

BOYCOTT SANTA FE

Railway Telegraphers May Adopt This Means.

UNLESS STRIKE IS ARBITRATED

Assert That It Is in Their Power to Divert Freight and Passenger Business to Other Lines Through National Organization.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—Should the Santa Fe officials persist in refusing to arbitrate the treaty between it and the Order of Railway Telegraphers, a national boycott will, it is said, be sprung by the members of the order all over the country, and an effort to bring the road to time by cutting off its business.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers has about 12,000 members, comprising telegraphers and station agents on every road in the United States. If no agreement can be reached, an order will, it is said, go out to all the members of the order to route all passenger and freight business from the East and West by some other line than the Santa Fe. Agents, instead of routing California traffic over the Santa Fe, will turn it to either the Southern Pacific or the Great Northern. Freight business will be handled in the same manner.

"We can bring the Santa Fe to terms," said a prominent striking telegrapher today, "if we are compelled to adopt this method. We have tried it before in Colorado, and in the East on the Burlington. In each instance we were successful, as we ruined the business of the company for the time being. We have in our stations operators, and we have in Santa Fe practically all its through freight and passenger business, and we have assurances from the men of other roads that they will act in our interests as soon as notified."

STRIKE IS PAST HISTORY.

Santa Fe Officials So Assert—Operators' Plans Are Filled.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 15.—"The operators' strike in my division is past history," said Superintendent Tice, of the Oklahoma division, tonight. "Two small stations are without operators, but not because we cannot get the men to supply them. We have agents sufficient for the purposes of the stations. Our trains are coming in and going out in better shape than before the strike. In most of our stations operators, as we have found out since the strike began, are more of a convenience than a necessity. Many of our old operators, say 90 per cent of them, would like to come back, and a great number have offered to come back, but it is out of the question. In many places, especially at the smaller stations, they are securing the signatures of patrons of the road to petitions praying for their reinstatement."

"The only trouble we are experiencing from the strike now is the clerical time sacrificed in receiving applications for reinstatement. I will have a strikers' file in my office, and I will say to you in all candor that it is the worst feature of the present. The statement issued by the strikers that my special was tied up in Oklahoma for lack of operators is absolutely false. I had no trouble whatever, and ran on this division. So did the regular trains."

"What about tramen; do you expect them to strike?" Mr. Tice was asked by the Associated Press correspondent. "It is all nonsense. No one knows better than tramen that there is nothing in the operators' strike, not even the semblance of justification. I am in very close touch with the tramen of my division, and they are all in sympathy with the Order of Railway Telegraphers strike. It is superfluous."

Foreman Thomas Peters, of Newton, in speaking with the Associated Press correspondent tonight, said: "I am a member of the Switchmen's and Tramen's Union. At 6 o'clock this morning I received a dispatch from the switchmen's general committee that they are not interested in the Order of Railway Telegraphers' strike, and are not considering the question of a sympathetic strike. At 7 o'clock I had a similar message from the tramen's union. Personally, but I think he has taken about 200 operators on a limb, and can never get them back."

Despite this above statement, the striking operators here are still hopeful, it might be said confident, of winning the strike. They laugh at the statement of Superintendent Tice that he has operators at every station on his division save two, and that he has a second man at a list of more than a dozen stations where there are no operators.

At Norwich today they say that a non-union operator showed the white feather and left.

SHOT HIMSELF TO ESCAPE

California First Wounds Daughter and Two Officers.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 15.—This afternoon, City Marshal M. K. Barrett and Constable H. Pritchard attempted to arrest Louis Arrata, on a charge of incest. After arrest, Arrata requested that he be allowed to enter his house to procure clothing. As he was about to enter, when Arrata grabbed a loaded shotgun and fired at the Constable, who ducked his head, the charge missing him and entering the arm of Arrata's daughter. The second shot, which was aimed at Marshal Barrett. The charge entered the fleshy part of Barrett's arm, and part of the charge entered the leg of Frank H. Arrata, who was standing near by. Arrata then grabbed another shotgun and shot himself twice, the second shot proving fatal. The injuries to Barrett, Arrata and the girl, though painful, are not dangerous.

After the shooting, the officers found that Arrata had, besides the two shotguns, a loaded revolver and a large knife. It is said that he feared lynching by his neighbors.

Big Tannery Burned.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 15.—The plant of H. W. Zschischke & Sons, tanners, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The plant covered an area of about 100,000 sq. ft. and was insured for \$100,000, fully covered by insurance. The flames, fanned by a high wind, scorched the big furniture plant of the Mattson and Co. building, which was also insured. A general conflagration was feared, and it was only through the aid of the fire corps of a dozen factories that the fire was controlled.

