

DEMOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT OF STATE VICTORY

Hoosier Leaders Hold Optimistic Sessions at French Lick.

ORGANIZATION CHIEF JOB

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FRENCH LICK, Ind., July 23.—A spirit of militancy and confidence pervades the 300 leading Hoosier democrats gathered here as the week-end guests of Thomas Taggart, and in all the conferences thus far held there was an optimism expressed that with Cox, Roosevelt, Taggart and McCullough on the ticket, Indiana will be safely placed under democratic control.

Following a general meeting this morning of all the guests, separate sessions of the men's and women's state committees, the state and congressional candidates and the democratic editors, were held this afternoon.

The deliberations centered on organization matters on tomorrow morning the results will be reported to another general meeting.

Henry Spann candidate for congress from the Seventh district, sounded what many believe will be the campaign keynote when he declared that the issues in Indiana are the fight against Goodrichism in the state and parliamentism of the senatorial class in the nation.

The session was vigorously applauded.

U. S. AGENT SENT TO COAL FIELDS

Wilson Names Hugh Kerwin Mediator in Illinois.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President Wilson today asked Hugh Kerwin, chief of conciliation of the labor department, to offer mediation in the Illinois coal fields.

The president's action followed a conference with Secretary Tamm and Representatives of Illinois coal operators at the Whitehouse.

Kerwin said he would appoint a mediation committee to proceed immediately to Springfield, where hearings in the wage controversy will be held.

FUEL SHORTAGES ARE FORECASTED

CHICAGO, July 23.—Chicago coal operators today predicted serious fuel shortages throughout the country during the next month because of the unauthorized strikes of 20,000 day workers in the southern Illinois fields and the threatened general walkout Monday of Illinois miners.

Operators attempting to avert a crisis made efforts to obtain release from the contract relative to pay of day laborers who are being asked to work on a non-strike basis.

They said unless sections of the contract relative to pay of day laborers were invalidated they would not be able to stay the strike.

Miners are asking higher wages for day work and President Frank Farrington of the Illinois union has declared his loss of control of the situation.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., July 23.—Miners in every southern Illinois coal mine will strike today, according to a telegram received by William Hutton, board member of the Twelfth sub-district of the United Mine Workers of America.

Hutton declared all of the Franklin county mines were on strike.

The field employing 12,000 is the biggest producer in the state and includes the famous Orient mine with a world record of 6,744 tons hoisted in eight hours.

West Frankfort and Benton miners are out.

'DON'T CARE TO COMMENT'—LEWIS

No hint of possible connection of mine workers' officials with the apparently unauthorized strike of Illinois bituminous coal miners was forthcoming from headquarters of the United Mine Workers here today.

Plan Gasoline Rationing

Refiners Tell Government Proposal Is Only Way to Prevent 40-Cent Power Fuel.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—A gasoline rationing system to be applied throughout the United States is being considered by big refiners.

The rationing system is designed by the refiners as a last resort to curtail consumption and keep the price from being forced to more than 40 cents a gallon, government officials here have been informed by the representatives of the refiners.

West President T. A. Dines of the Midwest Refining Company is one representative of the big refiners who have discussed the rationing system with government officials.

Another is C. G. Sheffield of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Before adopting the rationing system refiners plan to issue a nationwide appeal to the country to cut down on fuel.

As devised by the refiners the rationing plan would be a voluntary one by dealers in which the government would be doled out to dealers under a fixed quota for each state or locality.

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WHO SAID WE'D HAVE NO SUMMER?

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.
6 A. M. 61 F. 7 P. M. 81 F.
7 A. M. 62 F. 8 P. M. 82 F.
8 A. M. 63 F. 9 P. M. 83 F.
9 A. M. 64 F. 10 P. M. 84 F.
10 A. M. 65 F. 11 P. M. 85 F.

Phew! Today was the hottest day of the summer in Indianapolis.

The temperature climbed in the tube, beginning at 6 o'clock, until it had reached 85 at 2 o'clock.

