

PRESIDENT GETS WARNING OF PROPOSED RAIL STRIKE

TRAINMEN PLAN TO QUIT IF PLEA ON HOURS FAILS

400,000 Men Involved in Walkout Held as Club Over Roads

PROMISE LOYALTY IN EVENT OF WAR

Leaders Confer in Washington and Definite Statement Is Outlined

CALL SET FOR SATURDAY

Steps Planned by Trainmen in Event Strike Is Called

ON SATURDAY, March 17, at 6 o'clock, eastern time, the freight engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen on the New York Central Railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the Erie Railroad, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air Line, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and the Southern Railway will be ordered to strike.

CLEVELAND, O., March 13. The "Big Four" Brotherhoods do not expect all of their members on freight railroads to respond to a strike order, if issued, according to officials of the Locomotive Engineers and Railroad Trainmen Brotherhoods here today. They employed on several of the larger systems already have notified their leaders that they are satisfied with present conditions.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—First official intimation of the possibility of a strike which would be contained in a letter signed by the four brotherhoods. It informed the President that a conference with the railroad managers would be held Thursday and that the brotherhoods are hopeful of working out a satisfactory settlement. If they failed, the letter continued, and the country should find itself at war, the brotherhoods would support the President to the fullest extent. No flat declaration of a strike would be called was contained in the letter, but it did not deny the possibility that a walkout may be called.

CLEVELAND, O., March 7, 1917. We feel obligated to officially advise our intentions to "again" meet the conference committee of the railroad managers on March 15 for the purpose of making another effort to adjust the pending eight-hour controversy. We are very hopeful of working out a satisfactory adjustment with the railroad managers, but if while we are negotiating our country should become involved in war we want to assure you, as Chief of the nation, that we and the membership we represent can be relied upon to support you to the fullest extent, and that yourself and the nation are with us heartily and full support.

CONGRESSWOMAN SPEAKS TO JERSEY LEGISLATURE

Jeanette Rankin, "Lady From Montana," Addresses Solons and Is Received by Governor

BOSTON, March 13.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, the Congresswoman from Montana, was the guest of the New Jersey Legislature today. She had a very hearty and warm reception and she addressed the House and Senate.

BEAUTIFUL GOWNS

Displayed at Walnut Street Fashion Show and

MINISTERS

of the Philadelphia Methodist Church in Tomorrow's Session

ROOSEVELT PLANS TRIP TO SPEAR DEVILFISH

Virginia Tobacconist and the Colonel to Go on Expedition Off North Carolina

DANVILLE, Va., March 13.—Colonel Roosevelt within two weeks will be on his way to Puntó Gora to hunt the elusive devilfish and any other outlandish things the Colonel may uncover—mayhap, in the Rooseveltian way, to bag a couple of submarines. It was learned authoritatively today.

MACK DRIVES SQUAD IN HOT BATTING FEST

Hits and More Hits Wanted in Training Camp Afternoon Session

Ru a Staff Correspondent
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 13.—Now that the members of the Athletics camp here had a taste of military training tonight they feel like "soldiers." Some of the players are in favor of the added attraction while others are not so ambitious to mix setting-up exercises with racing grounds over hot sand.

Manager Mack drove the squad through the usual batting and fielding sessions this afternoon, sending in the best conditioned twirlers against the varsity line-up for batting work. Those twirlers who operated on the hill yesterday did not offer such a great amount of steam owing to the result of the execution of Sergeant Smart's orders of the forenoon.

This evening the army officer is not the only individual who smarts. This can be realized by looking over the paraded fundamentals who were driven through the fundamentals of baseball by General Cornelius, McGillicuddy and First Lieutenant Harry Davis. Witt, Strunk, Bodie, McNelis, Bates, Grover Johnson and Bill Meyer met slants from a string of long-armed heaters during the afternoon, while Lieutenant Davis stood behind the pitcher's box shouting for hits. At the same time he followed the actions of the army of young twirlers seeking kismet and butter on the Athletics' payroll.

