CLOUDS ARE DEFIED BY FLOWER MARKET

Rittenhouse Square Puts on Gala Garb by Its Annual Display

CROWDS ON HAND EARLY

Although dark clouds shadowed the sky, Rittenhouse Square, where the Annual Charity Flower Show is being held, was a bower of gay flowers and laughing maidens, all lovely to behold, today.

There are approximately a dozen booths, each vying with the other in beauty and splendor. Vivid red striped awning tops against the green of the trees, pots of bright pink geraniums, bunches of velvety sweet peas, thick stalks of asparagus, everything from the common garden variety of vegetables to the hot house display of flowers made up the display.

The Flower Market did not open officially until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but long before noon found a busy throng admiring and purchasing. A section of the square has been laid out with tables and chairs for the cafeteria. The helpers here are dressed in white, with streamers of blue ribbons flapping as the wind caught them. Elizabeth and Frances Ross, Pauline Rollins and Mrs. George McIver, who was formerly Jane Moore, were on the Luncheon Committee.

Wear Special Gowns

A booth which offered a choice selection of flowers was supervised by Mrs. Sydney Martin and Mrs. Allen Butler, and all of those who belonged to this particular booth wore green and white checkered garden aprons over white dresses; large green straw hats, with a band of the checkered green and white around the crown. White shoes and green stockings completed an effective costume. Mrs. Howard Wood and Miss Esther Lloyd also are helpers of this green and white booth.

Then there is a candy booth, vegetables for sale, even eggs and butter and milk and cream at the dairy booth. The booth which displays the things made by disabled soldiers holds an audience of admiring children, who long for the saucy wooden ducks painted in bright colors, and the hoops and jumping ropes which have been hand-painted.

Her white frock protected by an apron of flowered cretonne, Mrs. Hazelton Merkle, Jr., was flitting about with a garden basket of pink and lavender sweet peas, which she had to replenish frequently.

Those in Charge of Booths

The booths and those in charge follow:

CUT FLOWERS

Booth 1—Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxe, chairman; Mrs. Theodore W. Cramp, Mrs. Joseph Leidy.

Booth 2—Mrs. Sidney W. Keith, chairman; Mrs. John W. Pepper.

FARM BOOTH

Booth 3—Mrs. Howard Wood, Jr., chairman; Miss Esther Lloyd.

VEGETABLES

Booth 4—Mrs. John P. Hollingsworth, chairman.

CANDY

Booth 5—Mrs. William D. Grange, chairman; Mrs. Clarence S. Tyson, Mrs. William Coleman Freeman.

Booth 6—The Garden Club of Philadelphia, Mrs. Charles E. Coxe, chairman; Mrs. Robert Glendenning, Mrs. Marshall Morgan.

PLANTS, FLOWERS AND HONEY

Booth 7—Society of Little Gardens, Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, chairman.

PAINTED BASKETS, SEEDLINGS

Booth 8—The Gardeners, Mrs. C. Howard Clark, chairman; Mrs. Casper W. Hacker.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Booth 9—The New Garden Club, Mrs. Frank Graham Thomson, chairman; Mrs. Walter Thomson.

NOVELTIES, POTTED PLANTS, FLOWERS

Booth 10—The Weeders, Mrs. I. Casper Wister, chairman; Mrs. O. H. Perry Pepper.

BUTTER AND EGGS

Booth 11—Mrs. Henry Pepper Vaux, chairman.

ARTICLES MADE BY INJURED MEN

Booth 12—Women's Overseas Service League, Mrs. D. Braden Kyle, chairman.

HERBS, SPROUTS, FLOWERS, TOMATO PLANTS

Booth 13—Miss Helen Dougherty, chairman.

ICE CREAM CONES, CAKES, BANANAS

Lemonade Booth—Mrs. Samuel J. Henderson, chairman.

Restaurant—Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts, chairman.

Fortune teller—Mrs. Walter W. Hopkinson, chairman.

Punch and Judy—Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton, chairman.

