

MAY GIVE UP FIGHT

Crevasse Near Hymelia Continues to Widen.

FUNDS ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Great Area Will Be Inundated and Vest Damage Done—New Break Near Greenville—Danger Appears at Another Point.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—The carrying away of additional cribbing at the Hymelia crevasse early this morning brought the forces that have been at work there to the verge of abandonment of the attempt to close the break. Later in the day, however, it was agreed to continue the undertaking, though all hands are likely to be called off, if the terrific current washes out the new lines of cribbing which were started from both ends of the levee late this afternoon. In no event can the work be completed inside of a week, and unless ample money is given, the next disaster to the cribbing is likely to mark the end of the struggle.

The levee board today let it be known that it was at the end of its resources and that unless the plan to build the roads could assure subscriptions amounting to \$50,000, it would be compelled to throw up its hands. Doubtless double that amount will be required to complete the job.

By evening it was said the break was close to 700 feet wide, with the ends steadily melting away. Two ridges between which water has been prevented from spreading rapidly above and below, but the mighty torrent is filling the lakes and bays to the rear and in the next fortnight the whole basin from Lake Fourteen to the limits of cultivated land in Plaquemine is likely to be under water, causing incalculable damage and much suffering.

The Texas & Pacific Railroad is now hopelessly involved, with water running deep over the tracks and with little hope of an early resumption of traffic, if the crevasse is permitted to run until low water comes.

The Howell crevasse is beyond control, and this has suspended all traffic over the Napoleonville branch of the Southern Pacific.

The river remained stationary today in front of this city, marking 20.5 at nightfall. The rise yesterday, however, was .2 of a foot. An inspection of the local levees gives no cause for apprehension as to their safety.

NEW BREAK NEAR GREENVILLE.

Water Flows Through Two Gaps, Which Are Widening.

GREENVILLE, Miss., March 30.—Persons who have returned from the crevasse south of the city report that a second break has occurred about 300 feet north of the first. The new crevasse is about 400 feet wide.

The cutting of the protection levee at the northern border of the town has given no relief in letting out the water. The big crevasse three miles south of the city continues to widen.

So far as known, not a single life has been lost as a result of the breaking levee and the subsequent flooding of the country.

DANGER AT MAYERSVILLE.

Whole Male Population Working to Strengthen Levees.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 30.—Mud balls appeared in the levee at Mayersville late this afternoon, and tonight almost the entire male population is working at the danger point. Telephone messages state that the danger is great.

Balls Closed Near Vicksburg.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 30.—Forces which worked all yesterday and last night on the Arnold levee, two miles south of Vidalia, have succeeded in closing the "balls" in the crevasse between the two levees. No additional breaks have been reported today. The river is stationary.

SHAW IS INVESTIGATING

Federal Officials at Chicago Are Under His Eagle Eye.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Secretary Shaw has begun a personal investigation of the charges of incompetency and "lack of administration" which have been against Federal officials stationed at Chicago.

Mr. Shaw arrived here today and held several informal conferences, but he would not make any statement. When the Secretary returns to Washington on Friday, after the President's visit to this city, he will, it is declared, have his mind absolutely made up as to his course of action.

INSPECTION OF MILITIA.

Oregon Among States Which Are Ready for New Equipment.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Prompt and satisfactory responses have been received at the War Department from Adjutants-General of states and territories to the recent telegraphic inquiry as to when the organized militia will be ready for personal inspection, in order to determine the number of men and the equipment to be issued to them under the provisions of the new militia law. With only a few exceptions the state troops will be ready for inspection during the month of April, and it is expected that the War Department will be able to announce its plan for the inspection in a few days.

Among the states and territories which have announced their readiness for inspection during April or at the convenience of the War Department are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah.

The militia of the District of Columbia, Arizona, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are already armed with the regulation magazine musket. There are 395 organizations in the several states stationed in 136 plants making the proposed inspection an undertaking of great magnitude.

INJUSTICE IS REMEDIED.

President Undoes Wrong Inflicted on a Hundred Federal Prisoners.

