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SPROUL TO REJECT CHARTER IN ITS PRESENT FORM; 78 MINERS KILLED IN WILKES-BARRE POWDER BLAST

COUNCIL OF 21 INSISTED ON BY GOVERNOR

Executive Expected to Veto Reform Measure Unless Amendments Are Made

REVISIONISTS ARE ACCUSED OF ACTING IN BAD FAITH

Failure to Adopt Suggestions of Attorney General as to Changes Deplored

HOUSE TO ACT MONDAY

Administration Not Expected to Take Further Action on Contract Clause

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, June 5.—Governor Sproul will not sign the Woodward charter bill in its present shape.

Word to this effect has gone out from the Governor's office and is known by virtually all the influential members of the Senate and House who have talked with the Governor during the last two days.

The Governor and Attorney General Schaffer are not only dissatisfied with the present status of the charter measure, but they are understood to be very much displeased with the action of the charter revisionists in forcing certain provisions into the bill and keeping others out.

Charter revisionists are being accused of bad faith in injecting into the Woodward bill certain amendments which were not expected and in rejecting those proposed by the attorney general.

Opposes Council of Twenty-seven One of the sections of the bill which the Governor will not stand for is that increasing the number of members of the proposed single council from twenty-one to twenty-seven.

Another is the civil service section, which the charter revisionists refused to amend at the suggestion of the attorney general.

The Council section must be recommended to provide for the original proposition of twenty-one councilmen, and the drastic provisions of the civil service section must be modified to exclude all city employees, except policemen and firemen.

While the administration leaders do not favor the proposed merger of the tax receiver's office with that of city treasurer, they probably will not insist on its elimination.

They are decidedly opposed to it, however, but feel it should be permitted to stand if the revisionists want to abolish a system by which one office acts as a check on the other and at the same time add to the money handled by the city treasurer, who is said to now handle twice as much as is handled by the state treasurer.

The administration also is hardly expected to take any further action on the contract clause which prohibits the present City Council from making any contracts extending beyond July 1 next year.

While they feel the city is not prepared to set up in the contracting business itself there is a disposition to let the new council work out the problem for itself.

To Insist on Amendments Governor Sproul, it is definitely understood around the capitol, will not only insist that the charter revisionists amend the bill and bring it to the shape that virtually was agreed upon at the hearing here two weeks ago, but will veto the measure if the changes are not made.

Against his wishes it would be impossible to put the measure through either branch of the assembly, so that attempting to pass it over his veto would meet with flat failure.

Just how the tangle will be straightened out is not known. The bill comes up for third reading and final passage in the House on a special order Monday night. Then it goes to the Senate for concurrence.

Whether the bill will be amended by a committee of the whole or whether it will be sent to a conference committee by the Senate is not known. There is also a probability that both branches may pass it and then the Governor would make the changes he wants and

Situation Today in Charter Controversy

What Governor Opposes: Council of twenty-seven members; he insists upon twenty-one as formerly agreed. Civil service section of bill. Must be changed to exclude all city employees except policeman and firemen.

What Revisionists Say: George W. Coles, chairman Town Meeting Party: "I can hardly credit the report that the Governor has refused to sign the bill in the present form. The Governor has always been in sympathy with the charter committee to give Philadelphia a well-rounded, workable charter. There has never been any doubt about the Governor."

Thomas Raeburn White, charter revision leader: "There is no comment I can make. I have been away from the city and have not been in touch with the situation."

What Senator Vore Says: "Nearly every provision of the bill is made up of political spite."

"Nearly every provision in the bill means additional taxes on the people."

"Those who are backing it will get all that is coming to them when the voters cast their ballots next fall."

1 SEIZED AS POLICE IN RUNNING FIGHT FOIL CLOTH THEFT

Transom Burglars Routed in Act of Removing Goods From Tailoring Shop

Thieves, after forcing an entrance to a tailoring establishment at Eighth and Reed streets early today, proceeded to load numerous suits and bolts of cloth on a delivery truck parked nearby. The police say it was the object of the thieves to remove the tailors' stock from the shop to the truck and then drive away.

A chase by the police, who fired several revolver shots at the fugitives, resulted in the arrest of one man said to have been implicated in the attempted burglary. He said he was Angelo Desoli, twenty-three years old, of Catharine street, above Sixth. At a hearing before Magistrate Baker, at the Third and Dickinson streets station, he was committed to prison without bail to await a further hearing on the case next Thursday.

