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LABOR UNIONS FLOCK TO AID OF ACCUSED LEADERS WITH PROMISES OF DEFENSE FUND

Indianapolis, Feb. 15—United in the belief that a large number at least, of the 54 ironworkers indicted for complicity in the alleged country-wide dynamiting conspiracy, are innocent, officers of other unions here are planning to secure them an impartial trial. Prominent among them is James Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, who is arranging a conference to discuss the raising of a defense fund. The Iron Workers union has a defense fund of $35,000.

Of the labor leaders already arrested, Ernest Basey and Edward Clark of Cincinnati, Herman Kline of Indianapolis, organizer of the International Brotherhood of carpenters, are still jailed and unable to furnish bail. Each are accused on 32 counts of conspiracy and illegal transportation of dynamite, but all are arrested on one indictment charging conspiracy. They are also named in the dynamite transportation indictments.

Forty-one have now been arrested, and the remaining seven probably will be today. They are: M. J. Young, of Boston, a member of the executive board of Iron Workers; William Benson, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor; John McGray of Wheeling, a former executive board member; Milton Davis, Philadelphia, a former member of the executive board; J. R. Irwin, of Pedria; Frank Painter, of Omaha, and Patrick Ryan, of Chicago.

Gompers, Morrison to Testify.

Washington, Feb. 15.—It was stated at the department of justice today that Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, the secretary and president of the American Federation of Labor, will testify at the Indianapolis trials of the alleged dynamiters, regarding the official connection of the federation with the McNamaras if the latter are re-arrested. It is intimated that further arrests of labor men are probable in case new evidence, which the federal agents expect to procure, is obtained.

Alleged Confession Denied.

Denver, Feb. 15.—Indignant denial of the intimations made by Detective Burns that he and A. E. Clancy of San Francisco had "squealed" on the indicted Iron Workers, was made today by H. W. Legleitner, a former executive board member of the Iron Workers association. Both were indicted at Indianapolis.

ORE TRAIN CRASHES INTO BANK BUILDING AT BINGHAM, UTAH

LATE REPORTS VARY.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 15.—Latest reports this afternoon from Warrior Ridge variously estimate the total number of dead from five to 15. A relief train has gone to the scene.

Salt Lake, Feb. 15.—Five were killed and three injured when a locomotive on the Denver & Rio Grande, hauling ore cars, was derailed and fell over a 75 foot embankment and crashed through the roof of the Citizens' State bank, and the Bingham Dye Works, at Bingham, Utah. The dead are Fred Annis, engineer, Felix Lombard, boiler washer, C. A. Lewis, tailor, P. J. Gilligan, a tailor and one unidentified man.

Alpena, Pa., Feb. 15.—Four are reported killed and 25 seriously injured, 25 miles east of here, today when a Pennsylvania limited turned turtle. Nine coaches went in the smash.

The wreck occurred at Warrior Ridge, Pa. The train was No. 1, east bound, and derailed ten cars. Warrior Ridge is near Altoona.

Two engines, a mail and observation car held the tracks but nine cars went over the banks.

The train left Pittsburg at 8 o'clock this morning.

Doctor Eases Dying Pains.

Portland, Me., Feb. 15.—Pinned beneath the wreckage of a Grand Trunk train, one of his arms slowly cooking, Harry Corliss, a trainman, was chloroformed by a country doctor at Yarmouth today. Fifteen minutes later his body was incinerated. Two other trainmen were also killed in the wreck which was caused by a head-on collision of two freights.

ALLEGED GRAFTING IS AIRED

Important Conference Will Be Held at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee-Puget Sound railroad here today are expected and their presence forecasts an important conference over the roads" alleged graft charges.

Stockholders in St. Paul openly express disapproval of the way the road "wound"itself northward. Some of them even declared certain men connected with the extension grafted several millions by buying land over the proposed route and then re-selling at increased prices to the line. Much of this land lies in Washington, Idaho and Montana. St. Paul dispatches say a compromise has been reached by which a million will be returned to the road's treasury.

Southern Minnesota Teachers.

Mankato, Minn., Feb. 15.—Many visitors are in Mankato for the 25th annual meeting of the Southern Minnesota Teachers association which holds its sessions at the state normal school here, beginning thi evening and continuing until Saturday. Heading the list of speakers at the convention this year are Jacob Riis, the noted New York sociologist, and Prof. M. V. O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin.

YUAN CHOSEN 1ST PRESIDENT

VETERAN LEADER IS MADE HEAD OF REPUBLIC.

Dr. Sun Will Hold Office Until Yuan Is Inaugurated.

Nanking, Feb. 15.—The national Chinese assemiby today elected former Premier Yuan president of the Chinese republic. This followed yesterday's resignation of Dr. Sun. Sun Urged his adherents to support Yuan.

