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STRIKE BALLOTS TO BE SENT SOON TO 478,000 MEMBERS OF THE CRAFT

Will Be Asked to Vote on Question of Accepting Wage Cuts Recently Ordered.

SENT TO NON-UNION, TOO.

Replies From the Strike Ballots Are Looked For By the End of June.

(By The Associated Press.) DETROIT, May 31. — Officials of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers today began preparation of strike ballots to be sent within the next few days to the 478,000 members of the organization throughout the country and to the approximately 75,000 non-union men of the crafts who would be affected by a strike.

The brotherhood members, with the non-union men, will be asked to vote on the question of accepting the wage cuts of from one to five cents an hour recently ordered by the United States Railway Labor Board in Chicago. If a majority of the brotherhood votes in favor of a rejection of the decreases, E. F. Grable, grand president of the brotherhood, with headquarters here, is empowered to issue a strike order immediately, setting the date for the walkout.

A resolution calling for the strike vote and ordering Mr. Grable to take the strike step in the event it is sanctioned by the membership was passed late yesterday at a meeting of the brotherhood's executive council, composed of all officers of the union.

A strike ballot will be mailed to each person affected by the reductions, it being desired to give non-union men working beside those holding union cards to express their choice between continuing work at the reduced figure or suspending their efforts. Presses at the brotherhood's printing plant here were set in motion early in the day turning out the ballots, it being necessary to print more than 550,000 of the slips.

It is expected by union officials that the last of the member will have been mailed by the end of the present week or the first of next. All the replies are looked for by the end of June. If a strike is desired by the membership such a call probably will go out during the first week in July, Mr. Grable said. The wage reductions ordered by the labor becomes effective July 1.

The resolution calling for a strike vote was adopted unanimously. It was confined to the mere request for such a vote and the empowering of the president to call such a strike if it was ordered by the membership.

MAY SELECT BIG BANKER AS COLUMBUS CITY MANAGER

(By The Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, GA., May 31. — Selection of a city manager to take the position left vacant by the recent discharge of H. Gordon Hinkle, of Atlanta, Ga., who held the office since the commission form of government took over affairs of the city, will probably be made at a meeting of the commissioners late this afternoon.

No intimation of whom the commissioners have under consideration for the position was made this morning, but it is highly probable that J. R. Key, chairman of the county commission, president of one of the largest banks in the city, whose name is suggested in a letter to the mayor from an accounting firm, would be placed before the body. The suggestion of the auditors is for consolidation of two positions — city and county manager — with a combined salary of \$15,000 per year.

It is said there are many applications for the place of city manager, which carries with it a salary of \$8,000 a year. City and county officials are going about their work as usual today and have begun a more zealous search for clues as to the party or parties responsible for the sending of anonymous letters to the local authorities, following the receipt of the missives announced yesterday.

Chief J. M. Huling, of the county police and Deputy Sheriff C. C. Layfield, who were warned in letters given out yesterday, are apparently not disturbed by their contents. No extra precautions have been taken.

LITTLE BOYS COLLECTED AND STARVED TO DEATH

LONDON, May 31. — Acts of great barbarity are being committed by the Turks against the Greeks in the Trebizond district of Asia Minor, Cecil Hamsworth, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today. He gave independent witnesses who had just left Trebizond as the authority for his statement. He said it was reported that little boys were collected in compounds and allowed to starve to death.

The British Government is doing all in its power to accelerate the dispatch of the proposed commission of inquiry, he said, but no further action can be taken until a reply is received to the invitation extended to the American Government. The reply is expected today or tomorrow.

England Will Not Tolerate The Establishment Of The Republic In Ireland Says W. Churchill

If a Republic is Set Up the British Government Will Hold Dublin As One of The Preliminary and Essential Steps of Military Operations.

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, May 31. — Secretary Churchill, in the course of the debate following his statement on the Irish situation, reiterated that Great Britain would not tolerate the establishment of a republic in Ireland. He said the British troops remaining in Dublin were militarily secure and were awaiting events.