Dewey Announces an Engagement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At the dinner given last night by Senator Dewey and Miss Paulding in honor of Governor-elect Odell, of New York, and Mrs. Odell, the Senator announced the engagement of Miss Paulding to John Edie, United States Navy. Miss Paulding is the niece of Senator Dewey, and has been the mistress of his home in Washington. Mr. Edie is the son of the late John Edie, of this city, and a graduate of the Naval Academy in the class of 1890.

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HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS

BRITISH DEMAND WILL DELAY SETTLEMENT IN CHINA

New Issue Will Involve a Great Deal More Diplomatic Procedure—Ministers Reticent.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—Definite instructions supplementing yesterday's communication from London have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British Minister, and he now demands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys are generally regarded as important. This means further delay, as all the Ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments. Just what the nature of the objection raised by Great Britain is, it is difficult to say, but they admit that the new demand will involve a great deal more diplomatic procedure.

NOT UNDERSTOOD AT WASHINGTON

Change of England in Chinese Settlement Causes Surprise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Officials here are a little more than puzzled by the important modification in the joint Chinese note which it is reported the British Minister to Peking is to demand before signing that document preliminary to its presentation before the plenipotentiaries. They have no information on the subject, as nothing has been heard from Mr. Conger on the matter for some time. The modification, however, is that the joint note as agreed upon by the envoys was in the main satisfactory to the British Government. That government simply desired a slight rearrangement in the nature of a mere change in style of language to be more in accordance with the scope of the agreement. This did not conflict with any principle held by the British Government, and such being the case, it was confidently expected the signature of the British Minister would be affixed to the agreement promptly. The note handed to the Chinese at an early date.

LI HUNG CHANG THANKS CZAR.

For Permission to Govern Manchuria Under Russian Protection.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking, says: "Li Hung Chang has wired to Emperor Nicholas, at the instance of Prince Ukhomsky, an expression of gratitude for permission to rule Manchuria under Russian protection. This permission purports to have come from the Czar, who is, of course, quite ignorant of the matter. Prince Ukhomsky is leaving Peking in a few days, his mission having been accomplished."

"Telegrams from the north," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Associated Press, "showing renewed activity on the part of the Boxers in the neighborhood of Peking and Tien Tsin. It is believed that certain foreigners are continuing to work in the field in arms with the connivance of the Tao Tai of Shanghai. There are persistent rumors here that the foreign troops have arrived at Tientsin."

While the Minister in Peking are haggling over the collective note, Russia has consolidated her power in Manchuria, which, under the guise of friendship, she is treating as her own. The Morning Post published the following from its Peking correspondent, dated Saturday: "The Boxer organization is nearly destroyed. There appears now to be no danger of a recrudescence of the recent troubles, although activity is shown in various uncontrolled places. The Boxers are really not numerous, and most of them have been punished by the Chinese authorities."

Another Rebellion in Kwang Tung.

TAOCHIA, Wash., Dec. 15.—Kwang Tung province, China, the scene of another rebellion, according to Oriental advices received here. Its leaders declare their intention to substitute Chinese for Manchu rulers, and to bring about the restoration of the old Chinese empire. They favor foreigners and have molested neither missionaries nor converts. Nine battles have been fought with the imperial troops sent against them, including the capture of several villages. The rebels suffered the loss of several hundred killed and each claiming the victory. In eight other engagements the rebels are reported to have been completely victorious. They now have 30,000 armed men in the field and possess many towns. They are desirous of establishing provisional government, whereupon they intend to cut off their pig tails and wear European clothes.

Americans Capture Ammunition.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—Yesterday, while a private of the Ninth United States Infantry was searching for two stray mules, near Ho Si Wu, he arrived at that town, where he found a cache of arms and ammunition, of which he took charge. He went back to the main station for the night, and on returning in the morning he found two loaded Winchester, two other military rifles and a cache of ammunition. When leaving the town he was fired upon. A village five miles southeast of Ho Si Wu has been fired upon by Chinese twice within half a mile of the main station.

Russia Explains Its Action.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The Official Messenger publishes an inspired statement as to the views of the Russian Government concerning the Yangtze-Kwan Railway, repudiating the charge that the Russians have acted illegally in holding the line, contending that Russia's action was necessitated by military considerations, and that she has no objection to the line being administered by the Chinese, and finally promising to restore it to the former administration after the foreign troops have evacuated the province of Chi Li.

Big Fire at Canton Last Month.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—A special to the Times from Tacoma, Wash., says: Two thousand shops and houses were burned at Canton November 15. About 60 natives perished. Governor Nield, of Klanson, has sent a present of silks, satins and embroideries worth 90,000 taels to the Empress Dowager as a token of sympathy. The San Shi Bao of Yokohama has failed, owing 100,000 yen. In consequence of the defalcation of the cashier of the Tokio branch. He lost 10,000 yen speculating and then absconded.