APPLICABLE TO ALL UNITED STATES PRISONERS.

On account of the great injustice done to the prisoners transferred to Atlanta, in extending their sentences beyond the terms which were intended by the courts in imposing the sentences, and in order to remedy this injustice, the President has issued a general order, under which each transferred prisoner will be discharged upon the day when he would have been discharged had he continued to be confined in the state prison or penitentiary from which he was transferred.

The President has denied 15 applications for executive clemency, and has increased clemency in nine cases. He has commuted to imprisonment for 20 years the sentence of Thomas Thurber, convicted in Kansas of murder, and sentenced in 1888 to be hanged. The prisoner has served nearly 15 years.

SIGN AMENDED TREATY.

Palma Sends Orders to Cuban Ministers. Washington, March 30.—Ratifications of the Cuban reciprocity treaty will be exchanged at the State Department tomorrow morning. Today Senator Quesada, the Cuban Minister, called upon the President to sign the amended treaty, which he has just received from Havana. The exchange of ratifications will be constructive, rather than actual, Secretary Hay accepting as sufficient the assurance that the Cuban treaty has been dispatched to Washington. No date has been set for the assembling of Congress to take action on the treaty.

HAVANA, March 30.—Instructions were cabled to Minister Quesada at Washington today to sign the amended reciprocity treaty in behalf of President Palma.

Hearing Given Judge McMillan.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Attorney-General Knox today held a hearing in the office of the Commissioner-General of the Land Office, James McKay, of New York, before Chief Clerk George F. Pollock, chief of the special service division of the Land Office, of New Jersey, who is in charge of the division of accounts. All appointments are promotions.

Promotions in Land Office.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A number of important appointments have been made in the office of the Commissioner-General of the Land Office, James McKay, of New York, becomes chief clerk; George F. Pollock, chief of the special service division; John E. Wills, of New Jersey, chief of the division of accounts. All appointments are promotions.

CHARGE AGAINST HAWSEE

Another American Officer Accused of Cruelty to Filipinos.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The War Department is investigating charges that have been filed against Lieutenant-Colonel Robert W. Hawsee, who was in command of a post in Northern Luzon in 1906. The charge relates to cruelty to Filipinos, allegations being made that Lieutenant-Colonel Hawsee was cognizant of the fact that two natives were whipped to death and that no punishment of the offenders was ordered.

It is said at the War Department that so far as investigated it appears that the alleged cruelty was perpetrated by native officers while Colonel Hawsee was absent after hostile Filipinos. The matter has been brought to the attention of Colonel Hawsee and a partial reply made that an investigation at the time showed that only one native had died and that his death was not due to ill treatment but to diabetes. Reports of alleged outrages in the Philippines for which Colonel Hawsee and some other officers are said to be responsible are part of General Miles' report of his recent investigation in the Philippines.

Randall Off to Philippines.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The transport Sheridan, leaving on Wednesday, will take the Thirteenth Cavalry, Brigadier-General W. P. Randall, accompanied by his aid, Lieutenant Allison, will also leave on the steamer. General Randall upon his return to Manila will receive the command of one of the Departments of the Philippines, probably the Department of Visayas. Lieutenant A. L. Conger, who was aid-de-camp on the staff of General Hughes, will also be passenger. A number of ladies of the Eighteenth Infantry and Thirteenth Cavalry, as well as the wife of General Randall, accompany their husbands to the islands.

Miss Roosevelt in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 30.—Miss Roosevelt, Governor Hunt and their party returned here this morning by special train, having visited the towns on the north coast. Miss Roosevelt was received with the usual honors everywhere, the inhabitants viewing it as a great honor to have her as their guest. Much of the trip was made on horseback, which Miss Roosevelt said she greatly enjoyed. This evening Miss Roosevelt attended a reception given by Colonel James A. Buchanan and Captain Joseph Crabbs, of the Porto Rican Regiment. She will sail for New York tomorrow on the Comoro.

BATTLE IN SANTO DOMINGO

Government Army Surrounds Capital and Another Fight is Imminent.