"In the event a republic is set up," added the Colonial Secretary, "it is the intention of the British Government to hold Dublin as one of the preliminary and essential steps of military operations."

No one disputed, said the secretary, that the wish of the Irish people was reestablishment, which would give Ireland her freedom, her place in the world and the hope of final unity. Up to ten days ago the leaders of the provisional government had appeared to be resolved to march steadily forward through a free election, and put down, if necessary by force, all armed persons who tried to prevent them.

The agreement reached between Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, and Eamon de Valera, the Republican leader, however, struck directly at the provision of the treaty, Mr. Churchill declared.

The consequences of the agreement were very serious, he said, and it seemed probable that the Irish people would not be able to give free expression to their views.

If Mr. De Valera or any of the others who might be ministers in the Irish Government refused to sign the declaration prescribed in the treaty, the secretary continued, the treaty was broken by that fact and the imperial government resumed such liberty of action—whether in regard to the resumption of the powers which had been transferred or the re-occupation of territory—as it might think appropriate and proportionate to the gravity of the breach.

TWO CARLOADS OF OLD CLOTHES FROM GASTON

This Is the Goal Set by Chairman George R. Gillespie for Benefit of Near East Relief.

Two carloads of clothing from Gaston County, this is the goal set for this city and its outlying communities in the Near East Relief campaign for old clothing which comes to a climax tomorrow, by the Rev. Geo. R. Gillespie, county chairman, a thorough only carload of clothing is asked by the State office at Raleigh.

In view of the splendid response made by Gaston county to the Near East Relief last winter, when it sent 50 per cent over its cash quota, and of the generous manner in which it responds to all calls for help, Mr. Gillespie feels that two carloads is not too much to ask of this community.

Everyone in Gaston county is asked tomorrow to take any old cast-off clothing they can, to their community or church chairman, to be turned in to its destination. For every complete set of warm clothing sent in, the life of some human being in the cradle of Christianity will be saved next winter. Burlap bags and flour sacks may do in summertime but they are useless in winter.

Gaston county has over 50,000 inhabitants. Mr. Gillespie pointed out and if everyone would send one complete set of old cast-off clothing, it would mean that 50,000 more Christians will live and thereby thwart the avowed intention of the Mohammedan race to stamp out Christianity.

Mr. Gillespie declared that the Near East Relief is badly in need of coats and sweaters, dresses, trousers, blankets, wool shirts, heavy hose, wool gloves and mittens, boots and shoes (must be tied in pairs), shop-worn garments, sheets for bandages and new cloth and garments.

NEW CLOTURE RULE

WASHINGTON, May 31. — Republican Senators today committed themselves to the movement designed to bring about amendment of the existing senate rules permitting unlimited debate. By a vote of 72 to 1 the Republican conference decided to draft and press a new cloture rule.

"The advertisement which has been running in The Gazette for several days regarding the Wednesday afternoon closing was erroneous as to the hour for closing. The correct hour is 12 o'clock noon while the advertisement state 1 o'clock."

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 31. — Cotton futures closed quiet at a decline of 39 points as follows:

July 20.69; October 20.27; December 20.05; January 19.91; March 19.65; Spots 21.20.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling.....20 1/2
Cotton Seed.....20 1/2

MISS M'CORMICK BACK IN CHICAGO TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HER PARENTS

Divorced Mother, Edith Rockefeller McCormick, Is Opposed to Marriage With Oser.

SHE REFUSES TO TALK.

Understood That Her Father, Harold McCormick, Has Given His Tacit Approval to Match.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 31. — Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick will ask court action to prevent the marriage of her daughter, Mathilde, to Max Oser, Swiss riding master, in a statement to be presented in court today. No objection will be made to the appointment of Harold F. McCormick, divorced husband of Mrs. McCormick, as Mathilde's legal guardian, but protest against the international marriage will be made formally in court.

