



HONOR'S PEACE HIS SOLE PLAN, SAYS CAILLAUX

Accused Former French Premier Admits Meeting Italian Pacifists.

DENIES ANY TREASON

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, on trial charged with having treasonable dealings with the enemy during the war, denied today that he had plotted a premature and disastrous peace with the Italian pacifists during a visit to Italy.

The accused statesman was questioned at length by Leon Bourgeois, president of the high court of justice, regarding his Italian sojourn. These interrogations brought out important admissions from M. Caillaux regarding his "pacifist policy" which brought him into disrepute in the closing days of the war.

HONORABLE PEACE.—M. Caillaux readily admitted he had conversations with members of the pacifist element in Italian government circles, but insisted these conversations had for their object, "no peace at any price, but an honorable peace."

"Were you not aware that such declarations, in view of the pernicious situation of our army, were likely to be disastrous to the entente?" asked President Bourgeois.

"I desired to sound the Italians on their disposition towards peace," M. Caillaux explained. "Knowing the perilous situation I desired to end the useless bloodshed."

A number of documents secured by the French government from the vaults of a Paris bank are to be introduced in the trial by the prosecution.

WIFE SHOWS

GREAT INTEREST.—Mme. Caillaux was a particularly interested observer of the proceedings, as she is accused of acting as intermediary between her husband and the Italian pacifists. She leaned forward and listened attentively while the accused was being questioned about the contents of the safe deposit box at Florence which had been rented in her name. The defendant explained this by saying the receptacle was only for his wife's use and was not to be used for propaganda documents.

In spite of the strain of the trial and

Invite School Heads to Teachers' Session

In letters sent out by L. N. Hines, state superintendent of public instruction, to reach school officials throughout the state today the officials are urged to participate in the teachers' week, March 7 to 14.

The officials are asked to assist in organizing meetings at which the plight of the teaching profession may be brought before the public and to cause sermons to be preached on the subject in all churches.

"We are depending on superintendents and teachers to take the lead in the matter of making this week's exercises a success," Mr. Hines wrote.

his long imprisonment the defendant shows no weariness. He causes frequent ripples of laughter by employing slang terms in answering the questions of the court. He had to explain some of his expressions.

FLU HOLDS UP I. W. W. TRIAL

Four Jurors on Sick List and Quarantine Enforced.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 25.—Hopes of an early conclusion of the Centralia murder trial are being seriously discouraged by the influenza specter.

Edward Parr, the first of the jurors to become afflicted with the disease, was reported to be worse today. Three other jurors have become ill and several more taken sick and are feeling poorly.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, Miss Ruth M. Upton, county nurse, was sworn in as a bailiff yesterday afternoon and assumed her duties with the sick jurors. Quarantine signs have been placed at the entrances of the City hall leading to the jurors' room.

Farmers to Issue National Paper

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—The Gleaners, a national farmers' organization with headquarters here, will begin the publication of a national newspaper soon, Grant Slocum, head of the order, announced today. The editorial offices will be at the national headquarters here, but the paper will be issued at Ann Arbor.

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Perhaps it was chivalry on the part of

Judge Pritchard.

Anyway, when seven men and one woman were before him on gaming charges, they were discharged. Charles Cullen, 11514 South Meridian street, was the alleged keeper of the poker game which brought the bunch to court.

Judge Pritchard couldn't find a lot of excuse for four men playing poker in an abandoned ice box in the basement of a poolroom at 1235 Oliver avenue. He returned \$5 and costs on their plea of guilty. The case of George Pflester, alleged keeper of the game, was dismissed.

Lee Craig and Chester Robinson, members of the Plasterers' union, were fined \$5 and costs on gaming charges. Police officers testified they found a "craps" game in progress when they raided the place. Nine other men arrested at the time of the raid were discharged.

Hunted for One Theft, Takes Another Purse

Police today are hunting for a purse-snatcher, believed to be a negro, who stole two purses containing \$4, from two women last night.

While Sergt. Sandmann and Detectives Lash and Stewart were searching for the purse-snatcher who had stolen a handbag from Mrs. Rayda Coates, 1003 North Alabama street, on Alabama near St. Joseph street, the thief began operations again.

Miss Zella Garrett, 1020 Central avenue, was the second victim. Her pocketbook, containing \$2 and a bunch of office keys, was taken. The handbag stolen from Miss Coates contained \$12 in cash and a ruby ring.

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"It is a fact that under the conditions which have prevailed for the last two years there was a letup in efficiency manifest in many directions. Many employees were inclined to take their jobs less seriously than they had done before, and as things stood under government control we were unable to hold them to the strict observance of rules and conduct that we shall require after March 1.

"In the matter of pay it is well known that many very material advances were made under government control. Increases of more than 200 per cent. were put into force in some instances. And while we are not permitted to reclassify our employees, we are not restricted in this respect. However, there is little likelihood of any increase in that, for the present at least. And in freight rates even a possible 25 per cent increase would not begin to make up the immense increase in our overhead expenses."

A weeding out process, which will promote efficiency and at the same time mean economy, is predicted by B. A. Worthington, president of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western railway, when the railroads are restored to private ownership.

Before leaving for New York today

for a general conference of railroad presidents, Mr. Worthington made it known that a general retrenchment policy is likely to mark the turning

back of the lines to the owners.

He said there has been a certain laxity which has resulted in a letup in efficiency. Many of these subjects will be gone into at the New York conference.

BETTER SERVICE TO BE KEYNOTE.

"Under private ownership," said Mr. Worthington, "I feel certain that the public will see a marked improvement in the condition of things. That improvement naturally can not be apparent all at once, and people should not expect it. But things will gradually improve."

NOT READY TO TALK ON RATES.

In the matter of future rates Mr. Worthington pointed to the fact that the cost of revenue for the roads is the transportation of freight and he declared that if it were necessary to depend upon passenger traffic they would all go into bankruptcy. What, if any, changes

will be made in rates was, he said, purely a matter of speculation now and one for future decision.

"There will probably be no immediate

change in passenger rates," he added.

"As a matter of fact, the roads always lost in the carrying of passengers when the rate was 2 cents a mile and then have been lost again under the 3-cent rate.

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