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WORLD'S TRAFFIC THREATENED BY STRIKE

SEAMEN OF EVERY NATION DE-
CLARE OPEN STRIKE SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY.

BIG LINERS ARE DESERTED

Transportation and Trade of All Soci-
Throughout the World Is in Danger
of Being Wrecked—Strikers Claim
War Is Result of Twenty Years of
Misuse and Abuse—Seamen Win
Points.

New York, June 14.—Prophecies
that within a week shipping interests
of America, England and Europe will
be crippled so as to effectively tie up
passenger and freight transportation
unless the ship owners recognize the
Sailors' Foremen's union, Matthews
Earle, a delegate to America, today
said that the present international
seamen's strike was the result of 20
years of mistreatment of the sailors.
The strikers declared simultaneously
the strike at Amsterdam, Liverpool,
Antwerp and other European ports.

Big Liners Deserted.
Liverpool, June 14.—The first pinch
of the international seamen's strike
was felt by the shipowners here to-
day when the crews on the Empress
of Ireland and the White Star's big
Teutonic were unable to leave port be-
cause the crews deserted. Strikers
say that numerous other vessels will
suffer a like fate.

The steamship officials are prepar-
ing to hurry strike breakers here as
the strike is to be effective throughout
the world. The seamen are demand-
ing better conditions.

Strikers Win a Point.
A number of big ship owners to-
day advised the striking seamen of the
International Seamen's union that
they are willing to discuss a settle-
ment, and the strikers are jubilant.
Heretofore the ship owners refused to
arbitrate.

Shoemen Also Sullen
Tom Mann, vice president of the
Seamen's union believes the strike
won't only include crews but that long
shoremen and deck employees will take
advantage of this opportunity to de-
mand better hours and wages. The
strike is the culmination of a plan
made months ago by general officers
of the International Seamen's union.

Honor Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Hartford, Conn., June 14.—The uni-
versal regard in which the memory of
Harriet Beecher Stowe is held was
given expression throughout Connecti-
cut and elsewhere in New England to-
day by exercises commemorating the
100th anniversary of the birth of the
author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. In
Litchfield, where the famous author
was born, and in Hartford, where she
spent the latter part of her life, the
principal public observances were
held, but there was scarcely a school
or literary society in this section
which did not devote some time to
the memory of the writer.

Flag Day in National Capitol.

Washington, June 14.—Flag day,
commemorating the adoption of the
Stars and Stripes as the national em-
blem on June 14, 1777, was celebra-
ted in the national capital today with
exercises under the auspices of the
patriotic societies and with a lavish
display of the national colors on all
public buildings.

Millers Opposed to Reciprocity.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 14.—
Strong resolutions in opposition to the
proposed reciprocity agreement with
Canada, which provides for the free
transportation of flour from the Do-
minion, will be adopted at the annual
convention of the National Millers'
federation, which met here today for
a three days' session.

JACK FIGURES IN SMASHUP

HERO OF CORONATION CROWDS
IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Police Allege Speeding Which the
Fighter Stoutly Denies.

London, June 14.—Jack Johnson,
champion prize fighter and the hero
and idol of coronation crowds, both
en route and here, got into trouble
today when he figured in a smashup
in the east end. The automobile which
Johnson was driving was wrecked but
the big smoke was unhurt.

The police took the names of every-
one present and in the party and it is
likely some action will be taken in
the courts. It is alleged he was speed-
ing his machine but this Johnson de-
nies vehemently. The incident has
served to whet interest in the black
fellow and next to the principals in
the coronation Johnson has usurped
all the public interest, attracting great
crowds wherever he goes.

PARCELS POST A PANACEA FOR SERVICE

REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCES
CONDEMNATION BILL.

Plan Afoot to Buy Express Companies
and Start Parcels Posts.

Washington, June 14.—Asserting the
express companies are a hindrance in
the way of the country's business,
Representative Lewis, (democrat), ap-
peared before the house committee on
postoffices and post roads today at the
opening hearing on several measures
demanding parcels post. He appear-
ed in support of his own bill provid-
ing for condemnation and purchase of
the express companies by the govern-
ment. He asserted the express serv-
ice does not reach the farmers and
that they charge exorbitant rates, al-
lowing them to make 50 per cent prof-
it.

