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Eyes of Country Centered Today on Labor Board

BRITISH PRISONERS HELD BY BANDITS RELEASED

Washington, June 30.—Dispatches to the State Department today from Consul Shaw, at Tampico, indicated that the eighty-five employees of the British owned Lacorona Oil Company, including half a dozen Americans, held yesterday for ransom by outlaws, had been released. The message did not give any details.

SWEDEN TRYING TO DEVELOP CLOSER RELATION WITH U. S.

Stockholm, June 30.—The conscious drive to develop closer and more friendly relations between Sweden and the United States was emphasized at the celebration here of the anniversary of the Sweden America Foundation when 200 Americans and Swedes exchanged felicitations upon the progress made in this movement. Efforts to make Americans and Swedes better acquainted with one another have been in progress for three years and now are about to culminate in the establishment of the high-power radio station on the west coast of Sweden by which direct communication with America will be attained for the first time in history. The Sweden-America Foundation led the movement for the construction of this station but its main function is to promote the exchange of scholarships between the two countries.

To show how the two countries are being brought closer together it was pointed out at the celebration that 13 Swedish students will spend this academic year in American institutions of learning while 10 American students will study in Sweden.

Attention was also called to the increased accommodation for travel between Sweden and America which will be provided by the addition of another big passenger vessel to a line plying directly between Swedish and American ports.

American motion pictures are more popular in Sweden than are those of any other country except Sweden itself while Swedish films which only a few years ago were unknown in the United States are now said to be gaining popularity there.

Swedish scientists of note, especially astronomers, are visiting the United States for original research and those who have returned gave unstinted praise to American educational institutions.

Professor Theodore Svedberg of Upsala University, a famous Swedish chemist is going to the University of Wisconsin this year to do research work with American scientists in the field of colloid chemistry.

One of America's religious leaders, the Rev. Dr. Frederick Lynch, of New York, is delivering lectures in Sweden. Next year Archbishop Nathan Soderblom, head of the Swedish church will visit America.

American industrial leaders recently have visited Sweden to survey its industrial plants and hardly a week passes without a departure of some well-known Swedish business leader for the United States to study commercial conditions and buy and sell in the American market.

The prime mover in the Swedish campaign to get together with the United States is R. A. Nordvall, High Commissioner to the United States during the war. Professor Sevante Arrhenius, one of Sweden-America Foundation which will continue its program for cultivating cordial relationship and cooperation between America and Sweden.

ONLY AGENCY WHICH CAN AVOID STRIKE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, ILL., June 30.—The eyes of the nation centered today on the Railroad Labor Board as the only visible agency to avoid a nationwide strike of shopmen authorized to begin tomorrow morning.

Even as reports arrive that the shopmen are preparing to quit jobs intimations of settlement resulting in orders countermanning the strike call were heard.

Chicago, Ill., June 30.—Rumors of a compromise to be submitted by the Labor Board at a meeting this afternoon had it that the railroads agree to abolish the system of farming out work to contractors, one of the issues in the strike referendum and controversy in which the Board has ruled against several of the roads. With this concession of the carriers as a partial victory for the unions, their leaders were said to be manifesting a disposition to cancel tomorrow's strike order and accept the wage reduction.

Chicago, Ill., June 30.—The assurance of the railroads and the employees that they will abide by the law and orders of the United States Labor Board was the basis which the Federal body pinned its hopes of throttling the railroad strike.

REPUBLICANS ESCAPE THROUGH TUNNELS

(By Associated Press)
Belfast, Ireland, June 30.—Republicans in Four Courts at Dublin are escaping from the building by means of a tunnel which they constructed for use in emergency, says Dublin message received here this afternoon. The flight followed a tremendous explosion at twelve thirty in Four Courts, followed by a shower of legal documents, the message stated.

PROHIBITION BIG FACTOR IN DECREASING POVERTY

New York, June 29.—Prohibition has been a big factor in cutting down poverty in families, according to statistics just issued by the American Association for Organizing Family Social Work of New York and the Boston Family Welfare Society. In ten of the 17 cities listed, however, there were more families under care during the "dry year" than in the "wet" year.

Mrs. William T. Tilton, chairman of the Boston society, declares that figures in the survey which she conducted, prove that there has been a reduction of 85 percent in cases where drink was a factor in the poverty of the families included.

"Such good results under partial enforcement," she continued "are significant of what we may expect when the dry law is properly enforced. They are not just statistics, but they represent human beings made happier by the absence of intoxicants from their lives."

New York City, according to the figures has shown a reduction of 64 percent, the years used being 1917 and 1921. Rochester's reduction is 81 percent. Newburgh's 99, St. Louis 94, Chicago 86, Boston 91, Pawtucket 100, Atlantic City 82, Newport, R. I. 68, Portland, Me. 95, Cleveland 84, La Crosse, Wis. 91, Portland, Ore., 40 percent increase, Hartford, Conn., 93, Washington, D. C., 75, and Providence, R. I., 95.

