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'SATISFIED,' BOTH SIDES SAY AS STEEL STRIKE BEGINS; JUDGES COMMAND OPENING OF THREE BALLOT BOXES

COURT CENSURES 1ST WARD BOARDS FOR NEGLIGENCE

Counsel for Patterson Succeeds in Having Recount in One Division

THREE PRECINCTS FAIL TO MAKE ANY RETURNS

Hazlett Loses Twenty Votes by Recount in Vane Stronghold

Three ballot-boxes were today ordered opened by Judges Audenried and Henderson, who are taking the official count of primary votes in Council's finance committee room, City Hall.

All three boxes—two from divisions in the First ward, a Vane stronghold, the three divisions are the thirteenth, fourteenth and twenty-first.

In one instance—that of the twenty-first division—the box was ordered opened after John R. K. Scott, representing Judge Patterson, had presented a petition signed by three voters, as the new law requires, demanding that the box be opened.

In the cases of the thirteenth and fourteenth divisions the order was made by Judge Audenried. In the thirteenth it was because of charges of irregularity made by a Moore watcher; in the fourteenth because no returns had been made of non-partisan voting.

Three Divisions' Returns Missing

One of the sensational developments of the day was the revelation that no returns whatever had been made from three divisions. These were the third of the Eighth ward, the thirtieth of the Fifteenth ward and the twentieth of the Eighteenth ward.

The first ballot-box ordered opened by Judge Patterson was that of the twenty-first division of the First ward.

The testimony in this case was full of surprises. It was here that forty-seven ballots were returned as spoiled, and Saturday Judge Audenried ordered the election officers of the division to appear today and explain how this happened.

Charles Clark, sixty-one years old, and employed as a night watchman, was the election judge.

"Who spoiled these ballots?" demanded Judge Audenried.

"The voters," snapped Scott.

"It is most unusual, most remarkable," commented Judge Audenried, "that so many ballots should have been spoiled."

Vane Leader Switches

Clark explained that a voter would spoil a ballot, return it and ask for a fresh one. It developed that Tom O'Connor, Vane leader in the division—which normally turns out strongly for Vane—had switched for Moore.

Mr. Scott cross-questioned the judge of elections.

"Isn't it true," demanded Mr. Scott, "that every one of the election officers was a Moore man?"

"I was the only one that voted for Judge Patterson," answered the gray haired election judge.

Pad of Unmarked Ballots Used for Writing Paper

Joseph Delara, election judge in the thirteenth division of the First ward, told Judge Audenried that he had left all but one of the unused ballot pads in the voting place last Tuesday.

"I took that one home to use the back of the sheets for writing paper," explained Delara.

"Well, thrift in these days is highly commendable," remarked Judge Audenried dryly, as he sent the election officer out to try to recover the rest of the ballots.

STATSBURY AUTO IN CRASH; 5 HURT

Four Philadelphians Among Victims of Collision Near Sea Isle City

Oliver Eaton Cromwell, stepson of E. T. Stotsbury, was driving the financier's automobile when it figured in a smashup in which five persons were injured at Ocean View, N. J., last night, according to dispatches received from the seashore today.

The injured persons are: William Hepburn, 5501 Baltimore avenue, omission of the brain.

Mrs. William Hepburn, 5501 Baltimore avenue, omission of the brain.

June Hepburn, five months old, 5501 Baltimore avenue, concussion of the brain.

William Hepburn, Jr., seven years old, 5501 Baltimore avenue, head injured.

Mrs. Anna Armstrong, New York avenue, Atlantic City, driver of one car, cut about head and probably internal injuries.

Mr. Stotsbury professed ignorance of the accident today.

"I don't know anything about it," he said.

Mr. Stotsbury was called from an important conference and other than denying knowledge of the affair said he was too busy to discuss it. He did not say whether or not he had been to the seashore yesterday.

Mr. Cromwell could not be located in the city today.

Cape May county authorities have ordered an investigation to fix the responsibility for the accident. There were no witnesses, apparently, the cars coming together on a comparatively lonely stretch of road.

After the accident the injured persons were taken to Sea Isle City, where they were attended by the Pusey & Jones shipyard in Gloucester until the shipworkers had reported for work.

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Legal Actions

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SUSPEND ZONING AT ONCE, CAMDEN COUNCIL URGES

Will Carry Plea to Utilities Commission Hearing in Trenton Tomorrow

FRESH ATTACKS ON CARS DEVELOP IN FARE FIGHT

Tracks Torn Up and Feed Wires Burned Near Haddon Heights

Immediate suspension of the fare zone system in New Jersey is advocated by Camden City Council, and it will urge the Public Utilities Commission to take such a step tomorrow at a public hearing in Trenton.

This action by Council and renewal of the attacks on cars of the Public Service Railway were the important developments today in the fare zone controversy in Camden.

