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Five men indicted by Governor Walton's Tulsa county military commission investigating mob violence here since mid-August were freed in civil court today when arraigned for preliminary hearings. They were the first of thirty men indicted by military tribunal to be released.

OKLAHOMA SOLONS PLAN TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION

Going Forward With Plans Despite the Threats From Governor Walton.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 18.—Members of the state legislature opened an offensive today against the official acts of Governor J. C. Walton in connection with his decrees of martial law throughout Oklahoma.

Plans took shape among members of the legislature to convene a special session in defiance of the governor to consider his official acts. Impeachment proceedings are considered certain if a sufficient number of the legislators can be rallied to the cause.

A call for an extraordinary session was completed tonight and is ready to be filed with the secretary of state as soon as a majority of the members of the house have signed a petition to convene the session.

On the other hand, Governor Walton is firm in his determination to give his enemies in the legislature no chance to "interfere" with his declared intention to "wrest the civil government from the domination of the invisible empire and make the visible government against it supreme."

He reiterated that any lawmakers who attempted to hold a special session of the legislature would be sent to jail. Four soldiers with side arms guard the entrance to each of the legislative halls.

Governor Walton holds that the legislature cannot meet in extraordinary session, except upon his call, this procedure being outlined by the state constitution.

Sponsors of the extra session take the stands that the house can meet upon petition of a majority of the membership without the governor's consent and form an inquisitorial body to investigate conditions in the state.

During one period of seven years, over eight thousand earthquake shocks were recorded in Japan, many of them doing great damage.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 29 cents per pound; cotton seed at 66 cents per bushel.

CAUFFIEL IS NOT TO BE REELECTED

Mayor Who Ordered Negroes to Leave Town Defeated in Republican Primaries Held on Tuesday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 19.—Mayor Joe Cauffiel, central figure in a controversy over his order directing all negroes residing in this city less than seven years to leave, was eliminated as a candidate for reelection, returns today from yesterday's primaries indicated. In a field of seven candidates, he was running fifth, with the Republicans resting between William H. Sunshine and Lewis Franke, a former mayor.

Dispatching a reply to Governor Pinchot's request for explanation Mayor Cauffiel last night reiterated his order that the negroes "must pack up and go." Governor Pinchot asked for an explanation after he had received protest from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at New York.

Mayor Cauffiel issued the order after three city policemen were killed in a fight with an alleged drink-crazed negro, who was killed.

JAPANESE RELIEF FUND.

Previously acknowledged \$208,750

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes C. M. Powell (10.00), P. C. Barnhart (5.00), Miss Lena M. Leslie (5.00), Miss Bettie M. Leslie (5.00), Mrs. Laura L. Ross (5.00), Harmony Methodist S. S. (7.51), Cash (3.00), M. L. Cannon (25.00).

CHANGES IN FREIGHT RATES ARE ADVOCATED

Secretary Hoover Thinks Entire Freight Rate Structure Should Be Changed.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 19.—General reorganization of the entire railway freight rate structure is favored by Secretary Hoover.

Commenting today on the plans of President Coolidge to aid agricultural agencies, Mr. Hoover said freight rates on agricultural products should be lowered, as a complement to the general reconstruction of all rates, but he added that the problem was delicate and involved, and must be studied carefully by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Compared with class rates, commodity rates are too high, Secretary Hoover said, but he suggested that some of the western granger roads might not be able to survive a cut in agricultural commodity rates, and emphasized he did not believe it desirable to reduce these rates unless the entire rate structure was revised.

New Charters Issued to Corporations.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 19.—Secretary of State W. N. Everett has issued charters to the following corporations: Commercial Finance Corporation, Salisbury, with authorized capital stock of \$150,000, of which \$7,000 has been subscribed by H. A. Rouzer, Sallie H. Grimes and I. S. Brown, all of Salisbury.

