

CHICAGO PACKERS KEEP PLANTS GOING

Union Workmen in "Big Five" Houses Apparently Ignoring Strike Order

QUIT IN SMALLER CITIES

By the Associated Press
Chicago, Dec. 5.—The ranks of packing-house workers in several live stock centers outside of Chicago were reported depleted today, while all except a few independent plants in Chicago were reported to be operating on a nearly normal basis in the first day of the strike called by the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen's Union. Cornelius J. Hayes, president of the union, said advices from a half dozen cities reported that the union men walked out 100 per cent. In the Chicago plants of the "big five" packers, company officers announced that from 90 to 95 per cent of their forces reported for work today, and that they were experiencing no difficulty in operating. From St. Joseph, Mo.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Albert Lea, Minn.; Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita, Kan., reports said the union walked out virtually 100 per cent. Mr. Hayes declared. At St. Joseph, President Hayes said, 1,500 men were out and at Albert Lea the entire force of 300 men at a smaller plant had quit work. Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Milwaukee reported that packing officers said their plants were unaffected, while from Fort Worth came the announcement from officers of Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. that but 200 men had left work in those two plants. All five of the larger packers in Chicago—Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Morris and Wilson—reported virtually full forces at work, with many unemployed laborers lined up waiting for jobs. Union officials had no announcement to make on the Chicago situation, except that the union men had walked out, and that several small plants were tied up.

Of the nineteen independent plants in the city, however, a number were said to be unaffected because they had not reduced wages. Company spokesmen were optimistic from the number of employees who came to work on the first day of the strike, but union leaders said the strike would spread, and that another day would see still larger defections.

Congress May Enter Administration Fold

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gress have because the Republicans have too large a majority, because the Republicans are split by the agricultural bloc, and because the President is a gracious gentleman who does not like to exert authority harshly. But Congress will do it. You hear gloomy remarks about Congress as it comes back. You always do. A returning Congress always fills Washington with dark and unhappy thoughts. It is one of the conventions of our political life that Congress should make us sad and pessimistic. "If," say all of the wisest observers, "the election had been held last fall, the Republicans would have lost the lower house and more than half their margin in the Senate." "If Congress goes on this year as it did last, the country will go Democratic in the fall." This is taking Congress too seriously. The country has got out of the habit of voting for Congress. It grumbles about Congress as it grumbles about the weather, but it no more thinks Congress can be improved than it thinks the weather can be improved. It votes for or against the National Administration when it elects Congress.

Can't Blunder Enough
One cannot see how the present session of Congress can blunder so much that a Republican majority will not be returned on the strength of the President's popularity. Count against Democratic prospects the public approval of naval reductions and a naval holiday sure to be obtained at the present Conference. Mr. Harding's personal grace and charm, which endears him to the country, and the strength of Mr. Harding's Cabinet. Count also that you cannot beat some party with no party any more than you beat somebody with nobody, and the

CHAOS IN VENEZUELA

Illness of Dictator Gomez Causes Serious Conditions
Willemstad, B. W. I., Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Chaotic conditions in Venezuela as a result of the serious illness of General Juan Vicente Gomez, who for many years has been that country's virtual dictator, were reported in dispatches reaching here today. Fears that anarchy was likely to result in the event of his death were expressed in the dispatches.

SESSION MAY LAST UNTIL NEXT SUMMER

Washington, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—The Sixty-seventh Congress convened at noon today for its first regular session. Ten days only had elapsed since the adjournment of the extra session and it generally was predicted that the session convening today would not end until well into next summer. The inaugural sittings of both houses were confined to the usual routine, awaiting the communication of the President's address. This was planned for tomorrow at a joint session. Sixty of the ninety-six Senators answered the roll call when Vice President Coolidge sounded the opening gavel in the Senate. The number of spectators was unusually small, there being many banks of vacant seats. The Senate was in session only nine minutes, taking a recess until 3 o'clock to enable committees to notify the President of the assembling of Congress. Senator Lodge, Republican leader, and Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, assistant Democratic leader, acting in the absence of Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who was called home by the death of his mother, composed the committee. Receipt of the annual budget was the principal business of the House today. Its opening session was marked by the customary call of the roll by States instead of alphabetically. The tariff revision and the allied debt funding bills were the major features of legislation on the program of the new session. Senator Penrose gave notice that he planned to call up the allied debt bill tomorrow. The Finance Committee, of which he is chairman, is to meet tomorrow to substitute for the Senate committee bill the measure presented last summer by the House, providing for an allied debt settlement commission. Leaders said they planned to bring out the tariff bill in about three weeks, or at least after the holiday season.

DELAWARE SENATORS SPLIT

Ball and du Pont Can't Agree on Revenue Collector
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—Delaware Republicans from one end of the State to the other are wrought up over what has developed into a deadlock between United States Senators L. Heisler Ball and T. Coleman du Pont, both Republicans, over the post of Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Delaware. Ball is backing Thomas E. Peeney, of Wilmington, now his political secretary, for the job, but is unable to secure the indorsement of du Pont. The party is split over Peeney, and du Pont's friends don't seem to want him. Some weeks ago business men of Wilmington proposed S. D. Townsend, an officer of the Wilmington Trust Company, for Collector, and Mr. Townsend was willing, but Ball declined to withdraw Peeney and Townsend dropped out. There is some hope that in picking a Postmaster for Wilmington to succeed James J. English, Democrat, it may be possible to so shift the cards as to make a satisfactory disposition of the collectorship as well. Meanwhile, Harry T. Graham, Democrat, continues to serve as Internal Revenue Collector.

ARREST BOGUS DRY AGENTS


Futile Attempt Made to Mulct Shenandoah Saloonkeepers
Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 5.—Robert P. Blewitt, of Scranton; Thomas Donahue and William McHale, of Shenandoah, and a month man, who escaped, were arrested today charged with impersonating revenue officers and holding up saloonkeepers. It is alleged the men visited several saloons and demanded \$500, after taking samples of beer and other liquors. When the saloonmen refused to hand over the money the men went behind the bar and took considerably more from the cash registers, besides helping themselves to cigars and cigarettes. They were held pending action of Federal authorities.

LEN SMALL FIGHTS TRIAL

Illinois Governor and Associate Ask Quashing of Indictments
Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Governor Len Small and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker, today opened their fight against trial under the conspiracy, embezzlement and confidence game indictments returned at Springfield by the Sangamon County Grand Jury last July. Appearing in the court of Judge Claire C. Edwards, they asked that the indictments be quashed as illegal and insufficient.

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