

# STRIKING CARMEN IN MASS MEETING

## Large Audience at Merrill's Hall Cheers Speakers and Denounces Company.

### MEN WILL FIGHT TO END

#### After Leaving Hall, Strike Sympathizers Gather at Third and Washington Streets and Cheer Carmen—Police Called Out.

#### CHIEF GRITZMACHER WARNS CITIZENS.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher made the following statement to The Oregonian last night:

"There have been persistent rumors to the effect that the hoodlum element, which started and kept up the riots of last Saturday night, will attempt to repeat their tricks on the downtown streets tonight. Whether they will do so, I cannot state, of course, but I urge all positively that there will be no such disgraceful scenes as those, for the police are ready to act and to act vigorously—just as vigorously as the occasion may demand. I urge all law-abiding people to remain off the streets, if possible, but if they have business they must transact, I wish they would keep moving and not congregate anywhere. This will help the police, who will have to enforce order, and in case of riots or disturbances, all necessary force will be used."

#### WHITE TEMPLE BANQUET

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and the police soon returned to headquarters.

Hoodlums in Lower Albina threw rocks at an I. car last night and drenched a motorman with a bucket of water. Torpedoes were placed on the track in that section of the city by unknown persons.

Torpedoes which were exploded by an Irvington car at East Fifteenth and Multnomah streets last night at 10 o'clock frightened passengers inside the car. Women were in a panic and thought the car was being shot at. The police were sent for and two officers conducted an investigation.

Complete Service on All Lines.

The first complete evening service since last Saturday night, when the strike started, was given by the Portland Railway Company last night. Cars were run on all lines and the last embarrassment Christmas shoppers have felt on account of the strike was removed.

Numbers of men are being broken in by the Portland Railway Company to take the places of the men who have gone out on strike. The company is about 75 men short, including deserters and the 23 men discharged on the Portland Railway lines. Three men were discharged on the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company lines.

Thirty men were broken in Thursday on the city lines and 20 more were shown how to run trolley cars yesterday. More will be put out today. Large numbers of applications are received by Superintendent Cooper every day and it is expected by the company that new men will more than offset the desertions from the ranks predicted by the strike leaders. Two men turned in their badges yesterday and quit the service, but officials believe the number who leave will be small.

Trouble between a fireman named Lewis Simon and J. J. Coffey, a motorman, led to the arrest of the former yesterday on the charge of threatening to kill the carman. A mob collected at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Thurman streets yesterday morning and jeered men working on the cars. Motorman Coffey says he was threatened by the fireman, who is alleged to have said he would kill the motorman.

Simon said he was a member of a crowd which was hurling epithets at the carmen and that Coffey came back where he was standing and shook his fist under the fireman's nose, at the same time calling him names. Simon denies that he made any violent threats. He was released on bail.

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E. Milton Runyon, President of the Alert Bible Class of the White Temple.

#### THIELEMANN NOT GUILTY

##### Saloonkeeper and Sons Acquitted of Charges Made by the Police.

A jury in the Municipal Court brought in a verdict of not guilty last night in the cases of the city against William Thielemann, proprietor of the Lion saloon, Fourth and Flanders streets, charged with conducting a disorderly house and enticing a minor into a disorderly house; William Thielemann, Jr., charged with interfering with an officer; Eberhart Thielemann, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and Oswald Thielemann, charged with being a minor and frequenting a disorderly house. Captain of Detectives Bruin and Acting Detective Price were the prosecuting witnesses.

The police declare the verdict a miscarriage of justice, and say their evidence was strong and amply sufficient to convict. Chief of Police Gritzmacher said:

"The system of drawing juries is wrong, and should be changed as quickly as possible. It is unsatisfactory to me and to every one in the department. The police should not be called upon to summon juries for the Municipal Court, but it seems to me, a regular panel should be ordered and the names drawn in the usual way, both sides allowing the legal challenges."

Captain of Detectives Bruin said: "The system of drawing the juries for the Municipal Court is all wrong."

Judge Cameron contends that the police have the best of the jury matter, as they do the summoning, as was the case yesterday. Patrolman Courtney was given orders to "go out and get a good jury." This order was given him by Captain Moore, who received his instructions from Chief Gritzmacher. The jury was ordered by the court to secure a jury.

The police declare that the system of calling upon them to summon juries subjects them to great embarrassment, as they are censured if they secure "church" men, and they say they are also criticized if they get others.

The Thielemann father and three sons engaged in a desperate fight with the police one week ago last Thursday, and all were arrested. The affair started when Captain Bruin and Acting Detective John Price, found Oswald Thielemann, aged 18 years, in the company of disorderly women above Thielemann's Lion saloon. He was ordered out. The father became angry and attacked the officers. According to the evidence adduced at the

trial yesterday afternoon. Eberhart Thielemann seized a knife and dashed at Captain Bruin, but was stopped by Price, who drew his revolver. All of this was denied by the Thielemanns.

