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YEOMEN HEAD IMPRESSED BY HIS VISIT

RAIL HEADS OPPOSED TO LARGE RATE REDUCTIONS

EXECUTIVES RELUCTANT TO REDUCE FREIGHT RATES AS ASKED BY HARDING WITHOUT A REDUCTION IN RAILROAD WAGES ALSO.

(By Herbert W. Walker, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, May 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Reductions in railroad wages may be asked by railroad executives before they will agree to the freight rate cuts desired by President Harding, it was learned here today.

It became known today that the executives in the dinner conference at the White House Saturday were rather reluctant to approve as large reductions in rates as the president wants.

The rail executives also are said to have raised another objection to a big cut in rates, namely, that the reduction would cause increased traffic, necessitating additional equipment which could not be purchased if receipts were reduced.

Should the executives insist on further wage cuts, a voluntary agreement to cut rates lower than the interstate commerce commission feel it is justified in doing under the law, seems very doubtful.

The strongest opposition would be raised to reduction in the pay of rail workers, it was said at headquarters of the railroad brotherhoods. Leaders hold that the general railroad payroll has been cut greatly, while rates are only slightly under the war-time peak.

The White House dinner, it is becoming known, was far from a "harmony feast."

There were several sharp exchanges of views, after the president expressed his view that the lowering of freight rates was the key to a complete industrial revival.

The executives admitted earnings had been increasing in recent months but said the rate is now not more than a fair return.

CIVIC DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN CLUB MEET TO MORROW EVENING AT 7:30.

The Civic Department of the Women's club will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the committee rooms of the Old Adams County Bank. All members are requested to be present.

MEETING OF INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION TONIGHT AT 7:30.

The Decatur Industrial association will meet at 7:30 this evening at the Industrial rooms and every member is urged to be present. Important business will be transacted and your presence is desired. The association will have as its guests the president of the Yeomen lodge and you are invited to hear him.

ATTACK AGAINST DAUGHERTY WAS RENEWED TODAY

Senator Caraway Declared He Would Produce Documents This Week

CONFERENCE TODAY

By Republican Leaders to Decide Manner of Meeting the Attack

(By Lawrence W. Benedict, United press staff correspondent)

Washington, May 22.—A complete account of how attorney general Daugherty and Thomas D. Felder, Atlanta, and Washington attorney, are alleged to have obtained a pardon for Charles W. Morse from the Atlanta penitentiary in 1912 was given in two letters published exclusively here today in the Washington Daily News.

The letter giving what purported to be the story of the activities of Daugherty and Felder in the Morse pardon case was signed "T. B. Felder."

It apparently was written because Felder thought Morse had failed to pay to Daugherty and Felder the \$25,000 fee, which according to copies of the alleged contract inserted in the congressional record Saturday by Senator Caraway, Arkansas, the two lawyers were to receive if they obtained Morse's freedom.

Caraway expects to present to the senate the two letters published today as further evidence of his charges that Felder and Daugherty entered a partnership contract to obtain Morse's pardon.

The charge that Daugherty was involved in the Morse pardon recently was denied by Senator Watson, Indiana, at the request of the attorney general.

Despite Caraway's demand that he resign because of the recent revelations regarding Morse and Major H. L. Scale, dismissed war fraud investigator of the department of justice, the attorney general up to noon today had made no reply.

The outstanding statements in the letter above Felder's signature are:

1.—That Morse after accepting the alleged contract calling for a \$25,000 fee and a \$6,500 retainer, (the retainer

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AMERICANS WERE LOST WHEN SHIP SANK SATURDAY

Two American Women Reported To Be On Ill-fated Liner

NINETY LIVES LOST

Liner Rammed by a Cargo Steamer in Heavy Fog —Sank Quickly

United Press Service.

Brest, France, May 22.—Between ninety and 100 lives are believed to have been lost when the Peninsular and Orient liner, Egypt was rammed by the cargo steamer Seine off the coast of Finistere in a heavy fog Saturday night and sank within half an hour.

The Egypt carried 36 passengers of whom 23 have been reported rescued. Others may have been picked up by vessels in the dense fog. Two hundred of the crew were saved, statements by captains of both vessels involved in the crash made it clear the accident was unavoidable, but passengers rescued from the Egypt indicated there had been trouble with the Lascars lifeboats which prevented all the lifeboats being launched.

Two American women were reported to be among the missing. Another American, R. F. Revan, was saved.

