

STEEL TRUST DEFIES UNIONS TO START WAR

INHUMAN TREATMENT SEEN

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MAKE REPLY.

While Union Leaders Continue to Threaten Nation-Wide Strike Steel Officials Are Boastful of Their Prowess—Will Deal With Laboring Men but Not With the Federation Heads.

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—"Back up, or make good your threat to bring a general strike against our mills and non-unionism," is the defiant fling at the union officials sent out today by officials of the United States Steel corporation who flatly refused to treat with representatives of the Federation of Labor, to assist in adjusting the differences which have been caused by the walkout at Braddock and Rankin. "Send us a committee of workmen and we will do business with them but all labor organization representatives are barred," continues the announcement.

Unless workmen insist on the presence of unionists, the committee will meet with the officials of the company tomorrow.

National Strike Urged.

"The question of a national strike is practically settled by the stand taken by the corporation officials," said Organizer Flynn today, "and it rests with the steel workmen who want industrial freedom, and we will see that they get it. The company is trying to prevent us getting halls for organization purposes and have hired all the halls in towns where we have arranged meetings. In Rankin all workmen have been discharged."

Inhuman Treatment Noted.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Tales of alleged inhuman treatment of men in the steel mills at Rankin, by steel corporation officials, were told today by two former employes at the Rankin and Braddock plants where the strikes are now in progress. The men, whose names are withheld brought the information which will be used by the federation on the war against the corporation. Secretary Morrison has returned to Washington from Pittsburg where he studied conditions and he professes to be astounded at the treatment accorded the mill workers.

HEINRICH KEEPS WINNING

Easily Won From Man Who Halls From Omaha.

Joe Heinrich added another victory to his long list in his match on Wednesday night with E. Harman of Omaha, Nebraska, states a Baker paper. He won in two straight falls the first in 27 minutes with a double bar lock and the second in 13 minutes and ten seconds with a waist lock.

Though the Nebraskan never had an opportunity to throw the local man he showed himself to be a clever wrestler and an adept in the art of defense. Many times he worked himself out of what appeared to be sure holds. A good sized crowd witnessed the match which was one of the best pulled off in Baker for some time.

Samuel and William Muncy, 94, World's Oldest Twins



Photo by American Press Association

SAMUEL AND WILLIAM MUNCY, aged ninety-four, are declared to be the oldest twins in the world. Their birthday falls on Christmas, and the one just past was made the occasion of a big reunion. They were born on the old Muncy farm at Babylon, N. Y., and they are still living there, hale and hearty, despite their great age. They posed for their picture, as shown above, with Samuel on the left and William on the right, during their recent birthday celebration.

WATSON PLUM BILL PASSES

JACKSON DISCIPLE TO GET SALARY INCREASE.

Before Adjourning for the Week Senate Passes 17 Bills.

Salem, Jan. 31.—Cain's bill fixing the salary of a governor's secretary at \$3,000, which falls to the pocket of Mr. Watson, a former Journal reporter, was passed by the senate today, the vote standing 18 to 12. Another bill passed was one by Butler fixing a severe penalty for officers of banks who accept gratuities for loans or sales on securities to the bank and upon outsiders who offer to pay for such favors.

Seventeen bills had been passed by the senate today when it adjourned for the week. The senate has passed Barrett's county bonding act. Two vetoed bills were passed by the house. Both were unimportant.

POTATO SHIPMENT READY

Grande Ronde Cash to Send Five Carloads to Texas Markets.

Tomorrow night the Grande Ronde Cash company will ship out five cars of potatoes from this city to points in Texas. They will be routed by the way of Denver over the Santa Fe and will not reach their destination before eight or ten days. The market is not particularly the best in that section of the country but it is a case of disposing of the stock before the next season comes on. This shipment, in addition to those shipped from Elgin a few days ago will give this valley an advertisement quite worth while. No doubt in its train will come inquiries about the country and its people and no doubt the Commercial clubs of the various valley cities are allive to the opportunity.

