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Strike Claims First Life.
MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 29.—The milling strike has claimed its first life. President treasurer of the St. John Dunwoody, Y. Dunwoody, son of John Dunwoody, treasurer of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company, is dead, aged 28. When the strike was declared young Dunwoody was among the young men from the office who went to work in the mill. While straining at a heavy sack of flour he ruptured a blood vessel and died two hours later.

Soldiers Throw Stones at Officers.
BERLIN, Sept. 29.—A crowd of private soldiers belonging to the Second (Baden) Grenadier Regiment, threw stones at their officers recently while riding at Reichenhausen. Fifteen of the soldiers were arrested and have been taken to Heidelberg for trial. The army authorities hold the Socialist successes at the recent elections to be partially responsible for the discontent among the soldiers, who gathered at Heidelberg after the announcement.

WON'T OUST HIM

Roosevelt Refuses Request of Unions.

BINDER MILLER WILL STAY

Executive Council of Federation Is Received.

PRESIDENT KNOWS NO CLASS

Laws Cannot Be Administered So as to Permit Discrimination—Labor Leaders Not Satisfied With the Decision.

CHARGES AGAINST MILLER.

The Bookbinders' Union of Washington, D. C., expelled W. A. Miller, foreman of the Government office, for conduct unbecoming a member of the organization. His discharge was then secured, and he appealed to President Roosevelt for reinstatement, alleging he was being discriminated against. The President deemed his complaint well-founded, and he was given his old position.

Labor organizations throughout the country were then appealed to, and many have requested that Miller be ousted.

The President's reply to the Federation committee yesterday shows his decision is final.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—An important consultation took place at the White House today between President Roosevelt and five members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, including President Gompers and Mr. Mitchell, head of the miners' union, during which the case of Foreman W. A. Miller, of the Government Printing Office, who was dismissed because he had been expelled from the local Bookbinders' Union, and afterward was reinstated by direction of the President, was the principal topic of discussion.

The conference was granted at the request of the labor leaders. The Miller case was very fully presented by the members of the executive council, at the close of which the President made a statement, in which he announced his decision not to dismiss Miller was final, and the question of his personal fitness must be settled in the regular routine of administration.

Statement of the President.
Following is the statement of the President:

"Pursuant to the request of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the President granted an interview this evening to the members of the executive council of that body—Samuel Gompers, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison—at which various subjects of legislation in the interests of labor, as well as of executive action, were discussed. Concerning the case of William A. Miller, the President made the following statement:

"I thank you and your committee for your courtesy, and I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. It will always be a pleasure to see you or any representatives of your organizations or of your Federation as a whole, either in person or by letter. As regards the Miller case, I have little to add to what I have already said. In dealing with it, I ask you to remember that I am dealing purely with the relation of the Government to its employees. I must govern my action by the laws of the land which I am sworn to administer, and which differentiate any case in which the Government of the United States is a party from all other cases whatsoever. These laws are enacted for the benefit of the whole people, and cannot and must not be construed as permitting discrimination against some of the people.

President of All the People.
"I am President of all the people of the United States, without regard to creed, color, birthplace, occupation or social conditions. My aim is to do equal and exact justice among them all. In the employment and dismissal of men in the Government service I can no more recognize the fact that a man does or does not belong to a union, as being for or against him, than I can recognize the fact that he is a Protestant or a Catholic, a Jew or a Gentile, as being for or against him.

"In the communications sent me by various labor organizations protesting against the retention of Miller in the Government Printing Office, the grounds alleged are twofold—first, that he is a nonunion man; second, that he is not personally fit. The question of his personal fitness is one to be settled in the routine of administrative detail, and cannot be allowed to conflict with or to complicate the larger question of governmental discrimination for or against him or any other man because he is or is not a member of a union. This is the only question now before me for decision, and as to this my decision is final."

The members of the executive council attending the conference constituted the subcommittee appointed to take up the Miller case at the meeting of the executive council held in Washington last week. At that time the subcommittee wrote a letter to the President asking that a time be set for a conference. The reply of the President was favorable to the request, and the interview was set for tonight.

Labor Leaders Not Satisfied.
From the manner of the labor leaders as they came from the White House, it was evident they were not entirely satisfied with the result of their interview. They declined to be interviewed, Mr. Gompers referring the reporters to the statement that would be given out by the President's secretary regarding the Miller case. While he was talking, one of his associates wished it to be impressed on the reporters that the President's statement should be understood by them to be an entirely "independent statement" and not as an answer to the council's request.