Following instructions from Council today, City Solicitor E. D. C. Bleakley wired Thomas McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation, requesting him to be present at a hearing before the Public Service Commission in Trenton at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. McCarter was requested to bring data showing receipts of the company in Camden and vicinity for the last ten days, then retrace his steps in the city.

Mr. Bleakley, Mayor Ellis and members of the Camden Council, as well as many witnesses, will attend the meeting.

Cars Attacked in Suburbs

Announcement of Council's decision to order suspension of the zone system led to a rash of attacks on cars in the suburbs.

Members of car crews said that cars were attacked at Summerdale, near Haddon Heights, by hoodlums. The hoodlums said many feet of track were torn up near that point and feed wires burned.

One crew reported that ties were piled up on the tracks near Haddon Heights and that one car narrowly escaped being wrecked.

Prosecutor Wolverson admitted that reports of such accidents had been received, but expressed the belief that these attacks had been made by boys and were much exaggerated.

W. B. Graham, superintendent of the Public Service Railway Company said that feed wires were down but said they were not cut accidentally. The report of attacks led to the arrest of a number of boys in Gloucester until the shipworkers had reported for work.

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SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR DUE

Tomorrow is the birthday of the autumnal equinox.

And the autumnal equinox is not an animal, but the name for the period when the center of the sun crosses the equator.

The sun crosses the equator twice a year. It has been moving south for some time now and will cut the equatorial line at exactly 9:36 a. m. tomorrow. Old man Sol will travel south for a while, then retrace his steps in time to reach the equator again sometime between the 21st and 23rd of next March. The equinox is then called the vernal equinox.

On the birthday of the equinox there is equal day and night.

According to the weatherman, the equinox has no effect on the temperature or the condition of the weather. However, it usually rains and today is the start.

MITTEN NOT GOING TO N. Y.

P. R. T. Head Denies He Is to Succeed Shonts

"Absolutely nothing to it," was Thomas E. Mitten's reply today to a rumor he would succeed Theodore P. Shonts as president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, New York City.

Mr. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, has been mentioned as a possible directing head of New York's transit lines. The report was received yesterday from the office of Mr. Shonts.

"How can I say it most emphatically," declared Mr. Mitten today when told of the reported rumor. "No, no formal offer has been made to me, and there is nothing to the report."

RUM DRINKER NOT EXPERT

Mere Acquaintance Is Insufficient Rules Judge at Whisky Hearing

Drinking whisky does not make a man an expert on whisky, he said today in a ruling laid down by Federal Judge in New York City.

The judge is trying violations of the wartime prohibition act in the United States District Court in the Federal Building. As the judge put it, "one witness who smilingly admitted a five-year's acquaintance with the taste and smell of whisky had been put upon the stand by Assistant District Attorney T. Henry Walnut as an expert on the matter."

"You haven't laid the ground for expert testimony by this witness," said the judge. "You have merely laid the ground of common knowledge, and this witness has not shown any technical knowledge."

Twenty-seven saloonkeepers who are alleged to have violated the wartime prohibition act go on trial before Judge Dickinson this afternoon.

A Love Story That Cuts to the Heart of Things

JULIA GRANT was the daughter of a commission merchant; not a rich girl, by any means; not a poor girl, just belonging to that great common average where, after all, most of the tragedy and the lift of life is to be found. Julia Grant, with eyes sweetly serious bending over the finishing touches of her dress, bumped into the arms of a young man.

She was fitted. What could the girl do? What she did do and how fast amazingly turned the tables a little later on is told in "The Testing of Julia Grant" the gripping new serial by Hazel Devo Batchelor, which begins on the second page today. If you want to stand very close to life

JOHNSON MENACE FRIGHTENS SENATE G. O. P. CHIEFTAINS

Conservatives Fear Bull Moose May Capture Presidential Nomination

MANIFESTLY A CASE OF 'TOO MUCH JOHNSON'

Bitter-Enders May Find It an Advantage to Accept Mild Reservations

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Sept. 22.—The conservative Republicans have come to see in the recent prominence of Senator Johnson the possibility of the Bull Moose element getting control or at least making a promising and dangerous fight for control of the Republican party.

The Republican managers are in haste to get the treaty out of the way and remove the menace for Johnson's further prominence. They are trying to do this if necessary without the votes of Senators Johnson and Borah, should that issue arise.

The Democratic leaders see the embarrassment Mr. Johnson is to his party, but are not sure what they ought to do in the premises. For Johnson, being a radical, might interfere with some of their plans if he grew too big. They would like time to think it over and feel sure before acting. They may now be in such a hurry as Mr. Lodge to get the treaty out of the way.

The President has been kept informed of the Johnson situation, the view given in this correspondence being suggested to the President as the likely explanation.

Senator Johnson is coming evidently because he feels that the situation is so delicate as to require his personal attention.