The robbery was attempted at 2 o'clock this morning. Patrolmen Rogers and Gangan saw two men removing the stock of Malandora & Dell'osso, who conduct the tailoring shop. An entrance had been gained by climbing over a transom. One man was inside, engaged in handling the stock to his companion outside who carried it to the truck.

ARMIES OF KOLCHAK BEATEN, REDS ASSERT

40,000 Prisoners, 100 Guns Captured by Soviet Troops, Says Report

Copenhagen, June 5.—(By A. P.)—The Swedish Socialist newspaper Folkets Dagblad, which is said to be in close communication with the Russian Bolshevik government, has received a telegram from Petrograd reporting that the forces of Admiral Kolchak, of the Omsk government, have been defeated in the south and center, while the northern front is shaking. The Soviet troops are said to have captured 40,000 prisoners, 100 guns and much war material.

AH! CAN THIS BE PARADISE?

It's Cooler and Smiling Weatherman Promises Fairer Elements Cooler! Yes, by more than a jug full. A liberal breeze combined with a relaxing sun did the trick and kept the mercury many degrees below yesterday's mark all day.

At 3 o'clock today the temperature was 84 degrees, as compared with 91 at the same hour yesterday. Of course, there are still many more hours left, but the weatherman believes that today will not become famous for hot spots.

Incidentally fair weather is promised—but no one seemed to care, as few knew that any was hanging around. Rumors are circulated at Ninth and Chestnut streets that the mercury will not reach yesterday's high peak today; at least, not this afternoon.

Incidentally fair weather is promised—but in fact, almost guaranteed by the weatherman—for tonight.

Today's Temperature Compared With Yesterday

Table with 3 columns: Yesterday, Hour, Today. Rows for 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

TAFT AND DAUGHTER AT BRYN MAWR



Former President William Howard Taft delivered the commencement address at Bryn Mawr College today, his daughter, Miss Helen H. Taft, will be acting president of Bryn Mawr during the absence of Dr. M. Carey Thomas

ENEMY WILL SIGN TREATY, SAYS TAFT

Ex-President Tells Bryn Mawr Girls He Expects U. S. to Approve League

FAVORS SUFFRAGE BILL

"I do not doubt that the great majority of people of the United States and the needed majority of the senators of the United States will approve the league of nations."

Former President Taft in making this statement today in his address to the graduates at Bryn Mawr College, emphasized the need of making the world safe against future wars.

Earlier in the day Mr. Taft in an interview declared that in all probability the Germans would sign the treaty of peace, but pointed out that he would not be surprised if Allies were compelled to use force in making the Germans carry out certain provisions of the pact.

"As to the protest of Senator Lodge concerning the text of the treaty," and here the former President smiled broadly. "I doubt if any senator would read the entire 80,000 words of the text if he had them. No, I haven't seen the treaty, but I read about 10,000 words of it in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER."

When asked if he thought Germany should be admitted to the league of nations immediately, Mr. Taft shook his head. "I would hesitate," he said, "to admit Germany till such time as she is a little more repentant."

Says Daughter Will Make Good Sitting in the living room of his daughter's home in Bryn Mawr, the former President commented on the recent appointment of Miss Helen H. Taft as acting president of Bryn Mawr College during the next year.

WOULD CURB PACKERS

Colver Says Meat Trust is Getting Control of Other Foods Cincinnati, June 5.—William B. Colver, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, in speaking before the National Wholesale Grocers' Association convention here today, advocated that great meat packers of the country be limited to meat packing and to the manufacture of packing house by-products.

"The commission has found that a meat trust exists," said Mr. Colver. "But it has found more than that. It finds that these great concerns are rapidly extending their dominion and control over the whole food supply of the nation, and I believe it is only a matter of time, unless present tendencies are stopped, when these five concerns, or perhaps one or two of them which may, openly or secretly, absorb the others, will absolutely dictate to the people of this country, what they shall eat and what they shall pay for what they eat."

PARK COMMISSION SAFE

Attorney General Won't Send 'Em to Jail

PROBE OF "LEAK" OF TREATY URGED BY WHITE HOUSE

Hitchcock Resolution Followed Conference Between Nebraskan and Tumulty

HOT TALK ON THE FLOOR

Ex-Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee Denounces Charge Against President

By the Associated Press Washington, June 5.—The leak in diplomatic channels, through which it has been charged, copies of the unpublished peace treaty with Germany reached certain interests in New York, brought about another stormy debate today in the Senate.