25 BALLOT BOXES MISSING

Five Pittsburgh Districts Among Those Failing to Report

Pittsburgh, May 19.—Examination yesterday of the election returns in the Courthouse, which were locked up with the close of business Wednesday, disclosed that the twenty-five missing election districts of Allegheny County included five in the city, sixteen in the townships and four in the boroughs. Every possible effort was being made yesterday to have the returns reported.

Less than half the qualified Republican voters of this county cast ballots in Tuesday's primary, reports showed.

Public improvement bond issues in Allegheny County boroughs met with success. In five boroughs, Bridgeville, Heidelberg, Verona, Greentree and Reserve, the voters passed bond issues totaling $456,000 for schools, sewers, streets and roads.

REFER SHIP BILL TO HUGHES

Marine Committees Want to Know if Measure Violates Treaties

Washington, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Opinion of the State Department as to whether any provisions of the Administration ship subsidy bill would violate existing commercial treaties will be sought by the Senate Commerce and House Merchant Marine Committees, which met today to conclude joint hearings on the measure.

Declaring that four sections of the bill were in the doubtful class, Senator Fletcher, of Florida, contended it would be a mistake for Congress to act on it without first ascertaining the views of Secretary Hughes. The committees decided to ask the department to forward an opinion to them.

FOCHT'S SEAT IN DOUBT

Both Candidates Still Claiming Congress Nomination

Harrisburg, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Outcome of the contest between Representative B. K. Focht and Edward M. Beers for the Republican congressional nomination in the Eighteenth District remained in doubt as the official count began today. Both candidates claim the nomination.

Both based their claims on Focht majorities in Fulton, Franklin, Juniata and Perry Counties and Beers' majorities in Huntingdon, Snyder, Mifflin and Union Counties, the differences in claims resting on different to-

DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC POWER URGED BY HOOVER

Transmission Over Radius of 1000 Miles Near, He Tells Experts

Washington, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Electrical transmission of power will yet be developed to a thousand-mile radius, Secretary Hoover declared today in an address made from Washington over a long-distance telephone to a convention of the National Electric Light Association, meeting in Atlantic City.

"The time is ripe," he said, "for a great national program of super-power development. The stretch of economic transmission distances has brought power development from the mouth of our coal mines and upon our streams to within the economic reach of our industrial centers and our farms."

Mr. Hoover regretted his inability to appear in person before the convention, but added that "in securing successful outcome to the negotiations to curb rising prices of coal I hope I have performed a service to the electric light industry of much more practical purpose than a speech."

Allies Still Hope U. S. Will Accept

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weaken the Soviet Government with its own people. And apparently the policy of Mr. Hughes is to weaken the Soviet Government with its own people.

Mr. Hughes is borrowing a leaf from Wilson's diplomacy during the war. Mr. Wilson, it will be remembered, aimed to talk to the people of Germany and Austria over the heads of their rulers. Mr. Hughes is aiming to talk to the people of Russia over the heads of their Government.

The failure of Genoa has created a new situation. There is little doubt that if Lloyd George had succeeded in his conference and brought about the recognition of Russia, this country would have followed suit. But this country wrecked Mr. Lloyd George's conference by remaining away from it and by thus strengthening the French in their resistance to the British. Lloyd George himself is in danger of falling at home.

Instead of the nations getting together upon a policy of recognizing Russia, the chances favor now their agreement upon a policy of not recognizing Russia. The British have already pledged themselves to make no separate agreements with the Soviets.

Might Weaken Soviet

A united policy on the part of this country and Europe not to recognize Russia would perhaps have the effect of weakening the Soviet Government at home or of forcing it to modify its attitude upon property, at least the property of foreigners in Russia.

The State Department appears to be moving toward a united policy upon Russia not to recognize it. As nearly as can be learned here the State Department does not wish to negotiate the recognition of Russia, which is what Clause 1, quoted above, seems to call for, but to put that topic entirely out of consideration and investigate the conditions which make recognition impossible.

It may very well be that the Russians, who have accepted The Hague proposals, will decline a mere investigation by experts which they would declare to have for its purpose nothing but anti-Soviet propaganda.

So thus in spite of reports from Genoa, any agreement which will include the United States in The Hague meeting seems unlikely.