Sudden Revelation

What had happened—the sudden revelation of the crack that might develop in the Republican party as a result of the blind policy, blind in the conservative viewpoint at least, of giving Johnson prominence in the fight against Wilson—makes for mild reservation.

This is true because Mr. Lodge might be expected to be in the way, to quiet Johnson as much as possible. To be sure, to do so he must deal with the mildest of reservationsists of the Republican side and on the Democratic side, and probably also with Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Johnson and Borah do not go with Lodge. It will be because they want to stay with their party, to avoid all appearance of a break and to work for a radical Republicanism under the cover of perfect regularity. This motive, if it prevails, will incline them to go further than they had expected to in the direction of Mr. Chamberlain.

On the other hand the quick disposal of the treaty will diminish Johnson's importance. His position has hitherto been for delay. He may continue to fight for delay. If he does, on whom can he count?

Certainly not upon all or upon a majority of the bitter-enders. The conservatives among them have seen what they regard as the Johnson danger. They will want to get the treaty out of the way. This will make them incline toward mild reservations and they will vote to reject the treaty as they have always planned to do.

But Johnson probably can count for aid from some of his bitter-enders associates. Pointexter is an old Bull Moose, so is McMorris. Fall is an old Roosevelt man and extremely independent. Knox is a strong personal friend of Johnson's and his convictions on the treaty are strong.

"Mild" Reservations Gain

This analysis, although it leaves the individual action of the various elements doubtful, all point in one direction, toward mild reservation. How mild they will be depends upon whether Johnson thinks his greatest advantage subject open and himself prominent or subordinating himself and preserving unimpeachable regularity.

Thus the whole league issue is subordinated to presidential politics in 1920. The hatred of Wilson is more or less forgotten for the moment in the fear of Johnson.

But Johnson is just as much a question for the Democrats to solve as for the Republicans. The Democrats might embarrass Mr. Lodge now by working toward magnifying Johnson and keeping him prominent and also, perhaps, embarrass the Republican party in 1920.

But "too much Johnson" is not related by the Democrats either. The Republicans have brought on their troubles by making Johnson great. The Democrats are thinking hard, determined to profit by the example of their foe. But at the same time seeking the utmost advantage both as respects the treaty and as respects 1920 out of the Johnson situation.

The news that Senator Borah has been elected to the Senate in 1920.

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HIGH LIGHTS IN BIG STEEL STRIKE

Most of the steel mills of the nation are operating, but with what percentage of workers is indefinite. The men claim 284,000 men are out.

Pittsburgh—The United States Steel Corporation claims the local mills and those at Homestead, Braddock and Duquesne operate almost full-banded. The union says the Braddock and Homestead mills are in bad shape.

Chicago—Union claims 95 per cent at South Chicago mills have quit. Other plants affected less.

Cleveland—Several of the local plants are closed, but those at Lorain and Elyria operate.

NORTH PENN ASSETS \$769,149. LIABILITIES \$3,500,000

Assets of the North Penn Bank, which was closed July 18, today was announced as \$769,149.56 as against net liabilities of more than \$3,500,000. The assets roughly represent 46 cents on the dollar for depositors, although other claims will reduce that proportion. The announcement was made by Col. Fred T. Pusey.

DETECTIVE TRIED EXTORTION, SAYS SALOONKEEPER

George Kutra, a saloonkeeper of Second and Tasker streets, today charged that John F. Fisher, an acting City Hall detective, tried to extort \$150 from him to drop prosecution for alleged violation of the war-time prohibition law. The charge was made at the opening of the trial of saloonkeepers in the United States District Court.

GOMPERS SAYS NORMAL INDUSTRY DEPENDS ON PEACE

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22.—Samuel Gompers told the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World normal industrial conditions await agreement on definite peace terms by the leading nations. The treaty, he said, while not perfect, is the only constructive suggestion for dealing with the causes of war.

CINCINNATI GETS FIRST GAME OCT. 1

Two World's Series Tilts in Red-land and Then Three in Chicago

Four Umpires Are Named

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 22.—Cincinnati won the toss for the opening game of the world's series at a meeting of the National Baseball Commission here today and the titanic battles will begin here on Wednesday, October 1.

The baseball bosses decided that the first two games of the annual fall classic will be played here and the following three games will be played in the American League city winning the pennant of that league.

The commission avoided naming Chicago as the American League city because the White Sox have not clinched the pennant as yet. The National League flag has been clinched by the Reds. The Chicago club has to win two more games or Cleveland lose two before the Comiskey players capture the flag.

The sixth and seventh games of the series, if necessary, will be played in Cincinnati, followed by one in the American League city. The place for the ninth game, if necessary, will be decided by lot.

The umpires who will judge the plays in the series are: American League—R. F. Nallin and William J. Evans.

National League—Charles Rigler and Emmert Chigley.