Today it was stated authoritatively, prior to the assembling of the Senate, that Senator Hitchcock introduced his resolution providing for an investigation of the alleged "leak," at a request from the White House, after a conference with Secretary Tumulty.

President Wilson is being advised of the situation in the Senate, but so far as has been made known, he has not indicated whether he would authorize the State Department to furnish the treaty text in the Senate in the event of the passage of Senator Johnson's resolution calling for its production.

Calls Charge "Monstrous" Hitchcock, in calling up his resolution for a Senate investigation of all facts in the case, declared the statements of Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Borah, of Idaho, Republican members of the committee, regarding the presence of copies in New York, constituted a "monstrous charge."

If this charge had been made in the charges of the public, he said, and not merely in order to attack the treaty, the senators making it would have demanded senatorial investigation. The speech drew replies from both Mr. Lodge and Mr. Borah.

"I presume," said Mr. Hitchcock, "that there will be no substantial objection to this proposal. It is a matter of the most tremendous urgency that investigation should be had of charges made upon the responsibility of two senators that copies of the treaty have fallen into the hands of New York interests, while being withheld from the Senate of the United States."

The request for this investigation should have been made by the senators who lugged in the Senate this serious charge. They do not appear to realize the embarrassing position in which they placed themselves by not asking an investigation."

Attack On Treaty A declaration by the Nebraska senator that Senators Lodge and Borah had "insinuated broadly that the President permitted copies to go to business concerns in New York city," brought Mr. Lodge at once to his feet.

"I said nothing whatever about financial interests," asserted the Massachusetts senator.

"It is possible," replied Mr. Hitchcock, "that there may be some difference between the positions of the two senators in that respect. They concerned, however, in their attack."

"This charge involves an attack on the President of the United States of the most scandalous nature. It appears to be a new chapter in the attack on the treaty itself. It is a monstrous charge. Men who make such a charge owe it to the public to demand investigation and they would have demanded investigation if they had been making it in the public interest and not for the purpose of attacking the treaty."

Senator Hitchcock declared that if New York interests had treaty copies, they "apparently are in closer communication with enemies of the treaty than with friends of the treaty."

"Held Stolen Goods," Says Hitchcock "If he held the treaty in his hands," shouted Senator Hitchcock, referring to Senator Lodge's statement as made in the Senate, "he held stolen goods; goods probably secured by bribery; goods which the American representatives in Paris promised not to make public. It is a strong statement for a senator of the United States to make—that the

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Foch Gives Aid to Rhine Republic, Say Germans

"Teuton Government Will Never Have Anything to Do With Left Bank of River," He Is Quoted

By the Associated Press Mannheim, June 5.—When the project of the Rhine republic was first broached, Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies, was approached through occupation officers, and asked whether the Rhinelanders could work for a republic without the risk of being disciplined by Germany, according to the Neue Baden Landzeitung. The newspaper states that Marshal Foch and Premier Clemenceau of France conferred on the subject and sent a reply to the Rhinelanders that "The German Government would never again have anything to do with the left bank of the Rhine, and hence the propaganda against the Rhine republic and threatening leaders of any such movements with expulsion, is published in the Frankfort Gazette."

Berlin, June 5.—(By A. P.)—A proclamation by General Mangin, commander of the French army of occupation at Metz, forbidding strikes against the Rhine republic and threatening leaders of any such movements with expulsion, is published in the Frankfort Gazette.

"The Rhinelanders have been discussing the interests of their fatherland for the last six months without disturbing public order," the proclamation says, "but now the German Government threatens them with imprisonment. They have created a republic within the

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PENROSE IS SILENT ON CHARTER REPORT

Senator Penrose declined comment when he was told in Washington this afternoon of the report that Governor Sproul would not fight the Woodward Charter bills in their present form. "I will be in Philadelphia Saturday," the senator said. "I'll have something to say then. Meanwhile, see John C. Winston."

12,000 TROOPS LEAVE BREST ON LEVIATHAN

BREST, June 5.—The American transport Leviathan sailed from Brest today with 12,000 troops, including officers and men of the sixth division, Brigadier General James W. McAndrew and Brigadier General W. R. Dashiell.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

First Belmont race, 4 1-2 furlongs—Betandina, 113, Walls, 1 to 2, out, out, won; Balloting, 112, Metcalf, 12 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Dame, 107, Kelsey, 6 to 1, 8 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:04 1-5.