After a fierce fight on the sidewalk, directly in front of the Lion saloon, Bruin and Price were forced to retreat and summon help from police headquarters, so hot was the battle. Bruin was kicked during the melee.

#### TRIES TO MURDER JUDGE

##### Chicago Lunatic Attacks Justice Cutting, of Probate Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A desperate effort was made today to assassinate Judge Charles S. Cutting, of the Probate Court, by Frank F. Ellerbrock, of this city. The would-be assassin is believed to be insane. Judge Cutting escaped injury by a hairbreadth and overpowered his assailant after a fierce fight.

As the Judge entered the Criminal Court building on his way to his chambers, Ellerbrock, who was standing in the hallway, stepped forward and when but two feet distant drew a revolver and fired at the Judge. Judge Cutting turned and struck his assailant a heavy blow in the face, almost knocking him down. Before Ellerbrock could recover, Judge Cutting grabbed him by the throat and threw him backward over a steam radiator, where he held him. Two Deputy Sheriffs hastened to the assistance of the Judge and wrested the revolver from Ellerbrock. Judge Cutting then allowed him to rise from the radiator, and the man attempted to attack him once more. The two men struggled back and forth across the hallway, and the Judge, with the assistance of the Deputy Sheriffs, finally hurled Ellerbrock to the floor. The man still continued to struggle until exhausted. He then commenced to beg for mercy, saying, "Please don't hurt me."

Ellerbrock has been laboring under the hallucination that the Probate Court deprived him of his rights to a share in the estate of his deceased sister. He had repeatedly appealed to Judge Cutting to reopen the case. Judge Cutting declined in absence of proof that the estate had been improperly closed. At the police station Ellerbrock talked incoherently to the effect that he could get no satisfaction in the courts and he decided to kill the Judge before whom the matter was pending. In the next breath Ellerbrock said:

"I didn't mean to shoot the Judge. I only wanted to have him put on trial

himself. I pulled the trigger twice. Once the bullet failed to explode and the other bullet struck the floor. I did not aim to shoot the Judge at all."

The police believe Ellerbrock is undoubtedly insane.

The Grand Jury has promptly returned an indictment charging Ellerbrock with assault with a deadly weapon and with attempting to kill.

#### URGES PRISON REFORM

##### Mrs. Maybrick Makes Address at Dr. Parkhurst's Church.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who passed many years in English prisons and is now trying to reform the penitentiaries of America, discussed prison reform work last night before the Young Men's Club of Dr. Parkhurst's church.

"I claim for all men," she said, "human rights, the right to subsist, to ordinary decency, to labor. At Sing Sing strong men are shut up in cells six feet square. I know what it means. In England for nine months I had solitary confinement in a cell 7x3 feet, with a log for a seat and my food passed in through a trap door. They do these things for the salvation of souls; they lead to damnation."

She declared the Eastern penitentiary of Philadelphia the worst of the 24 prisons she had visited in America. Their prisoners are practically buried alive. But at Trenton, N. J., she found strange contradictions.

"They still have underground dungeons, where not even the step of the warden can be heard. As I visited them I heard a poor man call for the love of God, let me out. I have been here five days, and cannot bear it any longer."

"Yet, as I came up I heard a sound I had never heard in a prison before. 'Yes,' said the warden, 'that's our string band practicing.'"

Mrs. Maybrick declared prisoners must have more sunshine. She asserted that Sing Sing at high tide one could write one's name on the wall in the moisture. In conclusion she put forward an earnest plea for such an awakening of public sentiment for reform as had already brought about the separation of the first offender and the habitual criminal.

#### HANLON'S WIDOW GIVEN PUNISHMENT

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Alderman A. Knapp, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Oregon

at Astoria, Captain Forest, under an indictment charging murder, is now incarcerated in the Clatsop County jail at Astoria.

Courts Support Gas Trust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Consolidated Gas Company won a victory today over numerous customers who have endeavored to compel the company to supply gas at the 80-cent rate, fixed by the last Legislature. The appellate division of the Supreme Court affirmed an opinion of Justice Bishop of the lower court refusing to grant a writ of preceptory mandamus compelling the company to supply the gas at less rates.

Strike Ties Up Chicago Phones.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The telephone service in the downtown districts was seriously crippled yesterday, owing to the fight between the Chicago Telephone Company and its striking electrical workers. When the company sent nonunion electricians to the New York Life building union men met them at the door and induced them not to put in order the 400 telephones in the building, every one of which had been put out of service by the fire on Tuesday night. When repair crews wearing stars on their breasts as special policemen endeavored to do work of repairment they were met with threats of violence. At Marshall Field's new addition these men were not permitted to work because of threats of other building trades unions to walk out.

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