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SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE ONE HUMAN LIFE DURING AGE OF THE TROUBLE.

CHICAGO SWITCHMEN GROWL AT THE UNNECESSARY DELAY.

Both Sides Make Claims—Found that Inexperienced Strike Breakers Meet Death Often in Yards Will Fight On.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Since the beginning of the switchmen's strike that has practically demoralized all freight traffic in the Northwest for the past month, thirty men have lost their lives in the various railroad yards affected, according to a report that has been made to the governor of the state today.

The fatalities for the most part are among the inexperienced switchmen who are working as strike breakers. The accidental deaths have averaged about one each day since the beginning of the strike.

There is but little if any change in the strike situation today. Railroad officials declare so far as they are concerned the strike is over. Strike leaders however emphatically declare that they are going to continue the fight to the finish and that the railroad companies are bluffing and are as a matter of fact losing much money on account of not being able to handle the business that is being offered them.

Chicago Men are Threatening.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The switchmen that are employed in the local railroad yards in this city are becoming impatient over the long drawn out delay in the negotiations as to their demands are being submitted. There is threat of a general strike and a tie up of all the roads entering this city unless prompt action is taken by the railroad officials. The officers of the organizations effected today stated that they had given the various railroad companies plenty of time to adjust matters and that apparently nothing was being done and that they could not hope to hold their men in check much longer. If the strike is continued it will mean a great disaster to this city and the entire Northwest as it will tie up every road entering this city for an indefinite time, and at a time when fuel is in demand and hard to get.

Cardinal Sattoli Ill.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Sattoli, who is suffering from nephritis, or blood poisoning, is unconscious today. His physicians are looking momentarily for the end. The prelate has been in a comatose condition for the past two days.

Cotton Fire in Galveston.

Galveston, Dec. 30.—After destroying 3,000 bales of cotton and causing damage aggregating \$225,000 a fire that threatened to consume many of the warehouses on the front, today has gotten under control late this afternoon. Several buildings directly in the path of the flames were blown up with dynamite by the firemen. Several sailing vessels that lay at one of the wharves consumed by the fire were badly damaged before they could be gotten out of harm's way.

Sawyers Recovering.

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 30.—Basil Sawyers the star fullback on the victorious Vancouver Rugby team who sustained a fractured skull in the match with Berkeley for the Keith cup and the championship of the Pacific yesterday, is reported to be progressing well today, following an operation. It is now expected that he will fully recover.

ELETE ATTEND THE MISS TAFT WEDDING

WEALTHY SEATTLEITE UNITED TO TAFT'S NEICE.

Couple Will Tour Europe and Visit in Egypt while there.

New York, Dec. 30.—Miss Louise W. Taft and George H. Snowden of Seattle, were married today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waters Taft in Forty-Eighth street. Mr. Taft, the father of the bride is a brother to the president. Only relatives of the family were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden will sail for Europe on January 5, and will visit Egypt before returning to this country. Mrs. Wm. Taft was unable to attend on account of illness. The president, however, was on hand.

FIRECRACKERS HELP THEIVES

FIVE KILLED AND A SCORE HURT BY PICKPOCKETS.

While Theatre Goers Try To Escape Pickpockets Ply Their Trade at Their Own Sweet Will.

Lemberg, Austria, Dec. 30.—The police of this city are on a man hunt today in their efforts to run down the desperate pickpockets who exploded fire works in a moving picture show last night, resulting in the death of five people and the serious injury of twenty others during the panic that followed the explosion.

The pickpockets plan was entirely successful, scores being robbed as they fled through the exits of the theatre. It is supposed that the criminals had men stationed at the doors while the leaders stood at the back of the house and lighted the fuses of the large fire crackers which they had kept concealed under their feet, and hurled them into the audience. Men women and children were temporarily frenzied when the explosion came and some one cried "fire" with the results that the exits were soon blocked with a fighting, screaming mass of humanity, on whom the pickpockets plied their trade without hindrance.

SHOW COMES ON FREIGHT

BERNARD DALY ON HIS WAY TO LA GRANDE TO FILL DATE.

Freight Comes to the Rescue of the Stranded Troup at Baker City and Brings them In.

Bernard Daly and his company, playing "Sweet Innisfallen" will reach La Grande this evening about 6 o'clock, coming over from Baker City on a freight train, on account of the crippled train schedule. Manager Steward has reserved drays to help to transport scenery and trunks to the theatre in the briefest time possible, and there will be no delay in lifting the curtain.

Telegraphers Troubles Ended.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—It has been announced today that the trouble between the telegraphers of the Big Four railroad and the company have been satisfactorily settled and that the pending strike has been called off.

BLIZZARDS IN SOUTHLAND

MOST SEVERE COLD IN HISTORY OF ALABAMA NOW TERRIFIES DIXIE PEOPLE

FOUR DEATHS IN CHICAGO FROM COLD LAST NIGHT.