The house committee on postoffices
today also heard arguments from Rep-
resentatives of many other interests,
favorable to the parcels post system.
Representative Sulzer, New York, in-
troduced the bill now being consid-
ered. The Postal Progress league en-
dorsed the measure, but it is believed
it will not pass at this season.

"Made-in-Canada" Fair.

Vancouver, B. C., June 14.—A "made
in Canada" exposition embracing a
wide variety of interesting exhibits,
was opened in Vancouver today to
call attention to the amazing indus-
trial progress of the city since the
great fire of 25 years ago. The expo-
sition will continue for one week.

Address by Chinese Minister.

State College, Pa., June 14.—Chang
Yin Tang, the Chinese minister to the
United States, delivered the address
to the graduates today at the annual
commencement of Pennsylvania State
college. He took as his subject,
"America's Part in the Rejuvenation
of China."

Rear Admiral Niles Retires.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Hav-
ing reached the age limit for active
service, Rear Admiral Kossuth Niles,
for some time past a member of the
naval examining and retiring boards,
was placed on the retired list today by
operation of law.

Meeting of Nurserymen.

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—Several
hundred men who conduct nurseries
for baby trees in various parts of the
United States and Canada are attend-
ing the annual meeting of the Ameri-
can Association of Nurserymen, which
assembled in this city today.

MONSTER LINER BEGINS MAIDEN VOYAGE

PALEATIAL LINER OLYMPIC
STARTS INITIAL TRIP TO
NEW YORK.

MARVEL ACCOMMODATION

Outfitting Finest Hotels in Europe, Is
Equipped With Gardens and Unique
Accommodations, Ship Is Finest in
the World—Size, Too, Is Champion
of all Other Lines—First Comple-
ment Large.

OFF WITHOUT "HOODOO."

Southampton, Eng., June 14.—
In her attempt to break the world
record of speed across the At-
lantic the new White Star liner
Olympic, sailed at noon today for
New York. In order that the big
vessel might not be delayed and
become a "hoodoo" ship, the
White Star officials temporarily
conceded the demands of strik-
ing sailors and coal passers.

Southampton, June 14.—Amidst
loud cheers from a large assemblage,
that re-echoing across the water must
have been an enthusiastic "bon voy-
age," the leviathan White Star liner
Olympic, Captain Smith, B. N. R.,
sailed out from this port today on her
maiden voyage to New York. The
event was a notable one, and thou-
sands of persons assembled to wit-
ness the departure.

The Olympic, which is a marvel of
marine architecture, sailed gracefully
out of the harbor, carrying a comple-
ment of passengers, 1,300, besides a
crew of 80 officers and seamen, 36 en-
gineers, 360 men in the engine room
and stokehold, a chief cook and 40
assistants and innumerable other em-
ployes.

The Olympic is unapproached not
only in size but in the matter of lux-
urious appointments. In every respect
the big ship is a floating hotel. Danc-
ing rooms, smoking rooms, cafes, a
library and even gardens are among
the features of the big vessel. There
is a cool avenue of Oriental palms,
beds of roses and carnations, and ar-
bors skillfully contrived by expert
gardeners. Among other interesting
innovations are a swimming bath, suf-
ficiently deep for diving and a skating
rink.

The suites of cabins are in their
designs and fittings equal to the rooms
of the finest hotels in Europe. There
are many dining rooms, the principal
one of which is elaborately decorated
and seats no fewer than 600 persons.
Those who wish to take their meals
on deck can do so at a "verandah
cafe," situated on one of the upper
decks 50 feet above the level of the
water.

Another novelty is a grillroom. The
cabin suggests an old English chow-
ancient oak, and broad, law tables.
It will be possible, at any hour of the
day or night, for a passenger to use
the grill room. The palm garden is
still another refuge for those weary
of the confines of the ship during the
passage.

Pearson's Class Graduated.

Pearson's Academy, Walla Walla,
Wash., June 14.—(Special)—The grad-
uating exercises of Pearson's academy
take place on Friday evening of this
week with orations by three members
of the graduating class and an oration
by Headmaster F. M. De Forest, Ph.
D. The work of the academy has been
remarkable successful and the year
ends with the best of feeling on the
part of students and faculty. Dr. De
Forest will remain in Walla Walla
during the summer carrying on cor-
respondence with new students.