Like horses, the boys are eating every bit that comes their way. Several of them have discovered new muscles, or rather the exercises have brought certain muscles into action which have been idle for some time. The pitchers were all given an opportunity to snap the new horseshoes against "swatting" batsmen. Lefty Anderson, Liz Smith, Naylor, Rubie Schauer, Seibold, Ellis Johnson, Horne, Jim Johnson, Noyes, Nabors, Parrham, Hill, Keefe and Adams all went through the misery of the afternoon. Elmer Myers and Joe Bush, the seasoned men, participated in fungeing and high-low.

BURKE'S LICENSE AGAIN CONTINUED

Judges Martin and Finletter Renew Bar Permit, Rousing Objectors

BEER AND BABY COACHES
BY ROBERT W. MAXWELL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13.—Jimmy Lavender, accompanied by the Missus, arrived in camp this morning from his home in Montezuma, Ga. This makes eleven pitchers in the Philly squad, and Manager Moran hopes to have a few ready for service when the season opens.

BOY OF 7 KILLED BY TROLLEY

Run Down at Twelfth and Myrtle Streets

Milton Stevenson, seven years old, 1208 Oden street, was run down and killed this afternoon by a trolley car while playing in the street opposite the John Hancock School at Twelfth and Myrtle streets.

WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO TROLLEY CARS

That figured in today's crash illustrated in THE PICTORIAL SECTION

UNCLE SAM CALLS ON 6000 RECRUITS HERE

Speeds Up Enlistment of "Naval Coast Defense Reserve"

FOR HOME WARTIME DUTY



CAPTAIN R. L. RUSSELL
Commandant at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, who has taken steps to raise a citizens' army of 6000 men.

Captain R. L. Russell, commandant at Philadelphia Navy Yard, today set in motion all of the machinery of the Fourth United States naval district for the immediate raising of a citizens' army of 6000 men.

In the event of war with Germany these men will be used to guard lines of communication, powder magazines, the port of Philadelphia, the Delaware River, Delaware Bay and the Jersey and Delaware coasts. Members of the citizens' army will also be used to carry dispatches and supplies, to transmit wireless messages to operate motorboats, protect railroad lines, stations and bridges and prevent the communication of plots by enemies of the United States in the fourth naval district.

SNOW AND RAIN SAVE WHEAT CROP

Long-Continued Drought in the Western Grain Belt Broken

JIM LAVENDER ARRIVES IN CAMP OF THE PHILS

Pitcher's Wife Only Woman With Squad—Players Have Hard Practice

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13.—Jimmy Lavender, accompanied by the Missus, arrived in camp this morning from his home in Montezuma, Ga.

Mrs. Lavender is the only woman with the ball players, as President Baker and Pat Moran issued an edict that all wives should be left at home. Lavender, however, said he didn't know what to do with his better half, so Pat gave him permission to take her with him.

There were no developments in the big swap which involved the holdouts. Moran is still silent, but from his actions it looks as if he means business.

BERLIN READY TO ORDER WAR, SAYS REPORT

Will Make Direct Declaration, Washington Hears

ARMING OF VESSELS NAMED AS EXCUSE

Officials Silent on Rumor, but Rush Defense Preparations

READY TO RESIST ATTACK

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Rumors that Germany would reply to the "war notification" of the United States that its merchant vessels would carry an "armed guard" by a declaration of war against the United States were widely circulated here today. They met with denial at the Swiss legation, where German affairs in this country are being handled, but they were none the less widely persisted in.

Officials refused to discuss possibilities. It was admitted that Germany undoubtedly had adopted a definite plan of action, and a declaration of war, in view of the existing rupture, would cause no surprise.

Definite instructions to the "armed guards" to be placed aboard American merchant craft bound through the German submarine zone have been completed by the Navy Department and approved by Secretary of State Lansing.

They will be forwarded to the navy personnel aboard the merchant craft whenever the ships which are to be armed are ready to sail.

Second, American ships which are to sail with armament and crews are absolutely within their rights, from a legal standpoint. The only law which they need recognize is the law of cruise.

Third, the crews which are to be placed aboard the ships have the same status as armed guards. Their duty is to protect the vessels in their legal rights.

Fourth, the armed guard is responsible to the Navy Department for the protection of the property entrusted to it.

Fifth, the commanders of the crew have an absolute right to fire upon a German submarine whenever it is seen in the barred zone, providing it does not make unmistakable signs of its intention to adhere to cruise law.