The misinformation of the powers at Genoa regarding this country's attitude toward The Hague proposal is curious. When the invitation was received I said in this correspondence that it would hardly have been sent except in the belief that the United States would accept it and that Mr. Child must have been responsible for that belief. It has since transpired that Mr. Child did lead the powers to believe that their invitation would be accepted.

One hears much quietly said here about "the bull" Mr. Child made. But no explanation is available as to how he came to make it.

Stock Plunge Proof Torn Up by Clerk

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I want to know," insisted Mr. Loeb.

Humphries, who had proved to be a rather canny witness, looked at his attorney and said: "Must I tell about our customers' accounts?"

"I advise you not to answer," said Mr. Gibbons.

"Do you fear that your answer may incriminate you?" asked Mr. Loeb.

"No, I don't."

"He doesn't have to answer," called Mr. Gibbons. "I advise him not to."

Loeb then said to the referee:

"This constant interference on the part of Mr. Gibbons is becoming disorderly, and if he continues I am going to ask that he be ordered to leave the room."

"There is no question that the witness is entitled to counsel," the referee said. "If the question put to him is not incriminating he must realize that he is taking a chance in being in contempt of court by not answering."

Admits Destroying Cards

The referee then took the witness in hand and finally got him to admit that in the event of a customer failing to make good when called up for a margin the usual procedure was to close out the account.

Mr. Loeb, by dint of close questioning, made Humphries admit that he did handle the margin account of Colonel Hughes, and that he had destroyed the cards on his own volition. He reluctantly admitted that he still had possession of the cards of other customers.

"You are attempting to run us through the newspapers," Gibbons said to Mr. Loeb. "That information was contained in a letter to me."

"All the publicity you got you have earned," retorted Mr. Loeb. "I assure you that as far as the receivers are concerned the hearings before the referee will be orderly."

Then there was some talk about a settlement to be forced on Bell & Co.

"You don't think we are going to make a settlement upon some supposed claim on the threat that you will ruin us in the newspapers?" Mr. Gibbons said. "If we did not owe anything you would harass us anyhow. I don't intend to be browbeaten. You tried to force us to come to New York. You could not do it. It was only a shakedown."

Then the hearing ended.

METEOR AT VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge, Pa., May 19.—A meteor has been found here by Morris A. Barr. It struck in the bed of a small brook that runs about twenty feet from his residence. The object is eighteen inches in diameter, weighs about 120 pounds and is five inches thick.

May Day at College

The annual May Day festival of the Carson College for Orphan Girls, at Flourtown, was held on the campus of the institution at 3 o'clock.

A feature was the presentation of old English folk dances.

FLOWER MARKET AGLOW WITH SPRING POSIES

The Rittenhouse Flower Market opened today with the booths presenting an appearance even more beautiful than at former displays. Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, Jr., her arms filled with flowers, was much in evidence at the booths

75,000 Boys Join in Athletic Carnival

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Park were thrown open free this afternoon to all boys and girls. Car tickets for 6000 boys were provided by a member of the Rotary Club—enough to pay the fares of 1000 boys to and from the resort. Woodside Park made similar arrangements.

Dark rumors that the same difficulty might be met in getting permission to use City Hall Plaza for the grand marble-shooting contest tomorrow as arose in connection with the Twenty-eighth Division's reunion recently, were laid to rest today by the statement of Thomas S. Martin, secretary of the Park Commission, that no permit would be necessary for this purpose.

Fearful of further complications with the Park Commission, Mayor Moore had directed Harry T. Baxter, Chief of City Property, to make formal application for a permit in behalf of the Boy Week authorities in order that there might be no hitch in their plans to stage the contest on the Plaza at 1:30 P. M. tomorrow.

"Red" Stoddart, darling of the William Cramp Public School, and hero of the Westmoreland Recreation Center, has fought his way through in competition with 6500 boys, and is the marble shooting champion of Philadelphia.

"Red" achieved this proud distinction in a struggle of the Titans yesterday afternoon at the Funfield Recreation Center, Twenty-second street and Sedgley avenue, where he defeated "Barnie" Powers, the South Philadelphia marvel, in the final contest.

Tomorrow he will throw down the gage to the champions of New York and Baltimore, and the great national contest to determine the champion marble shooter of the universe.