AUTO BANDITS ROB AND BEAT MAJOR

Army Officer Lured Into Machine and Blackjacked—\$200 Is Taken by Three Men

LEFT UNCONSCIOUS IN CAR

Three motor bandits lured Major H. H. McBride, of the United States Medical Corps, into an automobile, and after beating him with black jacks, robbed him of \$200 and jewelry. Major McBride was left unconscious in the automobile near Broad and Toga streets last night. He lives at 2411 Spruce street.

He was found unconscious this morning in the abandoned automobile by Patrolmen Gross and Stamp, of the Park and Lehigh avenue station. They saw the car standing near the curb and found Major McBride covered with blood.

Major McBride was removed quickly to the Samaritan Hospital, while the police scoured the neighborhood for his assailants.

They found Gustave Cusano, Eighth and Catharine streets, who, it is said, drove the car, and arrested him.

Through information given by Cusano, it is said, John Curran and John Dougherty who gave their addresses as Sixteenth and Porter streets, were arrested.

Cusano said he did not know the men and picked them and Major McBride up in a small hotel at Broad and Locust streets. The third man who was with them escaped.

All the prisoners were held without bail for court by Magistrate Carson. Major McBride recovered sufficiently today to attend the hearing. He was still in a somewhat dazed condition as a result of his injuries.

VICTIMS BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS IN MINE TUNNEL

Violation of Law by Carrying Powder on Train With Men Is Cause

BROKEN TROLLEY WIRE IGNITES POWDER KEGS

Fire and Smoke Increase Havoc and Many Bodies Brought Out in Flames

FEW ARE RECOGNIZABLE

Dead Cover Colliery Lawn as Frantic Relatives Search for Loved Ones

Toll of Mine Disasters in Ten Years 30,000 Men

Statistics show that more than 30,000 men have lost their lives in mining disasters throughout the world in the last ten years, and many thousands more have been injured. Among the most serious disasters of this nature in Pennsylvania have been the following:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Dead. Rows for 1880-Brannell (30), 1881-Youngwood (186), 1902-Johnstown (113), 1904-Harwick (189), 1904-Cheswick (182), 1907-Monongah (380), 1907-Jacobs Creek (230), 1908-Mariann (154), 1911-Seranton (200), 1912-Finleyville (200), 1913-Wilkes-Barre (78)

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 5.—Seventy-eight men were killed and at least forty others were injured early today when blasting powder being taken into Baltimore mine No. 2 of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, near here, on the same train carrying miners to their work exploded in the tunnel.

With one exception, the disaster is the worst that has ever occurred in this vicinity.

Forty-one bodies of the victims had been identified this afternoon. The company's list of the injured was not complete, but officials were certain there were two score men hurt by the explosion or burned by the flames that followed.

Carelessness and violation of mine laws of the state, it is believed, caused the disaster. One of the most drastic provisions of the anthracite mine code is the section forbidding the transportation of men on a car or train which carries explosives. Investigation will disclose whether the men or the company is responsible for violation of the law.

Men Paralyzed With Terror

The miners were riding to the scene of their labors crowded into mine cars drawn by a motor. The rear car carried twelve kegs of powder. The mine is modern and equipped electrically. The trolley wire snapped when the train had gone about 200 feet from the entrance. The wire spluttered and sizzled and the sparks it emitted touched off the powder. The terrified men were paralyzed by realization of their danger.

There was a roar and in an instant every man and boy on the train was either dead or dying. Terribly mangled bodies were hurled in every direction. Rescue crews instantly rushed into the mine. Fire fighters, working frantically, succeeded in an incredibly short time in subduing the flames which followed the blast.

Then came the gruesome work of taking out the dead and injured. Those who had not already succumbed were so badly burned that in nearly every case death seemed a matter of only a short time.

Employees of the company said after the disaster that there is an intake of 186,000 cubic air per minute in the tunnel. When the powder ignited the intake picked up the flames, carried them over the heads of the men, burning their clothes from their bodies and searing their flesh. Along the sides of the tunnel run small streams, and into these some of the men fell. It was also said that there were more than 100 men on the train and that others walked alongside. Those who walked fell into the creeks, and by rolling over and over in the water managed to save their lives. These men say that the

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