Sixth, the fact that Germany publishes an announcement that the submarines have been ordered to violate this law should be borne in mind constantly.

Seventh, the first duty of the gun crew is to protect the lives and property entrusted to them, and therefore it would be unwise to take any chances in such a case.

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QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

Temple Col., 24 girls (final)... 24 Wilmington High, girls.... 7
Abington High, girls (final)... 33 Woodbury High, girls.... 6

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Third Havana race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 5 furlongs—
Divan, 101, Wakkoff, 30 to 1, 12 to 1, 6 to 1, won; Bunice, 108, Watson, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Shadrach, 115, Collins, 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, third, Time, 1:02 1-5.

Fourth Hot Springs race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, 1 1-16 miles—
Buzz Around, 105, Lyke, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 1 to 4, won; Brian Boru, 106, Fuerst, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second; Jack Reeves, 109, Crump, 7 to 10, out, but, third, Time, 1:49 2-5.

BULGARIAN BREAK WITH U. S. DENIED

BERLIN, March 13.—Denial was officially received today from Sofia that the Bulgarian Government had sent a note to the United States the effect of which would have been immediate rupture in Bulgarian-American relations. The official press bureau declared in the last few days no note had been headed to the American Minister at Sofia, nor had one been transmitted to the State Department in Washington.

GERARD REACHES JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 13.—Ambassador Gerard, his suite and thirty-five other Americans, arrived here on a special train at 2 o'clock. He was reticent as to the situation in Germany, but to a direct question stated the Germans were hungry.

15,000 TURKS IN PERSIA CIRCLED BY RUSSIANS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Information reached the State Department this afternoon that 15,000 Turks in Persia, cut off through the capture of Bagdad by the British forces, are today surrounded by the Russians operating in that theatre and undoubtedly will be captured.

WESTERN UNION INCREASES DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, March 13.—The Western Union Telegraph Company today declared a regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent, payable April 16 to holders of record March 20. The company heretofore has paid five per cent per annum and at the December meeting an extra dividend of one per cent was declared. Today's dividend places the stock on a regular six per cent per annum basis.

SHEEHAN ANSWERS CITY'S SUIT FOR \$60,000 FEES

Register of Wills James R. Sheehan today in Common Pleas Court No. 4 filed his formal answer to the suit brought by the County of Philadelphia by the commissioners to recover more than \$60,000 which he retained as commissions on fees in collecting collateral inheritance taxes for the State. A similar suit brought by the city of Philadelphia at the instigation of City Treasurer McCoach was lost when Judge Audenried ruled that the act of July, 1913, intended to abolish fees by raising the Register's salary, was unconstitutional. One of the points Mr. Sheehan makes in his answer is that the City Commissioners have no right to represent the county.

MUNICIPAL STADIUM BILL IN STATE SENATE

A bill requiring the Fairmount Park Commissioners and the City Councils of Philadelphia to get together and select a site in Fairmount Park for the proposed municipal stadium was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Augustus F. Dix, Jr., a McNicol follower. The bill says that the commissioners "shall set aside such part of parcel of land for the purpose of the erection of a stadium as Councils may by ordinance or resolution deem necessary for the said purpose." The proposed stadium, under the bill, would be placed under the care and maintenance of the city.

BIDS OPENED FOR POLICE AND FIRE APPARATUS

Bids on \$350,000 worth of motor, fire and police apparatus were received and opened today by Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety. The bids include patrol boats for the rivers, motor-driven combination chemical and hose wagons, aerial hook-and-ladder trucks, self-propelling gasoline pumping engines and many articles of equipment.

M'CORMICK MAY BE OFFERED JAPANESE MISSION

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Yancey McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is to be offered the post of Ambassador to Japan, according to a well-authenticated report today. It is understood that the Pennsylvanian is not keen for the appointment, but that it will be urged on him by the President, who is anxious to have the post filled by a man of more than average tact and executive skill.

BERLIN OPPOSES U. S. RELIEF WORK IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, March 13.—Germany has protested, unofficially, against administration by Americans of Belgian relief work in the occupied portions of northern France. This fact was revealed today when Herbert C. Hoover, director general of the relief work, sailed suddenly for Spain.