NAT. GUARD SENT AGAINST MINERS

(By Associated Press)
Charleston, W. Va., June 30.—Two companies of the National Guard were sent to Cabin Creek, in the Paint Creek district, early today to break up an incipient march against the mines on Cabin Creek, which have been operated on the open shop basis.

LANDSLIDE FOR "CO-OPS" IN S. C.

Speakers Continue Whirlwind Drive and Signed Contracts Four In Fast

Florence, S. C., June 29.—Doubling the sign-up of last week in the first days of the whirlwind drive, a landslide of new contracts is coming into the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in South Carolina, which had a record series of mass meetings yesterday at 11 towns in the belt.

Celebrating the ninety per cent sign up in Williamsburg county, a meeting of eight hundred growers at Kingstree welcomed John Blanks, a Kentucky member of the burly pool, who convinced them that cooperative marketing means the blotting out of farm mortgages and the assurance of decent profits for their labor. More than one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco were signed on new contracts after this meeting.

Every grower who welcomed John Bell, of Kentucky, at a meeting of one hundred and fifty farmers at Hartsville today left the meeting as a member of the association.

"We have established thoroughly three essentials to success. The association is practical in operation, it can get unlimited financial accommodation and it can sell its product," said Mr. Bell, selling of the enthusiasm of Kentucky farmers for their pool.

Compaingn Horry county after yesterday's successful meeting at Conway, J. H. Quisenberry, of Virginia, and Reuben Offutt, of Kentucky, held successful meetings today at Loris, Buck Creek church and Zoan. With the majority of leading growers from Horry county aiding the drive as members of the association, a very rapid sign-up is resulting.

H. C. Thompson, influential planter of Conway, among the most recent signers, added forty acres to the pool this week. President George A. Norwood, of the association, and Director T. B. Young, of Florence, had successful conference today with bankers and business men of Dillon and Mullins. Since the drive began, committees of bankers, business men and planters have formed with the purpose of aiding the drive at 30 points throughout the South Carolina belt, doubling the force of workers for the big co-operative.

A big crowd at St. Paul, N. C., welcomed Southall Farrar, district agent of extension of Virginia, at an enthusiastic meeting which resulted in many new signers today. Other meetings today were held in Bladenboro, Lamar, Nichols and Lakeview. Tomorrow the drive will reach Andrews, Bamberg, Manning, Mullins, Lynchburg, Chadbourne and Timmons ville. Following the line-up of all warehouses at Timmons ville with the association and the intense canvassing of bankers and business men throughout Florence county, the sign-up there is nearly eighty per cent of all the growers.

The First National Bank of Mullins has mailed hundreds of postals urging Marion county growers to attend tomorrow's meeting where C. E. Marvin, noted stock farmer and planter of Kentucky, is scheduled to speak on the burley pool.

Good Fellowship Club To Meet Here Next Monday

THE LOCAL GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL ENTERTAIN OTHER CLUBS OF ROANOKE ASSOCIATION AT DINNER.

Once each quarter the various Good Fellowship clubs of the Roanoke Association of the Baptist Church meet, and at this quarterly meeting they will be entertained by the local club.

These clubs represent sixty-five churches in eight counties and delegates are expected here from each one.

Mr. Leon T. Vaughan, of Nashville, is president of the Clubs of the Roanoke Association and will preside at this meeting. Mr. M. A. Huggins is president of the local club.

The principal speaker of the occasion will be Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Laymen's Missionary movement of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 in the basement of the Baptist Church, at which time dinner will be served. During the dinner there will be a round-table discussion.

These meetings are always very informal and strive to create the feeling indicated by the name of the clubs, and always prove enjoyable and beneficial.

AMUNDSEN SAILS FOR DASH TO THE NORTH POLE

(By Associated Press)
Nome, Alaska, June 30.—Captain Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, sailed from here yesterday on the first lap of a trip on which he hopes to cross the North Pole in an airplane.

He sailed for Point Barrow, where he hopes to take off on an airplane flight.

SWEDISH BROKERS AFTER AMERICAN BUSINESS

Stockholm, June 30.—Swedish business men, observing that American commercial houses have to employ middlemen in dealing with Russian concerns, are interested in the possibility of capturing this international brokerage. Hence they are offering to relay American products to Russian buyers, and to get the cash involved from Russia and transmit it to the United States. The fact that the United States has not recognized Russia creates the need for middlemen, and up to the present time these have been found largely in England.

Alex Robert Nordvall, Swedish High Trade Commissioner to Washington during the war, says that Sweden is in an excellent position to act as intermediary for American business men desiring to do trade with Russia. Not only are the Swedish importers and exporters financially able to carry on a great volume of business with Russia, he says, but they have developed machinery for carrying on this business equal to that of any country now exploiting the Russian Market.