Dr. Sun will retain the presidency until Yuan is inaugurated at the selection of ministers tonight.

15 ELK ARE ON WAY WEST

BELIEVED SHIPMENT WILL COME SATURDAY.

Wool Growers' Objections Appear to Be Overried by Government.

Fifteen head of elk from Jackson Hole ranges, are expected to arrive in La Grande next Saturday and will be taken to Enterprise from where they will be planted on forest reserves. This is in accordance with a policy announced some time ago but is in conflict with the resolutions adopted by the Wool Growers' association of Wallowa county which went on record last week as unalterably opposed to the bringing of elk to that county for propagation purposes.

The information as to the exact date of the coming of the first shipment of elk to Oregon is unauthoritative, but for all that Wallowa people are looking forward to the arrival on Saturday, meaning the elk will pass through La Grande Saturday morning if they come on that date.

MURDER TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

SHALES, ACCUSED OF MURDER, IS ON TRIAL.

Jury Being Selected This Afternoon—Crime Was Hideous One.

Hideous murder committed in a shack in North La Grande some months ago when in a drunken carousal, a man named Fitzgerald was horribly butchered with an axe, will be aired in court probably tomorrow morning, when the case, State vs. Shales, will probably have selected a jury and gotten down to the actual trial. The case came to issue this afternoon.

Shales is accused of having used an axe on Fitzgerald following a fight over a 50 cent piece in a card game, and though Fitzgerald was chopped up badly, he probably lived until next morning, being found the day following the fight. The crime was witnessed, it is said, by a youth over whom the fight started.

C. E. Cochran will defend Shales.

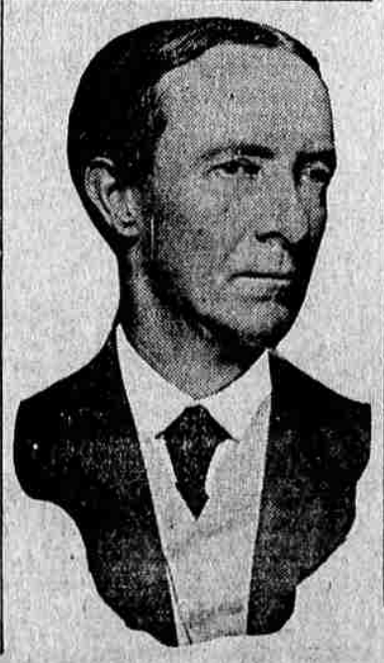
Blue Jackets Mutiny.

Norfolk, Feb. 15.—As a resit of a mutiny when ordered to submit to inoculation against typhoid fever, 200 blue jackets aboard the battleship, Vermont, at Gantanama, are reported in irons today.

A special court martial will be ordered.

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.

Prominent Advocate of the Taft Peace Treaties.



TROOP TRAIN IN MEXICAN RIVER

BRIDGE WEAKENED BY REBEL DYNAMITERS PREVIOUSLY

THIRTY-SEVEN SOLDIERS MEET DEATH IN CRASH

Americans on Special Train Take Flight but No Word Received From Train—Small skirmishes Result in Victories for the Rebels—One Inland Town in Danger of Sack.

AMERICAN TROOPS SEIZED.

El Paso, Feb. 15.—El Paso and Juarez were thrown into uproar today when the Mexican custom guards arrested a squad of 18 American cavalrymen who, to save time, passed from one end of the international bridge to another over Mexican territory. Street cars were stopped while the argument continued and finally the Americans were released

Mexico City, Feb. 15.—Thirty-seven federal soldiers met death today as a troop train crashed through the bridge over the Amacusa river near Ixtla, which has been dynamited by rebels. The rebels also destroyed a second bridge.

Ditpatches indicate Vasquitas have surrounded Torreon. More than 400 Americans left there last night in a special train, but there is no news of the Americans since the train started. Torreon is believed to be doomed unless General Trevino, commanding 1500 federationalists, arrives there soon.

Fighting was resumed today at Santa Maria where the federal troops, since yesterday, have been trying to dislodge Zapatistas. Fifty-seven soldiers were killed at Cahto Barrerre in a battle between the government troops and the revolutionists. The rebels won and then looted the town, and killed a number of residents.

JEWISH WOMEN RAID MARKETS

BEAT UP PORTLAND MERCHANT WHO GOBBLED MARKET.

Jewish Settlement in South Portland in Uproar Over Prices.

Portland, Feb. 15.—Enraged because the Jewish markets of South Portland raised the price of kosher meats and then attempted to stop a co-operative store they had started, 25 Jewish descended on he meat market of R. Nudelman today and wrecked his shop and beat him up.