In the final selection of a guardian today Mathilde has at stake the matter of approval of her contemplated marriage to Max Oser, Swiss horseman, who was her riding master during her school days at Zurich.

In the choice of her father, titular head of the International Harvester Company millions, Mathilde has tacit approval of her marriage to the Swiss, who is more than twice her age. In selection of her mother by apparent opposition to the Oser union.

Mathilde returned to Chicago yesterday from New York, where she virtually was halted at the pier in preparation for a voyage to Switzerland in company with Julia Mangold, Oser's former secretary, who has been Mathilde's guest.

The 17 year old granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., refused to discuss her romance or the impending guardianship proceedings and took an automobile ride with her father who met her at the train.

From indications it was expected today that Mathilde would cast her lot with her father and permit society to speculate for a while longer whether the betrothal to a break in the engagement through a convenient denial of consent to the nuptials by Mr. McCormick. The Swiss law requires the consent of parents or guardian for the marriage of a girl of Miss McCormick's age.

Meanwhile from across the Atlantic came rumors that Max was preparing for a speedy trip to America.

It was also intimated today that the court might designate some person other than Mathilde's parents as her guardian.

MCUMBER SOLDIER BONUS PLAN REPORTED

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 31. — The commonly known McCumber soldier bonus plan was ordered favorably reported today by the Senate Finance Committee. The vote was 9 to 4.

The effective date of the bill was changed, however, from next October 1, to January 1, 1923, after Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, told the majority that it would take six months to get the bonus machinery in operation.

The Snoot plan providing for paid up life insurance in lieu of other forms of compensation, was defeated by a vote of 8 to 5, the three democrats present — Simmons, Walsh and Gerry — voting against it. Republicans supporting the Snoot proposal, were Senators Snoot, McLean, Frelinghuysen, Calder and Dillingham. Republicans voting against it were McMiller, Curtis, Watson, Sutherland and La Follette.

Senator McLean broke the tie which has existed among the republican members on the vote to report the McCumber plan which is the House bill with some amendments including elimination of the land settlement or reclamation project.

Several of the majority members of the committee gave notice of bringing aside the tariff bill for Senate consideration of the bonus at some time in the near future. Chairman McMiller replied that he intended to get as prompt consideration of the bonus bill as could be worked out, but did not state whether the tariff measure would be laid aside. It was reported that the republican leaders hoped to work out some plan by which the bonus measure could be expedited without delaying seriously the tariff bill.

Senator Simmons, ranking democrat member, announced on behalf of the three Democrats present that they voted to report out the McCumber bill only to get action promptly and not because they favored the measure. The democratic leader expressed the belief that the McCumber bill would be of little benefit to the former service men and said the minority reserved the right to offer a substitute bill in the Senate, or an amendment to the McCumber plan.

BOLD BURGLAR ROBBS SAFE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

An unknown burglar forced an entrance into the establishment of Boshamer & Co., on West Airline avenue, sometime between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday evening and robbed the safe of about \$225 in cash. The clocks were left undisturbed. So far no arrests have been made, though the police department is working on the case.

Mr. D. A. Page, of the Clerical Force, left the office about 6 o'clock to go to his supper. Intending to return immediately to work on his books, he did not lock the safe.

The robber broke a window pane in the rear of the establishment in order to gain entrance. In doing so he cut his hand and left blood on the window sill.

Thirteen Balloons Entered In The Big National Balloon Race

INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOBILES NOTED

WASHINGTON, May 31. — Substantial increases in the production of automobiles and building materials were the outstanding features in trade reports for the month of April, announced today by the Department of Commerce. Passenger automobiles produced during the month totalled 196,512, or 30 per cent more than in March, while truck production also showed a substantial gain.

In many other lines, the announcement said, April figures did not show the advance over March conditions that might have been expected from the preceding month, although it was regarded as an encouraging sign that "business for the most part is advancing in this less spectacular but more substantial manner."

MEETING IS FACING A CRISIS SAYS PREACHER

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick Preaching to Church Members Tells Them They Must Get Out and Work.

