

FIRE ON TRAIN OF STRIKEBREAKERS

Miners Kill Deputy Sheriff and Wound Dozen Non-union Men.

TROOPS ARE CALLED OUT

Fully 1000 Shots Exchanged Between Contending Forces—Many of Aggressors Injured—Situation in Coal Fields Critical.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 18.—Robert Gardner, a Deputy Sheriff, was fatally wounded and at least a dozen miners were more or less seriously hurt as the result of an attack on a train bearing strike-breakers to take the places of striking union miners at Jefferson, near here yesterday.

Troops Ordered Out. Governor Comer has ordered a company of cavalry from Montgomery to the scene and troops already on the ground are under arms and will patrol the district tonight, preventing further disorders.

According to Smith the engagement was opened when a train bearing 50 strike-breakers attempted to leave Jefferson for Adamsville. Prior to this a number of union miners had made overtures to the strike-breakers to join their ranks, threatening at the same time to kill them in case they attempted to work the mines or the operators.

STRIKERS ATTACK TRAIN

Bullets riddled the train and that many men were not injured and killed is due to the fact that they fell to the floor and remained there. The deputies returned the fire. They declare that at least a dozen miners were either killed or seriously wounded. At this juncture, Gardner fell mortally wounded.

The engagement was brought to an end when the engine, having been sent into the main track, was enabled to make headway. At 9 o'clock last night everything on the outskirts was comparatively quiet, the military having reached Adamsville.

There was a sharp brush at Adamsville in the afternoon, three strike sympathizers being wounded and thirteen arrested. The soldiers were engaged there last night. Governor Comer has placed the troops of the State in the hands of Sheriff Higdon and will order out as many men as he deems necessary.

William Fairley, member of the National Committee of the union, expressed delight tonight when he learned that Governor Comer had called out the troops. Last night a report was received at the sheriff's office that a pitched battle had taken place at Blossburg and that aggressive non-union men had been killed or wounded.

ATTACKS HOME FRANCHISE

AGAR ASKS SAN FRANCISCO TO SEEK ANNULMENT.

Bribery of Supervisors Given as Ground for Forfeiture—Unsuccessful Bidder Makes Move.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—(Special.)—The validity of the franchise awarded to the Home Telephone Company on April 23, 1906, is attacked in a petition filed today with the Board of Supervisors by J. M. Agar. The petitioner asks that the city request the Attorney-General to permit an action to be maintained in the name of the city.

The petition sets forth that, while the Attorney-General declines to allow private citizens to bring such suits, he says that the city may do so. Mr. Agar declares that the franchise was sold for \$25,000, paid to the old Board of Supervisors, and that the proceeds were irregular and were the result of the grossest bribery and most flagrant corruption. He also says that under fair bidding the franchise is worth \$150,000, which sum, Mr. Agar says, he and his associates are ready to pay. He reiterates that the Supervisors who composed the old Gallagher Board, received sums ranging from \$1500 to \$19,000 for voting the franchise.

It would appear that Dr. Ferdinand Butterfield, who was in the field as a bidder prior to the fire, is back of the move to carry the franchise matter into the courts. He states that his associates are connected with the independent system now doing business in Seattle and Salt Lake.

Denies He Wrote to Hearst. BIRIE, Pa., July 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, denies that he sent a cable-

gram to William B. Hearst urging the latter to have the Independence League support Bryan for the Presidency.

MUTINY AVERTED ON OHIO

Passengers Ready to Use Force Against Captain as Thetis Arrives.

NOME, Alaska, July 18.—(Special.)—Mutiny was averted the day before the Ohio reached Nome only by the appearance of the revenue cutters Thetis and McCullough, and a plot existed at the time among some leaders of the passengers to place a pistol point at the head of Captain Conradi and force him to make his way through the ice after the captain had given it out that he intended to return to Seattle.

PEARY STARTS FOR POLE

Roosevelt Steams Out of Sydney, N. S., Bound North.

SYDNEY, N. S., July 18.—Commander Robert E. Peary sailed yesterday on the steamer Roosevelt, in another attempt to reach the North Pole. His last remark, as he went over the ship's side, was that he expected to accomplish his purpose.

The Roosevelt steamed away flying the pennant of the New York Yacht Club at her foremast and the United States ensign at her stern. On the way out of the harbor she exchanged flag salutes with the French cruiser d'Estrees and the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club.

COUNTY OFFICIALS SHORT

Franklin County Records Show Careless Bookkeeping.

PASCO, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—The report of the expert accountants of the firm of Williams & Co., of Seattle, on the accounts of Franklin County will show shortages in the accounts of several past and present county officials. The main item in the case of C. S. O'Brien, now Mayor of Pasco and then County Treasurer, who is reported as being short in his accounts \$222.

ELKS CUT PER CAPITA TAX

Also Adopt Emblem and Decide Against Orphans' Home.