"Red," who is known also as William, is fourteen years old, and lives at 3426 North Philip street, fought brilliantly all through the preliminary rounds, and it was only by an exhibition of superhuman skill with the pills that he was able to send his rival down to defeat yesterday.

Jerseyite Stays at Home

One more refusal to permit his so-called "Champion of the World" to play elsewhere than on his home grounds was received here today by the director of the Boy Week marble-shooting contest from the manager of the Jersey City champion.

The language in which this refusal was couched leads to the suspicion that it was intended to invite further correspondence on the subject, but the director here has expressed himself as through. He will stick to his ultimatum: unless the Jersey City champ enters the Philadelphia contest by noon today he will be debarred.

Boys without a real home will not be forgotten tonight. A big entertainment at the Ice Palace has been arranged for all boys in institutions, for whom automobiles will call at 6:45 P. M. The show will start at 7 o'clock and end at 9, during which time there will be boxing by real wind-up boxers, music, vaudeville, food, drills and everything to gladden the boy heart.

The I. Triangle Club of the Germantown Boys' Club will present Booth Tarkington's comedy, "Clarence," tonight at the Orpheum Theatre, Germantown and Chelten avenues, in connection with Boy Week. The use of the theatre has been donated by Fred J. Zimmerman, Sr., and admission will be free.

T. B. RINGE IS NAMED PENN SENIOR PRESIDENT

Class Participates in Annual Hey Day Exercises and Luncheon

Thomas B. Ringe was announced as the new president of the senior class at the University of Pennsylvania at the annual Hey Day exercises today.

The name of the new senior president was announced by John M. Sheedy, whose own term of office as class president is almost over. The new president made a brief speech, in which he predicted great things for his class—the first to enter the University following the war.

Announcement was made also of the award of the interfraternity scholarship cup, presented by Martin T. Wiegand, president of the Interfraternity Council. The award was made to Phi Sigma Kappa.

Acting Provost Penniman opened the day with a reading from Scripture. A feature of the day's observance was the luncheon of the senior class at the Normandie. The deans, the seniors and the acting provost marched in cap and gown to the hotel. On Hey Day all the classes move up, and the seniors appear for the first time officially on the campus in cap and gown, which they must wear the rest of the term, at least mornings.

YOUTH HELD FOR LARCENY

Shaito Rigby, nineteen years old, Alder street near Walnut, was held without bail for court today by Magistrate Coward on a charge of forcible entry and larceny. Mrs. Catharine Dixon identified him as the man she saw leaving her apartment at Sixty-third and Oxford streets May 3. He was arrested later on a description.

Mexican Bandit Must Die in U. S.

Nogalez, Ariz., May 19.—(By A. P.)—Manuel Martinez, one of seven bandits who crossed the Mexican border last August, raided the Ruby, Ariz., postoffice and killed the postmaster and his wife, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death, after the jurors had deliberated only fifteen minutes.

Boy Week Program

Today—Boy in the Home Night. Games on playgrounds between public, private and parochial schools. 7 P. M., athletic and vaudeville entertainment at the Ice Palace for boys from institutions.

Tomorrow—Athletic Day. Intercity marble-shooting contest with Baltimore on City Hall Plaza at 1:30 P. M. The city will be divided into thirty districts, each district having at least one recreation center, and there will be athletic events throughout the day.

Sunday—Boy Day in the Church. "BE HIS PAL."

Phila. Honors Marshal French

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liberty was born and in which the Constitution of he United Saes was framed.

"We thank those distinguished citizens who have invited you here and join with them in extending our cordial good will. As Mayor I present to you the hand of hospitality and the shield of protection."

Replying, Earl French said:

"I am deeply touched by the kind reception given me in Philadelphia. I realize that it is a tribute not only to me, but to the great nation I represent. I am grateful that you appreciate the work done by my comrades and myself. I also consider it a privilege to visit this great city which holds so large a place in the hearts of the American people."

The procession was joined by detachments from the British overseas veterans and the Twenty-eighth Division and proceeded to the Union League, where a luncheon was given by Mr. Johnson.

