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RAILROAD WALK OUT ANNULLED

Big Five Brotherhoods Wisely Conclude to Bow to Public Opinion

Chicago, Oct. 27. (By the Associated Press)—The rail strike scheduled for October 30 was averted tonight when leaders of the switchmen, trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen at a joint meeting adopted a resolution withdrawing authorization of a walk-out and calling for the resumption of normal operations.

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HARDING BEHIND THE TIMES

His Pronouncement For Political and Economic Equality Not Welcomed in North

Washington, Oct. 29.—When the president said in his speech at Birmingham, "Whether you like it or not, if our Democracy is not a lie, you must stand for the political and economic equality of the races," he was uttering a sentiment which will sooner or later have deeper effect in the north than in the south, and he was undertaking the old and impossible task of measuring unlike things with the same yardstick.

Of course the real purpose of the speech was political; he expressed the desire that the white people of the south would divide up on economic lines and forget the race question—which is nothing but the old effort to break the back of the south. Even Lincoln dreamed of it, and every Republican president since has tried his hand at it—all in vain.

Conditions in the southern states demonstrate two things; first, that the southern whites are not going to have equality of any kind between the races; they couldn't have if they wished, and they will never wish it. The differences, socially, economically and ethnically, are fundamental and ineradicable; they go back to creation's dawn and to the Creator; they have always existed and always will.

If the president's words, quoted in the first paragraph, mean anything, they mean that the negro must be allowed to work on an absolute equality with the white mechanic or artisan. To be allowed to work, he would of necessity have to be admitted to membership in the labor unions—the bricklayers' union, the carpenters' union, the steamfitters, the boiler-makers, the gunsmiths, the machinists, the electricians, the typographical union.

The president said, "You must stand for the political and economic equality of the races." It will be interesting to note if the question will appeal to the great labor leaders of the country with the same force with which it seems to have gotten hold of the president. It is interesting to ask how such equality is possible in the northern cities to which the negro has flocked in recent years, where practically all labor is performed by the members of labor unions, operating under their rules, which require that each member demonstrate before a selected committee his ability to perform skillfully the work properly falling to members of that union.

Another important action today was the adoption of a resolution calling for a 3-1-2 per cent. rate of increase on Liberty bonds and 4 to 4-1-2 per cent. on commercial paper, the federal reserve board, the administration and congress being included in the appeal made to that end.

The Texas delegation described the benefits of cooperative marketing in their state and delegates from unorganized states expressed themselves as determined to see that their states were organized at once.

War Veterans Are in Bad Plight

Sweeping Recommendations Looking to the Relief of Former Service Men Made by Committee—Many Changes Favored

Washington, Oct. 30.—Sweeping recommendations designed to increase the efficiency of the veterans' bureau were made in a report published today by the special senate committee which is investigating government activities for the relief of former service men. The report was the second compiled by the committee, which has not yet completed its task.

The bureau should "broaden its interpretation and widen the scope of application of existing laws," report said, adding that additional legislation would be sought to meet deficiencies shown by its hearings.

Among specific recommendations were: Appropriation of \$16,400,000 for hospitals; transfer of all government hospitals, including soldier homes not needed by the army or navy, to the bureau; creation of a chaplain corps for service in hospitals and training centers; provision for internment of veteran dead; standardization of training, permitting the applicant to select as far as possible his own vocation; extension of existing insurance to \$10,000 for each policyholder if he wants it, and extension of insurance and compensation privilege to Americans who served in allied forces.

Cancellation of contracts with state, municipal and private hospitals which were not in existence April 1, 1917, and with all similar institutions, which, after inspection are found unsuitable, was recommended as one administrative reform, others under this head including: Issuance of rules and regulations for the maintenance of order and discipline, frequent and thorough inspection of hospitals and training centers, elimination of politics from appointments, establishment of additional vocational centers at institutions where mental and tubercular patients are under treatment.

To July 1, 1921, there had been 338,000 applications for vocational training but only 108,000 had entered training at that time, the committee found, adding that "although we are approaching the third anniversary of the armistice," only 5,050 have been rehabilitated.