SIXTY U-BOATS SNARED SINCE JANUARY 1

WASHINGTON, March 13.—About sixty German submarines have already been captured and destroyed between January 1 and February 15, according to reports reaching here today. This was the first authoritative word of the Entente success in coping with the undersea boats.

HOG MARKET WEAKENS; PRICES FIVE CENTS LOWER

CHICAGO, March 13.—The market for hogs was weak today and five cents lower than yesterday's average. Top hogs were \$14.90 today.

HARRY THAW ADJUDGED INSANE BY INQUISITION

Harry K. Thaw has been adjudged insane. The inquisition, composed of Ellis Ames Ballard and six jurors appointed to decide on Thaw's insanity, filed its report to that effect in Court of Common Pleas No. 5 today. President Judge J. Willis Martin issued the court order, appointing J. Denniston Lyon and Dr. Walter Riddle, both of Pittsburgh, as committee of Harry K. Thaw's estate, security to be entered in the sum of \$600,000. The decision means that Thaw now is in the custody of the State of Pennsylvania. He has been committed to St. Mary's Hospital, where he is now, until further notice. Notice of the inquisition's report has been sent to Governor Brumbaugh. Former Judge James Gay Gordon announced that extradition proceedings against Thaw would be dropped.

BRITISH CONFISCATE 39 BAGS OF U. S. MAIL

NEW YORK, March 13.—British authorities at Halifax removed thirty-nine bags of mail from the American steamship John D. Archbold when she put in at that port. The Archbold reported the incident on her arrival from Bergen today.

PLOT SUSPECT HERE KNEW U. S. NAVY SECRETS

Fischer, Arrested as Smuggler, Held Contracts With Nation

COMPANY HE HEADS STUDIED U. S. SHIPS

Boy-Ed Conferred Here With German Implicated in Conspiracy

STOCKADE AT NAVY YARD

Crews of Interned Raiders May Be Confined to Protect U. S. Ships

New revelations have been made by the small army of Secret Service men investigating the many phases and angles of the German Navy Yard plot.

First, that a firm with which Adelbert Fischer, one of the plot defendants, is an official, is an American branch of one of the largest marine engineering companies situated at Hamburg.

Second, that this firm has made a specialty of contracts for the American Navy—some contracts being made directly with the Government; others as subcontractors with other shipbuilding corporations.

Third, that the firm has obtained a mass of information about the American Navy, including plans, specifications, and blue prints concerning oil-burning plants on the ships and the location of oil tanks on both dreadnoughts and torpedo boat destroyers.

Fourth, that Adelbert Fischer, at liberty on bail, is a reserve officer in the German army.

Fifth, that officials of the firm have been on trial trips of new American ships and are familiar with virtually all the features of their construction.

Sixth, that the firm is equipped with machinery which can be used for the manufacture of shells, bombs and mines. It was used by the Government during the Spanish-American War.

Seventh, that the plot to smuggle chronometers ashore from the liners was engineered by Fischer's wife. Federal agents said they believed the object was to equip the chronometers with wires which would have made it possible to use them as time clocks on mines, the intention being probably to wreck the raiders in case of a declaration of war.

A charge that Captain Boy-Ed, ex-naval attaché of the German Embassy at Washington, transmitted by the wholesale secrets of the United States navy from Fischer's firm, the Schutte & Koerting Company, to Germany through ex-Ambassador von Bernstorff was made today by the Providence Journal.

Captain Boy-Ed, according to this paper, was present at the Philadelphia plant, or in constant communication with it, until his recall was requested by President Wilson in December, 1915. The Journal's account is, in part, as follows:

"The firm has been selling to the navy evaporators, feed water heaters, distillers, oil coolers, valves, and many other parts for the machinery of battleships, and under this pretext has been able to secure the confidential plans of fire control systems and other secrets of construction, which have been regularly forwarded to the German Government through Ambassador von Bernstorff. Up to the time of Captain Boy-Ed's departure from this country that officer was constantly at the company's offices in Philadelphia.

"At the present moment this corporation is under contract to supply the Navy Department with several hundred thousand dollars' worth of material.

"The Journal also has proof that officials of the Navy Department have known positively for a long while that this concern is simply a branch of a great German house, and that the principal owner of the local establishment is Doctor Koerting, Fischer's father-in-law, and one of the heads of the naval construction department of the German Government."

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