

HOLWEG WOULD TAKE THE BLAME FOR WAR G. F. & A. EMPLOYEES PROTEST AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

HOLWEG ASKS TRIAL INSTEAD OF THE KAISER

Former German Chancellor Would Assume Responsibility For Having Caused World War.

PRESIDENT WILSON SAILS FROM BREST

Departure of President Caused But Little Excitement—Lansing Left at Head American Delegates

Berlin, June 29.—Dr. Theobald von Bethman Holweg, former German chancellor, has formally asked the allied and associated powers to place him on trial instead of the former emperor. The former chancellor says he assumes responsibility for the acts of Germany during his office and places himself at the disposal of the allies.

Brest, June 29.—President Wilson sailed from Brest today on his return to the United States. The transport George Washington carrying the presidential party steamed from the harbor at 2:20 this afternoon.

The departure of the president caused little excitement at this port. There was only a distance of fifty feet from where his train stopped to where the motor launch was waiting to convey him to his transport. There was but little cheering and applause from the several thousand people who gathered at the embarkation pier.

A procession of socialists singing "International" debouched from the Rue Siam as the president walked across the pier. The president waved his silk hat to the paraders. French and American officials gathered on the wharf.

Mrs. Josephine Lewis of Cincinnati, representing the American Red Cross, presented Mrs. Wilson with a bouquet of Brittany roses. They chatted briefly. Mrs. Wilson wore a navy blue tailored dress, a handsome, but simple little hat, apparently the latest creation from the Rue de la Paix. She looked tired.

The band played the Star Spangled Banner and Marseillaise as the president entered the launch amid cheers. "This is America," said the president, as he shook hands with Captain Edward McCauley on the transport.

The presidential party had just completed lunch as she steamed from the harbor. He came on deck and silently watched the shores of France fade out amid salutes of French warships. The weather was perfect.

Paris, June 29.—With the departure of President Wilson, Secretary Lansing becomes head of the American peace delegation, which will carry on Austrian and other treaties under consideration. This is only temporary, however, as Lansing expects to return to America about the middle of July and Frank Polk, under secretary of state, will replace him. All members of delegations are so worn out there will probably be little done the next fortnight.

Paris, June 29.—Council of four will send a note to the Turkish delegation, advising members to return to Constantinople, as there is no reason to believe any agreement can be reached in the near future because of the great difference between the demands of Turks and concessions the allies are willing to grant.

Paris, June 29.—The council of four Saturday reached an agreement on the economic terms to be imposed on Austria.

Berlin, June 29.—Some of the Berlin newspapers, announcing the signing of the treaty, appear in black border with captions on Versailles articles such as "Germany's Fate Sealed" and "Peace and Annihilation."

The Tages Zeitung says in closing an editorial "Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson and their accessories have sown dragons teeth of eternal enmity." The whole German press writes in a strain of melancholy pessimism.

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS KEPT ON JUMP

Vigorous Efforts Made in Washington to Head Off Discriminating Rates Increases.

REPRESENTATIVES FLORIDA GET BUSY

Proceeds From Proposed Increases Would Go to Make Up Deficit on Unprofitable Eastern Lines.

Tallahassee, June 29.—R. Hudson Burr, chairman, Royal C. Dunn, commissioner, and J. H. Tench, rate expert, of the Florida Railroad commission, returned today from Washington, where they went to oppose before the federal railroad administration the imposition of a 15 per cent increase in freight rates in southeastern territory, which the railroad commission sought to impose, although the advance was not to be divided with lines operating in northeastern territory, but was to be given to the lines in eastern territory.

The imposition of this 15 per cent increase was on all business moving from east or north of the gateway into southeastern territory and all business moving out of southeastern territory to territory north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. It was proposed to spread this increase on all class and commodity rates to and from this territory. This would include citrus fruits and vegetables and would amount to 4.4 cents per box on all citrus fruits and the same in proportion per package on vegetables.

The only notice of the intention of the railroad administration to order this advance that was sent to Florida was sent to the railroad commissioners, and the commissioners notified the fruit and vegetable interests regarding the advance and were accompanied to Washington by C. E. Stewart, business manager, and E. D. Dow, traffic manager, of the Florida Citrus exchange. Opposition to this proposed increase was fully presented to officials of the railroad administration on the 16th and 17th instants at Washington. Representatives of shippers from other states in the south were also present opposing this increase.

After two days hearing before officials of the railroad administration, in the abundance of precaution, the matter was laid before our delegation in congress, and other southern senators and representatives, who were requested to oppose the increase.