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, preaching at the Main Street Methodist church this morning, directed his remarks particularly to church members, stating that the morning services as a rule would be for them.

His text was taken from the 51 Psalm 12-13. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors their ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

The principle was laid down in the beginning that the edification of believers and the salvation of the world is the sole object of the church.

The logical result when the church is revived and quickened, when the joy of salvation is restored to luke warm church members, is a harvest of souls of sinners. This, however, must follow re-consecration.

"The first requirement must be met, is absolutely essential to carrying out the last. 'Restore' then with the heart overflowing, give out. 'Then will I teach.'"

"Every time a Christian met an unbeliever on the street the picture of Calvary flashed in his memory, withal that Calvary means to the world, all it meant to Christ interest in the great task of the church would be intensified, and if salvation cost Christ so much, can a Christian afford to be indifferent about others?"

Not only do Christians fail to count the cost of their own safety, they fail to realize the lost condition of those who are out of Christ.

The meeting is facing a crisis, the speaker said. God wants at least fifty people today, to single out, in the community, 50 sinners and bring them to Christ.

Friday morning will be church day. An effort will be made to have every official member and every church member present at the morning service.

Tuesday evening's service was especially evangelistic in nature, the preacher using as a text a passage from First Peter 4: 17. "What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

In the beginning of the sermon Mr. Kirkpatrick laid down the proposition that everybody expects to land in Heaven. All admit that they are going to Heaven some day, but they are mighty indifferent as to the course they are pursuing. "Where will you land if you pursue the course you are now following," asked Mr. Kirkpatrick. What's your assurance that you are going to Heaven? Mr. Kirkpatrick's sermon was divided into several sections, each describing the several conditions in which men come to the end of life. Death is sudden, said the preacher, and often there is no warning. Often death comes when one is unconscious and there is no opportunity for confession and repentance. Others who come to die have to ask others to pray for them; others proclaim their own doom.

Following the service, a number presented themselves at the altar. Mrs. C. J. Steadley led the music.

MT. HOLLY SELLS MORE BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENT

MT. HOLLY, May 29. — Mt. Holly is going ahead with its scheme of internal improvements. Today the town council sold to the Central Bank & Trust company, \$20,000 worth of bonds. Fifteen thousand for street improvement and \$5,000 for a city hall. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent and sold at par with accrued interest.

The water mains will soon be laid, the sewerage is nearly all down and the general progress on all work is good. The asphalt road to Stately is one-third way up, and is a fine road.

—Editor W. D. Grist of The Yorkville Enquirer and his son, James D. Grist, also of The Enquirer staff, were in town a short while yesterday afternoon. The former was a pleasant visitor at The Gazette office.

—Rev. Dr. Arthur Talmage Abernethy, pastor of the First Christian church of Asheville, was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Dr. Abernethy is well known here. Recently he has gained considerable newspaper notoriety because of his connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

KILAUEA VOLCANO IS IN ACTIVE STATE

Long Dormant Craters Are Stirred to Unusual Activity — Steam and Smoke Are Being Emitted.

(By The Associated Press.) HONOLULU, May 29. — The unusual volcanic activity in the region of Kilauea on the island of Hawaii, which yesterday displayed long dormant craters to fresh activity, continuing today to manifest itself in eruptions from other pits in that area. The old craters of Napau and Punanau are erupting steam and smoke and emitting a hissing sound as the lava rises against the walls of the pits, burning the vegetation that has grown there in the years since their last activity. The inner walls of the craters today were masses of flames.

Napau and Punanau are four and three miles, respectively, from the old crater of Makopuahi which yesterday roused itself from 82 years of slumber in a spectacular outburst. Today the lava flow had broken out in a series of molten foundations of the crater, which were pouring fire into the old pit. The Napau pit is said to resemble the disturbance of 1893 when a stream of lava plunged from the side of the cone three miles to the sea from the ancient craters of Punanau and Aea also showing signs of activity, according to Professor Thomas A. Jaggar, director of the United States volcano observatory on the island of Hawaii. Although the activity of surrounding craters has lowered the level in the great Kilauea volcano, Professor Jaggar believes this effect will not be permanent.