Persons, who, during the recent cool weather, wondered audibly and frequently if there would be any really hot weather this summer, complained just as audibly of the heat, as they mopped their brows and sought the nearest swimming pools and soda fountains.

How 'Bout a Scrap?

Two billiard balls valued at \$18 are missing from the Claypool hotel billiard hall today.

Hearing proprietor of the billiard hall, told the police the two balls were stolen from a drawer.

The police believe the thief might want to use them for a juggling act in a vaudeville show.

To Try Again to Shoot Falls in Steel Cask

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 23.—Bobby Leach, who successfully shot the Canadian falls in a steel barrel in 1911, has expressed his intention of trying it again.

The tentative date set by him is Aug. 25.

Cox Sends Suffrage Men to Tennessee

COLUMBUS, O., July 23.—Gov. James M. Cox today informed a committee of suffrage leaders that he has already sent personal representatives into Tennessee to work for the ratification of the suffrage amendment at the special legislative session beginning Aug. 9.

NAKED BODY OF GIRL FOUND IN TRUNK AT N. Y.

Expressed From Detroit June 17 and Put in Warehouse When Not Claimed.

NEW YORK, July 23.—A new murder mystery, with a pretty young girl as the victim, came to the attention of the police today when the corpse was found in a trunk in the warehouse of the American Railway Express Company, at 225 East Forty-fourth street.

A 12-inch knife wound is in the abdomen of the body.

The body was taken to the morgue, where physicians declared, the wound showed it to have been a "ripper" murder.

This opinion also was expressed by Police Inspector Gray.

The trunk was shipped to this city from Detroit, Mich., and was sent to the warehouse when the consignee failed to appear to claim it.

The body was nude, and, according to a physician who examined it, a girl between 20 and 30 years old.

Several Detroit newspapers, an old fedora hat and a man's shirt were found in the trunk.

The woman's teeth were in good condition.

She had blue eyes and was good-looking in life.

Her nose was flattened probably by the blow of the trunk.

The trunk in which the body was found was a cheap one of the kind generally used by immigrants.

Finger print experts took charge of the trunk.

The trunk was shipped from Detroit on June 17 and, after arriving in New York, was sent to a storage warehouse when it was not claimed.

Clerks complained of the odor and the trunk was opened by James Demarest, delivery foreman.

The body was first noticed when the trunk was believed to contain perishable foodstuffs.

Detectives believe it a clear case of murder, although they would not say whether any marks were found on the body.

The body had been jammed into the trunk and was contorted with the knees pressed up against the chest.

The trunk, which was a new one, was three by three and one-half feet in dimensions.

Jobs Go Begging; Fear Senate Action

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Nearly a score of important government positions are being snatched, prospective appointees refusing to accept because of their fear that the next senate will refuse to confirm recess appointments of President Wilson according to high government officials here.

The positions pay from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year.

Vacancies to be filled include: The new shipping board of seven members, assistant secretary of war; assistant secretary of the navy (to succeed Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was vice presidential nominee) and two memberships in tariff commission.

YANKEE SLOOP SPEEDS ALONG IN RACE LEAD

Resolute Makes Fine Effort to Even Cup Series With Lipton's Shamrock.

SAILING PROVES FAST

ABOARD U. S. DESTROYER GOLDSBOROUGH, OFF SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 23.—(via wireless)—Resolute, whose helmsman is the challenger for America's yachting cup in the first two legs of today's race—the fourth of the series.

Shamrock was unable to pass the American boat on either of the two first legs (covering twenty miles) after Skipper Adams crossed the starting line ahead.

A fifteen knot wind was blowing and the fleets fairly flew through the water.

Resolute's lead on elapsed time at the first mark (ten miles) was one minute forty-eight seconds.

Shamrock cut down the Resolute's lead slightly during the second ten miles, the elapsed time being: Shamrock, 50:18; Resolute, 51:02.

Shamrock gained forty-four seconds on the second leg. In order to win the race the challenger faced the task of sailing the remaining ten miles almost a third faster.

The speed of the two yachts on the second leg was scheduled to be twelve knots as the wind picked up to eighteen knots, the strongest of the series.