DALLAS, Tex., July 18.—The Elks' reunion of 1908 closed yesterday, the grand lodge adjourning to meet in Los Angeles July 11, 1909. The last session saw various minor changes made in the constitution. The per capita tax was reduced from 25 cents to 20 cents per annum, as recommended by the retiring grand exalted ruler, John K. Tener; an official Elks emblem was adopted; the proposition to establish a home for the orphans of Elks was defeated and a resolution passed praising Dallas and Texas for their hospitality.

The emblem as described consists of "a combination of the dial, showing the hour of 11, with a white face and red Roman numerals, circumscribed by a blue circle containing the initials 'E. O. E.' on which dial and circle shall rest an elk's head and antlers, which shall be surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. The elk's head and antlers are to be in gold, the dial, star and border in enamel."

NEW PACING RECORD SET

Minor Heir, a Green Horse, Goes Five Fastest Heats.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 18.—Minor Heir, a green pacer, today set a new world's record when he reeled off the first five heats in 2:25 pace in 2:24 and 2:01, the fastest two heats ever paced in a race. The Eel won the third heat in 2:04 and forced Minor Heir to finish the race and set another record, the fastest five heats ever paced in a race.

CAVALRY MEN PASS ECHO

Sergeant Palmer Will Make Contour Map of Road as Far as Ione.

ECHO, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Five companies, A, B, C, D and E, of the Fourteenth United States Cavalry from Fort Walla Walla, passed through this place on their way to Fort Vancouver, via Portland. There were 350 men and 400 horses. Captain Polk was in command. They spent the greater part of Thursday here, leaving Friday morning.

BIDS ON BUILDING SITES

Three Washington Cities Offer Land to Federal Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 18.—Bids for public building sites at Everett, Olympia and Walla Walla, Wash., were opened by the supervising architect this afternoon. Seventeen sites were offered at Everett at prices ranging from \$800 to \$21,000. Thirteen sites were offered at Olympia at from \$700 to \$15,000, and at Walla Walla 23 sites were offered at prices ranging from \$500 to \$37,500.

As it is now running between Backing and Whitechapel a train with nine cars, carrying nearly 1,000 passengers, the London District Railway claims the longest multiple-unit electric train in the world.

RATE INCREASE CONTRARY TO LAW

Railroad Agreement Illegal Pool, so Commission Alleges.

POINT DECIDED IN GEORGIA

General Advance by Agreement Violates Anti-Trust Law—McCrea Says Only Few Rates Were to Rise.

CHICAGO, July 18.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the opinion of John Clements, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the proposed general increase in freight rates discussed in New York Thursday by the presidents of many Eastern railroads is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and would render all the railroads concerned liable to severe penalties.

AGREEMENT IS ILLEGAL POOL

"As a lawyer," he said, "I am willing to hazard the opinion that such an increase in rates as was contemplated by the Eastern railroads at their meeting in New York would be in direct violation of the anti-trust law. When practically all of the Eastern roads, and for that matter all the roads in the country, by a mutual agreement raise rates, it is to my mind a procedure which brings them under that clause of the anti-trust law which prevents 'pooling' and illegal combinations."

GEORGIA CASE IN POINT

"Whether or not there is any necessity now for an increase of rates I am not prepared to say. If the increase should come, the commission has the legal right to decide that point. I am convinced, however, that the railroads will give the anti-trust laws careful consideration before they consider a general increase in rates."

INCREASE NOT TO BE GENERAL

McCrea Says Class Rates Not to Be Raised at Present.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—In a statement issued here with reference to the meeting of railroad presidents in New York yesterday, at which was discussed the question of raising freight rates, President McCrea of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who was present, said that the conclusion reached was that the time is not opportune for an advance in rates in the territory represented at the meeting. Mr. McCrea said in his statement:

HABEAS CORPUS FOR GREEK

Burns Spells Away Accused Dynamiter to Avoid Release.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—The first move to secure the release of John Claudiano, held on suspicion of being connected with the Gallagher dynamiting, was made this evening, when James W. Scott, an attorney, applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Carroll Cook granted a writ against Clerk of Police Biggy returnable at 11 o'clock next Monday morning.

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"The traffic officers, however, were requested to further consider the advisability of an increase in rates in specific cases when the present rates are particularly low in comparison with other rates, and in view of the service performed."

NARROW ESCAPE AT FIRE

East Side Dwelling Burns Late at Night.

Fire which occurred at midnight last night destroyed the one-story frame cottage at 613 South avenue, near Milwaukie street, occupied by W. Smets, an employee of the Inman-Poolson Lumber Company. The cause of the blaze is unknown and the family had a narrow escape from injury. They were awakened by the smoke and heat and escaped in their night clothes. None of the household goods were saved. The homeless family was given refuge in the house of a neighbor. The loss is estimated at \$1000.

SENATOR HAS BREAKDOWN

Clark of Wyoming Collapses, in Chicago on Way Home.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Clarence Don Clark, United States Senator from Wyoming, was stricken with a nervous collapse and general breakdown at the Auditorium Annex Hotel yesterday. So serious was the Senator's condition that for a time his life was despaired of. He soon rallied, however, and although still in a precarious condition the physicians stated that they expected him to recover.

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