The Egypt was proceeding from London to Bombay when she ran into a heavy fog off the coast of France. She was proceeding slowly, when the steamer Seine suddenly appeared out of the fog and struck her amidships. The Seine turned and followed the stricken liner, whose officers made frantic efforts to quiet the Lascars crew and launch boats.

The Seine stood by and picked up 230 survivors in all. The Egypt sank rapidly.

MARY M. KOENIG SEEKS DIVORCE

Requests Divorce, Alimony and Custody of Their Minor Children

A suit for a divorce, for the custody of children, and for alimony in the sum of \$2,500, was filed in the Adams circuit court Saturday afternoon by Mary M. Koenig. Her attorneys are Lenhart and Heller.

The complaint states that the couple was married on August 27, 1903 and separated on May 19, 1922. The plaintiff alleges that her husband has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment during the past fifteen years in that he choked her, kicked her, and beat her, and often threatened to kill her and their children. She further alleges that on one day within the last month, the defendant struck her on the head rendering her unconscious for a period of fifteen minutes. She says that he is possessed of a violent and ungovernable temper.

The couple lives in Decatur. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Koenig, six of whom are living at home. Mrs. Koenig says that her husband is the owner of a large amount of property, consisting of three houses and lots in this city and much personal property. A restraining order was granted by the court to prevent the defendant from disposing of his property to avoid payment of alimony.

WILL RESUME OPERATION

The Waring Glove Company will resume operation at their factory on Monday, June 9th, it was announced this morning by Mr. Waring. Applications for employment may be made through the forelady on or after May 29th.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Russell D. Merriman, teacher, Blue Creek township, born August 11, 1899, son of W. P. Merriman, to Nora Olive Feasel, Blue Creek township, born June 26, 1900, daughter of Charles W. Feasel.

TO BEAUTIFY CEMETERY

At a recent meeting of the Pleasant Dale Cemetery association the following directors and officers were elected. William Zimmerman, William Arnold and Milton Zimmerman, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to go ahead with the work of beautifying the cemetery and all those interested should pay their dues to the secretary or to one of the above directors. A man has been employed to look after the grounds.

ADAMS COUNTY TO HAVE CORN CONTEST AGAIN

Another 5-Acre Corn Growing Contest to be Carried Out Here

MANY TO TAKE PART

Banks of County to Furnish Liberal Cash Prizes for Winners

Word comes from the county agent's office to the effect that Adams county will have another 5-acre corn contest this year. It is to be carried out in practically the same manner as that last year. The results last year were very gratifying in that Adams county placed seventh in the high yields of the state. Fred Blum of near Berne checked up with 115 bushels per acre. It will be recalled also that Henry Coyne, of Washington township, was awarded a gold medal for having a yield of 100 bushels per acre. Six other men received silver and bronze medals.

Much benefit was obtained from last year's 5-acre corn contest in that the information gained from the men who had the large yields last year is being used this spring by many corn growers in planting their corn crop. Any man who enters the contest is required to keep a complete record of his labor, methods involved, kind of seed, preparation and cultivation used and accordingly much information was gained by these records.

Thirty men are now entered in the contest with indications of several more and it is certain to be an interesting feature of the agricultural work in Adams county this year.

The banks of the county are furnishing liberal cash prizes and arrangements for this have practically been completed.

Anyone interested in the contest should write or call the County Agent.

RACE IN OREGON REMAINS CLOSE

Candidates for Republican Gubernatorial Nomination Deadlocked

Portland, Ore., May 22.—Charles Hall of Marshfield, Ore., was leading Gov. Bon W. Olcott in the race for the republican gubernatorial nomination, according to figures compiled today. The count stood:

Hall, 41,932.

Olcott, 41,853.

Returns from 145 scattered pre-

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MANY ATTENDED THE COMMUNION SERVICES HERE

Services At St. Mary's Church Yesterday Were Very Impressive

BEAUTIFUL SERMON

Delivered by Father Seimetz on Receiving of Holy Communion

Impressive and beautiful services mingled with the solemn solemnities of the church, marked the services held at the St. Mary's Catholic church Sunday morning when a class of twenty boys and girls made their solemn communion, the pastor, Rev. Father Seimetz officiating.

The high mass was celebrated at seven-thirty o'clock and the church was filled to capacity.

The procession of the communicants from the school house to the church was headed by the altar boys, candle bearers, and flower bearers.

The communicants and the little boys and girls were seated in the front pews and as the communicants received Holy Communion they were escorted two at a time by the candle carriers and flower bearers to the sanctuary and then to the high altar.

The candle carriers for the boys were Jerome Meyer and Frederick Wolpert, while Mary Jane Colchin and Phyllis Shanahan escorted the little girls to the altar.