Morton Jones and Company, of Asheville, with authorized capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$5,000 has been subscribed by W. Morton Jones and Ruth Moser Jones, of Asheville, and T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton.

Mizelle Motor Company, Zebulon, in Vance county, with authorized capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$9,000 has been subscribed by E. D. and L. M. Massed and L. M. Gould, of Zebulon.

An amendment to the certificate of incorporation of the Planters Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Company, authorizing an increase in the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$250,000.

Waldensian Embroiderers, Incorporated, with authorized capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$1,000 has been subscribed by F. Garrou and H. Clot, of Valdese, Burke county, and A. M. Kistler, Morganton. The new concern takes over the Burke Novelty Manufacturing Company, of Valdese.

PREVENT IMMIGRANT SMUGGLING. PROPOSED

Representative Cable, of Ohio, to Sponsor Law.

Washington, Sept. 19 (Capital News Service).—That smuggling of immigrants into the United States from Canada is an industry of growing proportions, and that it can and should be prevented by extensions of the Immigration Service are beliefs held by Representative John L. Cable (Republican) of Ohio.

Mr. Cable proposes to introduce a bill increasing the number of immigration inspectors not only for Ellis Island, but for duty along the Canadian border. Their duties will include not only the prevention of smuggling or "bootlegging" of immigrants, but will be a further check upon the entrance of the undesirable alien.

Conferring with President Coolidge about the Immigration Service, Mr. Cable expressed the opinion that a large majority of members of Congress would oppose the Department of Labor's plan for selection of immigrants to America in their home lands, on the ground that such a procedure would involve the making of treaties with countries affected, which countries themselves were not in favor of the proposed selection.

In spite of this opinion, friends of the idea in Congress are pressing confidently forward in the belief that the very opposition of foreign countries to selection of immigrants before and not after embarkation is a reason for insisting upon it, and with the idea that no treaty is necessary and that the refusal of an American visa is all that is required to enforce American selection ideas upon those who inspectors abroad consider undesirable.

SYSTEM OF ARBITRATION SETTLES MANY DISPUTES

Has Been Found Practical by Pennsylvania Railroad.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Satisfactory settlements were reached in a large majority of the cases of grievances and controversial questions arising under the employ representation plan of the Pennsylvania Railroad system for the first half of 1923. This was accomplished at conferences between the local officers and representatives of the employees without recourse to any legal authority, according to a report made by the Northwestern Region headquarters of the system.

"During this period a total of 3,000 cases were taken up with officers below division superintendents," the report says. "Although appeal is provided for to superintendents, general superintendents, general managers, and finally to a joint reviewing committee equally representative of management and employees, the number of cases carried to the general manager totaled 223 and those reaching the reviewing committee, 84."

"Of the controversial questions taken up originally or on appeal with the local officers, superintendents, general superintendents and general managers, almost half were adjusted or compromised in favor of employees. Of cases appealed to the reviewing committee, about half were decided in favor of the management."

The Pennsylvania plan was formulated and established by joint action of the management and employees about two and one-half years ago. The report concludes that under its operation local settlement of disputes has reached a new high level of success.

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports of Rain Influenced Market, Which Opened Steady at an Advance of 9 to 17 Points.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 19.—Rather disappointing Liverpool cables appeared to be more than offset by reports of further heavy rains in Oklahoma and Arkansas and the cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 9 to 17 points. There was a great deal of covering after the reaction of late yesterday, and fresh buying inspired by the unfavorable crop news, which carried prices up to 29.30 for October and 28.32 for January during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady; October 29.12; December 28.75; January 28.18; March 28.05; May 28.00.

WET CANDIDATE IS ELECTED IN NEW YORK

Simon B. VanWagenen Will Serve District in State Legislature Again.

(By the Associated Press.)

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Simon B. VanWagenen, Uster, county, wet republican, whose votes in the last legislative session made possible the repeal of the Mullen-Gage prohibition enforcement law, was renominated for the Assembly in yesterday's statewide primary. He defeated John W. Weaver, dry, by 1,500 votes.