HOBOS PLAN ODD REVENGE

SUFFRAGETTE METHODS TO BE ADOPTED BY THEM.

In Such States as Have Stringent Laws, Hoboes to Be Spiteful.

New Orleans, Jan. 31.—Shooting acid in letter boxes, and bricks through plate windows, and other "suffragette" methods are to be employed by hoboes in such states as have stringent vagrancy laws.

This stand was taken by the "hobo convention" which is assembled here with hoboes from all parts of the world in attendance. The hobo leaders claim some states make no distinction between the hobo who wants to work and the "bum" who don't.

TARIFF HEARINGS OVER.

Varied Products Considered by the House Committee This Forenoon.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The last of scheduled hearings regarding revision of the tariff before the house ways and means committee, occurred today. The products discussed today included diamonds, human hair, bladders.

WILSON ANGERED BY PAPER TALK

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Angered by a morning newspaper report that he had definitely decided to appoint Wm. J. Bryan as secretary of state, Woodrow Wilson made it plain today he would name his own cabinet and not be limited by suggestions of others in forming his official family. Mr. Wilson came to Philadelphia to visit his family dentist.

"I notice by the morning papers," declared Wilson, "that Bryan is to be secretary of state. The story is not

POWERS SEND CAUTION NOTE ABOUT TURKEY

BALKANS WILL NOT HAVE UNDISPUTED PIE CUTTING IF THEY WIN.

ENVOYS LEAVING LONDON

Ambassadors of European Powers at London Make It Clear Balkans Will Have but Little to Say of Division of Turkey Should Balkans Win When War Is Resumed—Note Is Clear.

London, Jan. 31.—Determination not to permit the Balkan allies to partition Turkey as they please, if war is resumed and the allies win was reached at a conference of European ambassadors today. Notice to this effect has been communicated to the Balkan envoys.

It is learned semi-officially that territorial claims will be adjusted by a general European conference if the Turks are again defeated.

Envoys Are Recalled.

The porte at Constantinople has ordered the Turkish peace envoys returned to Constantinople from here. The withdrawal is regarded as retaliation to the allies for their hurried denunciation of the armistice.

Envoy Daneff has announced that none of the Balkan envoys except the Bulgarians, will leave London before tomorrow. Ambassadors are still hopeful for peace, believing Turkey will ultimately accept the allies' demands.

Greek Ships Attacked.

Constantinople, Jan. 31.—The Turkish cruiser Mamlidieh has attacked and destroyed three Greek warships in the harbor of Stampalia on the island of Sporades.

SEATTLE HOTEL AFIRE.

Rescues Are Narrow but None Seriously Hurt in the Stampede.

Seattle, Jan. 31.—Scores were rescued by the police and firemen and several hundred escaped through the smoke-filled halls when fire broke out in the basement of the Manhattan apartment house early today. It was the largest institution of its kind in the city. Several were injured but the damage to the property was nominal.

Exposition Lumber Sent.

Aberdeen, Wn., Jan. 31.—Bearing the first shipment of lumber from the Northwest to be used in the Panama exposition, the steamer Chehalis left for San Francisco today. The lumber was sawed in special sizes at the America mill.

Phelps Has Hard Attack

SMALLPOX IN VIRILE FORM IS CAUSE OF GLOOM.

PENDLETON WARNED

Typhoid Likely to Become Serious in Umatilla County Is Report.

La Grande friends of Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps of Pendleton are deeply grieved at his serious illness in Pendleton with a virulent attack of smallpox. Judge Phelps has a large number of friends and acquaintances in La Grande and regret that he is in such a critical state.

Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, has returned to Portland from a brief visit to Pendleton where he went to investigate the sewage problem of the Western State asylum and to examine Judge G. W. Phelps who is seriously ill with smallpox.

On his return to Portland, he gave out this:

"I found Judge Phelps very low with smallpox," said Dr. White. "His temperature was 104 degrees and he was delirious, but I have hopes of his recovery. He has not been vaccinated for years and his vaccination did not take."