It is with deep regret," the committee said, "that we report this melancholy fact."

Only 12,000 men have accepted training without pay out of a total of 96,913 eligibles, and only 96,000 with pay out of 159,309 eligibles, the report said, the committee finding that "a vast majority" of those eligibles "are unable or unwilling to train because of their inability to support themselves without pay."

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Spartanburg Chain Gang Guards Convicted of Assault and Battery For Killing Convict

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The convict carries a penalty up to ten years in the discretion of the court. Thomas Keelan, who was serving a 30 day sentence on the county chain-gang for train riding, died suddenly after being whipped by Hatchette, assisted by Porter, for failure to work. Keelan claimed to have been ill, but was required to go on the road with the forces. He faltered and was then punished and sent into a ditch with a pick. Here it was he fell and was carried to the shade of a tree where he died in a few minutes.

The trial of the case was continued two days and went far into the night before arguments were concluded and the case reached the jury. The verdict was rendered after two hours of deliberation. Judge Wilson in his charge to the jury made it clear that there is no authority for corporal punishment in this state and quoted the constitution of South Carolina to sustain that position.

An investigation of the case was asked by Governor Cooper and even the department of justice was asked to make an investigation by relatives of Keelan in New Jersey.

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Summarized statistics from the Philadelphia district (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina) show the number of projects contemplated to be 1,739, valued at \$58,293,400 and the number of contracts awarded to be 1,333, valued at \$34,118,900.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Resuming the tax revision battle, the senate faced the disposal of the six major proposals before it could hope for a final vote, including the corporation capital stock tax, excess taxes, insurance company taxes, Smoot sales tax, Reed amendment to continue the excess profits tax to provide a fund for the soldier bonus plan, the Smoot proposal to exempt income from business done in China and United States possessions.

PRESIDENT LOVES THE VETERANS

Vice President Coolidge Carries Message to American Legion Convention

Kansas City, Oct. 31.—Nothing is closer to the heart of President Harding than to make the relief of incapacitated war veterans complete. No man will go further to minister to the true welfare of servicemen and their dependents, Vice President Coolidge told the American Legion convention. "He will do all that can be done to prevent the need of your again sacrificing yourselves for your country's welfare," said Mr. Coolidge.

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Local interest centers in the return of the Rev. J. W. Speake as pastor of St. John's church for another year. This church is now preparing for the erection of a commodious and modern house of worship, the movement having been fostered by Mr. Speake during the past year. It is hoped that he can return, that he may see the work of reconstruction on the new edifice under way, if not have the privilege of conducting the initial service in the new house of worship.

Mr. Shelton of Virginia, who is a member of the organization committee, was then introduced, and he told of the extent to which the farmers of Virginia and South Carolina have signed the marketing agreement. Mr. Shelton explained in detail the methods by which tobacco would be handled cooperatively. According to Mr. Shelton 72 per cent of the tobacco in Virginia and 50 per cent of the North Carolina has already been signed up. It is planned to put on an intensive campaign in Darlington county immediately.

About forty farmers were present at this meeting, and every man present stated he was in favor of signing the contract for marketing tobacco cooperatively.

SINN FEIN PRESENT DEMANDS

Prospect of Peaceful Settlement of the Irish Problem Seems to Be Darker Than Ever

London, Oct. 29.—The Sinn Fein conference have presented their final demands, which are said to include the abrogation of the act which gave the Ulster government control of the six northern counties of Ireland. It is asserted that the British government has intimated that acceptance is impossible. The issue has been referred to Dublin and the final reply is expected Monday.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Whether majority members of the senate finance committee will press to have reinserted into the tax revision bill the provision exempting foreign trade corporations and foreign traders from taxation on their income from sources without the United States probably will depend upon the fate of the proposal to grant exemptions to such corporations and traders doing business in China.

Strong opposition has developed on both the Republican and Democratic side to relieve from taxation American traders in the Far East, republican. Assertions by Senator Smoot, of Utah, author of the proposal, that it would affect few corporations or individuals brought forth from opponents the declaration that practically all American would organize subsidiary companies to take over that trade so as to escape taxation on the income from this business.