Makopuahi, one of a series of 11 hitherto dormant pits, has a circumference of about three miles. The country surrounding Makopuahi is almost uninhabited, but there is a tiny settlement at Panau approximately on the line the lava would take to the sea in the eruption attained great volume. It was not expected the lava would extend to the region of Kalapana, which is the largest native village on the island, and Kaima, another nearby village, but residents of those places have been warned to be alert for such a development.

NAVAL BALLOONS WITH HELIUM GAS ATTRACT THE MOST ATTENTION

Course of the Flight Is Dependent Entirely Upon Whims of the Winds.

MAY LAND IN CANADA.

Race Held to Decide Entries of United States in International Race in Switzerland.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 31. — Thirteen balloons today tugged at their moorings ready to get away at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the thirteenth national balloon race, which will decide the three entries of the United States in the international contests to be held in Switzerland in August.

While the course of flight of the pilots will be dependent entirely upon the whims and fancies of winds thousands of feet above the ground, indications early today were, so far as the man on terra firma could judge, that the final destination of most of the air travelers would be southeastern Canada.

As the thousands of cubic feet of gas and helium struggled to loose the giant bags from the ground ropes, the United States Weather Bureau, which sent a corps of special agents hereto prognosticate the conditions of the upper air, reported that the balloons would encounter a wind from the northeast at a start but that this would change to a wind from the southwest as greater altitudes were reached. Such winds would mean that the big gas filled bags soon would take a steady flight northeastward, across the great lakes, and into Canada.

The balloons attracting probably the greatest attention were the navy entries, which are flying independently and are not eligible to any of the prize money or honors of victory. Those two bags were inflated with helium gas the first free balloon to navigate the air through the lifting power of this non-inflammable substance which government officials claim will revolutionize the flight of lighter than air craft.

The helium was brought here in scores of small tanks much on the order of oxygen tank used by physicians.

The pilots of these ships of the air were disqualified from prize honors because of the advantage they have through the greater lifting ability of helium over coal gas. Another interesting feature of the helium filled balloons will be a newly invented radio equipment which will be given a thorough test. The government has maintained war-time secrecy over this invention, but it is said to be miraculous.

Fighting the civilian entries will be three army balloons, which were put in final shape last night by scores of men sent here for that purpose.

The first balloon to take air will be the smallest entry—that of Roy Donaldson, of Springfield, Ills., of 50,000 cubic foot capacity. The others will follow in the following order:

Major Oscar Westover, Washington, capacity 80,000 cubic feet.

Ralph Upton, Detroit, 65,000 cubic feet.

Lieut. Commander J. P. Norfleet, Lakehurst, N. J., 75,800 cubic feet.

Lieut. W. F. Reed, of Pensacola, Fla., 80,000 cubic feet.

Joseph M. McGlen, St. Louis, 77,500 cubic feet.

Warren Rasoro, Brookville, O., 60,000 cubic feet.

Lieut. James T. Neely, Ross Field, California, 80,160 cubic feet.

Captain Harold Weeks, Langley Field, Virginia, 80,000 cubic feet.

Bernard W. Hoffman, St. Louis, 80,000 cubic feet.

Ward T. Van Norman, Akron, O., 77,000 cubic feet.

H. E. Honeywell, St. Louis, 78,000 cubic feet.

BISHOP KILGO BETTER

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 31. — Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, who is ill at a local hospital passed a favorable night and his condition was reported improved today by attending physicians.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, shows tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 31.
2:00 p. m. Curb Market Conference.
5:00 p. m. Playground Class.
7:00 p. m. Playground Class.
Thursday, June 1.
3:00 p. m. Department of Conventions and Public Affairs.
4:00 p. m. Board of Directors.
7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.
Friday, June 2.
3:00 p. m. Gaston County Manufacturers.