

INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE, CAPITAL AND LABOR DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRANT

First National Immigration Conference Ever Held In America Meets to Consider Naturalization and Immigration Laws, Causes of Unrest Among Foreign Born - "America Is Short Four Million Men Since War" Declares General Du Pont.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 7.—The first national immigration conference ever held in America began here today to discuss naturalization and immigration laws, the shortage of labor, the exodus of immigrants from America and the cause of unrest among the foreign born with a view to formulating recommendations to congress. The meeting was under the auspices of the inter-racial council of New York, and delegates included representatives of 30 races and spokesmen for industry, agriculture, capital and labor. William H. Barr, president of the inter-racial council, and spokesman for industry, and General Coleman Du Pont, chairman of the board of directors of the inter-racial council, opened the meeting. A statement prepared by E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, was read, in which he approved of any "legitimate effort to point the way in which the immigrant may be helped to become a thorough-going American."

GASTON COUNTY LAWYERS TO HOLD BANQUET

Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, Will Be Chief Speaker at Banquet of Gaston County Bar Association Monday Night. On next Monday night, April 12, the Gaston County Bar Association will hold its first annual banquet at the Arming-ton Hotel. Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Pou is one of the ablest lawyers in North Carolina, and his coming to Gastonia is an event in legal circles looked forward to with much interest. Other prominent men who have been invited to be guests on this occasion are Judge E. Y. Webb, of the Federal District Court of Western North Carolina, United States District Attorney W. C. Hammer, of Asheville, Hon. D. B. Smith, of Charlotte, assistant U. S. district attorney and Judge Henry P. Lane, of the Superior Court. It is regretted very much by the committee in charge of the banquet that the date arranged for Judge Ben Lindsey, of the Lyceum course, but the time set, Monday night, April 12, was the only date on which Mr. Pou, the chief speaker of the evening could arrange to be present in Gastonia.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS STAGE BIG FEED

Gastonia Chapter, No. 66 R. A. M. Hold Banquet Following Installation of Officers - Degree Work Followed Banquet. Ribald jest and youthful jollity, feast and fun, quips and cranks and wanton wiles, interspersed with reminiscent speeches and moments of seriousness, featured the banquet given at the Armory Tuesday night by Gastonia Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, on the occasion of the installation of officers and the exaltation of six candidates to the Royal Arch degree. Following the installation ceremonies at six o'clock in the Masonic Hall, when the following officers were installed: Rev. W. J. Rosh, High Priest; T. S. Trotter, King; C. H. Pugh, scribe; A. K. Winget, captain of hosts; F. C. Abernethy, P. S.; W. E. Haynes, R. A. C.; L. F. Wetzel, Treas., and W. Y. Warren, Secretary; Messrs. R. W. Northcutt, W. T. McArver and S. O. Walker, valets; F. A. Costner, Sentinel. The members of the fraternity repaired to the Armory on West Airline Avenue where an excellent feed had been duly and truly prepared and was in waiting for the descent of the hungry horde. The banquet was arranged by Peto Kaper onis of the Carolina Cafe, and the following menu was spread before 150 hollow, hungry men: Stuffed Olives Celery Sliced Chicken Primeribs of Beef Potato Salad Apple Jelly Sliced Tomatoes and— French Dressing Head Lettuce With— Ice Cream and Cake Fruits Coffee

FRENCH TROOPS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE FARTHER INTO GERMAN TERRITORY

(By The Associated Press) METZ, April 7.—French troops on the right bank of the Rhine, continuing their advance, today occupied Homburg, 9 miles north of Frankfurt. INTERRUPTED NEGOTIATIONS. PARIS, April 6.—Entry of German government troops into the Ruhr district interrupted tentative negotiations for an economic understanding between France and Germany, and in authoritative circles here there is a conviction it was deliberately planned for this purpose. In the course of the conversations on the subject Germany asked France what would be necessary as a basis for such an understanding. The reply was that the terms of the Versailles treaty must be executed, persons guilty of aggressions against allied officers in Germany must be punished, the German army must be demobilized and war material must be destroyed. It is the theory here that the military party in Germany confronted with these conditions preferred to take radical action. German officials had shown great appreciation of the progress being made but it suddenly developed that Wilhelm Mayer von Kaufbeuren, German charge d'affaires here, was being dominated by Dr. Geophert. It is declared that this development in Paris has corresponded with that in Berlin, where the Prussian and military element dominates the government, according to French information. German regular forces entered the Ruhr valley during the easter holidays, it is pointed out, when Premier Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, were away from London, and it is impossible for France to communicate with her allies regarding the situation. A similar state of affairs existed late in July, 1914, when President Poincare and the French foreign minister were absent from France and Germany and Austria began aggressions which began the world war.

FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS JOIN SWITCHMEN

(By The Associated Press) CHICAGO, April 7.—Representatives of 8,500 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers employed in the Chicago switching district today had defied their union officials and voted to join the unauthorized switchmen's strike called nearly a week ago. Freight traffic through the expansive Chicago district already was restricted seriously and strike leaders and railroad officials were agreed that if the force of strikers was augmented such traffic would be brought virtually to a standstill. The vote of the engineers and firemen came in the face of predictions of "grand officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, with which the striking switchmen are affiliated, that by Saturday the strike would be broken by loyal union men rushed here from other cities. The engineers and firemen declared they would not work with "scabs," as they termed the loyal-union men, and also demanded an increased wage. Engineers are paid \$5.76 a day and they demand \$1.50 an hour; the firemen, paid from \$4.16 to \$4.28 a day, demanded \$1 an hour. Passenger trains will not be interfered with, the strikers said. Railroad officials said, however, that such traffic was certain to suffer in the event work in the yards was restricted further. William L. Bond, treasurer of the switchmen's union, said 19 trunk lines and five belt lines "were paralyzed" by the strike. Eighteen railroads were affected to some extent, officials admitted. Switchmen's strike leaders early today said delegations had been sent to Milwaukee, Kansas City and other cities to call strikers.

2,000 COMMUNISTS CROSS INTO BRITISH ZONE.

(By The Associated Press.) COBLENZ, April 7.—Two thousand communists have crossed the Rhine into the British zone of occupation and have been interned. Twelve hundred more are expected to arrive today. Flight of large numbers of the communists into occupied territory is considered an indication that the revolt in the Ruhr region is near an end. Bochum was still in control of communists late yesterday and they expected a big fight there. The situation in the Ruhr valley is bad and living conditions are almost unbearable. A railroad strike at Essen is reported and no trains are running. Celsenkirchen, north of here, and Dortmund and Schwerte, to the east, were captured today and occupied by advancing government troops. Much fighting is reported in the Ruhr area. There are indications of the "red terror" in Essen under the direction of Russian officers, it is said. The chief of staff of American forces here has repeated his declaration that he has no direct concern with any action outside of American occupied territory except on specific instructions from Washington. American headquarters is keeping closely informed of the situation, but its sole duty at present is to control and protect interests in the American zone.

NEW YORK'S BIG FOUR RUNS JOHNSON'S CHANCES

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 7.—New York state's "big four" unopposed delegation to the republican national convention rolled over the position of former State Senator William M. Bennett, pledged to the presidential candidacy of Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, in yesterday's primaries, according to virtually complete returns early today. Scattering returns from up-state, where the vote was also light, indicated that the organization candidates had won over Bennett by a wider margin than in this city. No candidate favorable to Senator Johnson was elected in any of the 12 congressional districts here when contests were waged. The organization men also defeated two candidates pledged to Herbert Hoover in the 17th congressional district in Manhattan by a ratio of about two and one half to one. This was the only district in the state where candidates favoring Mr. Hoover were entered. The vote was no contests among the democrats and the party vote was proportionately smaller than that cast for the republicans. The interest women here took in the first presidential contest in which they had an opportunity to participate in this state surprised party leaders. They turned out in large numbers and proved active workers. According to its inventor a new automobile grease cup can be manipulated without soiling the hands, having a handle on a cover which forces lubricant from the cup into bearings as it is screwed down.

GERMANS INDIFFERENT

FRANKFORT, April 7.—The occupation of Homburg by French troops announced today, virtually completes the operations outlined to General DeGoutte, in charge of the occupation movement in his orders from the war office. The entire plan has been carried out without any significant incident. The inhabitants of Frankfurt are accepting the occupation with complete outward indifference. The city presents no indications that such a notable event had occurred aside from the posters bearing the French government's proclamation. Business is going on as usual, the people generally following their customary occupations without paying much attention to the few French uniforms seen in the streets. The number of these apparently has been reduced to a minimum in order to avoid cause for irritation. LONDON APPROVES OCCUPATION. PARIS, April 7.—Although up to the present the allies replied to Premier Millerand's communication explaining the motives for the sending of French troops into Frankfurt, Darmstadt and other German cities have not been received, exchanges of views already have begun, ac-

ording to the Echo de Paris. "In London yesterday the occupation of German cities was widely discussed," the newspapers says, "and was no doubt approved both by the general public and by parliament."

DENOUNCED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, April 6.—Occupation of German cities in the neutral zone east of the Rhine by French troops was denounced in an official statement today. It is declared the government did everything to prevent this "unheard of action, which is neither in accordance with the sense of the peace treaty nor its scope and is out of proportion with the insignificance of our measures in the Ruhr region."