Trains Delayed and Annulled—Intense Cold Continues to Prevail in the Midwest—Police Find dead On the Sidewalks.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Intense cold prevailing throughout the midwest resulted in four deaths in this city last night, according to the police reports that were made this morning.

Henry Jolly, aged 12 years, after tramping about the city for many hours became exhausted and fell in the street, where he froze to death.

Charles A. Johnson, fell to the pavement within a short distance of his own home last night and his dead body was frozen stiff when it was discovered this morning.

Jacob Kotz slipped on the icy sidewalk and fractured his skull. He died from the injury before he could be taken to the hospital. The fourth victim to succumb to the intense cold was found frozen to death on the sidewalk in the very heart of the city. He apparently became exhausted and lay down to sleep on the sidewalk. It proved to be his long sleep. He has not been identified. Today the thermometer is registering six below.

Train service is badly demoralized on account of the cold, caused mainly by the locomotives dying from the intense cold almost as soon as they come to a standstill. All mails are badly delayed.

Extreme Cold in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala. Dec. 30.—Alabama today is experiencing the coldest weather in the history of the state. This is the report that is being furnished from the United States weather bureau and dates back many years. Thermometers at Birmingham today are registering only 12 degrees above zero and people are almost panic stricken. All business has been suspended on account of the intense cold and the main business of the state today is in keeping from freezing.

The negroes, who have never experienced such cold before are suffering intensely and are gathered in groups holding prayer meetings and keeping up roaring fires. The cold wave is reported to be general throughout the south.

Cold in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The entire state of Indiana is today shivering behind closed doors and around roaring fires to get what little protection possible from the severe cold that has enraptured the state during the past twenty-four hours. Telegraph and telephone wires are down, having been snapped by the intense cold so that communication is almost at an end. Railroads and transportation of all kinds has practically ceased. Not in many years has it been so severely cold as it is at the present time. Many of the poorer classes are said to be suffering in the cities of the state and in the rural districts stock is being left to shift for themselves.

Eastern storms are spreading their effects as far west as La Grande.

The severe wind storm raging here today is no doubt a part of the general storms. In addition overland trains are in bad schedule. Number 7 is annulled. The first train from the east will leave Huntington tonight at 6 and others will follow at brief intervals.

New Furniture Comes.

H. B. Halsten today received a carload of furniture for the new Moore hotel on Depot street.

CUPID RAPID IN HIS WORK

LOS ANGELES ASTIR WITH LATEST SOCIETY SCANDAL HINGING ON SPOKANE MAN.

COUSIN TO J. G. BLAINE FIGURES CONSPICUOUSLY.

Wealthy Southerner Meets Affinity And is Married Without Further Ade—Losing Lover Returns To His Home Heartsick.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—While Chas. Blaine, a cousin of James G. Blaine was journeying back to his home in Spokane today, Goodwin C. Chase, who "stole" Blaine's fiancée from under his very nose, is laughing in his sleeve. He said: "Yes, I think Blaine unfortunate. I'm really sorry for him, but you see, as he pointed to his bride who until Sunday evening was Miss Louise Crosthwaite of Lexington, Ky., "we were much in love, so we got married. That's all there is to it."

Mrs. Chase is the daughter of a very wealthy southerner. Three years ago she met Blaine and they became engaged at Lexington. A few months ago she met Chase and for a month before they were married she was secretly engaged to him.

Meanwhile Blaine in Spokane became anxious to claim his bride. He arrived in Los Angeles on December 23 with every preparation made for his wedding which was to have taken place at the Page Seminary where the girl was studying music. They were to have been married on December 29.

"On December 26, Mr. Blaine invited me to go to the automobile race with him and then I telephoned to Mr. Chase that my wedding with Mr. Blaine was getting uncomfortably close. He laughed and hung up the phone. I went to the races with Mr. Blaine, while Mr. Chase hurried up to the county clerk's office and got a marriage license and asked me if I would marry him within 15 minutes. Until then I did not know that I was to be a bride before seven o'clock. However, I said yes and we were married by the Rev. C. C. Pierce who is a fraternity brother of Mr. Chase. When Blaine heard of it he seemed to be very much put out."

CUPID ACTIVE IN LA GRANDE

ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH GOOD RECORD FOR YEAR.

Last Days of Year Flud the Winged Matchmaker Fluttering Fast And Often.

With the approach of a new year, Cupid has turned unusually active and County Clerk Ed. Wright is issuing licenses at a rapid rate. Late last evening a license was issued to Bert Gilman and Miss Belle Gray. Today two licenses were issued. In the morning J. D. Zeiffel and Lillian Conrad were given permission to marry and County Judge Henry officiated at the ceremony a few minutes later. This afternoon Bennet Lembaugh and Minna Burns, both of North Powder, duplicated the routine, Judge Henry again officiating.