With a black squall making up ahead, Shamrock took her position at 2:45. A minutes later Resolute took in her jib top sail and prepared to weather the squall.

At 2:50 Resolute was leading by a quarter of a mile. The finishing line was four miles away.

The defender and the challenger started the fourth race of their series for the America's cup at noon (eastern standard time).

Thick weather, with rolling banks of fog off shore, prevailed and there was a five-knot wind from the south.

Both yachts stood southward on starboard tacks, crying "jib topsails and plunging heavily in a southerly roll.

Resolute began to pull away from Shamrock almost as soon as they crossed the line.

Ten minutes after the start both yachts tacked to port with Resolute 200 yards to windward. The American defender was making scheduled time, while it appeared that Shamrock was almost becalmed to leeward.

The wind hauled about to almost directly south shortly after 12 o'clock, letting the Resolute and putting her a trifle more than a quarter of a mile to windward. She was a good one-eighth mile ahead at this stage, and almost able to lay her course for the first mark.

At 12:22 the breeze had increased to eight knots and Resolute continued to gain on the challenger.

JAMESON SAYS NO COIN HALTS IMPROVEMENTS

Board of Works Promises to 'Co-Operate,' but Doesn't Say Just How.

SAME OLD STORY AGAIN

Dr. Henry Jameson, president of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, today explained to the board of works why the company has not been carrying out the orders of the board and probably will not do so.

Members of the board who futilely have been issuing orders for the last six months, listened to the statement and promised to "co-operate."

Dr. Jameson told the board what generally has been known, that the company has not sufficient money to carry out the orders, which would require a capital of \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000, and that a higher rate of fare will be required if the orders are to be carried out.

The board demanded some statement from Dr. Jameson as to what the Massachusetts avenue line in such shape that the board can go ahead with re-surfacing.

Dr. Jameson promised immediate action would be taken.

Dr. Jameson said that the company can not possibly do any work on the West Washington street line or the extension of the car line to Fifty-first street on College avenue.

YES, DR. JAMESON KNOWS IT.

George Lemaux, president of the board, asked Dr. Jameson if he knows there is a movement among the people of the city to have the company placed in the hands of a receiver.

Dr. Jameson replied that he knew there was such a movement and that he thought the company would have to bet them to it if the people expected it to make all the improvements asked for.

F. B. McMath, civil engineer for the street railway company, said it is impossible to get labor for the improvements that are needed even if the materials could be bought and the company were in such a financial condition that it could buy them.

He said the steel mills have not rolled a street car rail since before the war, and that it would be several months before a shipment of rails could be obtained.

Dr. Jameson said the company is aware that its lines are in need of repair and that it will co-operate with the board in the improvement of the streets, but that it is a physical impossibility for any definite action to be taken by the company.

At a recent meeting the board of works notified the street car company that a fine of \$50 a day would be assessed against the company if it did not complete the work on Massachusetts avenue by Aug. 15.

DR. JAMESON ASKS LENIENCY.

Dr. Jameson asked leniency on the part of the board in this respect.

While no reply was made to this request, it is understood the board will not assess the threatened fine.

Mr. McMath said the trouble of re-paving the Massachusetts avenue tracks is that there are so many cars using the line that only a small part of the work could be done in a ten-hour day.

Dr. Jameson said if the board pushed too much work on the company this week, it would be a disaster.

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'HOME RULE' TAX BILL WITH AMENDMENTS PASSED BY SENATE

Clips Power of State Board to Pass on Future Levies—Making Circuit Court Arbiter in Controversies.

Clipping off the power of the state board of tax commissioners to pass on future tax levies to be made by the local taxing units on appeal from those units and firmly establishing "home rule" in Indiana, the senate today passed the Johnson house bill, with amendments, by a vote of 39 to 0.

The bill as passed takes away the power of the state tax board to pass on appeals on future tax levies and provides that in case of controversy over a tax levy that the circuit court of the county be called on as arbiter.

Several amendments, as agreed to by the finance committee of the senate, were added to the bill as it was passed by the house, when it was called up for passage, and under suspension of the rules.