Native Christians Are Restless.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—The British are continually reviving reports of dissatisfaction from the districts around Peking under their special charge. The office in command has informed General Gase, that armed bands of native Christians from the village of Soura Noons, five miles southeast of Peking, are consistently moving about and levying blackmail. The marauders are Catholics, led by a French missionary wearing Chinese clothing.

ENGLISH WAR OFFICE REFORM.

Committee Appointed to Deal With the Matter.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Secretary of State for War, William St. John Broderick, has appointed a committee to deal with the question of War Office reform. The committee will consider the system of contracts and the possibility of further decentralization and more expeditious working. The chairman of the committee is CHURCHILL, of the firm of J. S. Morgan & Co. The other members of the committee are: Sir Charles

COMING WEEK IN CONGRESS

SENATE TO DEAL WITH HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

Matter Likely to Take All Time—Army and Appropriation Bills to Go Over Until After Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate will devote the greater part of its time this week to consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. If it should be necessary to do so in order to get the ratification resolution acted upon, and in case there is any surplus time it will be devoted to the consideration of the ship subsidy bill. None of the appropriation bills can be reported to the Senate in time for consideration during this week. From the week in the House is likely to be an effort to report the Army bill during the week, and it may be successful. It would not possibly be taken up before the Senate convenes after the holidays.

Signs of Prosperity.

Among the Good Things Is the Exportation Movement.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In my former article regarding real estate matters, I assigned two reasons for sympathy in dealings in real property, to-wit, low valuations and the holding of improved property at an exceptionally high price by owners who were caught in the last boom. The present holding of property at cost figures. The chief trouble with them is that when the Assessor comes around, if he ever does, they decide to improve the property at a low valuation in order to escape taxation. The turn in the tide, however, which the election is over and the growth of the country is again spreading itself over the bosom of the Pacific, seems to be near at hand.

In times of financial distress and recovery, it is said that real estate is the last to feel the improvement, and that largely so at the East. But the recovery comes much sooner there for obvious reasons, but here in the West it is slower. The improvement in the financial center spreads itself out by degrees, like the ripple in the pond when a stone is cast. The improvement in the financial center, the ripple must first strike the Middle States, then travel across the prairies, and finally reach the shores of the Pacific. It is not until the country has been reached by the improvement that the East improvement and development began at that time, and now it is about time we should be welcoming that improvement to our shores. We have been having some of it in the growth of population and development of our local resources. But the time should be near at hand. I am inclined to think it is.

BICYCLISTS SUFFER.

Six-Day Racers Feeling Effects of Their Hard Riding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The six-day bicycle races, which are suffering severely from the effects of their hard riding. So severe has been the test upon their systems, particularly their nerves, that sleep was almost an impossibility for many of the racers. The racers are in a much worse condition than the others, owing to his fall Saturday afternoon. His right knee gave him considerable trouble. He is expected to be out in a few days. Elkes' manager stated that his man was in far the best condition of the race. He slept well and ate heartily of the breakfast. He accounted for Elkes' good condition by saying that Elkes had not been given any drugs or stimulants. Turville, an American, who was taken to the hospital on account of injuries received, will be out in a few days.

Statement of Baseball Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The committee of the Protective Association of Professional Baseball Players, composed of Hugh Jennings, C. C. Griffith and Charles L. Zimmerman, who presented their claims to the National League managers during the week, today issued the following statement: "The refusal of the National League managers to consider and discuss with us our requests as representatives of the Protective Association of Professional Baseball Players and their taleless reaction, which is probably intended to press in words their complete ignoring of the said requests collectively, without any adequate reason therefor, seems to require, as such representatives, to make a following statement to all the members of our association and to the public: 'We recognize and shall respect the inviolability of all actual contract obligations. No player shall be permitted to break a contract during the season, unless the contract for the coming season which has not been approved by our association.'"

Lowered World's Record.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—Johnny Nelson this afternoon defeated Gus Lawson in the 15-mile motor-paced race, and clipped 15 seconds from the record. The world's record of 33:12.

STRIKES AT THE ROOT.

Mr. Hill's Exposure of the Iniquitous Subsidy Scheme.