CAPE HAITIEN, March 30.—A serious engagement took place between the Dominican government troops and the revolutionary forces on Saturday at Juan Salvo. The losses of the government were 27 killed and 48 wounded, while the revolutionists lost five killed and 11 wounded. The telegraph line is interrupted beyond Cape Haitien, and it is believed that a battle is imminent.

Atlanta Seeks the Revolution.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Atlanta left Cape Haitien yesterday for Santo Domingo City, where a revolution is in sight.

RIFLE SHOTS IN DEBATE.

Quarrel Between Haytian President and Chamber Reaches Crisis. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 30.—The government is increased against the Deputies because of their refusal to vote an issue of paper money. The sitting of the Chamber today was interrupted by the firing of rifle shots. This occurrence created much excitement, and the situation for a time looked grave. Quiet, however, has been restored by a proclamation issued by President Nord, in which he says he disapproves the outrage committed against the Chamber, and declares that he will maintain order and enforce respect for the constitution.

New Haven Road Settlement.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 30.—After a lengthy conference, employees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the directors who have been considering the changes in the schedule adjourned until next Thursday morning. Valentine Fitzpatrick, representative of the Trainmen's National Brotherhood, who took part in the conference, gave out the statement that an understanding had been reached on many points, but that those of wages still remain unsettled. He expressed a hope that this important matter might be adjusted at the meeting on Thursday.

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EIGHTEEN GATHERED IN

WATERBURY STRIKERS ACCUSED OF DEADLY ASSAULT.

Charge is Attack on Nonunion Men, But Police Hope to Prove They Murdered Policeman.

WATERBURY, Conn., March 30.—Eighteen men placed under arrest on the charge of assault with intent to kill was the record of activity on the part of the police today in their efforts to discover the authors of the strike of outworkers and conductors of the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company 11 weeks ago. The most serious of the charges was the assault on William T. Merner and George Morriette on the night of February 26 with intent to kill.

These two men were the nonunion employees of the company who were shot and retained in a car which was attacked at a lonely spot on the Waterville line. Both were assaulted, and one was beaten into insensibility and left lying on the rails. This occurred a little more than a week prior to an attack of a similar nature on a car at Fort Park, when Follesoman Paul Mendelsohn was killed by a bullet from a mob of masked men. While the arrests today are nominally for the assault of February 26, the officials do not deny that they are really in connection with the murder of Mendelsohn's death.

Of the arrested men several are members of the trolley union now on strike. These include the seven largest cotton mills here, and not content with this, the Textile Council, the delegate body of the local unions, considered the advisability of compelling an even wider application of the shutdown order by bringing about a strike in the Lawrence hosiery mill. This mill was exempted from the strike order last week, the Knitters' Union being permitted to remain neutral, as it had shown that it had no grievance either in wages or time schedule. The council tonight did not find the proposition well received, and the outlook is not favorable for a strike of knitters.

This incident was the chief one of the first day of the unprecedented shutdown of the big cotton mills in Lowell. Today the operatives wore their best clothes and promenade the sidewalks; no smoke came from the mill chimneys, and there was an absence of the hum of machinery and the rattling of the mill machinery.

Labor unions met, some 14 of them, and they were addressed by either their own officers or prominent labor men of other bodies.

DECLINES TO RAISE WAGES.

Manager of San Francisco Car Lines Rejects Employees' Demands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The United Railroads today handed to the committee representing the Carmen's Union the company's reply to the demands made by the association. Seventeen resolutions to raise wages or to yield to the union in the matter of selection, promotion or dismissal of employees. The right of an employee to join a labor union is admitted and a promise made to deal with accredited committees of the Carmen's Union.

The company offers to submit to the president of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employees of America for arbitration all questions involved save the right to employ and discharge men.

RESTAURANTS ARE CLOSED.

Denver Cooks and Waiters Make Thousands Strikish for Meals.