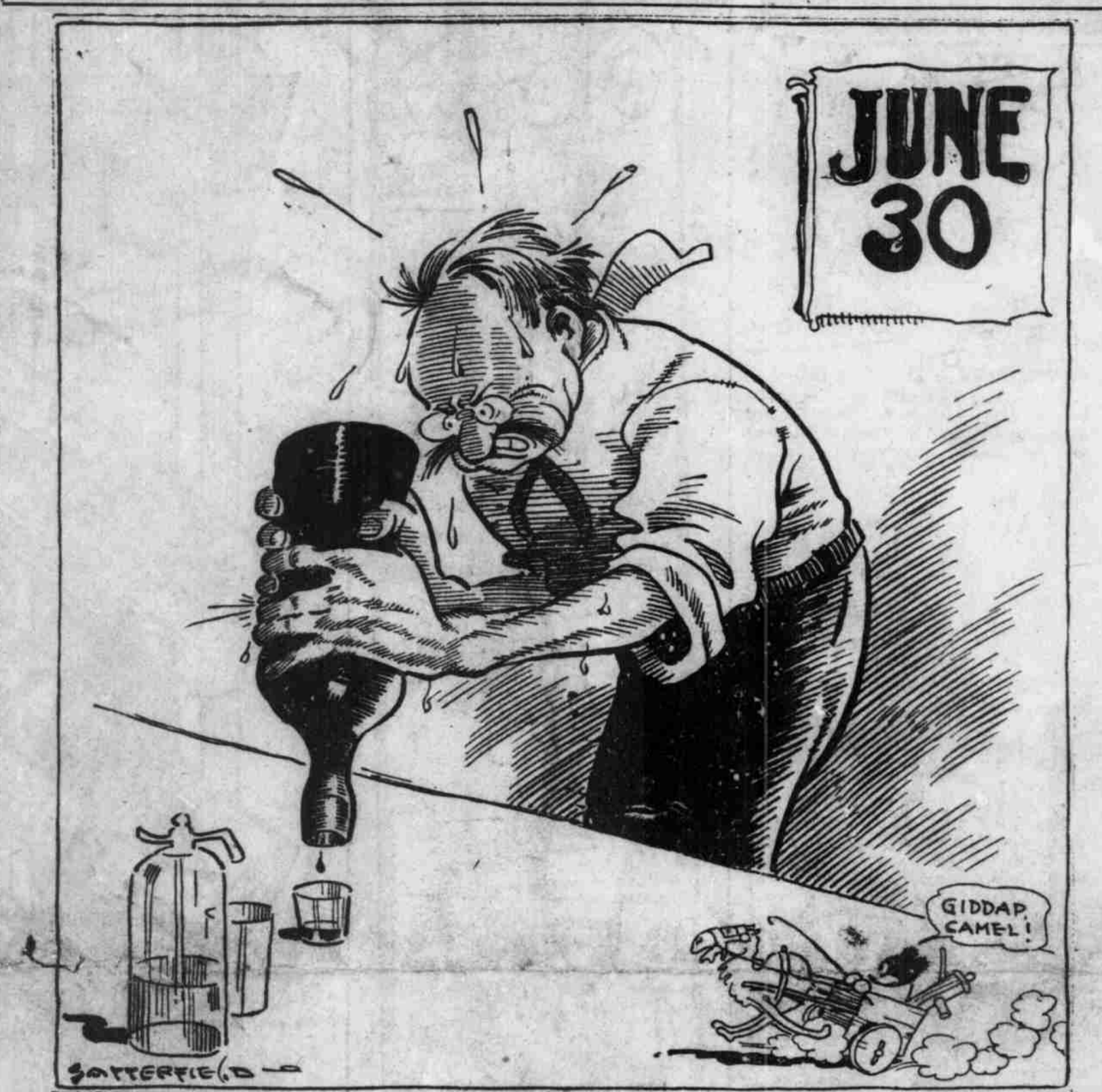
Co-operation of Senator Fletcher and Representatives Dane and Clark was secured, and Senator Fletcher, representing all interests, called upon Director General Hines in connection with the matter and received assurance that no precipitate action would be taken, and that before anything was done the question of the proposed increase would be referred to the interstate commerce commission for full investigation and hearing. The railroad commission feel, therefore, that this increase will probably never be made operative.

Attention was called to the injustice which would be imposed upon this section of the United States in being called upon to pay a freight increase to be handed over to eastern lines which were losing money.

The Florida railroad commissioners and Mr. E. D. Dow, traffic manager of the Florida Citrus exchange, vigorously pointed out the injustice of imposing this increase on Florida citrus growers, who have to compete in the market with California citrus fruits, in which territory the railroad administration was not contemplating making this increase. Figures were given showing that there is already a discrimination in freight rates on citrus fruits in favor of the California growers.

On returning from Washington, Chairman Burr and Commissioner Dunn went through to South Florida for the purpose of conducting investigations with reference to telephone service along the scenic highlands; whence back to Jacksonville for the purpose of holding a hearing with reference to violation of rule 7 of the Clyde Steamship company; conference with representatives of the Florida East Coast railroad and city of Cocoa, regarding spur track facilities at that point; and a conference with Mr. H. W. Purvis, terminal manager, concerning placing sleepers at 9 o'clock for the convenience of passengers using night trains out of Jacksonville.