After the luncheon the Earl called upon Mrs. L. Webster Fox, president of the Daughters of the British Empire of America, and later was taken for an automobile ride up the River drive to the estate of Randal Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Houston will entertain the distinguished guest at tea, after which he will go to the home of Alba Johnson in Rosemont, where he will pass the night.

A dinner in his honor will be given at 7:30 tonight by the Trans-Atlantic Society of America at the Greenhill Farms, City Line and Lancaster avenue. United States Solicitor General James M. Beck, General James Harrison Wilson, captor of Jefferson Davis, and Roland Morris, former Ambassador to Japan, will be among the speakers.

Tomorrow morning Marshal French will visit the University of Pennsylvania and Independence Hall, after which he will return to New York.

LOVE-MAD WOMAN HELD; ANNOYED MAN 14 YEARS

British Subject Arrested on Complaint of Former Employer

New York, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Arrested upon the complaint of Robert M. Thomas, head of an electrical supplies concern, that she had annoyed him with declarations of love for fourteen years, Mrs. Gertrude Temperley, a British subject, is being held at Ellis Island pending an examination into her sanity.

A business associate of the complainant said yesterday Mr. Thomas, who is married and has two children, engaged Mrs. Temperley as a filing clerk in his office about fourteen years ago. She worked for about three months, he said, then resigned and began to send letters to Mr. Thomas, declaring she was madly in love with him. Later she frequently called at his home and he caused her to be sent to a hospital for observation. She was sent back to England.

During the last ten years, it was stated, a steady stream of letters written in various countries by Mrs. Temperley, has come to Mr. Thomas' office. After her arrival here May 10, she called at Mr. Thomas' office and demanded to see him.

PINCHOT MEN PARADE

4000 Supporters in Thirty-sixth Ward Celebrate

Four thousand Pinchot supporters from the Thirty-sixth Ward paraded last night in celebration of nomination of their candidate. With two bands, the line, led by Patrick Scanlon, Dr. Edward Morrison, Joseph Barratt, Joseph McFalls and Frank Edwards, moved from headquarters at Twenty-fourth and Federal streets to Broad street, to Chestnut, to Eleventh, to Market and around City Hall.

The procession stopped long enough in front of the Alter headquarters to play the funeral march and again at Eleventh and Chestnut streets, where the City Committee headquarters was saluted similarly.

Report Italian-Slav Agreement

Rome, May 19.—(By A. P.)—The newspaper Tribuna states that an agreement has been concluded between Italy and Jugo-Slavia fixing the status of the Adriatic seaports of Zara and Fiume.

Two Florida Resort Hotels Burn

St. Petersburg, Fla., May 19.—(By A. P.)—The Hallaway Hotel and the Mason House at Passagrille, known to tourists from all parts of the country, were destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

Valentino Inquiry Shifted to Mexico

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Miss Hudnut. That was Wednesday night at Pomona, thirty miles east of Los Angeles, when he escorted his bride to the eastbound train.

Federal authorities also are investigating the actor's marriage. Frank M. Sturgis, of the Department of Justice, said the department desired to know whether the actor had violated the Mann white slave act.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Miss Winifred Hudnut, recent bride of Rodolph Valentino, was aboard a train which passed through here last night en route to New York. She declined to be interviewed.

She busied herself during a thirty-five-minute stop in seeing that her pet dog was properly cared for by train attendants. She is traveling under the name of Miss Winifred Shaughnessy, according to the conductor.

San Francisco, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Henry B. Walthall, screen star, who is playing in vaudeville here, expresses no worry as to the proposed Federal investigation into his marriage.

"There are absolutely no grounds for an investigation into my second marriage," he said last night. "I married my first wife, Isabelle Fenton, an actress, fifteen years ago. We couldn't get along and separated. I obtained a divorce at Chicago five years ago. I was given a final decree with the provision that I would not marry again in the State for a year.

"Ten days after my divorce I married my leading lady, Miss Mary Charleson, in Indiana. At that time the legality of my act was thrashed out by the Indiana judiciary, and it was decided I had done nothing outside of my legitimate rights."

FRIENDS URGE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Both Men's and Women's Meetings Discuss Matter

The releasing of political prisoners in the United States was discussed at both men's and women's sessions of the yearly meeting of Hicksite Friends here today.

