

ENGINEERS' STRIKE COMES TO AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

NATURE OF NEILL PROPOSITION UNKNOWN

NATIONAL TROUBLE AVERTED BY AGREEMENT REACHED AT CHICAGO TODAY.

LOCAL ENGINEERS PLEASED

With Nature and Terms of Peace Compact Unannounced, Pending Strike is Suddenly Called off—Local Engineers Express Pleasure at Peaceful End of the Struggle for Their Rights.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The strike of the engineers is averted. A settlement has been reached. Commissioner Neill announced this afternoon. The terms are not given out.

Local O-W engineers expressed their pleasure at the peace compact when told through the Observer this afternoon that the strike was off. While the men were determined to fight for rights which they deem to be theirs, they were loath to see a strike precipitated particularly at this time. The demands of the strikers were peculiarly important here as the fifteen per cent increase was not all in the demands. The matter of extra pay for Mallet engineers was under consideration and it is a well known fact that Mallets will be more freely used here after than they are now and the local brotherhood was particularly anxious to see something legislated to help them on that score. The terms of the compact are anxiously awaited.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The crisis in the pending controversy between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and railroads over wages, came today. It is predicted by the engineers that either a peace agreement will be established or both sides will prepare for war. Labor Commissioner Neill who has conferred with both sides a number of times has represented tentative concessions from both sides. It is intimated today that a decision will be reached soon. If the latest proposals are rejected it is probable that Neill will urge arbitration under the Erdman act.

ARMED WITH ACID TO BLIND 'SCABS'

MAN ARRESTED ON SUCH CHARGE CONFESSES TO PLAN.

Strikers All Equipped With Bottles of Acid to Blind Strike Breakers.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Leaders of the Garment Workers strike have distributed acid among the strikers with instructions to throw it into the faces of the strikebreakers, according to a confession to the police, alleged to have been made today by Theophile Jullk, who admitted he threw acid into the eyes of Edward Oleson, blinding him. The attack was a part of a carefully planned crusade, the police assert and every precaution will be

taken to prevent a recurrence of the discipline outrage.

Gas Kills Six.

Kenton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Six were killed by illuminating gas in an apartment in the Lintz hotel today. The bodies were discovered by a bell boy. Bottles around the room indicated there had been reveling before death. The gas escaped from the stove. The dead are:

CHARLES LATHAM and WIFE, WILLIAM KENNEDY, PEARL KENNEDY, son of William, HARRY NEWCOM, MISS BAILEY.

GATTLING GUNS TO PROTECT PROPERTY

WINNIPEG STREET CAR STRIKE MARKED WITH RIOTS.

Guns Will be Trained on Strikers in Order of Authorities.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Following riots of the street car strike last night in which thirty cars were wrecked by Unionist sympathizers, the street railway officials today secured a gatling gun and were compelled to defend their property. The military is not out yet but are ready to respond to a moment's notice. Indications show that only the strictest measures will control the present situation. Cars are all withdrawn from service after 8 o'clock in the evening, owing to the dangerous temper of the mob.

TEN STRAIGHT MAIL TRAIN

Fast Mail Not to Carry Passengers Any More.

With two minor changes as the only visible effects of the merger of the O. R. & N. with the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation (O-W), the old company passed out of existence last night and the new company is now doing business. With the slight change in the arriving time of No. 5 noted in the Observer last night, and the new rule regarding No. 10 the fast mail, the entire difference between the two companies is totaled. No. 10 will not do local passenger work any more, carrying mail only.

J. D. SMITH BUYS HOME.

Secures Desirable Location on First Street Close In.

James D. Smith, who for many years has held an important position in the N. K. West establishment, decided that he had thrown away enough money in renting property in as good a town as La Grande and purchased the L. W. Damon home, 1706 First street, between Main and Spring. This is a splendid location and Mr. Smith secured a bargain. It is quite possible that he will not arrange to occupy his home until spring. The sale was negotiated through the Geo. H. Currey Real Estate agency.

Sixteen Strikers Imprisoned.

Denver, Dec. 24.—Sixteen striking mine owners of LaFayette, Colo., began today serving sentences following conviction of contempt of court in violation of a temporary injunction to restrain the strikers from interfering with the operation of the Northern Colorado company's mines and for threatening non-union employees.

Court House Closed Monday.

Along with the banks, grocery stores, land office, postoffice, the court house is to be closed all day Monday.

Ultimate Certainty of "Peace On Earth" Foreshadowed.

(By Rev. J. D. Gillman, D. D.)