The flower bearers were: Herbert Foos, John Edward Meyer, Julius Baker, Robert Wolpert, Aloysius Geimer and Frederick Baker. The girls were: Dorothy LaFountain, Mildred Miller, Lucile Miller, Mary Ann Lenniger and Mary Faurote. Both the little girls and boys were dressed in white. Solemn communion were: Carl Klep. The communicants who received

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Miss Fanny Heller Made Announcement to Party of Friends Saturday

At a charming dinner party given at her home on Winchester street Saturday evening, Miss Fanny E. Heller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Heller, announced her approaching marriage to Mr. I. W. Macy of South Bend. The wedding will occur on Friday, June 9.

Twenty of Miss Heller's immediate friends gathered at her home at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, in response to invitations which had been sent to them. They were entertained with musical numbers for some time after their arrival. Miss Lois Peterson sang several beautiful songs.

At 6 o'clock the guests were seated at five small tables, where they were served a wonderful four course dinner. The color scheme of canary yellow and white was carried out in flowers, favors, place cards, and food. Nut dishes were hidden under yellow crepe paper bonnets.

Following the dinner tiny yellow bags were passed to the guests. Each bag contained mints and tiny metal cat to which strings were attached. The cats were pulled out of the bags, and around the neck of the cat which was "let out of the bag" by Miss Dora Marie Magley, was fastened a tiny paper heart, on which were written the words, "Fan and Ish, June 9."

Miss Heller is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Heller. She is a graduate of the Decatur high school, and attended school at Western College for Women, at Oxford, Ohio, and at Indiana University. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta college sorority, of Tri Kappa, and the Woman's Club. Mr. Macy is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Macy of this city. For

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HE LIKED SITES PROPOSED HERE FOR THE NEW HOME

GAVE ASSURANCE TO DECATUR CITIZENS THAT THIS CITY WILL BE ONE OF THE FINAL SIX CITIES CONSIDERED FOR THE HOME.

AMUSEMENTS OF TODAY ATTACKED BY EVANGELIST

Dr. Conant Handled Subject "Without Gloves" at Baptist Church Here

ROTTEN TO THE CORE

Card Game, Dance, Movies and Theatre Scored by Minister Last Night

Before an audience which filled the First Baptist church, Dr. J. E. Conant, the Chicago evangelist, who is now conducting meetings here, spoke yesterday afternoon on the subject, "Is the Devil in Modern Amusements?" To say that he handled the subject "without gloves" is to put it mildly. In an array of most startling facts, accompanied by scathing denunciation, the speaker uncovered the character of the card game, the dance, the theater and the movies, and then scored the church members of Decatur for either patronizing or standing up for amusements that he declared were "rotten to the core."

"The game of cards," said the speaker, "is a game of chance, for experts tell us that it is 97 per cent chance and 3 per cent skill. So all who play cards are playing a game of chance.

"And all you church members who have ever played a game of cards for a prize, from the booby prize up," continued the evangelist, "are gamblers. For the highest legal authority in the United States says, 'Any game of chance that is played for a prize or a purse is gambling, and is punishable by a fine, or imprisonment, or both.' And so you are no better than the worst blackleg in the slums. And that pastor of a western church was in the right when he learned that some of the society dames of his church were in a home playing bridge for prizes, and he called up the police station and had the women arrested for gambling.

"John Philip Quinn, a converted gambler, said, 'After all these years of experience and acquaintance with professional gamblers in this country, I can truly say, the parlor card table is the kindergarten of the gambler's hell.' And so you church people

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Parties In Court Over Ownership of Black Cow

Monroe Township Residents Appeal Case to the Circuit Court

A suit to determine the possession of a black cow has been appealed to the Adams circuit court from a Justic Peace court in Monroe township. The plaintiffs in the suit are Grover Alberson and Etta Alberson and the defendants are Oren Courtney and George B. Shimp.

The plaintiffs in the case allege that the defendant Oren Courtney, the constable of Monroe township, on April 13, 1922, by virtue of an execution issued before that time by the court.

Gangsters Hurl An Officer From Third Story Window

Police man Seriously Injured in Chicago Labor War this Morning

Chicago, May 2.—Policeman James Mullen, guarding an apartment building under construction, from attack by gangsters in the labor war here, was hurled from a third story window today and seriously injured.

Mullen saw suspicious characters entering the building. Believing they intended to bomb the structure, he followed them up the stairs to the third floor where they trapped him and shoved him from a ledge.

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight; Tuesdayunsettled, showers in west and south portions; not much change in temperature.

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