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ROADS RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS

DIRECTOR GENERAL CONTINUES IN HIS PRESENT POSITION UNTIL ABOUT MAY 1.

MANY EMPLOYES LOSE JOBS

Of the Gigantic Organization Which Was Created As a War Expedient Few Retain Their Positions.

Washington.—America's rail transportation systems, operated as one great one public utility since December 28, 1917, again will be divided among their 230 respective corporate owners when the government releases control.

Director General Hines, as the agent of the President, handed over the properties and equipment, valued at approximately $20,000,000,000, to their old direction free except for the jurisdiction retained by the government in the new railroad reorganization bill.

While all arrangements for formal restoration of the carriers to their owners were completed by Mr. Hines, instructions went out to operating representatives of the railroad administration, informing them that they would "report to the proper officials of the corporations which resumed control at 12:01 a. m. March 1.

Of the gigantic organization, created by former Director General McAdoo as a war-time expedient, only a small part will remain. Some of these have gone back to their former places as officials of the corporations while others have entered into new lines of endeavor.

Mr. Hines will continue in his pre-

PEOPLE TO DECIDE MATTER OF TREATY

EFFORTS TO BREAK DEADLOCK IT IS CONCLUDED, IS A MERE WASTE OF TIME.

A COUP OF IRRECONCILABLES

Compromise Negotiations on Subject of Major Reservations to Article Ten Are to be Dropped.

Washington.—Convinced that for the present their labors to break the peace-treaty deadlock are a waste of time, senate leaders moved to get the treaty out of the way of pressing legislation and to let the issues raised by the ratification fight go into the political campaign for decision.

Under the plan agreed to and apparently acquiesced in by all elements of both parties, compromise negotiations on the crucial reservation to article ten are to be dropped, readoption of the republican reservation program of last session is to be completed as a formality, and then a final ratification vote is to be taken to put the treaty out of the senate and into the campaign.

The coup of the irreconcilables in thus bringing the treaty fight to a truce was a virtual repetition of the move by which, several weeks ago, they ended the bi-partisan compromise negotiations by bringing pressure to bear on republican leaders.

GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA IS TRYING TO SECURE SEAPORT

New York.—Bolivia's commercial ambition is to obtain the seaport of Arica through an agreement it is proposed to make with Chile and Peru.

SHRINERS TO TAKE A 22 DAY JOURNEY

SPECIAL TRAIN TO CONSIST OF TEN OR MORE PULLMANS WILL BE REQUIRED

TEMPLARS FROM MANY POINTS

Charlotte Members are Anticipating Royal Good Time on This Unusual and Lengthy Western Trip

Charlotte.—Members of Oasis temple of the Shrine are looking forward with keen pleasure to the trip to Portland, Ore., in June, when a special train of 10 pullmans will be operated out of Charlotte, bearing the Carolina members to the meeting of the imperial council.

The cost of the trip will be about $265 for each individual.

The special train will leave Charlotte June 14 and will be en route, including the stops, for 22 days, returning July 6. The journey going will be by way of Chicago, St. Paul and over the so-called "northern route." The return trip will be by way of San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Grand canon and the so-called "southern route."

It is expected that there will be Shriners aboard from Asheville, Hickory, Gastonia, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Concord and practically every city of consequence in the state. Request has been received to allow the South Carolina Shriners to join in on the special, but no action has yet been taken on this suggestion. The Charlotte members are anticipating a royal good time on the trip.

AN INVESTIGATION OF MILL PROFITS

CHARGE IS, COTTON MILL MEN HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES WORST OF PROFITEERS.

PRICES UNREASONABLY HIGH

One Spinner, in One Month, Clears on Investment of $200,000, the Neat Sum of $55,000.

Washington.—After hearing charges by Representative Tilson, Connecticut, that cotton mill owners are "profiteers of the worst sort," the house interstate commerce committee ordered a favorable report on his resolution directing the federal trade commission to investigate the necessity of the higher prices in the industry.

Both New England and southern mills had reaped big profits, Mr. Tilson declared, but the latter had made the greater net returns. He cited prospectuses of financial institutions promoting sale of cotton mill stocks, southern press comment on "the fabulous worth of cotton mill stock" and a summary of market prices for the last several years as proof for the need of an investigation.

Although the cost of the cotton yarns had increased several hundred per cent, Mr. Tilson declared that raw cotton and mill labor had each advanced not more than 15 per cent. One spinner in one month made a profit of $55,000 on a capitalization of $200,000, he said he was authoritatively advised.