Minority members of the senate joined with the majority in passing the bill, following a thirty-minute caucus of the democratic senators, to discuss the amendments as reported by the finance committee.

MANY DON'T VOTE OWN OPINIONS.

In explaining their vote on the measure, many of the senators declared that they were not voting their own opinions, but that in view of the circumstances, something had to be done at once.

"In my opinion, this is the best way to get out of a serious situation," said Senator Craven.

"I do not like the bill, for the reason that it mixes the powers and duties of the taxing units of the state with those of the judiciary, but as something must be done at once, I vote 'aye.'"

Senator Douglas, in explanation of his affirmative vote, said that this was the best bill that could be framed for getting the state out of this difficulty.

The senate constitution fixes the duties of the judiciary, but as something must be done at once, I vote 'aye.'"

Senator E. P. Elsner, "and you cannot make any laws here that will fix additional duties."

The amendments will do more to clip the power of the state board of tax commissioners than any other measure yet introduced since the creation of this arbitrary board.

It was the aim of the Johnson bill, as passed by the house, to protect the power of the state tax board in the making of future tax levies by giving the board the final word when appeal is taken from local taxing units.

The senate amendments wipe out this appeal power.

The amendments provide that in case of an appeal the judge of the circuit court be called on as arbiter.

This removes the power of the state tax commission to decide any tax levy on appeal.

Any number of taxpayers, not less than fifty, and who are affected by such levies, file a petition with the proper officers of a taxing unit, setting forth the grounds on which the proposed tax levy is insufficient to yield necessary revenue, or that the tax levy will result in more revenues than is necessary, the circuit judge of the county is to be called in to sit as an arbiter.

After evidence is submitted whatever finding is made by the arbiter, shall be final.

CLIP POWERS OF TAX BOARD.

"These amendments absolutely clip the powers of the state tax board and return the power to local taxing units," said Senator Luke Duffey of Indianapolis.

It is pointed out by republican senators that Warren T. McCray, republican candidate for governor, stands for the return of power to local taxing units.

When the finance committee reported the amendments to the senate, efforts were made to suspend the rules, but this failed, where the democratic members demanded time for a conference.

Senators Elsner and Craven stated that they had no desire to delay action on the bill, but insisted that they should have at least thirty minutes to confer on them.

On motion of Senator English of Marion county the minority members were given fifteen minutes and the senate took a recess until 11:30.

This was the second recess taken by the senate after convening at 10 o'clock.

Action on the Johnson bill was asked once by Senator English, who stated that the senate should pass the bill and send it back to the house immediately.

"In this manner," said Senator English, "no further delay would be occasioned."

DRASTIC ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE.

Drastic action was taken by the senate in giving the local taxing units the power to issue bonds for which petitions now are pending before the state board of tax commissioners.

On taking effect of this act, any municipal corporation through its proper legal officers may issue such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness as may be deemed necessary, as provided by law, and also provided that the state board of tax commissioners shall certify back to the respective municipalities all petitions for bond issues now pending before said board, and shall annul all certificates of indebtedness of municipalities may proceed with the issuance of such bonds, according to law, without the approval of said board of tax commissioners.

This sweeping action of the senate restores the complete tax levying powers formerly vested in the state tax board to the local taxing units and gives the local unit power to issue all bonds and other evidence of indebtedness of municipalities.

Another amendment passed by the senate gives the governor power, "for good and sufficient reasons," to remove any member of the state board of tax commissioners.

In amending that section of the bill which provides for the exemption of certain bonds, notes and mortgages from taxation, the senate voted to include from such exemption all bonds, notes, mortgages and other evidences of indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter issued and (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

13 KILLED IN BELFAST RIOTS DURING NIGHT

Trouble Spreads to Banbridge, Where Soldiers Charge Mob.

150 REPORTED WOUNDED

GALWAY, Ireland, July 23.—In reprisal for shooting of soldiers and constables, police and military today wrecked the village of Caltra near here, burning the headquarters of Sinn Feiners.

Two persons are reported to have been killed at Banbridge.