EASTER SERVICES AT BELMONT ABBEY CATHEDRAL

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY GAZETTE. BELMONT, April 7.—The Easter services at Belmont Abbey Cathedral were just as solemn and impressive this year as in former years. The services began on Saturday evening at 5 o'clock with solemn pontifical benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid conducted the early morning service of Easter Sunday at six o'clock at which Holy Communion was distributed. Solemn High Mass in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop was celebrated at ten o'clock. The officiating during the mass were Rev. F. Ignacius, O. S. B., celebrant; Rev. P. Nicholas, O. S. B., deacon; Rev. C. F. Ewald, of Wytheville, Va., subdeacon; Rev. F. Thomas, O. S. B., and Rev. F. Matthew, O. S. B., assistants to the Rt. Rev. Bishop; V. Rev. Dr. Felix, O. S. B., V. G., and Fr. Edwards, O. S. B., masters of ceremonies.

After the singing of the gospel of the mass Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon on the joy of Easter Day. The substance of his sermon in part was that the resurrection of Christ from the dead is the foundation of Catholic and Christian faith and is a pledge of our future resurrection from the dead. In spite of the inclement weather a large number of people came for the morning service and every seat in the church was occupied.

At 2:15 in the afternoon Very Rev. F. Malchoir, O. S. B., gave a short sermon, explaining the principal doctrines of the Catholic faith. At four o'clock Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid was celebrant of the solemn pontifical vespers. The other officiating were Very Rev. Dr. Felix, O. S. B., V. G., assistant priest; Rev. F. Thomas, O. S. B., and Rev. F. Matthew, O. S. B., deacons of honor; Rev. F. Phillip, O. S. B., Fr. Leo, O. S. B., Mr. F. McCourt and Mr. William Moore, chanters; Rev. F. Nicholas, O. S. B., and Fr. Edward, O. S. B., masters of ceremonies.

SUMMER WHITE HOUSE READY FOR PRESIDENT

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—Except for "a little polishing up" the summer white house at Woods Hole, Mass., is ready for occupancy by President Wilson, Charles E. Crane, the owner, said today at the white house. Mr. Crane called to receive final instructions before sailing for China to take up his work as minister to that country. He said he did not know when the president would go to Woods Hole.

RODMAN SAYS SIMS' LETTER WAS VERY INDISCREET

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, told the senate investigating committee today that Rear Admiral Sims' letter to Secretary Daniels criticizing the navy's part in the "very indiscreet." "Admiral Sims indiscreetness," he said, "lay very particularly in his breach of confidence in making public an intimate and confidential conversation which should have been held secret." The witness referred to Sims' testimony that Admiral Benson, former chief of naval operations, told him prior to his departure for London, "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes, we would as soon fight them as the Germans." "Had Admiral Sims' letter been less indiscreet," Admiral Rodman said, "had he omitted reference to conversations, which, as I have said, he should have held secret and confidential, had it been couched in moderate terms, such as are usually used in official correspondence; had it been less antagonistic; it would, no doubt, have followed the usual course of such communications, received due consideration by the proper authority and doubtless some good would have come from it." "His mention and the subsequent publication of a certain admission which he states he received prior to his departure for London, no doubt has had its effect upon the cordial relations which heretofore existed between us and one of our oldest allies. In every expression of opinion which I have heard concerning it, both in and out of the navy, it has received the deepest censure." Declaring that he appeared entirely at his own request to "defend the good name of the navy," Admiral Rodman, who commanded the American battleship squadron with the British grand fleet, told the committee that the "American navy did its full share most efficiently and splendidly in helping to bring the war against the Hun to a successful and victorious conclusion."

ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER STRICKEN BY SUDDEN ILLNESS.

(By The Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., April 7.—Attorney General Palmer's sudden illness due to an attack of acute indigestion in Gainesville, Ga., yesterday caused a cancellation of his speech tonight in Savannah, but it was not thought early today that it would prevent his filling an engagement in Macon tomorrow night. The attorney general's condition was said in latest reports from Gainesville not to be serious but it was declared his physician advised against an all day drive to Savannah that would have been necessary had he spoken there tonight. The Gainesville address was the first of a campaign tour of Georgia, where Mr. Palmer is a candidate for endorsement in the democratic presidential primary April 20. He was expected to continue his tour, speaking in Savannah and in Atlanta, where he was to have appeared last night, at later dates.

JOHNSON LEADS WOOD BY 42,000 VOTES.

(By The Associated Press.) DETROIT, MICH., April 7.—Delayed returns on Monday's presidential primary, coming in slowly from the sparsely settled sections of the state, added but few votes early today to the totals already compiled from approximately two thirds of the precincts. These figures gave Senator Hiram W. Johnson a lead of 42,251 over Major General Leonard Wood on the republican ticket, and Herbert Hoover's advantage on the democratic ticket was 4,445 over Governor Edward L. Edwards, of New Jersey.