Two speakers at the session of the women, Rachel DuBois and Mary Anne Brubaker, explained why the prisoners are being held, and why they thought they should be released.

At the men's session Walter Abel, Dr. Jesse Holmes and others spoke in favor of the prisoners' release. Arthur Jackson urged a careful study of the case of each prisoner before granting amnesty, rather than recommendation of wholesale release of the prisoners.

Work of the Friends in countries abroad was described by Wilbur Thomas, secretary of the American Friends' Service Committee. The Friends' relief workers will withdraw from Germany July 31, Mr. Thomas said.

DRY CAUSE AIDED BY PRIMARY, TOPE ASSERTS

Anti-Saloon Head Pleased at Defeat of Wets

The position of the Anti-Saloon League in Pennsylvania has been materially strengthened by the victory of Gifford Pinchot and a number of candidates for Congress, and both branches of the State Legislature, declares Homer W. Tope, superintendent of the League in Pennsylvania, in a statement today.

In many instances, according to Dr. Tope, wet incumbents have been defeated by opponents who have been lined up with the prohibition forces.

Dr. Tope is gratified that the next Governor is sure to be a friend of prohibition, as he says both Mr. Pinchot and John A. McSparran, the Democratic nominee, have been outspoken supporters of the amendment.

Fayette County, he said, has nominated four dry candidates for the House of Representatives, as against one last year, and points to the six drys nominated in Westmoreland County and the solid dry front presented by the Montgomery County delegation of five.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Horace S. Hines, Narberth, Pa., and Roberta Counts, 750 N. 45th st.
William F. Cossman, 48 W. Mt. Airy ave., and Ida Maire, Ardmore, Pa.
Nelson R. Dorsey, 1413 N. 10th st., and Cleonice Mitchell, 1028 Poplar st.
Elijah Collier, 1918 Jefferson st., and Leolia Simms, Orange, N. J.
James C. Leitzell, Harrisburg, Pa., and Blanche Swartz, Carlisle, Pa.
Thomas P. Hazard, Syracuse, N. Y., and Anne E. Cope, 200 E. Johnson st.
Philip Schaul, Coatesville, Pa., and Male N. Levy, Wilmington, Del.
Clarence P. A. Sommer, 232 Sydney st., and Caroline E. Lynch, 129 E. Mt. Airy ave.
Jacob W. Weaver, Lancaster, Pa., and Emily J. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa.
Herman Yates, 329 N. Steller st., and Mary Washington, 3701 Warren st.
James Arbuckle, 3450 A st., and Janie McClellan, 3348 N. Philip st.
Stephen R. Nickerson, 719 S. 59th st., and Dorothy M. Lofland, 5503 Whitby ave.

DEATHS

RAMSPACKER—On May 17, 1922, JOHANNA S., wife of Claude Ramspacker. Relatives and friends, also Altar and Rosary Societies invited to funeral, Monday, 8:30 A. M., from her late residence, 1916 N. 21st st. Solemn requiem mass at St. Elizabeth's Church 10 A. M. Interment New Cathedral Cemetery.

RHOADS—May 17, NAOMI M., wife of Howard K. Rhoads. Relatives and friends, also Sons of Veterans Auxiliary of Anna M. Ross Camp, No. 1, invited to funeral services Monday, 2 P. M., at the residence of her mother, Mrs. F. W. Stoddart, 3 Wood Emerald st. Interment private. Remains may be viewed Sunday, 7 to 9 P. M.

HAINES—At Gibbsboro, N. J., May 18, 1922, WILHELMINA, wife of Joseph F. Haines, aged 68. Services at late residence Sunday, 1 P. M. Interment Berlin Cemetery, Berlin, N. J.

ASSERT WAGE CUTS WILL REDUCE COAL

Operators Offer to Settle With Striking Miners on 21 Per Cent Basis

REDUCED SCALE REJECTED

By the Associated Press

New York, May 19.—Wage cuts which may be enforced in the anthracite industry will immediately result in cheaper coal to the public, operators announced today following their offer to settle with the striking miners on a basis of 21 per cent wage reductions.