DENVER, March 30.—All union cooks and waiters in downtown restaurants went on strike today in consequence of a disagreement between the unions and the Restaurant-Keepers' Association. The trouble arose over the employment of nonunion cooks in two restaurants belonging to the association. Seventeen restaurants were closed at the noon hour, forcing thousands of people to go without luncheon. At least 20,000 people will be inconvenienced if the strike is not quickly ended. The number of persons on strike is estimated at 600.

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ANOTHER COTTON MILL SHUT DOWN.

NEWARK, N. H., March 30.—The cotton mills of the Newark Manufacturing Company did not open today, the management having ordered a suspension of work on account of a dispute with the weavers about overtime work. Three hundred hands are idle.

Will Settle by Arbitration.

CHICAGO, March 30.—After an all-night session, representatives of the Carriage and Wagon-Makers' Association and the striking union workmen practically settled their differences today. It was decided by the strikers to seek a settlement through arbitration.

Strike on Lake Vessels.

CLEVELAND, March 30.—Because no settlement was reached with the Lake Carriers' Association, the members of the firemen, oarsmen and water-tenders' associations of Lake vessels will go on strike tomorrow for higher wages.

No Strike in Kentucky Mines.

LOUISVILLE, March 30.—There will be no strike in the coal fields of Western Kentucky. This was the announcement

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BERDICK CASE CLOSED

PENNELL'S FRIENDS STRIVE TO PREVENT INQUEST.

Barter and Hotel Cashier Tell of His Admission of Disposition to Commit Murder.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 30.—Justice Murphy is to announce his findings in the Burdick inquest in the Police Court tomorrow morning. No arrests will be made; no warrants will be issued. The court's findings will be made in a closing commentary on the famous case. The inquest was closed formally by Judge Murphy today, after hearing the testimony of Quinn and King, the bartender and cashier of the Hotel Roland, in New York City, about Pennell's alleged statement to the effect that he would kill Burdick, even if he went to the gallows for it. No other witnesses were called.

The Pennell inquest will begin this morning, was postponed indefinitely. The reason announced was the absence of witnesses from the city. District Attorney Connersworth was in court and said he was ready to go ahead, and that the postponement was not at his request. One witness was absent from the city. He was Wallace Thayer, Pennell's attorney and confidential friend up to the time of his death. A dozen or more witnesses in the Pennell inquest were present ready to give testimony.

Effort to Smother Pennell Case. Strong pressure has been brought to bear by friends of the Pennells to avert the inquest and postpone it indefinitely, if possible. It is held that the Pennell case had no weight with the court, and efforts were made to hold the inquest only for the purpose of bringing light on the affairs of Burdick or to add any valuable information to the Burdick case. The Pennell case has been reluctant from the outset to have any of the dead man's papers made public.

It is possible that because of the lines of Justice Murphy's findings tomorrow may be found something indicative of the circumstances that might cause it to be deemed necessary to prolong the Burdick case or to delay the beginning of the Pennell case. It will be necessary only for Judge Murphy to announce the hour and date for the Pennell inquest, should it be necessary to hold one.

Pennell's Reckless Words. Alex. G. Quinn, the bartender from the Roland, was the first witness. He said he made the acquaintance of Arthur R. Burdick early in the month of December last at the Hotel Roland. Asked to relate the conversation he had with Pennell at the time, Quinn said:

"Mr. Pennell first asked for a time table which was given to him. Afterwards he entered into conversation with the cashier and myself. Mr. Pennell had several drinks. He gave me his card. During the conversation he said:

"I remarked that this man must be out of the state, as I have more in mind to go to New York. I saw Mr. Pennell the following morning, when he bade me good-by."

"Is there anything else you recall of the conversation between you, Pennell and the cashier?"

"Nothing except matters of ordinary conversation."

F. G. King, former cashier of the Hotel Roland, was called by the court during the conversation related by Quinn, the next witness. In detailing this conversation, Quinn said:

"Pennell discussed a picture that was hanging on the wall of the room, and after having a few drinks, he said: 'There is one man I could kill although I might swing for it.' After having another drink, I proposed a toast, which was responded to by Mr. Pennell. I think he said: 'Here's to death.' At the same time he said he was having the greatest time of his life, although it was at the expense of another."

