

STRIKE TIES UP FRENCH VESSELS

Seamen at All Ports Suspend Work and Stop Commerce.

DEMAND HIGHER PENSIONS

Merchant Fleet Paralyzed by Naval Reserve Men's Action—Torpedo Boats Forced to Carry Mail on the Mediterranean.

PARIS, May 31.—A general strike of sailors and others belonging to the French naval reserve began at almost all the ports of France at daylight today and threatens the complete paralysis of French commerce. The navigation committees are making energetic representations to the government, saying that the movement is not directed against them and that unless it is settled immediately it will cause untold injury to French commerce.

The naval reserves comprise nearly the entire maritime population engaged in sea-faring life and number 175,000 men, of whom 25,000 are serving in the navy. In addition to practically all the seamen of the mercantile trade, the shoremen belong to the naval reserve.

Pensions Are Too Small.
The strike was declared by the executive committee of the National Seamen's Union because the government's new bill increasing pensions from \$40.50 to \$72.50 in the case of seamen, and from \$156 to \$200 in the case of captains is regarded as inadequate.

The fleet is almost complete at the Mediterranean, Atlantic and Channel ports. The strikers generally left their ships and the government commanded the torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers to carry on the mail service with the colonies and with Mediterranean ports. The French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company announced today that neither La Provence nor La Gasconne will be able to sail for New York tomorrow, both crews having abandoned their ships. Similar conditions prevail at Bordeaux.

Compromise Is Likely.
Officials of the French line have requested the government to land their crews from the state naval depots, but no reply has yet been received. Legally all the companies are in a position to continue to operate, and the members of the naval reserve, the crews are subject to heavy penalties for insubordination, but it is regarded as more likely that they will try to effect a compromise.

At Marseilles the sailors and longshoremen struck almost to a man, and all the steamships were held up. The strike is complete at Dunkirk and Nantes the men are going out, and at Rouen the longshoremen have abandoned their work.

The men are well behaved, and as an instance of the sentiments back of the strike there is the fact that harbor watches have been provided by the strikers for all ships in port.

Mob Outbreak at Algiers.

ALGERS, May 31.—Tonight the president of the Dockers' Union was arrested on the charge of promoting disorder. A mob surrounded the police station, where he was taken, and demanded his release. The dockers and coolies are on strike here.

Boy Shows Great Pluck.

VIENNA, May 31.—A 14-year-old boy here has astonished the prominent surgeon, Baron von Eiselsberg, by the remarkable grip he displayed in undergoing an operation. The boy's arm had to be amputated. He refused to take an anesthetic because he wanted to watch the operation. The boy said that he made no sound throughout, but watched the surgeon's work with keen attention. He said afterward that the sight was well worth the pain. Dr. von Eiselsberg recognized his pluck by giving him a watch.

LAWYER DEFIES JUDGE

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chief engineer of the Union Iron Works, by the defense, Richard Curtis, who had been accepted and sworn earlier in the day, was excused at his own request. He is an aged man, and feared his health would break down during the trial. Charles Chapp satisfied both sides in his examination and was sworn.

When court was adjourned the jury stood in numbers just where it was at the commencement of the day—eight men in the box, four more to get. The trial will be resumed on Monday morning.

Schmitz will be arraigned tomorrow on the 28 indictments charging him with bribing 14 Supervisors in connection with the gas and parkside trolley deals.

District Attorney Langdon will lay before the Grand Jury tomorrow an array of facts in support of the allegation that Chief Dinan has used the police department in an attempt to tamper with Venenrem called for the completion of the Schmitz jury. Mr. Langdon will charge the chief with misconduct in office and will recommend that steps be taken under the penal code for his removal from office by a suit in the Superior Court.

Venre Whittled Down.

Of the new venire of 75 men, 15 were present for examination when court convened. 36 were excused, one was excused temporarily, 12 were absent and six were not subpoenaed.

Among those examined J. P. Frazer, a contracting painter, thought he could put aside his opinion and do his duty, but begged to be excused as he had urgent contracts on hand. He was excused by mutual consent.

E. J. Barry, a saloonkeeper, said he had read considerable about the case, knew slightly some people who knew Schmitz intimately and hardly thought he could do justice. He was excused by consent.

Honey and Barrett Spar.

Opposing counsel became involved in a serious dispute during the cross-examination of Richard Curtis, conducted by J. J. Barrett. The juror said that he had read a statement in the morning paper signed by Mr. Honey, in which the latter severely arraigned the rich people of San Francisco as having banded together in a plot to defeat prosecution of high corporation officials who had been

indicted by public officials. Mr. Campbell asked:

"If you should get the idea from published statements by members of the prosecution that these publications were all part of a scheme to influence the jury and force conviction of this defendant, would—"

At this point Mr. Honey rose and began a vigorous objection to the question. He said that Mr. Barrett was trying to force false issues into the examination.

"Not at all," retorted Mr. Barrett, interrupting and shaking his finger at Mr. Honey. "I am merely endeavoring to expose and denounce a studied plot on the part of the prosecution to intimidate venemore and by this means secure a packed jury."

Barrett Defies Court.

Mr. Honey started to make a disclaimer, but was stopped by Judge Dunne, who ordered Mr. Barrett to take his seat.

"I shall not take my seat," replied Mr. Barrett, "until I have reserved an exception to—"

Mr. Barrett, take your seat: I tell you to take your seat," repeated Judge Dunne with emphasis.