He swore out warrants against seven of them.

Northwest Mining Congress.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 15.—The first annual meeting of the Northwest Mining convention began in this city today with an attendance of delegates from California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta and British Columbia. The meeting will last three days, during which time a wide variety of subjects relating to the mining dustry will be discussed.

Kansas Y. M. C. A.

Hutchinson Ka.s., Feb. 15.—Delegates representing the city and college branches of the Young Men's Christian association in Kansas gathered in this city today for their annual state convention An attractive program covering four days has been prepared for the meeting.

AIR MASTER NOW FOUND

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON CAN STAY UP WEEKS.

Collapsible Air Tank Is Secret of Big Invention.

New York, Feb. 15.—Invention of a dirigible balloon in which the operator may remain aloft for weeks was announced here today by the Scientific American. Melvin Vaniman, whose recent attempt to fly to Europe failed, is th einventer of the balloon. The envelope is composed of cotton with rubber composition reinforced by piano wire and inside is a collapsible air ballast tank. When the operator wishes to descond he allows the air to escape and to descend, pumps air into the inside tank.

Thomas Edison is enthusiastic over the invention.

Continue Dynamite Matter.

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—The Los Angeles county grand jury will continue dynamiting investigation tomorrow.

THREE MORE IN POLITICS GAME

FRAWLEY, BRAGG SEEK RENOMINATIONS.

Hutchison of Union Wants to Be Republican Commissioner.

Politics are aquiver with action in Union county. Today three intentions of candidacies were filed with County Clerk Ed Wright, and yesterday one was filed, making four within 24 hours. Aside from Fred Gaskell, there were three today who stepped into the political limelight. All but one seek re-nomination. John Frawley filed his papers that make him a candidate for republican re-nomination to the office of county treasurer, and E. E. Bragg filed the necessary papers to make him a democratic candidate for renomination to the office of school superintendent.

James Hutchison, Jr., of Union, is a republican candidate for the office of county commissioner to succeed J. M. Selder of Cove.

The Maine Remembered.

Havana, Feb. 15.—The American colony in this city today paid its cusary tribute to the memory of the victims of the Maine disaster by decorating the graves of those who are buried in the local cemetery. This was the 14th anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship in Havana harbor.

WILLIAM HAYWOOD.

Who Is Attracting Renewed Notice by Labor Speeches.

STUMP COUNTRY BY PHOTOPLAY

TAFT ADHERES TO THE MODERN MANNER OF "STUMPING"

PHONOGRAPHS TO BE USED JOINTLY WITH PICTURES

Hoping to Reach a Great Number of People Through Moving Pictures, President Will Do Much of His Campaigning in That Way—Opponents May Also Adopt the Tactics.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Confident that he can reach more people through the moving picture medium than any other, President Taft has decided to use "nickleodeons and phonographs" to further his candidacy for re-election.

He will talk into a phonograph, and moving pictures to correspond will be sent broadcast throughout the country to various show houses. It is understood his opponents will do likewise.

The films are already made, showing the president and his attaches at work. The excell the first taken and sent out.

Benefit for "Teddy" Marks.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 15. — The 46th annual convention of the Minnesota Editorial association met at the Hotel Radisson this morning and was opened with an address of welcome by Mayor Haynes and a response by S. Y. Gordon, president of the association. Tomorrow the editors will listen to addresses by former Congressman James A. Tawney, E. H. Denu of Bemidji ,and other of prominence. The sessions will end Friday.

Wed on Governors Island.

New York, Feb. 15.—The pretty little Church of St. Cornelius the Centurion, on Governors Island, was the scene of a brilliant military wedding this afternoon when Miss Marion Allison ,daughter of Col. James N. Allison, U. S. A., and grand daughter of the late Judge J. W. Whalley of Portland, Ore., became the bride of Lieutenant Fickel, U. S. A. Fickel is one of the army aviators.

Georgia Farmers' Union.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 15.—Progressive farmers from every section of the state filled the chamber of commerce auditorium today when President R. F. Duckworth, of Union City, called to order the annual convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Georgia. Plans for increasing the membership and extending the influence of the organization are to be discussed during the three days' session.

TAPS SOUND FOR MAINE VICTIMS

CORTEGE MOVES TO MUFFLED DRUM BEATS.

Anniversary of Maine's Explosion Observed Today.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Today is the 14th anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine and is to be marked by the starting of a funeral cortege from the Cuban capital bringing the bodies recovered from the wreck to Washington for burial in Arlington cemetery. The Maine is now raised and will soon be towed to sea and sunk.

Drums Beat; Taps Sounded.

As the funeral cortege left Havana today muffled drums were beaten and bugles sounded taps.

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