LIBERAL FORCES HANG IN THE BALANCE

PREMIER MURRAY, IN POWER 29
YEARS, MAY LOSE HIS
SEAT TOMORROW.

DEFEAT NOT PREDICTED

Conservatives Confess Confidence in
Being Able to Overthrow the Long
Reign of Murray and Liberal Forces
—Reciprocity Proposition Has Im-
portant Bearing on the Election To-
day.

Halifax, N. S., June 14.—The elec-
tors throughout Nova Scotia are to-
day expressing their political prefer-
ences and on their verdict depends the
fate of the liberal government which,
under the leadership of Premier Mur-
ray, has been in office for many years.
The campaign has been hotly con-
tested in all of the 18 constituencies. Both
sides express confidence in the outlook
though unprejudiced opinion inclines
to the belief that the liberal govern-
ment is practically certain of five
years more in office, and it can be
truly said that outside of extreme
partisans nobody expects the Murray
government to be defeated. This is
due to many reasons, the main fact
being that since 1867 only one con-
servative government has been in
power in Nova Scotia, and that was 23
years ago. Four times has Premier
Murray appealed to the people, and
four times has he been returned to
power with overwhelming majorities.

On the other hand, the conservatives
profess confidence that, even if not
defeated, the government's majority
will be reduced very close to the van-
ishing point. The conservatives have
attacked the government with a gener-
al criticism of their policies and with
the declaration that it is time for a
change.

From a broad viewpoint the results
of the election will be of interest as
indicating the Canadian opinion on
the reciprocity pact. It is not a direct
issue between the local contestants,
yet there can be no doubt that this
proposed agreement, if it is disap-
proved in Nova Scotia, will notably
diminish support of the Murray min-
istry, since the ministry not only favors
the agreement but procured an assem-
bly vote of approval for the Laurier
ministry's course in negotiating it.
The present election is the first im-
portant election held since reciprocity
came to the fore. From it wide and
influential inferences will be drawn
all over Canada. If the Murray gov-
ernment is notably weakened the re-
sult will be attributed in Ontario,
Quebec and the west, to Nova Scotian
dislike of reciprocity. A triumph for
Mr. Murray, on the other hand, will
undoubtedly comfort and reassure all
Canadian friends of the cause. For
this reason the results of the election
are awaited with unusual interest by
politicians and the public generally
all the way from Charlottetown to
Vancouver Island.

West Virginia Teachers.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 14.—West
Virginia school teachers took Blue-
field by storm today and practically
every accommodation in the city is
taxed to provide places for them. The
occasion is the 41st annual conven-
tion of the West Virginia Educational
association. The gathering was formally
opened today and will remain in
session over Friday. State Superin-
tendent M. P. Shawkey is presiding.

Woman Charged With Murder.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—The
first charge of first degree murder
made against a woman in this city
in a long time was called for trial to-
day. The defendant is Mrs. Alice
Poehner who shot and killed Carl V.
Storey of Columbus, Ind., in a hotel
in this city last January.

LONDON INSURES AGAINST RAIN

ODDS ARE FIVE TO ONE FOR FAIR
WEATHER.

Hotels Take Out Policies at Big Per
Cent to Insure Some Profit.

London, June 24.—Odds favoring fair
weather on coronation day and the
day following are today five to one,
at Lloyds. Twenty per cent
are the rates charged to protect
against a total loss of money in the
event rainfall exceeds 1-5 inch during
the 24 hours.

The policies are taken out mainly
by big hotels.

A conference was held here today
between representatives of the sea-
men's union and ship owners in an ef-
fort to reach a settlement of the sea-
men's strike, which would prevent
coronation guests arriving.

RUSHLIGHT NOW FAVORS NEW CHARTER

STEALS SIMON'S THUNDER IN
COMMISSION PLAN.

Council Adopts Measure Unanimously
Today—Municipal Vote Soon.

Portland, June 13.—The City coun-
cil unanimously passed, today, the or-
dinance providing for a commission
form of government charter com-
mencing January 1. If it passes munici-
pal vote the commissioners will be
elected in April. The ordinance was
introduced by Councilman Baker act-
ing for Mayor-elect Rushlight. Mayor
Simon who was defeated by Rushlight
at the recent election, was much sur-
prised at Rushlight's action and look-
ed upon it as stealing Simon's thunder
as Simon also favored the commission
plan and conducted his campaign prin-
cipally on that issue.