"The value of vaccination as a preventative of smallpox is demonstrated in the judge's family. His daughter who was vaccinated when her father's

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THORPE JOINS GIANTS RANKS

GREAT ATHLETE TO BE WITH MCGRAW.

Half-Dozen Others Seek His Service but McGraw Outbids Them.

Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—Thorpe, the world's greatest athlete, recently suspended from amateur ranks because of confessed professionalism, and for whom universal sympathy has been extended because his trophies were torn from him, has accepted an offer to play with the New York Giants according to a telegram received by August Herrmann from a representative sent to Carlisle to get Thorpe for the Cincinnati Reds. Representatives from the Chicago Cubs, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Reds, and the Giants were all dickering for the Indian's services, but though Cincinnati offered Thorpe \$4500, McGraw outbid them.

Captain Blakely Dead.

A Brownsville dispatch says: Captain James Blakely, centenarian pioneer Indian fighter and merchant and one of the founders of Brownsville, died here last evening, aged 100 years, two months and three days. With him passed away the oldest living pioneer in the state and one widely known since the early settlement of the then territory of Oregon. Death followed an illness of several months. On November 26 last, he celebrated his 100th birthday and was well enough to sit at the table with his family and descendants to the fifth generation and that evening he enjoyed a celebration by the citizens of this place at the tabernacle, given in his honor. But he failed rapidly since that time sinking into the final sleep at 6:45 o'clock last night.

Captain Blakely was born in Lynes county, Tenn., November 26, 1812. He grew up there an married Mrs. Sarah Dick. In 1838 he moved to Missouri

VOTE SEEKERS STAGE A FOR SUFFRAGE

DEMONSTRATION CARRIED ON BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

OREGON WOMAN LEADS

House Committee Hears Appeal for Votes From Four Hundred Suffragettes—Presidential Election Bill up in Senate for Discussion Still—Amendment to Works' Bill Promptly Rejected.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Four hundred suffragettes made a demonstration before the committee on elections today in the house, in favor of the bill introduced by Congressman French of Idaho permitting women to vote at all congressional elections. Scores of stenographers employed by congressmen, deserted their offices to join in the disturbance. Several congressmen spoke in favor of the bill before the demonstration.

Mrs. Clara Colby of Portland opened the hearing, urging the enactment of a constitutional amendment prohibiting states disfranchising its citizens. "There are 28 representatives in congress from nine equal suffrage states," she said. "The constitution says the representatives shall be chosen. Are women 'people'? Are women 'citizens'?"

Mondell of Wyoming, Hayden of Arizona, Lafferty of Oregon were among those speaking before the committee in favor of the bill.

President Term Defeated.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Hitchcock's amendment to the Senator Works' resolution proposing a constitutional amendment that no president be elected more than one term, but to hold office for six years was defeated today. The amendment provided that no president elected after March 4, 1917, or who was president for two years after that date, be eligible for election. The blow at the amendment was generally hard. Discussion of the Works' resolution as originally introduced was resumed in the senate today.

and on April 4, 1846, started on the long trip across the plains to Oregon locating at what is now Brownsville on October 9 of that year. Here he took a donation land claim and, with his uncle, Hugh L. Brown, started the town of Brownsville and engaged in merchandising.

He assisted in forming Company E Oregon Volunteers, and in 1856 was elected captain of the company.

Deceased was a lifelong Democrat and figured largely in the politics of Linn county for many years. He several times represented the country in the legislature, and was a prominent member during the session at which John H. Mitchell was first elected United States senator. He assisted in the organization of the First Presbyterian church here and was a member of it to the time of his death.

Following are the children born to Captain Blakely, all of them prominent in the communities in which they have lived: Mrs. Ellen Montgomery, Crook county; Mrs. Catherine Lewis, Portland; Mrs. Margaret Smith, Parrot Mont.; J. M. Blakely, Joseph, Ore.; G. C. Blakely, The Dalles; J. A. and William Blakely, of Pendleton; Mrs. Harriet Cooley, Mrs. Sarah McFarland and Henry Blakely, of Brownsville.