After King had identified a picture of Pennell, Judge Murphy announced the Burdick inquest closed.

IGNORE COURT'S ORDER.

Chicago Election Commissioners Chicago Election Ballots.

CHICAGO, March 30.—In spite of Judge Haney's injunction in the Lorimer-Dobson case and in the fact of the threat of contempt proceedings, the Election Commissioners today opened and counted the ballots in one precinct of the Sixth Congressional District in the election of last November. Their action constituted, in the opinion of Judge Carter, by whose advice the injunction was violated, a technical violation of the election law. The count finished, the Election Commissioners returned to a state of siege throughout the remainder of the day, policemen inside and outside of the board rooms awaiting an expected attack by the forces of Congressman Lorimer. More than 100 policemen drawn from various stations throughout the city were on guard, but the day passed without a clash. Even after the adjournment of Judge Haney's court, however, and in spite of his declaration that no writ had been issued, the vigilance of the Commissioners was not relaxed, owing to fear of a coup on the part of their opponents.

The conference of the commissioners and their attorneys continued until long after the hour announced for the count to begin. When the commission eventually was called to order, Judge Carter, as legal adviser for the board, announced that the counting of one precinct would preserve the sanctity of the election law and the principle for which the commissioners were contending, and that in view of the presidential matters in connection with the coming municipal election he was willing to postpone the counting of the remaining precincts, leaving his opponents to carry out their wishes by process of law or otherwise.

The counting of the ballots proceeded without interruption, and when finished an adjournment of the hearing was taken until April 19 at 10 o'clock. The election count, however, remained in session for the purpose, it was announced, of transacting further business, although its primary object is believed to be the maintenance of Chief Croker's position in anticipation of any move on the part of Judge Haney and the Lorimer supporters.

Judge Haney, whose injunction was thus defied, when apprised of the action of the board, announced that he would issue no bench warrants for the arrest of the commissioners for contempt until the afternoon session of court, if at all, and that whatever action was taken would be in open court.

Chief of Police O'Neill tonight expressed his intention to carry out the instructions given him by the counsel for the Election Commissioners.

"If any one comes here to serve a writ or legal document," he said, "our force is here to see that the paper has merit and authority sufficient to admit the bearer. I am ready and willing to accept the judgment of the counsel for the Commissioners on that score."

"If necessary, I can have 200 men here within a few hours. Should it come to a brush, I could wear in a lot of special policemen. I am not going to let those ballots be counted."

Intervention by the grand jury in the election count dispute was asked of State Attorney Deeney today by Attorney John J. Knickerbocker, who demanded that William Lorimer, Eldred Haney, Sheriff Garrett, John A. Cook and J. A. Linn be summoned into the juryroom on a charge of criminal conspiracy. Linn and Cook are included in the count because of the alleged closing of their offices in the Superior and Circuit Court Saturday afternoon, with the supposed object of preventing the Election Commissioners from securing writs of habeas corpus in the event of their arrest for contempt of court.

DO NOT WANT SOCIAL EQUALITY.

Negro Preacher Says His People Want Property and Education.

CHICAGO, March 30.—"The solution of the negro problem lies with the negro himself. It can be brought about by his acquiring land, saving money, and educating his sons. There is nothing in the cry about social equality. The negro does not want it, and does not expect it."

This statement was made last night at Bethel Church, by J. J. Smallwood, president of the Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate Institute, a negro institution at Clarendon, Va.

"At the close of the Civil War," Professor Smallwood said, "the negro had nothing. Since then he has accumulated \$500,000,000 worth of property. He has built up 36 institutions of learning and the race has furnished 27,000 school teachers. He has turned his attention to buying land, and this will eventually result in the solution of the race problem."

"I have no objection to a law requiring negroes to ride in a separate coach on the railroads. What I do want is a division of the coach, so that we would not have to mingle with the element in our race that is shunned by the educated whites in their."