The offer was made as a reply to the miners' demand for an increase of 20 per cent for contract men, and $1 a day for shift workers, made prior to the strike, which began April 1.

Reductions of 18 per cent for contract men and $1.20 a day for shift workers were proposed by the operators yesterday. Although refused, they will form "a basis for future negotiations," labor leaders asserted.

"What we have definitely made up our minds to do is to lower the price of coal," said S. D. Warriner, spokesman for the operators. "This is the reason for our insistence that a reduced scale be put into effect."

The average labor cost of a ton of hard coal prior to the strike was $3.92, he said. A reduction of 21 per cent in wages would mean a cut of eighty cents in this labor cost, he pointed out.

Mr. Warriner declined, however, to state what part of this proposed reduction would be applied to domestic or household coal. It might be the entire eighty cents, he said; it might be more or less.

Just what reduction in hard coal prices to the consumer resulted would depend, he explained, on "the competitive market in steam sizes of anthracite—upon how much, if any, we are compelled to cut the prices of buckwheat and pea sizes, to compete with soft-coal producers."

Washington, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Plans to give effect to the scheme adopted by coal operators in conference with Secretary Hoover for preventing profiteering in the price of bituminous coal supplied by non-union and "open shop" mines during the present strike had been placed under way today with the issuance of a call for a general conference of the operators whose adherence to the scheme is regarded as vital to its success.

Deaths of a Day

JOSEPH WYBORSKI

Dies Seated in a Chair at His Home in Port Richmond

Joseph Wyborski, of Port Richmond, died yesterday afternoon, seated in a chair, at his home, at 3134 Livingston street. He is survived by seven children, nineteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One of his sons is the Rev. Michael Wyborski, assistant rector of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Fitzwater street below Third. The Rev. Stephen Wyborski, a grandson, is stationed in Shenandoah.

Mr. Wyborski was eighty-seven years old. His wife died many years ago. He retired from business twenty-seven years ago.

John N. Straw

Funeral services will be conducted at 8 o'clock tonight for John N. Straw, eighty-eight years old, who died Wednesday after a month's illness. The services will be from the home of his son, the Rev. Charles W. Straw, 4617 Griscom street, Frankford, who is superintendent of the West District in the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His son is his only survivor. Burial will be in Dauphin, Pa.

George R. Dailey

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for George R. Dailey, member of the Robert Greer Club and employe of the Reach Sporting Goods Company, who died Tuesday. Burial will be in Palmer Cemetery.

Mrs. Marion Webb Butler

Pottstown, Pa., May 19.—Mrs. Marion Webb Butler, eighty-five years old, widow of Dr. Cyrus Butler, of New York City, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marion Meigs, widow of Dr. John Meigs, for many years headmaster of the Hill School. A few weeks ago Mrs. Butler had a fall, resulting in severe injuries.

Robert Packer Brodhead

Wilkes-Barre, May 19.—Robert Packer Brodhead, sixty-two years old, one of the most prominent citizens of Luzerne County, died at his home at Kingston yesterday. Mr. Brodhead was the former head of the Brodhead Contracting Company, and was identified with the principal industries of the Wyoming Valley.

Dr. A. Laveran

Paris, May 19.—Dr. A. Laveran, professor at the Pasteur Institute, famous for his researches in malarial diseases and sleeping sickness, died yesterday. He was awarded the Nobel prize for medicine in 1907.

Features for Tomorrow's Public Ledger Book Pages

Harrison S. Morris finds himself entangled in the seductions of "Wild Folk" (Atlantic Monthly), by Samuel Scoville, Jr.

Judge William B. Linn reflects on Frederic Harrison's "Novissima Verba: Last Words" (Holt), and Stephen McKenna's "While I Remember" (Doran).

The Rev. J. A. MacCallum, D. D., reviews "Life of Elie Metchnikoff" (Houghton, Mifflin).

A. Hamilton Gibbs calls Algernon Blackwood's new book, "The Bright Messenger" (Duttons), an extraordinary work.

The Rev. G. Bickley Burns, D. D., says "The Carpenter and His Kingdom" (Scribners), by Alexander Irvine, is a "valuable contribution to Christology."