Weather.

Cold—rising barometer falling thermometer. High Winds.

LAYING PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE FEED

COMMERCIAL CLUB FORESEES LARGE ATTENDANCE

Final Plans for Banner Spread on a Nearby Evening

Extensive arrangements for what is generally planned to be the most popular commercial club banquet ever held in this city, are now nearing perfection. The date is early in January and the place of the banquet and the many details in connection with the affair are being worked out this week.

Invitations sent out to other commercial clubs of the county are bringing back assurances that each town will have representatives here, meaning a widespread interest in the event. Speeches from prominent men among the visitors will be the order of the evening.

MYSTERY IS NOW SOLVED

CONFESSION AT SALEM THROWS LIGHT ON THE LA GRANDE ROBBERIES.

Lone Thief Finally Apprehended and Makes an Interesting Confession Of His La Grande and Baker City Robberies.

That Fred Taylor, the negro now in the county jail awaiting trial for larceny from the R. P. Brooks residence in North La Grande several weeks ago is not the clever thief who was behind a carnival of house robberies in La Grande some months ago, has become evident from confessions made by a man named Johnson now in the state penitentiary.

Johnson was arrested for house burglaries in Portland and admits that he worked a lone hand in La Grande and other cities, where he worked for a brief period at a time. He is small of stature and never carries a gun. It has been generally conceded here that Taylor, the man under arrest here, had some connection with the carnival of theft and it may still be a fact, but the fellow who made the confession failed to make mention of a confederate.

Baker City, Dec. 30.—The Herald of last night says: Sheriff Rand who has just returned from Salem where he went to dispose of a few more of his Baker county prisoners, had an interview with a criminal by the name of Johnson, who was sent up from Portland for breaking into houses.

The sheriff thought when he read an account of housebreaking work that had been going on in Portland that it resembled some of the burglarizing that was experienced in Baker City and neighboring cities some time ago, and he asked Johnson to tell him the story.

Admitting that he remained here for more than a week during which time almost every night he entered some residence. Johnson unfolded his career before the sheriff. From this city the house breaker went to La Grande and operated for a week. Then he visited Vancouver, Wn., and from there he returned to Portland and when he thought Portland was getting too warm for him he went to Salem, where his acts terrorized the whole population of the sleepy capital. He returned to Portland and it was there that he met his Waterloo, and he is now serving a sentence of seven years. He says that he always worked alone. While he admitted that he committed many offenses in Baker and La Grande he also said that oth-

FIND PANACEA IN MANAGUA

ESTRADA WANTS SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT BY PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

PRESIDENT MADRIZ WILL REFUSE ALL SUCH OFFERS

As Madriz is Not Popular he Will Attempt to Keep His Seat—Two Plans Advanced to Madriz As Ultimatum.

Managua, Dec. 30.—General Estrada today sent an ultimatum to President Madriz, according to current rumor, agreeing to suspend hostilities and abandon his march against Managua upon either of the two conditions.

Estrada demands that Madriz consent to the selection of a president by the revolutionists or to call a general election to elect a chief executive. Should the latter alternative be accepted the revolutionists will retain their arms during the term of the election.

It is not considered possible, however, that Madriz will accept either of the propositions. It is certain that if the insurgents should select the president that the mantle will fall upon the shoulders of some one else besides Madriz and it appears that it will be equally certain that if the insurgents retain their arms that they would control the election. Madriz has appointed three commissioners for the purpose of working in conjunction with the leaders of the revolution for the purpose of trying to secure peace.

Zelaya in Mexico City.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua, called informally upon President Diaz this morning. After Zelaya's departure it was given out informally that all matters of a political nature were strictly tabooed and that the Nicaraguan situation was left severely alone during the call.

BALLINGER PREPARING.

Will Be Ready for Congressional Investigating Committee.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The officials of the Interior Department under the personal direction of Secretary Ballinger are today preparing evidence which the secretary will introduce at the forthcoming investigation by the congressional committee regarding the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

It is stated that this evidence will not only cover all of the official acts of Secretary Ballinger and his subordinates in the land office but will probe thoroughly into the affairs of the forestry service.

New Brigadier-General

Washington, December 30.—Col. Walter Howe, of the Coast Artillery, today assumed the rank and title of Brigadier-General, taking the place made vacant yesterday by the retirement of Brigadier-General Winfield Eagerly. He will be on the active list for just a year and a day longer, as his birthday, which falls tomorrow will find him only one year short of the age for retirement.

ers took advantage of his presence in the city named to do a little pilfering on their own account.

He is a very short man and of a quiet manner and insisted to the sheriff that he never carried a firearm or weapon of any kind in his life, and that he was always perfectly harmless, his disposition not being such as to have any desire to harm any one.