ANTWERP SHIPPING CONCERN BUYS TEN SHIPS FROM U. S.

[illegible] Belgian government has been announced by the Lloyd Royal Belge of Antwerp.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES ARE STILL UNDER BAN OF STATE.

Columbia, S. C.—The South Carolina senate struck out the enacting works of a bill whereby college fraternities might have been authorized in state colleges by the board of trustees.

PRICE OF NEWSPRINT PAPER HAS AGAIN BEEN ADVANCED.

New York.—The price of newsprint on International Paper Company contracts will be increased from 4 1-9 cents a pound to five cents for the quarter beginning April 1, C. W. Lyman, vice president of the company, announced.

QUARANTINE ON AGAINST THE DREADED CORN BORER PEST

Washington.—Discovery of the corn borer in broom corn shipped from Italy to New York caused the imposition of a quarantine by the department of agriculture against the importation of raw broom corn, Indian corn and certain related plants.

THE TURKISH PROBLEM SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME A HANDICAP

London.—After a long speech by Mr. Bonar Law, who declared that he could not imagine anything more calculated to make the league of nations a failure at the outset than to impose upon it the burden of the Turkish problem, the subject was dropped.

AMENDMENT TO LEVER ACT IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

St. Louis.—The amendment to the Lever food control act was declared unconstitutional by United States District Judge Faris here when he sustained a demurrer of the defense and dismissed the case of the L. Cohen Grocery Company, which was charged with making an unjust profit on sugar.

SEISMOLOGIST FROM NAPLES IS HERE ON WAY TO MEXICO

New York.—Professor Emelio Oddone, noted seismologist, arrived here from Naples on his way to Mexico, where he has been sent by his government to study the causes and effects of the recent earthquake.

He brought his new invention for the measurement of energy and motion. On the trip across he used the device for measuring the magnitude, weight and duration of ocean waves and their effect on the motion.

EXPECTATIONS OF WASHINGTON UPSET

PRESIDENT WILSON APPOINTS BAINBRIDGE COLBY TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

COLBY IS AN EX-BULL MOOSE

Not Even Among Those on the Inside of Administration Circles Was a Thought of Such a Selection.

Washington. — President Wilson again upset the expectations of official and political Washington by naming Bainbridge Colby, a New York attorney who left the republican party with Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, as secretary of state.

The selection caused scarcely less of a sensation than the dismissal of Robert Lansing from the state portfolio two weeks ago, and was received with such undisguised surprise in the senate, where the President's choice must be approved before Mr. Colby can take up the duties of office, that none of the leaders cared to predict when confirmation might be voted.

Not even among those on the inside of administration circles had there been any expectation that the selection would fall on Mr. Colby, who told inquirers that he himself had been given only a very brief notice of the President's intention.

ITALIAN LABOR CHAMBER HAS CALLED SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

Naples.—A general strike in sympathy with striking metal workers has been declared by the labor chamber.

FORMER PREMIER ASQUITH AGAIN SENT TO PARLIAMENT

H. Asquith was elected to parliament from the Paisley constituency in the recent by-election.

A VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF TREATY MAY COME ANY TIME

Washington.—A vote within the next two weeks on ratification of the treaty of Versailles is contemplated by senate leaders.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S ASSEMBLY KILLS "CLOSED SHOP" BILL.

Columbia, S. C.—After one of the most vigorous fights of the legislative session which finally developed into a filibuster, a bill prohibiting "closed shops" in South Carolina was killed in the South Carolina general assembly.

CHIEF OF KAYUSE INDIANS ASPHYXIATED IN CHICAGO.

Chicago.—U. M. Sum Kim, chief of the Kayuse Indians, of Umatilla county, Oregon, who was en route to Washington on business for his tribe, was found asphyxiated in a hotel here. The police were of the opinion that he had blown out the gas.

GERMAN CABINET MINISTER OF FINANCE RESIGNS PLACE

Berlin.—Mathias Erzberger tendered President Ebert his resignation as minister of finance, basing his action upon a desire to have the investigation of his alleged falsified tax returns proceed without prejudice or consideration for his official position.

THREE AND HALF PER CENT BEER WINS IN NEW JERSEY

Trenton, N. J.—Amid scenes of tumult and cries for recognition by members on the floor, after two hours debate, the New Jersey house of assembly passed a compromise "wet" bill fixing three and a half per cent alcohol by volume which is declared to be slightly stronger than the 2.75 beer of wartime prohibition days as the legal limit for beverages in New Jersey.

