

PUBLISHERS OF COUNTRY FACE BIG PROBLEMS

New York Convention to Deal With Most Important Questions.

MILL TROUBLE LOOMS

NEW YORK, April 26.—The American Newspaper Publishers Association, meeting in annual convention here tomorrow will be faced by the most important problems with which it has been confronted in years. These include:

Wage adjustments.

Taxation.

Termination of a strike in the news print industry.

Maintenance of advertising scale.

The newspaper business, in common with other industries, has reached a point where wage adjustments are vitally necessary, an insurance against actual loss, it was pointed out today by some publishers. While this is a question which must be worked out individually, the publishers were called to the bar at the convention of the research by the association labor bureau. Any adjustments which might be made, it was said, would be effected only after friendly conferences with the employees.

PROPOSE TO KEEP AMICABLE RELATION.

There has been less labor trouble in the newspaper business than in any other similar line and it was said to be the intention of the publishers to maintain this amicable relationship.

The new postal zone rates on second class mail by which the country is divided into eight zones, becomes effective July 1. It was expected that the association might appeal to Congress to abrogate or at least readjust these new rates.

The publishers were expected to add their voices to that of every other line of business in asking repeal of burdensome taxation, particularly the excess profits tax.

PEPPER MILL WORKERS PRESENT WAGE CUT.

The forty-eight locals of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers have voted to reject the proposals of the manufacturers for a 30 per cent wage cut. The workers asked a 10 per cent increase. If a strike results when the present agreements expire between May 1 and 11 more than 25,000 workers and fifty mills will be affected. The International Brotherhood of Paper was reported to have withdrawn all contracts after May 1. Government reports recently showed fifty days' news print supply in the hands of the publishers or en route.

Certified advertisers have undertaken to obtain a revision downward of ad rates. While the cost of advertising in average cities in the last eight months, the cost of production—newsprint and other materials—has advanced considerably more in the same period. Publishers here declared it would be "business suicide" to cut ad rates at this time, in the face of increasing costs.

SAY ASSESSMENT NOT EXCESSIVE

Citizens Investigate and Find Rolls Correct.

Assessments on the rolls for the strengthening of Michigan street, from Highland avenue, to Dorman street, are not in excess of the estimated cost of \$25,000, a committee appointed by Mark H. Miller, president of the board of public works to go over the records, found today.

Mr. Miller selected the committee from property owners who were before the board of public works. The morning assessment that they believed the total assessments included on the rolls would raise between \$30,000 and \$60,000. James F. Lynch, 415 North Arsenal avenue; C. R. West, 315 Highland avenue, and Lewis F. Pollard, 247 Leeds avenue, formed the committee.

The committee, in going over the rolls and plots in the city assessment bureau today, discovered that only 2,544 lots were assessed.

In its report on its investigation the committee frankly sets out its discoveries, but states that it will not favor the strengthening of Michigan street unless some plan is found to make Woodfield Place, which would be benefited greatly, pay a share of the cost.

Woodpile Whisky Case Before Jury

The jury which has been hearing the case of Thomas Cassidy, charged with operating a blind tiger, on an appeal from him in a room in the Sevier Hotel retired shortly before noon today after Prosecutor William P. Evans had vigorously asked for conviction. The police had admitted that small quantity of whisky was found in a woodpile in the rear of 420 West Maryland street. Cassidy's defense was that the whisky in question did not belong to him.

The case began yesterday in the Criminal Court before a jury.

Negro Identified as Pittsburgh Convict

A negro, who gave his name to the police as George Simms of Chicago and who was cut in the hand by Mammie Lamb, registered as a guest in a room in the California street several days ago, was identified today by Pittsburgh authorities as Grafton Mahoney, an escaped convict from the Huntingdon Reformatory of Pennsylvania.

Local detectives say Mahoney escaped from the reformatory on Dec. 16, 1920. Mahoney, under the name of Simms, has been held under a charge of vagrancy. An additional charge of being a fugitive from justice will be preferred, it is said.

Clean Up Call Is Heard at Greensburg

Special to The Times.

GREENSBURG, Ind., April 26.—The grand and petit juries for the May term of court have been drawn by County Clerk Robert McKay. According to the prosecuting attorney, he has some very important charges to present to the grand jury at this session and some startling cases may develop. A general cleanup of lawbreakers is being demanded.

They're Puttin' Fish in Old Wildcat!

Special to The Times.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 26.—Through the efforts of the Greentown Fish and Game Protective Association, 400,000 wall-eyed pike have been transported to this county and transplanted in Wildcat Creek, near the Lamb bridge.

ASK VOICE IN AFFAIRS.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 26.—Members of the Women's Municipal Aid by a formal vote, have demanded that women have a larger representation in the city council and on the school board.

2 DIE IN DUBLIN FIRING.

DUBLIN, April 26.—Bullets again swept part of Dublin last night. Two civilians were killed just before the curfew sounded.

Regular Scale

CHICAGO, April 26.—Bombers \$100 each and slugs \$10 each was the general price of the day, here, Otto Luedtke, former secretary and business agent of the upholsterers' Union, testified in court. Three officials of the union—Edwin E. Graves, international vice president; Roy F. Hall, business agent, and Gus T. Krueger, a member of the executive board, are being tried for conspiracy to commit acts of violence.

Luedtke testified that in a recent strike of the upholsterers' all bonds had been torn off and more than twenty-five foremen of furniture factories slugged.

U. S. WILL SCAN ANTI-ALIEN ACTS

Hughes to Reopen Negotiations With California.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of State Hughes has assured Baron Shishibara, the Japanese ambassador, that the State Department soon will reopen negotiations on the California anti-alien land laws, it was understood here today.

Hughes has not yet taken up the California question because of the immediate press of other matters. He also wants to acquaint himself thoroughly with all phases of the issue before reopening the question.

Negotiations on this question during the Wilson administration were terminated with an agreement between Roland S. Morris, then American ambassador to Tokyo, and Baron Shishibara on a report recommending to their respective governments a plan for settlement of the dispute.

MOVIE INDORSERS NAME HOSTESSES

Note Improvement in Picture Advertising.

Additional hostesses for the special children's photoplays being presented by the Indorsers of Photoplay, in the various cities, here this week, were named at the business session of the Indorsers held today in the parlors of the Fletcher-American Bank building. The group included Mrs. M. E. Robbins, Mrs. David Burkitt, Mrs. J. J. Voelcker, Mrs. C. A. Brown, Mrs. Ralph Bishop, Mrs. H. A. McLaughlin and Mrs. E. L. Hodges.

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COKE SALES EXCEED BILLION DOLLARS

The statement showed also, that despite the distributing company's contention that it cannot dispose of its coke, the coke sales for the first three months of the current year amounted to more than the proceeds of the sale of gas. The coke sales, while the cost of the coal transported, amounted to only \$415,546.24.

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