STEEL PRICES TO SOAR

Testimony Shows That Corporation
Made Prices Uniform.

Washington, June 14.—There is
more evidence of artificial elevation
of prices today. James Gayley admit-
ted the steel manufacturers, and rail-
roads had agreed on a price of rails,
before the Stanley investigating com-
mittee today. Gayley is a director of
the United States steel corporation.
He said the steel prices had been uni-
form since the corporation was form-
ed. He declared Schwab was wrong
when he stated rails could be produc-
ed for \$12 a ton in 1899.

ONE MAN CONTROLLED SUGAR

Convicted Sugar Artist Tells How One
Man Haled.

Washington, June 14.—That H. D.
Havemeyer dominated the sugar trust
was the testimony today of Charles
Helke, former secretary of the Ameri-
can Sugar Refining company before
the Warwick investigating committee.
He said the company was virtually a
one-man concern. Its official meet-
ings, he said, never discussed business
affairs of the company. Helke now
faces a jail sentence in the sugar
weighing frauds.

CUT UP MEXICAN FARMS.

Plan on Foot to Give Poor Mexicans
Chance to Own Farms.

Mexico City, June 14.—When Ma-
dero returns tonight from a speech-
making tour, plans discussed by his
cabinet last night for a division of
the great rural estates into smaller
ranches to encourage land owning
among the poorer classes, will be pre-
sented to him. The scheme is prac-
tically ready for operation.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE LEADER FACES LAW SUIT

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT WITH
BRANCHES THROUGHOUT ORE-
GON AND WEST.

MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED

Receiver Asked for and Injunction Is
Sought by Enemies of Woman's Club
Leader, E. G. Lewis—Man Is Well
Known to Woman's Club Circles
Throughout Oregon and Washington
—Lewis Explains.

St. Louis, June 14.—Suits asking for
receiver for various companies in
which E. G. Lewis, head of the Wo-
man's league, is interested, and seek-
ing injunction against the syndicate
magazine publishers taking over
the Lewis publications, are on file in
the federal court here today. It is ex-
pected that the case will come up in
the next few days.

Suits are directed against Lhwin
and the University Heights Realty De-
velopment company. The charge of
indebtedness of various companies
amounts to \$5,000,000 and assets are
\$3,000,000.

Lewis has branches of his league
situated throughout the country—many
in Oregon, Washington and California.
Lewis Explains Situation.

San Bernardino, June 14.—Lewis, of
St. Louis, is here today and is seem-
ingly unworried by the suits filed
against him. He says they are the
result of dissatisfaction of a small
per cent of the stockholders who are
endeavoring the block the re-organi-
zation scheme which has been worked
out and put in the hands of three trust-
ees, elected by 60,000 stockholders.
He said the suits will not affect re-
organization in any way.

NOW UP TO TRIBUNAL.

Tacoma Saloon Man Loses Case in Su-
perior Court; Now Appealing.

Tacoma, June 14.—Convicted of a
violation of the anti-treat ordinance
in police court, and also in the superi-
or court Gus Kelsel, a saloonman,
backed by other saloonists, is today
preparing to carry the case to the su-
preme court to test the legality of
the ordinance, which, if legal, means
that many saloons will go out of
business here.

Miss Addams Addresses Graduates.

Boston, Mass., June 14.—Miss Jane
Addams of Hull house, Chicago, de-
livered the address to the graduating
class of Simmons college at the an-
nual commencement exercises which
were held this morning in the Church
of the Disciples.

At Grinnell College.

Grinnell, Ia., June 14.—Commence-
ment exercises of Grinnell college
were held this morning. United States
Senator William S. Koyon delivered
the class address and President John
H. T. Main conferred the degrees on
the graduates.

Honor Memory of J. Howard Payne.

Schenectady, N. Y., June 14.—A mem-
orial gateway in honor of John How-
ard Payne, the author of "Home,
Sweet Home," was unveiled today up-
on the campus of Union college, where
he spent his student days a little
more than 100 years ago.

Druggists Meet at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., June 14.—The annual
meeting of the Florida Retail Drug-
gists' association began in this city
today, with headquarters at the Tam-
pa Bay hotel. Many leading members
of the trade throughout the state are
in attendance.