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DRUNK COSTS \$50.00 NOW IN WASHINGTON

Records Show 86 Cases in Single Day, However, During Past Week With Booze Selling at \$8.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—That Washington, in spite of the Sheppard prohibition act, the military zone law and the Reed bone dry law, is not quite a "dry" town is shown by the docket of the police court for yesterday when the cases of 86 men and women who were arrested for drunkenness during a single night and were called for trial.

That drinking was done too, right under the eyes of all the departments charged with the enforcement of the various laws, and in spite of their combined efforts to make the national capital an arid desert. The liquor was obtained chiefly from bootleggers who are doing a swift and prosperous business with whiskey quoted at \$8 per quart.

Fifty-six of those arrested were locked up when unable to put up the usual \$50 collateral; the other thirty furnished the \$50. When the collateral list was called none of the thirty answered to their names and the \$1500 was declared forfeited. More than half of the others later furnished the collateral in preference to serving several months on the farm, the penalty for being drunk in Washington.

LONG DISTANCE FLIER IS FORCED TO MAKE LANDING

Washington, June 29.—Lieut. Ralph Johnson, army air service, who left Arcadia, Florida, Saturday morning on a 1,200 mile non-stop flight to Boston, was forced to land near Newbern, N. C. The plane was badly damaged, but the aviator was not injured.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE

Washington, June 29.—The superior blockade council has been instructed to be prepared to raise the economic blockade of Germany immediately upon ratification by the German national assembly of the peace treaty.

Washington, June 29.—The National Woman's Party announced today that it will conduct a campaign in Georgia for ratification by the present session of the legislature of the woman's suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

Berlin, June 29.—Government troops tried to enter Hamburg today, but retired when they were met by a large mob, including many women. Communists are in control of Hamburg, and it was said, had promised to offer no opposition to the entry of government troops, but when the mob met the troops they decided to retire temporarily to avoid bloodshed.

ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

With Rope Procured Most Mysteriously Dr. Wilkins Hangs Himself in Mineola Jail.

Mineola, N. Y., June 29.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, who was convicted of the murder of his wife by a jury here Friday, committed suicide in the bath room of the Nassau county jail tonight by hanging himself with a rope. The aged physician was still alive when cut down but his neck was broken and he died despite efforts of jail physicians to save his life. Jail officials are unable to explain just how the doctor got the rope, which was new. He was thoroughly searched Saturday, jail officials said, and it would have been impossible for him to conceal the rope about his person. He had no visitors this afternoon except the chaplain. County and jail officials are going to investigate his getting the rope.

JULY FOURTH TO BE BIG DAY IN SANTA ROSA

Milton Will Be Turned Over to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Their Friends For Many Big Events.

Arrangements are practically complete for the greatest gathering ever held in Santa Rosa county, welcoming the returning service men from the army, navy and marine and other branches of the service in the great war, to be held at Milton on July Fourth.

The excursion on the F. and A. from Whitley, Alabama, an intermediate point, will arrive at Milton at 9:40 a. m., in ample time for the opening of the day's events which begin with the big parade formed at the court house at 10 o'clock, headed by men in uniform from the army, navy, marine and other branches of the service. They will be commanded by Major A. D. Tomassello, of the 52nd division. Following these will be the veterans of the civil war in cars, Boy Scouts, fraternal organizations, Red Cross in cars, decorated cars, care not decorated and men on horseback in the order named. The line of march will be Willing street to Berry Hill, Berry Hill to Canal, Canal to Oak Oak to Willing, Willing to Grace and thence to the race track where an address of welcome to visitors will be made by Hon. W. W. Clerk, after which ten minute talks will be made by Private Harvey Echols, 318 F. A. 81st division; George C. Collins, sergeant first class, 18th company 4th regiment, air service, mech.; W. H. Bannahan, corporal, headquarters company, 16th infantry, 42nd division, Rainbow, and several other men, some of whom saw service overseas.

After these talks an hour's intermission will be given to give the crowd an opportunity to eat dinner without missing any of the events. After dinner the athletic and other contests will be put on. There will be games and contests which only ex-service men may participate in. Others in which all may enter and one contest which no man under 200 pounds may enter. These with scrub races, with exhibitions by the Boy Scouts and impromptu games will end the day at the race track. In the evening a grand ball will be held at Woodman hall at Bagdad.

SCHOOL BOARD SPLITS OVER SCHOOL HEAD

Roberts-Gonzalez Trustees Want Principal Who Demands More Money Than Board Wants to Pay.

PROF. COLLIER TO REMAIN IN CITY

Century Teachers Are Demanding More Pay and Other Problems Are Confronting Local Board.