This was a high spot in the argument of Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, who led the successful fight to have stricken from the tax bill the original provision granting exemptions to foreign trade corporations and foreign traders irrespective of where their business was done. Administration officers have urged such provision, but so many senators are convinced that it would be used by American business generally to avoid taxation on income from foreign trade that there appears little prospect that it will prevail.

Senator Dial then conferred with Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, chairman of the finance committee of the senate, but decided to offer the amendment himself. He said he considered the law unjust and unfair and that in many cases the ministers' salaries were so small that this extra burden should not be placed on them. He said he would do all he could to secure the passage of this amendment.

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PRESIDENT WELCOMES MARSHAL

Commander in Chief of Allied Armies in World War Pays Official Visit to White House

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Harding, acting for the American people, formally welcomed Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies in the world war, to the United States. The marshal called at the White House to pay his respects and received from President Harding a formal welcome. He was attended by a squadron of cavalry. Crowds along the route gave him a vociferous greeting.

When Marshal Foch called at the Wilson home his honorary aide, Brigadier General Connor was informed that the former president's physician had said it would be inadvisable for him to receive visitors. Marshal Foch sent in his card. It was later learned that Mr. Wilson had suffered a slight digestive upset.

London, Oct. 31.—The debate in the house of commons on the Irish question, particularly the Unionist motion censuring the government, has excited keen interest throughout Great Britain.

Florence, Oct. 28.—The Florence postoffice was entered and robbed of money and C. O. D. packages to an amount undetermined as yet. While less than \$200 in cash was stolen, the postmaster stated today it was impossible at this time to estimate the value of the stolen packages. Entrance was made to the office through a window on the north side of the building. Every drawer in the building was broken open. No stamps or stamped envelopes are missing. Several hundred pennies were left untouched. No effort apparently was made to break into any of the safes or vaults. The Florence postoffice building is closed from 11 o'clock at night until 6 o'clock in the morning. Clerks discovered the robbery when they went to work early this morning. Police officers are making every effort to find a clue.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 29.—Postmaster Cranford has received a letter from American Consul Frost at Guatemala City, Guatemala, saying that Dr. Frank M. Johnson, a native of North Carolina, had died there. Dr. Johnson left Mocksville seventeen years ago and nothing more had been heard of him until the news of his death was received.

Sheriff's Posse Hunting Three Men Suspected of Crime

Lapeer, Mich., Oct. 29.—A sheriff's posse and railroad detectives are searching the countryside for three men who fled from the scene of the derailment of a Grand Trunk passenger train near here. Three persons were seriously injured.

Union leaders said that the resolution adopted by the labor board announcing that no further reduction petitions from any one group of employees would be considered until working conditions of that group had been settled, was "decidedly instrumental" in bringing about the action calling off the walkout. They declared that they believed under his resolution it would be months before their say could be reduced.

The union resolution immediately was communicated to the labor board and proved particularly gratifying to Walter McMenimen, member of the labor group who was instrumental in bringing about the settlement of the crisis.

Mr. McMenimen, personal friend of Mr. Lee, paved the way for conferences between the board and union men, particularly those today which were addressed by Ben Hooper, member of the public group.

"I am immensely gratified," said Mr. McMenimen when informed of the employees' decision. "It takes a great worry off of my mind and I am sure it will be best for all."

Mr. Hooper expressed himself as "tickled to death" over the cancellation of the walkout order.

"I am glad the railway employees have taken this action, he said. "They have taken a step which will bring their approval from every one in this country."

"A strike at this time would have been more disastrous than the Confederate war. It would have brought on almost inconceivable hardships for every one."

"I am particularly glad that the world armament conference can now go about its work in the capital of a nation which is not torn by an internal industrial dispute,"

Clue to Mail Robbery

New York, Oct. 29.—The green automobile used by the bandits in the million, five hundred thousand dollar mail robbery here has been identified and the net is drawing close about one of the thieves. Postoffice Inspector Cochrane said today.

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