This is the time of the year when there are no unbelievers in the fact of Jesus Christ. Men may differ as to whether He is or was divine; but they do nowhere differ as to the statement of history that He lived among men. They all date their letters today, December, 1910, A. D., which means "anno Domini" the year of our Lord; the year of our common lord. Whoever should give other date, would fail to be understood. So, today there are no infidels and no skeptics. Every body is Christian. Circumstance is a good preacher; and circumstance compels faith at the gladdest of all glad days—Christmas-tide.

Sensible folk are not fetish-worshippers. Thinking and reasoning men and women do not cherish a myth. Everyone of them makes him- self a question of what he considers unmistakable evidence that he has a good and sufficient reason or set of reasons for the hope and faith in Him. Hence all are believers. All feel they should be, and all feel they ought to be, and all immediately fall in line and simply believe in the fact of Christmas.

Historically Christmas may be the retention of the old Norse celebration of the day of winter solstice when the long darkness days proclaimed the return of greenness and the evergreen tree decked out in gifts of all kinds was made the symbol of the fruitage of the coming year. Yet it is, there has been given to it a better meaning by the many. Decades of Christian life and history. The unchanging freshness and satisfying

character of the Christ Child, his un-falling fruit-giving to the hungry, the poor, and the conciliatory arbitrating of the world of erstwhile enemies continue to make in His name, all proclaim a person worthy the annual memorials of the people grateful for so valuable a peace-bringer.

St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) is the patron saint of Russia and is the protector of "sneaking men, thieves, virgins and children" according to the New International Dictionary, and is especially the bringer of presents to good children. There is more of truth than of poetry in the queer definition: the persons or classes herein named are the most unprotected of the whole world's masses.

The kernel of the matter is the Santa Claus of solstice, which is more and more pervades humanity and gradually is cementing the family of diversely minded men in one soul-knit solidarity. Preparing the minds of the world for the advent of the King of Universal Peace.

Peace is already seen in the broader charity, deeper benevolence, waxing harmony, more cheerful forbearance, more extended arbitral international treaties, and in the fact that the great armored "dread-noughts" of the nations are being constructed for the preservation of peace rather than the promulgation of war. All these loudly foretell the ultimate certainty of the

"Peace on earth,
Good will toward men."
Happy Christmas! as well as
"Merry Christmas!"

PITIFUL SCENES ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS BIRDMEN READY FOR STELLAR AVIATION

WIDOWS WEEP OVER MANGLED Remains, in Doubt.

Only a Few of the 186 Buried Today Were Identified.

Manchester, England, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve in the village of Leigh and in the vicinity of the Pretoria mill and Little Hulton Co., where probably 200 miners lost their lives, by an explosion a few days ago, was made the time for funeral service over the bodies of 186 of those recovered. The pitiable feature is that only fifty were identified and scores of widows wept over the mangled bodies uncertain which was their husbands and sons. The bodies will all be consigned to one pit.

Duke to Lose Job.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Connaught won't be governor general of Canada as King Edward said he wished shortly before his death. This report is based on a substantial hint from semi-official sources that King George finds the King job too much for one man and is using the duke as his first assistant.

Dallas Has 2,124.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The population of The Dalles, Oregon is 2,124.

LOS ANGELES MEET WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Everything is in Readiness for Opening of Meet There Today.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Before sunrise today Dominguez field was alive with scores of hurrying machinists putting the finishing touches on aeroplanes for the Los Angeles aviation meet, scheduled to begin this afternoon. A bright sun and crisp air promised perfect aviation conditions. It is believed more open competition will result than has been offered in Eastern meets as the prizes offered for each day's sport.

The Wrights will be represented by such flyers as Hoxey and Walter Brookings. Latham represents France, and Radley England. Glenn Curtiss has eight machines on the grounds. It will be a battle between Curtiss and the Wrights for supremacy.

Glenn Curtiss was the first aviator to fly at the opening of the aviation meet. When the Wright machine was taken from the hanger the intense rivalry between them was immediately manifest.

Walter Brookings followed in five minutes. About 1,000 were present when the opening gun was fired.

BOMBS ON CHURCH STEPS.

Seattle Methodist Church Misses Destruction by Dynamite.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—A strict investigation will probably be held by the police following the discovery of five sticks of dynamite wrapped in a package on the front steps of the first Methodist church, late yesterday by C. E. Downie, who chanced to be passing. Downie notified the police and stood guard over the explosive until authorities took it to the station.