A dispatch from Belfast at noon said a heavy rain storm had set in which brought the crowds and aided materially in quelling the city.

Latest advices put the number of wounded at 150, which was far in excess of earlier estimates. The most of the wounds were said to be non-fatal (anti-uniforms).

Four regiments of British troops were on guard in the city during the morning.

The trouble threatens to spread outside of Belfast.

Thirty more arrests have been made at Belfast by soldiers and constables, bringing the total number of prisoners to nearly ninety.

A boy was shot dead in an outbreak of fighting at Banbridge, the native town of Ianter General Smyth, the royal Irish constabulary, who was assassinated at Cork last Saturday.

Sir Humar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, estimated the damage in the Belfast riots at more than \$100,000.

Fire broke out in Falls Road during the height of the battle and the flames attacked the flames amidst flying bullets.

There was heavy sniping at times during the night, the riflemen hidden on the roofs and in the upper stories of buildings in the Falls Road district.

The trouble opened fire against the buildings with machine guns and a spectacular battle raged in the glare of the conflagrations.

The Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Belfast said it was impossible to estimate the casualties because many wounded, and perhaps some of the dead, had been carried away during the darkness.

Many persons in Belfast are homeless. Some were evicted and others were driven out by the fighting.

During a lull in the firing before midnight, the unionists formed a procession and marched through the principal streets of Belfast with the Union Jack.

This further infuriated the nationalists and Sinn Feiners.

Among the latest batch of wounded taken to Belfast hospitals were six policemen and a soldier.

They were said to be in serious condition.

Fifty-four cases of looting had been heard in the Belfast courts up to midnight.

Despite the efforts of the police and soldiers pillaging continued.

"No one can tell where the Belfast riots (Continued on Page Two.)

\$8,000 DAMAGE IS LAID TO FIRE BUG

Hiawatha Street Neighborhood Menaced for Time.

Fire, which officials say undoubtedly was of incendiary origin, started in the barn of the Yantha Transfer Company, 525 Hiawatha street, causing a loss estimated at \$8,000 today.

An automobile truck and a touring car were destroyed and the flames threatened to spread over the neighborhood.

The fire reached across the alley to the barn of Nick Kerz, causing damage estimated at \$500.

Fences and a shed in the rear of the home of Thomas Haszlowod, 527 Hiawatha street, were destroyed; a shed in the rear of the home of Ellis Posey, 525 Hiawatha street, was damaged, and the roof of a small bungalow at 524 Patterson street, occupied by Solomon Love, negro, was damaged.

The barn was owned by Charles Yantha, who is employed at a court house, while the car belonged to his son Harry.

In the barn also were rugs valued at \$800, which Yantha was keeping in storage.

After the firemen had left the scene, a fire was discovered on the roof of Henry Oakley, 543 Patterson street, a block distant from the Yantha place, a firebrand having dropped on the roof of the frame residence started the blaze, which caused a loss of \$25.

The fire department answered three other alarms where the flames did little damage, last night.

A street car caught fire at Illinois and Eleventh streets at 8 o'clock, but the flames had been put out and the car was gone before the department arrived.

An alarm was sent in when a curtain at the Circle theater caught fire at 9:23 o'clock, but the fire was put out immediately by employees of the theater.

An overheated motor at the Targart Baking Company caused another alarm.

State Convention Plans of New Party

Plans for the Indiana state convention of the farmer-labor party, to be held tomorrow, were discussed today when the state executive committee met at the Denison hotel.

A committee, headed by Bert Lynch, has been appointed to welcome the 1,000 delegates expected at the convention.

J. Verne Johnston of Kokomo has been considered for governor on the new party ticket.

District organization meetings will be held tomorrow opening of the convention at 10 o'clock.

Horace H. Kramer, county chairman, will deliver the address of welcome at the convention.

On Aug. 7, a county convention will nominate a complete county ticket.

Played in Hard Luck

DALLAS, Tex., July 23.—Yeggs rolled a one-ton iron safe from the front office into the rear warehouse of Southern Equipment Company then couldn't open it.

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