Louis Comiskey, son of Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox, tossed the coin for the choice of the opening game. August Herrmann selected heads and heads came.

The business representatives selected by the commission were Leslie F. Constance, of Pittsburgh, who will represent the National League, and William H. Ridge, of Chicago, who will represent the American League.

GRAVE CROSSES STOLEN

Thieves Rob Two Marbleyards on Mt. Airy Avenue

Police of the Branchtown station report the theft of three granite crosses made for country's cemeteries.

One valued at \$10 was stolen from the stoneyard of Frank Mader, at Mt. Airy and City Line avenues, and two were taken from the yard of J. K. Smith, on Mt. Airy avenue opposite Ivy Hill Cemetery. They were valued at \$50 each.

The automobile of Charles Kraft, 3113 Rorer street, was stolen from his garage at 2838 D street. The machine was valued at \$375. An automobile valued at \$375, the property of M. J. Paschall, 1633 Columbia avenue, was stolen from in front of his home.

The automobile of William J. Peisburg, 1829 Diamond street, valued at \$350, was stolen from Thirty-ninth and Chestnut streets.

VIOLENCE OCCURS AS STATE POLICE DISPERSE MEETING

Heads Are Cracked and 20 Men Arrested in Clairton Riot. No Clashes Elsewhere

284,000 OUT, UNION CLAIMS; MILLS RUN, SAYS COMPANY

Many Plants Able to Operate, but Percentage of Workers Is Disputed

The preliminary skirmish in the steel strike, which began today and affects a half-million wage-earners, produced the usual conflicting claims by both sides.

In the strategic centers of the struggle, the Chicago and Pittsburgh districts, many thousands of workers obeyed the strike order, but reports showed comparatively few plants had closed. At a large number of the outlying districts, officials of smaller plants reported they were operating as usual.

Heads were clubbed and twenty arrests made today when state police dispersed a strike meeting at Clairton, where there were riots yesterday.

Secretary Foster, of the Steel Workers' Union, issued a statement expressing satisfaction and claiming reports from outside the Pittsburgh district showed the shutdown was genuine. He said 284,000 men were out.

Announcement was made by representatives of the 35,000 employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company that these men would not join the strike, pending an attempt to obtain a conference with the company officials.

Some blast furnaces in the Pittsburgh district were banked, but the majority of the plants were in operation, although admittedly with forces reduced from 15 to 66 per cent.

In the Chicago district, including Gary and Hammond, where 90,000 steel workers are employed, similar conditions were reported.

At Cleveland the union leaders said 15,000 men were out, and that sixteen mills of the American Steel and Wire Company, employing 9000 men, were closed down. At Ohio's second greatest steel center, Youngstown, the strike leaders said the great majority had struck.

It was asserted all three plants of the Carnegie Steel Company at Steubenville had been forced to suspend.

At the less important points in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including Portsmouth, Warren, Canton, Toledo, Columbus, Lorain, Pottsville, Reading and Harrisburg, plant officials announced operations in full swing. One exception was Johnstown, Pa., where 12,000 men were reported to have struck.

Outside the great pivotal states of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, conditions were reported nearly normal with a few important exceptions.

The Midvale and Peneoyd plants, in Philadelphia, report operations normal, with no reduction of forces because of the strike.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 22 (By A. P.)—"We had a very good shape at most of our plants in and about Pittsburgh this morning," said a representative of the Carnegie Steel Company, when asked for a statement on the effect of the steel workers' strike, which went into effect today.

"We are agreeably surprised at the showing made," was the announcement by William Z. Foster, secretary of the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers, who is in charge of the Pittsburgh district.

Heads Cracked at Clairton

Several men were clubbed on their heads and twenty arrests were made today in the borough of Clairton, when the Pennsylvania state police had another brush with crowds that refused to disperse. Several shots were fired by each side, according to Clairton police headquarters.

According to the police, crowds persisted in gathering on Second street during the morning, and were broken up. Finally a large crowd resisted the efforts of the state and local police to disperse, and many missiles were thrown at the police. The state troopers charged the crowd and wielded their clubs vigorously, with the result that about a dozen were injured. Someone in the crowd fired shots and the police returned the fire, shooting in the air. No one was hit. The rioters were dispersed.

RESCUE WRECKED SURVIVORS

Tampa, Sept. 22.—Eleven survivors of the lost steanship Bayrout and one survivor of the American steamship Lake Winona were landed here Sunday by a fishing smack. With nineteen of the crew of the Bayrout landed at Charleston, S. C., on September 16 and 18, others landed at Havana the same day, this accounts for her full complement. The men were picked up in open boats on September 17, sixty miles off Edmont Light. The lone survivor of the Lake Winona, a Porto Rican negro, was found in a boat full of water, eating crabs and sea grass. He had been without other food and drink for seven days and nights.

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