Young Man Fatally Injured in Fall From New Bank Building

Dick Sims Died of Injuries Sustained When He is Alleged to Have Missed Work Elevator on the Cabarrus Savings Bank Building.—Fell From Fourth Story to the Ground.

Dick Sims, young white man who has been making his home here at the Hartwell Mill neighborhood, was instantly killed this morning in an accident which occurred at the building being erected by the Cabarrus Savings Bank. The accident occurred shortly before 11 o'clock, and was witnessed by a number of people.

According to evidence brought out at the inquest conducted by Coroner Joe A. Hartsell, Sims was killed after he tried to catch the work elevator in the building. J. L. Turner, according to Coroner Hartsell's minutes, testified that Sims was standing on the third floor of the building and that the elevator as it passed on its way to the fifth floor, got one hand on the bottom of the elevator and was carried in that position to a point near the fourth floor, where he was knocked off. He fell headlong to the ground, and died a few minutes later.

According to one of the bosses at the new building, the elevator was going to the fifth floor when the accident occurred, workmen on that floor having called for it. The men who had called for the elevator did not know of the accident until after Sims had been found on the ground.

At the Bell & Harris Undertaking parlors, where the body of Sims was carried, it was stated that the only known relative is Mr. R. A. Sutton, an uncle, with whom young Sims boarded. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

This is the first accident of that kind which has occurred on the new building, which has been under construction for several months.

The jury called by Coroner Hartsell was composed of J. A. Peck, M. R. Pounds, E. C. Smith, S. Clay Shinn, J. E. Sossamon, and L. B. Deason.

Sims suffered several injuries that would have produced death, Coroner Hartsell stated. His skull was badly fractured, his neck was broken and one jaw was shattered. No examination was made to determine whether he suffered internal injuries.

CROP REVIEW

Conditions in Southern States Reviewed by Federal Agricultural Department.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 19.—The weekly weather and crop review issued today by the Department of Agriculture for the Southern States follows:

Seasonal temperatures prevailing in nearly all portions of the cotton belt, and rather heavy rains in many sections west of the Mississippi river, but very little rainfall to the eastward. Sunshine is abundant east of the Mississippi, but it was difficult in the western portions of the belt.

East of the Mississippi the weather favored the rapid opening of the bolls and also picking and ginning which made satisfactory progress.

Picking is well advanced in South Carolina where fruiting has practically ceased with the weevil taking the top crop. There will be no top crop in southern North Carolina, but conditions continued mostly very good in the northern part of the state.

Cotton condition in North Carolina is announced as follows: Rapid progress in picking cotton; practically no top crop in the south, and materially reduced in the central portion; conditions mostly very good in north, though considerable shedding and weevil damage spreading northeastward.

PREMIER POINCARÉ AND PREMIER BALDWIN CONFERENCE

Statement Says Conference Was Held For Purpose of Discussing Political Situation.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Sept. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Premier Poincaré and Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain, conferred here today, presumably on the reparations question.

The official statement after the meeting read: "The meeting of the prime ministers of France and Great Britain took place this morning at which they took advantage to proceed to the exchange of views on the general political situation."

"It was not to be expected that in the course of the meeting M. Poincaré and M. Baldwin were able to settle upon any definite solution."

Hope Pressmen's Strike Will End.

New York, Sept. 19.—Hope for a speedy settlement of the strike of the web pressmen which has prevented publication of the city's leading morning and afternoon papers since midnight Monday was entertained when the strikers this afternoon discussed a proposal that they return to work under a 10 days' truce.

Begin Clearing Up District In Berkeley

Wrecking Tools and Dynamite Will Be Used to Remove Debris Collected as Result of Fire.

2,500 HOMELESS AS RESULT OF BLAZE

Personal and Property Loss Estimated at \$10,000,000, With Loss Covered by \$4,000,000 Insurance.