IRON COUNTY REVOLT TO BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED

Washington.—A complete investigation of the prohibition controversy in Iron county, Michigan, will be made by the bureau of internal revenue, Commissioner Roper announced.

H. M. Gaylord, deputy prohibition commissioner, will leave for Grand Rapids and Iron River city to take up with the authorities there the controversy which led District Prohibition Commissioner Dairymple to declare the county in "open revolt."

IS NO CHANGE IN WILSON POSITION

SACRFICES MADE BY ITALY DO NOT AT ALL JUSTIFY AN UNJUST SETTLEMENT.

WOULD PROVOKE FUTURE WARS

Counts Upon Co-Operation in Efforts to Maintain Direction of Affairs Initiated by Peace Conference.

Washington. — The conclusion of President Wilson's latest note to the supreme council reiterates his former position and is as follows:

Referring to Italy's sacrifices, advanced in the correspondence as reason for her claims, the President's reply was:

"Such considerations cannot be made the reason for unjust settlement, which will be provocative of future wars. A course thus determined would be short-sighted and not in accord with the terrible sacrifices of the entire world which can be justified and enobled only by leading finally to settlements in keeping with the principles for which the war was fought. The President asks that the prime ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy will read his determination in the Adriatic matter in the light of these principles and settlements.

"He confidently counts upon their co-operation in this effort on his part to maintain for the allied and associated powers that direction of affairs which was initiated by the victory over Germany and the peace conference."

NEVER AGAIN WILL APPEAR ON A CONCERT PLATFORM.

[illegible] former Polish premier, will never again appear on the concert platform, nor is he likely to re-enter politics, according to The Vevey, Switzerland, correspondent of The Daily Mail.

MARCH HAS NOT PLANNED ANY SUMMER CAMPS THIS YEAR.

Washington.—The war department does not plan to hold training camps for reserve officers this summer and in no case will reserve officers be called this year without their consent, General March announced.

TO BUILD PIPE LINE FROM NORTH TEXAS TO CHICAGO.

Chicago.—A pipe line to carry oil from the Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas fields to Chicago, with a distributing center at St. Louis, will be constructed and in operation in the next twelve months, two petroleum journals announced.

A VERY VALUABLE SAPPHIRE HAS BEEN FOUND IN INDIA.

Bombay, India.—A sapphire eight inches long and weighing more than five pounds, is reported to have been found at Mogok by a Burmese. Its value is estimated at between 35,000 pounds sterling and 50,000 pounds sterling.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL IS NOW READY FOR THE HOUSE

Washington.—Its provision for universal military training eliminated, the house army re-organization bill laying down the general principles on which the nation's military establishment would be based, is ready for presentation.

MEMBERS R. C. COMMISSION RELEASED BY BOLSHEVIKI.

Washington.—Release of Edward H. Charetts, of Stockton, Cal., and Dr. Frederick L. Barnum, Brooklyn, N. Y., members of the Red Cross commission to Siberia who recently were captured by the bolsheviki, was reported to Red Cross headquarters from Vladivostok.

SPECIAL ADVERTISING TRAIN FOR PORTS ASSOCIATION USE

Savannah, Ga.—Five Ports Association, consisting of representatives from the cities of Savanah, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Charleston and Wilmington, laid plans here for sending a big special train throughout the middle western states on an advertising and trade building mission. The co-operation of the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida will be sought. Tentative plans call for a Pullman party.

DERCUM IS SITISFIED WITH THE PROGRAM OF PRESIDENT

Washington.—Dr. F. X. Dersum of Philadelphia, paid a visit to President Wilson and expressed the greatest satisfaction with his continued progress.

LAST OF THE AMERICAN ARMY HAS REACHED VLADIVOSTOK

Washington.—The last of the American army detachments along the Siberian railroads is now believed to have reached Vladivostok for the evacuation of American troops.

BIG SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND HAS BEEN MADE IN CHICAGO

Chicago.—Two carloads of patent medicine said to contain 55 per cent alcohol were seized by federal authorities, on warrants issued by the United States district attorney.

KNOXVILLE IS CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS FUEL DEARTH

Knoxville, Tenn.—Coal yards of Knoxville are practically empty, and unless relief is offered soon it is believed the city will be confronted with a serious fuel dearth.

"LOCAL COLOR" QUEST IS DENIED TO VASSAR GIRLS.