The naming of a principal for the Smith-Hughes industrial school at Roberts-Gonzalez has caused a split among the members of the Escambia county board of public instruction. Decision in the matter is expected tonight.

C. G. Short, of Auburn, Alabama, is the choice of the trustees, but he refuses to take the job for less than \$2,400 a year, while the majority of the members of the board favor a \$2,000 remuneration. Mr. Short has made a proposition to the board, in which he offers to furnish his own automobile and pay the expenses of the upkeep of the car. A machine is considered essential for the outside work which the principal of the school is expected to do in the homes of students. John Diamond, former principal, who resigned recently because of difficulties with some of the patrons of the school was greatly handicapped it is said, because he was not furnished with a car.

J. H. Collier, principal of the Pensacola high school, is paid a salary of \$2,400 and some of the members of the board consider it unfitting that the head of the rural school with so much smaller number of students should draw an equal amount.

John H. Trace is an ardent advocate of the raise in salary for the Roberts-Gonzalez principal. He considers the outside work which would be done for the betterment of the community would far outweigh the consideration of any extra expense.

Mr. Collier will again head the Pensacola high school faculty next year. Rumors that dissatisfaction among some of the patrons would result in his removal were quieted when the announcement was made. The High School faculty will remain intact for the coming term, members of the board stated last night with the exception of G. S. Stapleton, head of the normal training department, who is now making his home in Enterprise, Alabama, after tendering his resignation here, and of Miss Scouting, science instructor and Miss Gladys McMillan, assistant in the mathematics department, both of whom have also resigned. Their posts have not yet been filled by the board.

Claims that their school was not included in the general scale of increases, Century teachers are demanding more pay, to meet the increasing cost of living. This matter will be brought up for discussion.

A total of \$182,950 will be necessary to run the county schools for the next session. The board will ask the county commissioners to include this amount in their annual budget.

SOUTH'S WATER RESOURCES MAY SOON BE OPENED

Washington, June 29.—Southern and western senators and representatives pressing for water power legislation to unlock the resources of their states, now expect to win their fight in congress during the next few weeks, after years of effort.

RAILROAD MEN ASK CONGRESS GRANT RELIEF

G. F. & A. Employees Hold Mass Meeting and Decide to Send Petition to Senators.

WANT DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC STOPPED

Say Precautions For Safeguarding Short-Lines Are Neglected in Favor of Government Roads.

Gathered at the Knights of Pythias hall yesterday afternoon, more than 250 employees of the Gulf, Florida & Alabama R. R. voted unanimously a petition Senators Fletcher and Bankhead and representatives from West Florida and Eastern Alabama for relief for short-line railroads, and especially the G. F. & A.

Their specific requests are that there be a just division of rates, a fair allotment of cars and that the original routing of cars be respected, so that traffic is not diverted from non-government controlled short-line roads to the government controlled lines.

By special request of the employees, a special train was run over the G. F. & A. from Kimbrough to Pensacola, arriving here at noon yesterday. The employees which this train brought represented every branch of the service. The mass meeting was presided over by G. L. Gunt of Pensacola, a conductor. General Manager Fraser of the G. F. & A. outlined the situation and a petition was drawn up. A committee consisting of one member from each department of the G. F. & A. service will be appointed by the chairman to forward petitions to the senators and representatives. These petitions will probably go forward today. The Brotherhood will also petition congress on the same subject.

When the railroads were taken over by the president, he was empowered to take over all roads and to return to private ownership the shore lines. Among the roads so returned was the Gulf, Florida & Alabama. In relinquishing control of these roads, President Wilson recommended to Director General of Railroads at that time, W. G. McArdoo, that special precautions be taken to insure that cars be carried over routes called for by the shippers and not diverted to government controlled lines to the detriment of the short lines. These precautions, it is understood, have been neglected with the result that short lines have been hard pressed to keep on their feet.

SINN FEINERS IN IRELAND BURN BRITISH FLAGS

Dublin, June 29.—The British flag was burned in Dublin Saturday night. Outside of Trinity College a number of Union Jacks were seized and the torch applied. Cheers were given for DeValera, "President of the Irish republic" and revolutionary songs were sung. Sinn Fein demonstrations were made in other parts of the city also.

SERIOUS RIOTS MARK ITALIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

Rome, June 29.—Serious disorders marked the anti-government demonstration at Rome last night. The demonstrators attempted to reach the residence of Premier Nitti, but were driven back by large forces of military police. Order was finally restored after midnight.

FLORIDA ENTITLED TO NOMINEE

Washington, June 29.—The war department has extended to August 1 the date on which West Point appointees nominated to vacancies may present satisfactory educational certificates in place of mental examination for admission August 6, unless their certificates are approved in time for admission July 16. There are vacancies in second and third Florida districts.