(By the Associated Press.)

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 19.—The first step in the reconstruction of the district razed Sunday in the most disastrous fire in Berkeley's history will be taken today when workers attack the ruins with dynamite and wrecking tools.

When the thirty-five blocks or more over which the first raged still lay blanketed with smoldering ruins yesterday, surrounded by a cordon of police and army sentries, victims of the blaze surveyed the extent of the disaster and immediately began preparations for rebuilding.

The real and personal loss in the blaze was estimated at \$10,000,000 late yesterday by C. C. Embley, president of the Berkeley Board of Fire Underwriters, to whom seventy-five insurance adjusters reported after a survey of the fire zone. Not more than \$4,000,000 was covered by insurance, he said.

The 2,500 homeless victims of the fire have found shelter with friends or in homes thrown open to them immediately after the conflagration.

Among the number were 1,200 students of the University of California, and 100 members of the families of the faculty, it was announced.

The list of the injured, either by the flames or in minor accidents resulting from frantic efforts to save their homes or remove household goods, has reached to between 50 and 100 although none were seriously hurt.

Another Town Wiped Out.

Santa Rosa, Calif., Sept. 19.—The town of Trinity, a community of between 30 and 40 houses was wiped out and a strip of from two to five miles wide between the towns of Kenwood and Elverano laid waste by a forest and brush fire during the past two days, according to advices received here.

Fifteen highway bridges between Santa Rosa and Glen Ellen, near the "Valley of the Moon," were destroyed by the flames.

Ranches and farm houses as well as crops and gardens in the district covered by the blaze were destroyed.

UPWARDS OF 1,000 AT TRINITY THIS MORNING

College Will Open Its 72nd Year With About 800 Men and 200 Women.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 19.—A collision between the battleship Arkansas and the destroyer McFarland off Newport early today was reported in a dispatch received by the Navy Department. The destroyer, struck on the port side forward of her bridge, was said to have been seriously damaged, and to be proceeding "under escort" to Boston. The two ships were engaged in night maneuvers.

Sandwich, Sept. 19.—The United States destroyer McFarland was rammed in the bow by the battleship Arkansas in maneuvers near the entrance of the Cape Cod canal here today.

Albemarle Church Bequeathed \$5,000.

Albemarle, Sept. 18.—M. J. Harris, treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of this place, and a lifelong friend of the late John C. Leslie, who died at his home in New York City several weeks ago, has just received a letter from a law firm in New York announcing that Mr. Leslie bequeathed \$5,000 to the local Presbyterian Church in his last will and testament.

Mr. Leslie was at one time a resident of Albemarle and was, while here, a deacon of the Presbyterian Church. Although for several years prior to his death he had resided in New York, yet he had never lost his interest in the Albemarle church, when by his former membership was held. The news of the \$5,000 bequest came as a most welcome message just at a time when that organization is building its new church structure at a cost of \$75,000 or more. Although the fund will not be obtainable for possibly a year yet the certainty of its coming will lighten the burden of the members of the church who are building at such tremendous sacrifice at this time.

Singing School to Close Friday Night.

The singing school, which is being conducted at the West Concord Baptist Church will close Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with a concert. The Buff Quartette, from Cleveland will be present and give several numbers on the program. The school has been very successful and highly gratifying to those who have attended, and the concert Friday night will be free to the public, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

University Registration Is Breaching All Records.

Chapel Hill, Sept. 18.—Chapel Hill tonight is all agog with old and new students, more than 1,000 matriculated on this, the first day of registration, according to latest estimates. This breaks all records. Another thousand are expected tomorrow.

Stoner Klutz to Kannapolis.

Newton, Sept. 18.—Attorney Stoner W. Klutz, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Klutz, of Maiden, and brother of Attorney L. E. Klutz, of Newton, left today for Kannapolis, where he will engage in the practice of his profession.

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