The council also brought to the attention of the President several matters of legislation in which it is interested. Among these is the enforcement of the eight-hour law and the anti-injunction bills which passed the House of Representatives at the last session of Congress. The President, Mr. Gompers said, expressed himself as favorable to the principles of the short-hour workday, and his deep concern for the interest of the wage-earners of the country.

The President also was asked by his visitors to take up the case of Ephraim W. Clark, who is confined in the Thomson (Me.) jail under a sentence of life imprisonment for mutiny. The President was asked to extend executive clemency in Clark's case.

Previous to meeting the labor delegation, the President had a long conference with Acting Secretary Garfield, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in which the latest developments of the Miller case were discussed. At 1 o'clock John Mitchell, president of the miners' union, lunched with the President.

Secretary Moody, Postmaster-General Payne and Secretary Wilson were the cabinet callers.

Postmaster-General Payne today informed the President that he expected to have ready for him the report of the postoffice investigation by October 20.

TURN HIM DOWN

Senators Refuse to Indorse Piles.

ACTION IS UNANIMOUS

Question of Support of Wilson Is Dodged.

ARE FOR SMITH FOR GOVERNOR

Hold-Over Members of the Senate Not Consulted in Piles' Preliminaries—Will Not Rally Under Preston Leadership.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—The seven Republican hold-over Senators from King County have turned down the proposition to indorse Sam Piles for United States Senator. The question came up at a banquet given by the Senators for the purpose of bringing them together again last night and was turned down unanimously.

Subsequently the plan of supporting John L. Wilson for United States Senator was suggested, but the hold-over Senators decided that inasmuch as Wilson had not announced his candidacy they could not express an opinion on this question. In this manner the Senators dodged an issue which, if it had been met, would probably have resulted in showing five at least of the hold-overs favor Wilson's candidacy.

Later in the evening the fact that Dr. J. J. Smith, State Senator from the 30th District, and president of the last State Senate, was a candidate for Governor was discussed by the delegation. The Senators unanimously indorsed Smith's candidacy and decided to support him in the hope that King County will present his name to the next Republican state convention.

Piles' Sin of Omission.
The opposition to Piles' candidacy on the part of the hold-over Senators is the natural outcome of the growth of his boom. Piles overlooked the hold-over Senators when he decided to make the fight, and did not consider it necessary to consult any of them regarding the plan. Apparently he believed that they would rally to his support in the event he should ask them to aid him, and concluded time spent in a conference with the hold-overs would be wasted.

Friends of Piles give the further explanation that he believed the hold-over Senators would follow any instructions given by the next Republican county convention. If the hold-over Senators took this view of the Senatorial fight in King County they could be won over without the formality of a consultation, but the seven men who have votes want to be the nucleus of the King County candidate's strength. Naturally they were somewhat disappointed that Piles did not believe it to be good policy to consult their wishes. This circumstance, however, would not have been sufficient to turn them against him.

Times Drives Friends Away.
The Piles candidacy is being ardently supported by the Seattle Times. This paper was behind Preston in his fight last winter, and there is not a Republican hold-over Senator who was not scored unmercifully repeatedly by the Times. The feeling of resentment was so strong against the Times that the hold-overs and other members of the King County delegation seriously considered a plan of bringing suit for libel against Colonel Biethen and his paper. Pressure from other politicians and from close friends of Biethen resulted in a reconsideration of this plan and the matter was finally dropped.

But there is none among the hold-over Republicans ready to take up a fight inaugurated by the Times. If the Times' support were not sufficient to create doubt, the fact that John H. McGraw and other close Preston friends, including it is asserted, Preston himself, are behind Piles would have caused the hold-over Senators to sever. They insist that they were never treated fairly by Preston, and that they will not go into another fight in support of a candidate of his choosing.

Strong Grounds for Discontent.
All the circumstances in connection with the inauguration of Piles' fight are such as to create discontent among the seven hold-over Senators from King County, and when the suggestion that they indorse him was brought up, the seven voted unanimously against the proposition.

There is this much to be said in limitation regarding the action of the King County Senators: Should Piles, by any chance, be indorsed by the King County Republican convention it is probable the Senators would yield to public opinion and give him their support. The vote taken last night was intended to mean that the Senators favor the selection of another man as their candidate.

Probable Support of Wilson.
While it is questionable whether Wilson has been given absolute pledges of support by the members of the delegation who will hold over from King County, it is reasonably certain that a majority of the delegation will vote for him. Senators Van de Venter, Kinnear, Henrich and Palmer are declared, on excellent authority, to be open Wilson supporters. Senator Potts has expressed a private opinion that Wilson is the best candidate for King County to support. This leaves Tucker and Smith in doubt.