Phoebe Hoffman, amusingly "previews" Louis Untermeyer's book, poems, "Heavens" (Harcourt Brace).

J. H. Roesgen hails with pleasure the arrival of J. P. Marquand's new novel, "The Unspeakable Gentleman" (Scribners).

"An Attic Salt-Shaker," by W. O. T.

To Take Part in Play

ELIZABETH HAZLETT
JAMES STRAUB
Who will be in the cast of "Clarence," the Booth Tarkington comedy at the Orpheum Theatre

SEVEN CLERKS NABBED FOR $1,500,000 MAIL ROBBERY

Arrests Made After One Conspirator Confesses

New York, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Seven postoffice clerks were arrested today, charged with acting in concert with one another in the theft of $1,500,000 worth of bonds from the United States mails here last July.

The arrests of the seven men resulted from a confession made, according to postoffice inspectors, by Mark von Eschen, who was arrested in the Bronx with $39,700 of the stolen bonds in his possession on January 19 and sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., for five years, on March 28, of this year, after being found guilty of attempting to dispose of part of the securities.

The theft became known last July after the arrest of Mrs. Abe Attell, divorced wife of the former pugilist, charged with attempting to dispose of part of the bonds.

The prisoners were described as Gustave Feldman, Morris Steinberg, Edward Fogel, Abraham Goldsmith, Harry Shapiro, Gustave Galles and Irving Weinstein.

MODERATOR HONORS RIVALS

Dr. Hays Names Beaten Opponents for Important Posts

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—(By A. P.)—One of the first official acts of the Rev. Dr. Calvin C. Hays, of Johnstown, Pa., elected moderator yesterday of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was the appointment of Dr. William Oxley Thompson, president of Ohio State University, as vice moderator at this morning's session of the 134th General Assembly.

Dr. Thompson was one of the strongest candidates in the field for the moderatorship, but withdrew from the race and nominated Dr. Hays.

Dr. Cleveland B. McAfee, the defeated candidate for moderator, who drew 239 votes to Dr. Hays' 512, was designated chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, a position wielding power second only to that of the moderator.

GLOTZBACH HALTS SUIT

Chauffeur Will Not Press Counter-Action Against Matzenauer

San Francisco, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Floyd Glotzbach, chauffeur of Del Monte, Calif., today instructed his attorney to cancel his divorce petition, filed several weeks ago as a counter action to the suit brought by his wife, Mme. Margaret Matzenauer, grand opera singer. Her suit was instituted in New York after their separation.

Burke Leads Pepper in Washington

Washington, Pa., May 19.—The race between G. W. Pepper and W. J. Burke for the Republican nomination for United States Senator was one of the closest election contests in the history of Washington County. With only seven districts missing out of a total of 159, Burke had a majority of 80 votes over Pepper, the figures showing Pepper, 5808; Burke, 5888.

STEEL MEN MAY END 12-HOUR DAY

Manufacturers at White House Dinner Favor Harding's Idea in Principle

TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION

Washington, May 19.—The practicability of abolishing the twelve-hour day throughout the steel industry of the country will be studied by a special committee of five to be appointed from the industry at an early date by Judge Elbert H. Gary, as president of the American Steel and Iron Institute.

Authorization for appointment of the committee to make a scientific investigation of the matter and report its conclusions to the industry was voted by forty-one representative steel manufacturers last night after discussing the question with President Harding at a White House dinner conference to which they were invited for that purpose.

President Harding's suggestion that the twelve-hour workday be abolished for the good of industrial America was approved in principle by the steel manufacturers present without exception. It was pointed out that the nature of the steel business is such that there is no middle ground; the fires have to be kept going and the break can be made only in the shift to twelve hours or eight hours, making two or three shifts of the twenty-four hours.

George B. Christian, secretary to the President, issued the following statement from the White House:

"After dining, the President stated that he wished to know better the men comprising his company of guests and to very informally discuss with them the complete abolition of the twelve-hour working day in the steel industry. He explained frankly that there was no intention of Government interference in private business, but that we are about to witness a great industrial revival, and the one hope of abolishing the excessively long working day was to do it before the full swing is resumed."

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