New York.—The quest for "local color" and night court "atmosphere" of seven Vassar girls who came here to see at first hand New York's underworld was halted when District Attorney Swann disapproved the visit of the co-eds and refused to assist them.

FUEL ADMINISTRATION POWER HAS NOT BEEN DIMINISHED.

Washington.—Coincident with the signing of the railroad bill President Wilson issued executive orders providing for continuation of the powers of the fuel administration, but dividing them between the director general of railroads and a commission of four.

SOLDIERS HAVE OFFERED AID TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Paris.—The union of former soldiers with more than 400,000 members has offered its services to the government to operate trains during the railway strike.

The text of the soldiers' union was made through Secretary Bertrand. He said he was prepared to offer men for sale to run trains just as man makes strikes and mass to revictual Paris.

IS KILLED IN LITHUANIA

Warsaw.—An American named Harris is reported to have been killed at Kovno, Lithuania. Harris joined the Lithuanian army a few months ago as instructor.

165,000 ACRES GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE SOLD SOON.

Washington.—Public sale of 165,000 acres of land in the former Cheyenne river and Standing Rock Indian reservations, in North and South Dakota, was ordered by Secretary Lane.

AMERICAN FEDERATION TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.

Miami, Fla.—No further action will be taken by the American Federation of Labor in regard to the railroad bill, signed by the president over the protest of organized labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the federation said.

2.5 PER CENT BEER HELD LEGAL BY WISCONSIN COURT

Milwaukee, Wis.—Manufacture and sale of 2.5 beer in Wisconsin was legalized in a decision handed down by Federal Judge Geiger in the test case brought by the Manitowoc Products company for an injunction to halt enforcement of the Volstead act.

SENATOR BANKHEAD, ALABAMA, HAS DIED FROM LA GRIPPE

Washington.—Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama, died here after an illness of several weeks from la grippe. Senator Bankhead was 77 years old.

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE BY NON-SECTARIAN.

New York.—Banishment of the Turk from Europe; and of the Moslem government's control over Christians and fulfillment of the allied pledge to Armenia, were urged in a resolution adopted at a non-sectarian mass meeting here. Copies of the petition will be forwarded to President Wilson and the supreme council at Paris.

STRIKE SITUATION AT PARIS APPEARS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Paris.—Railroad men mobilized by the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean system were reporting in increasing numbers and what little change there is in the strike situation seems to be for the better. So far, the general strike may be said to be a failure, as numbers of railroad men, even union adherents are refusing to quit, particularly in the provinces.

Inconvenience is being suffered and freight service dislocated, however.

[illegible] suicide of Sam A. Burke, aged [illegible] at Swepsonville cotton mill village a few miles from Burlington.

Senator Simmons has received a telegram from Mayor P. G. Moore, of Wilmington requesting that means be found to furnish Wilmington a supply of whiskey to fight influenza, which is said to be very bad in Wilmington.

Asheville,—"The new bodies for the big trucks for the Asheville-Charlotte express line will be completed and everything in readiness to begin the operation of business by April first," writes H. N. Edmunson, to the Asheville Board of Trade.

Wilmington.—J. A. Farley, cashier of the Wilmington Dispatch, and formerly connected with the Morning Star, has been named chief clerk to George H. Bellamy, United States Marshall for the Eastern district of North Carolina.

Durham,—The Durham county Republican executive committee met to certify to the State convention the delegates recommended by the precinct committees, and delegates to the county convention—the latter being dispensed with to comply with the regulations of the board of health.

Monroe,—Manager Strauiberg of the Reading Pa., club in the International baseball league, was here making arrangements for training his team here this spring. Mr. Strauibery was impressed with the advantages offered by Monroe, but had one or two other towns to investigate and could not render a definite decision.

Chapel Hill,—"The county chain gang as it is commonly exists in North Carolina today is nothing more than a blot on our civilization," said R. E. Boyd, of Gastonia, in his report to the North Carolina club of the University of North Carolina, meeting to hear recommendations from the public welfare committee on reconstruction work in jails, penitentiaries and chain gangs.

Additions to Dolgade Mills

Wilmington.—Extensive additions to the Dolgade cotton mills that will double the capacity of the plant, and the construction of a modern village of seventy-five houses, will be begun immediately, officials of the mill announced. The total cost will exceed a quarter million dollars.

Electric power will be substituted for steam, and a special power line extended from the city to the mill plant. Ground has already been broken and more than thirty cars of materials are now on route here.