NEW YORK Times.—The ship subsidy bill now before Congress contains in its preamble the following curious statement: "Whereas, the profitable employment of the surplus productive power of the surplus factories, and the maintenance of the surplus of the United States imperatively demands the increase of foreign commerce, therefore" the annexed subsidies shall be paid. The subsidies provided for amount to \$2,000,000 per year for the next 20 years or \$100,000,000 in all. The professed purpose of paying them is to promote foreign commerce. To this end each vessel is to be paid a certain sum per gross ton per mile for outward and inward-bound voyages while engaged in foreign trade. The details of the terms on which the subsidies are to be paid are somewhat complicated. It is estimated that a steamer of 3,000 tons gross tonnage plying between England and the United States, and having a speed of 20 knots, can receive, if there is enough freight to cover an annual payment of \$100,000. This is 5 per cent on \$2,000,000. If we suppose that the scramble for the subsidy is so great that no one steamer can draw more than \$100,000, it would be going to the owners at an interest of 20 per cent. If the Treasury were to turn over to the owners of such a vessel \$2,000,000 for 20 years without interest, the gratitude to the beneficiaries would be no greater and the cost to the Treasury would be less, for it would get its money back. In the case we have described there is not the slightest benefit to the owners, and the amount carried that is not now carried, or that the rates of freight now charged would be reduced by 1 cent. We may add that the owners of vessels of this sort are now making good profits, and their sole known difficulty is in supplying the existing demand.

Arrested an Electric Light.

It would seem strange to most people to hear that the Sheriff of Spokane County has arrested a man for stealing electricity. The man, Ivan Ichoff, claims to have been, and he is the man who should know.

Last evening Ichoff was brought to the County Jail on a postoffice, where he was found wandering about in a dazed and barefooted, and acting in a very strange manner. The man was formerly working at cutting ties for the railroad, and he had been fired by the company. What the reason is no one seems to know.

Since he has been confined to the Jail the man has refused to eat anything, saying he could not find his electricity while in the Jail. When outside, he said, the electricity came to him all right, and then he felt good, but that he did not feel good in the house. He talks very disconnectedly and says that some time ago when he was sleeping the Indians got after him and he had to get up and run for his life. He claims he got away from them but in an electric light, but he bright he shines and the place where he was sleeping.

Waleott-Choyznaki Fight Off.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The fight between Joe Waleott and Joe Choyznaki scheduled for December 17 has been postponed indefinitely. The Chicago Tribune reports that the contest between Gans and McGovern on Thursday last.

Business Items.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old-well-tried remedy, Hood's Kidney Pills. It cures the baby's teething troubles, and the mother's suffering. It is the only one. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

CHOSEN FRIENDS TREASURER SHORT.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—W. F. Gibson, supreme trustee of the Order of Chosen Friends, when asked about the denial of the shortage in the accounts of former Supreme Treasurer Wilson, of Newark, made by his daughter, who based her denial on a letter said to have been written by the auditing committee after the books were audited, in August of this year, said today:

"I do not think a letter was sent to Mr. Wilson saying his books were correct. His shortage was not discovered by the members of the committee. The discovery resulted from the confession made by Mr. Wilson to Mr. Lynn, and was kept from the daughter who makes the denial."

Canadian Election Protests.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.—The question whether the Dominion or the Provincial Government owns Deadman's Island, which has been a political issue in Vancouver for over a year, and upon which the Smith Government split, is to come before the Supreme Court next week.

Five More Deaths From School Fire.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The bodies of five more victims of the Normal School fire were recovered today, making six that have been taken from the ruins. Those found today were charred beyond recognition. Workmen, while removing debris, found the bodies at the foot of a fire escape, where they were piled across each other.

Kruger Undecided About Visiting U. S.

TRIE BRUCE, Dec. 15.—In reply to a dispatch from Grand Rapids, Mich., inviting him to the United States, Mr. Kruger has wired that he has not arrived at any decision with regard to visiting America.

Chicago Clothing Bankrupt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Sol Wolfe, retail clothing, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$250,000; assets, \$120,000.

ABOLISH COURT FEES.

Litigation Should Be Encouraged—Word About Supreme Court.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—It is curious, but it seems to be so, that the more frequently he can talk about it, I suppose it is because he is not hampered by the facts. There has been much discussion about the abolition of the business of our Supreme Court and incidentally about courts in general and how they should be run. As I know of no one who has raised the subject, I feel that I could give to the Oregonian a large quantity of advice upon the subject of admitting to its columns matter which attempts to deal with a subject which the author plainly knows nothing. But I refrain.

IN THE HOUSE.

Week Will Be Unimportant Unless River and Harbor Bill Comes Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Under the concurrent resolution already passed, the House will adjourn over the holidays on Friday. The program of the House is not likely to be important unless the river and harbor appropriation bill should be taken up Wednesday or Thursday. There has been no action on this point, however, the bill not having yet been reported to the House.

Tomorrow is Individual Suspension Day under the rules, but only a brief time before the adjournment.

Several bills to divide judicial districts and the Lanham, Tex., claim bill probably will be passed. The remainder of the day is made yesterday, will be devoted to the consideration of private pension bills.

Tuesday has been set aside for the consideration of the District of Columbia business.

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