Rev. Adna Wright, pastor of the church recently received a threat of death because he scored the vice conditions of the city.

North Powder Coming.

Next Wednesday evening will see North Powder playing the M. I. A. team in this city. Manager Geddes completed arrangements for the game late this afternoon.

EIGHT KILLED BY COLLISION ON PENN. ROAD

PASSENGER AND TRAINMEN KILLED IN HEAD ON COLLISION.

Confused Orders Sends Two Passenger or Trains Together This Morning.

Bucyrus, O., Dec. 24.—Six trainmen and two passengers are killed and a score of passengers bruised in a head-on collision of two Pennsylvania flyers at Nevada City, Ohio, today. The trains were running at a high rate of speed when they met on the same track, the eastbound track being blocked by a previous freight wreck. Confused orders caused the wreck. The engine of train No. 15 was derailed and the locomotive of No. 48 held the track and ploughed into the baggage car. The engine crew of one train were killed two baggage men and two other trainmen lost their lives.

The dead:

WILLIAM FOWLER, a passenger of Chicago.
MR. FRIEDSTEIN, passenger, of Chicago.
GEORGE MORTON, baggage man.
CHAS. BEBE, baggage man.
C. CRAIG, Engineer.
C. MILLER, Engineer.

One train was made up entirely of pullmans. Both locomotives were demolished. The first sleeper was made of wood and was crushed. The express was of steel construction and withstood the shock. Most of the injured and were in a wood car. Nevada is about ten miles from here.

EXPOSITION SQUABBLE SETTLED

Frisco to Get 1915 Fair and New Orleans the 1918 Fair.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A compromise on the Panama exposition may be considered when congress reconvenes after the holidays. The plan now outlined by Congressman Nott has pledged either to San Francisco or New Orleans whereby San Francisco gets the Panama fair in 1915 to commemorate the opening of the canal while New Orleans will be allowed to give a fair in 1918 to commemorate the work on the Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway. Many are inclined to think this will settle the controversy without a fight.

Goes to Make Match.

Rob Lyman the boxer left this morning for Portland in answer to a hurry call from there that he can negotiate another match with Jockey Bennett. Mr. Lyman plans to return to La Grande next Tuesday if possible.

Taft Ends Shopping.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Mingling with the crowds and smiling, President Taft today completed his Christmas shopping.

SEATTLE STREET COMPANY IN EMBROGLIO

WITH FRANCHISE REVOKED THE COMPANY IS IN SERIOUS PREDICAMENT.

COUNCIL TAKES INITIATIVE

Trains Have Not Been Stopped in City Proper as Yet—Pending Action of Information Council. Upper Hand and Decides to Revoke Franchise—Follows Long Fight to Boost Suburban Rates.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Pending action of an injunction issued by Judge Sanford the city council which yesterday revoked the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railway (electric) announced today they won't attempt to stop the trains within the city.

Great crowds of suburban people attended a meeting yesterday and cheered when the franchise to operate in this city was revoked by a vote of 17 to 1. The action was taken in the face of an injunction got out by the road to prevent a vote. It was revoked because the company attempted to boost fares from five to fifteen cents.

POISON MYSTERY DEEPENS.

Girl Was Not Poisoned But "Played" Sick for Some Reason.

Chico, Dec. 24.—Physicians today asserted that Lavinia Corey, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Whittall, who died of poison yesterday was not suffering from the same illness as her mother. Physicians who examined her say she really feigned illness. This adds to the mystery of the case of the two women who first believed they had entered into a starvation pact. Authorities say the girl is concealing important facts. She will be carefully examined as a number of peculiar circumstances are unearthed. Recently the girl received a legacy of \$1500 and it is known she has been made a virtual prisoner for fifteen years by her mother. Relatives admit she wanted to leave home for some time.

Must Carry Wireless.

Victoria, Dec. 24.—It is now compulsory for owners of passenger steamers of over 400 tons to install wireless telegraphic apparatus. Word received today from Ottawa that the parliament has just passed the law. The penalty for non conformity by the owners is from one hundred to a thousand dollars fine or imprisonment.

VAST QUANTITIES OF OPIUM AT VANCOUVER

MAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THEFT CONFESSES.

Chinese Smuggling Great Stocks of Dreamy Fluid to Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—Ten thousand dollars worth of opium is secreted aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of India waiting to be smuggled ashore, according to one man arrested recently and sentenced in police court for bringing the stuff ashore. The man confessing today says the Chinese are the principals in the traffic and that they have succeeded in landing much of the dream fluid. Another search will be made of ship.