Sweden has expended millions of kronor in establishing free ports at Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmoe with commodious warehouses where goods bound for Russia can be safely stored. Moreover Sweden has been actively trading with Russia for more than two years and has full knowledge of what goods Russia most needs.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH DISORGANIZED

Moscow, June 30.—The great Russian Orthodox church, which for centuries was probably the most important social factor and one of the most important politically in Russian life, seems to have gone to pieces itself, rather than to have had any effect upon the Bolshevik government, in its first direct conflict with the Soviet regime.

Whatever may have been the underlying purpose of the Communist government in directing the requisition of church treasures for relief of the famine sufferers, the requisition itself has succeeded in splitting the church. Scores of priests are under arrest and revolutionary tribunals throughout the country are trying them for counter-revolution or theft and secretion of church valuables without any particular resentment on the part of the parishioners. Patriarch Tikon, the head of the church, abdicated when faced with trial by the civil courts on the charge of opposing the requisition. One of the men he suggested as his possible successor, the Metropolitan Benjamin, of Petrograd, is also to be put on trial, and in the meantime the control of church affairs has been turned over to a group known popularly as the "red clergy."

This group, pledged to simplify the church services and to work in harmony with the Bolshevik government already has taken over a number of churches. It is headed by Bishop Antonin, of Moscow, who early in the conflict that developed over the requisition of treasures, volunteered to assist the Soviet government. Now Antonin is planning to secure close cooperation between church and state by appointment in the Russian cabinet of a commissar for church affairs.

The actual value of church treasures of Russia probably was several hundred million dollars, but the requisitioners obtained but a small proportion of this amount. They secured tons of silver, much gold, and thousands of precious stones, but for every diamond studded mitre, the requisitioners found one or two similar articles listed as stolen or missing. For the theft of these, and for open agitation against requisition there is scarcely a province in Russia where churchmen have not been arrested. In addition to the eight priests, one woman and two laymen sentenced to death at Moscow, and the four sentenced at Shuya, other death sentences are being imposed. Except at Shuya however, none has been carried out, and it is generally believed in Moscow that most of these convicted will be pardoned or receive reduced sentences. General Brusiloff, one of the heroes of the Russian war against Germany and Austria, has interceded for his daughter-in-law Mrs. Barbara Ivanova Brusiloff, the woman sentenced to death in the Moscow trial.

Old residents of Moscow have told the correspondent that the arrests of the clergy were not resented because Russians ordinarily had very little respect for the priests. They were devout in their church worship but regarded the clergy, particularly in the villages, as men who charged them for all the services the church rendered, making them pay for births, marriages and deaths.

COTTON MARKET	
July	21.59
October	21.52
December	21.30
January	21.05
March	20.97
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
July	21.70
October	21.52
December	21.45
January	21.21
March	21.06

NOTED FOOTBALL PLAYER KILLED

Norristown, Pa., June 30.—Robert W. (Tiny) Maxwell, former All American guard, weight thrower, sports writer, and one of the best football officials in the East, died at the hospital today as a result of injuries received in an automobile crash Sunday.

He was sports editor of the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.

STATE TROOPERS DISPERSE THE MARCHING MINERS

Butawet, Penn., June 30.—A detail of the State police arrived today to take over the coal strike situation after a night of disorder in the mining district around here.

Marching men, estimated at the number of three hundred, destroyed a coal house, scales and wrecked a motor truck carrying coal. The march was finally broken up by the troopers. There were no casualties.

BANDITS ENDEAVOR TO HOLD UP BANK MESSENGERS

Philadelphia, Pa., June 30.—One bandit is believed to have been killed, two runners of the Textile National Bank and one policeman slightly wounded, in a pistol fight today, in which eight men tried to hold up the runners in the North Eastern part of the city.

WEATHER REPORT
For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Local thunder showers. Continued warm. Gentle to moderate variable winds, becoming south and southwest.

RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT MET IN CZAR'S PALACE

Moscow, June 5.—Three hundred members of the All Russian Central Executive Committee the Parliament of Russia, mostly peasants and workmen recently had their first glimpse of the magnificent quarters in which the Czars lived when in Moscow. The committee met in the Great Palace at the Kremlin, which has not been in any way deranged during the revolution, except for the placing within its great reception and ball rooms of red covered wooden tables and ordinary benches which contrast startlingly with the gilded columns, marble walls, jasper fireplaces, silk hangings, and gilded and crystal chandeliers.

The throne room was used as a meeting hall. The hall of St. George in white and gold with its parquet floor of rare wood, which was once a ball room where the royalty and nobility of Russia danced when in Moscow, was a lounging room tramped over by booted peasants who lined up like soldiers when the call for dinner to be served in an adjoining room was sounded.

The committee-men were served with cabbage soup and black bread, a meat dish and tea at tables covered with royal linen but equipped with cheap china and tin spoons. While most of the members were roughly dressed and soft shirts or blouse coats predominated, higher officials of the Soviet government who appeared to present legislation wore stiff white collars, and some of them could even be described as "smartly" attired.