Tucker is more than likely to be a Wilson supporter, while Smith would be out of it in the event he succeeds in securing the Republican nomination for Governor. If he fails in that he is most apt to be

TO TIGER'S SIDE

Jerome Will Work for Tammany Ticket.

MEN MUST ONLY BE HONEST

Declares He Don't Care a Whit if Gang Is for Low.

FUSIONISTS IN CONFERENCE

Grout and Fornes Are Also Willing to Accept Democratic Nomination, but Platt and Other Leaders Rebel.

NEW YORK POLITICS.
FUSIONISTS—Mayor Low demands that Messrs. Grout and Fornes pledge him unequivocal support, or their names will be stricken from the ticket. As nominees for Controller and President of the Board of Aldermen, they are not averse to accepting the Tammany nomination, which is assured them. They are given until Wednesday to decide.

DEMOCRATS—Boss Murphy, of Tammany, informs Kings County Democrat, that McCallan must be nominated for Mayor; also Grout and Fornes. The Kings men declare they will set up Lewis Nixon, for Mayor; Julian D. Fairchild, for Controller, and Herman A. Metz, for President of the Board of Aldermen.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Developments late tonight tend to complicate rather than clear the local political situation. The position of District Attorney Jerome, whose whirlwind campaign was the feature of the canvass on the fusionist side two years ago, and who has heralded his dissatisfaction with Mayor Low's administration course, though he avowed his purpose of supporting the fusion cause this year, made a declaration tonight at a breakfast dinner given by Congressman Timothy J. Campbell, which those who heard it construed as signifying that under certain conditions he might give his adherence to the Tammany Hall ticket.

"I," Mr. Jerome is quoted as saying, "a guaranty be given before the Tammany Hall convention of Thursday next of the sincerity of the movement, and that those men are sincere and honest, I am going to stand by it, and if those men are handled as they should be, and if men are put in nomination whom honest men can support and people will say 'we have an honest movement' I will encourage it."

The condition to which Mr. Jerome alluded in the last sentence was the subject of a conference at the residence of Mayor Low, leaders of the fusionist forces being present. This conference was in the nature of a secret consultation, but it is understood that it was decided to demand of Messrs. Grout and Fornes, nominees respectively for Controller and President of the Board of Aldermen, a definite statement of their attitude toward the fusionist movement, and to require of them an unequivocal pledge of support to the head of the ticket.

If the attitude of Mr. Grout and Mr. Fornes should not be satisfactorily explained, it was reported it was the sense of the conference that their names should be stricken from the ticket. A conference to take final action on the question is to be held Wednesday at the office of Edward Lauterbach.

Grout has said he is willing to take a Tammany nomination, believing it will help Low. Fornes holds the same view.

Platt and Other Leaders Rebel.
Senator Platt and other Republican leaders appear to be unanimous in the opinion that Grout and Fornes should retire from the fusion ticket if they accepted Tammany nominations. If they do not retire, they will probably be asked to do so. A meeting of the executive committee of the Citizens' Union was held today at the office of R. Fulton Cutting for the purpose of deciding whether it would be polite to demand the withdrawal of Mr. Grout and Mr. Fornes in the event of their accepting the Tammany indorsements. Of the 19 members of the committee, 14 were present. C. Huntington, chairman, presided. Neither Mr. Huntington nor Mr. Cutting would say anything after the meeting. City Chamberlain Gould said:

"Well, it takes only one day to place a ticket in nomination by petition. We could get the names in that time, I guess." This remark was considered significant in view of the decided stand that some of the Citizens' Union members have taken against allowing Grout and Fornes to remain on the ticket.

TAMMANY WILL RULE.
Kings County Democrats Given to Understand the State Must Go.
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The atmosphere, as regards the attitude of the Kings County Democracy in the city convention, was cleared at the meeting of the city committee at the Democratic Club tonight when James Shevlin and Senator Patrick H. McCarren announced in no uncertain terms that if Grout and Fornes were nominated by the Tammany Hall, the Kings County Democracy would place in nomi-

FALL KILLED MAJOR HAY
Noted Soldier Drops Six Stories Down Elevator Shaft.
PITTSBURG, Sept. 29.—Major Samuel W. Hay was killed tonight by falling from the fourth floor of the Arrott building through the elevator shaft to the basement making a drop of six stories.

Major Hay was a veteran of the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. During the latter war he was commissary on the staffs of Major-Generals Young, Davis and Wheeler.

Mrs. Davis Steadily Improving.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 29.—It was reported at Castle Inn today that Mrs. Jefferson Davis had passed a restful night and was steadily improving.