Mr. Barrett, nevertheless, kept his feet while Judge Dunne requested Mr. Campbell to take charge of the examination. Mr. Campbell said:

"I am compelled to disobey your honor's instructions. My client directs that Mr. Barrett continue the examination."

"Very well," said Judge Dunne. Mr. Honey was about to pass the juror, and it looked as though the storm was over. But when he asked Mr. Curtis:

"You would not, would you, permit the assertions and the accusations of counsel for the defendant that members of the prosecution had made newspaper statements—while in reality they did not make—to affect your mind in the trial of this case?"

Mr. Campbell objected.

Too Many Speeches by Honey.

"I think," said Judge Dunne, "that Mr. Honey makes more speeches than he ought to but I think also that he has provoked out of him by counsel for the defense." To this remark Mr. Barrett

at which opposing counsel might threaten out the differences which had given to this stormy scene. Mr. Curtis finally accepted the challenge by the prosecution.

Schmitz Tries to Talk.

Mayor Schmitz arose from his seat at the counsel table and attempted to address the court.

"I will hear from you through your attorney," said Judge Dunne, and repeated the rebuke, as Schmitz continued to stand. The Mayor then resumed his seat.

Afternoon session, after several talesmen had been relieved, James R. E. Benson, formerly a pressman, working of late as a structural ironworker, was finally accepted and sworn as the tenth juror.

Gas Magnates Given Day's Grace.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—John Martin, Eugene De Saba and Frank G. Drum appeared before Judge Lawlor today to answer the indictment for giving bonds to 14 Supervisors on behalf of 35-cent gas. Their attorneys, Garret McEnery and John G. Barrett, secured one day of grace for them, and the cases will be called again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH

Two Children and Two Servants Are Killed in Residence Fire.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., May 31.—The two daughters of Walter A. Schiffer, of Newark, and the two sons of the United Cigar Manufacturing Company, Marion, aged 10, and Ruth, aged 14, and two servants, Marie Ditter and Tilly Monahan, were burned to death in a fire which last night destroyed the handsome residence of Jacob Rothschild, which Mr. Schiffer had rented. In attempting to rescue her children, Mrs. Schiffer was severely injured. The fire broke out in critical condition today, and Mr. Schiffer suffered severe burns in fighting the fire.

Two guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schiffer, E. C. Brown and M. E. Brown, were also seriously burned. In jumping from a window, John Irvine, the butler, suffered a fracture of the left arm and his back was injured. Mr. Holt, the governess, suffered severe burns while trying to save the children in her care, and Kate McMurray and Josephine Hotman, servants, were injured by jumping from windows.

WILL BUILD TO MOUNT HOOD

Portland Eastern Railway Company Incorporated for Purpose.

Promoters of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company yesterday secured the incorporation of the Portland Eastern Railway Company. The new corporation has a capital stock of \$500,000 and is announced will build an electric railway line from Portland to Mount Hood. The incorporators are: E. P. Clark and Arthur H. Fleming, of Los Angeles; Elmer B. Colwell, Robert T. Linn and C. W. Miller, of Portland.

Mr. Clark, who is president of the Los Angeles and Pacific and was also one of the principal organizers of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company, is expected to reach Portland within a few days, when the plans and purposes of the new company will be announced.

Lumber Yard Incorporates.

For the purpose of engaging in a general commercial business, including sales and purchase of manufactured products, lumber, hardware and building supplies, articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Pendleton Lumber Yard Company. The new firm was incorporated by G. B. Cellars, George S. Shepherd and Edward S. M. Martin. The concern is capitalized at \$25,000.

Wall Street Store Burned.

KINGSTON, N. Y., May 31.—Fire which started in the wholesale and retail drug store of Eiting & Schomaker, in Wall street, early today burned out that store and the adjoining stores of Herman Marblestone and W. Scott Gillespie. Loss \$130,000.

LANE MEETING TONIGHT

Morrison and Twelfth—Empire Theater.

Republican Rally Tonight, Armory, 10th and Couch.

TRANSPORT WORKERS

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is that a great many of our people, themselves the sons of men who worked with their hands, seem to think that they rise in the world if they get into a position where they do not have to work with their hands, where their hands will grow soft, and their working clothes will be kept clean. Such a conception is both false and mischievous. The bulk of the people should do work which makes demands upon both the body and the mind. Progress cannot permanently consist in the abandonment of physical labor, but in the development of spiritual labor so that it shall represent more and more the work of the trained mind in the trained body. Workmen should get over the idea that to earn \$15 a week and call it "salary" is better than to earn \$35 a week and call it "wages."

Farmers Mainstay of Nation.

He declared the problem of furnishing well-trained craftsmen not simple, and was glad societies had been formed to promote industrial education including men of all conditions.

He pronounced the welfare of the country as vital to that of the whole country as that of the wage-workers. The permanent greatness of any state must ultimately depend upon the character of its country population. In the last half century the East had been a falling off in the relative condition of the farmers, but there were signs that the Nation had waked up to the danger. There had been a centralization of population in the cities. Social or community life in the country had deteriorated. The country church had gone backward. It was quite as unfortunate to have any social as any economic falling off. He said: "Ambitious native-born young men and women who now tend exclusively toward the city, and are brought back to it, and therefore they must have social as well as economic opportunities."

He recommended the encouragement of libraries, assembly halls, highest types of school buildings and teachers, revival of the country church, rural delivery, telephones, good roads. This was true of large areas, but we should try to make the condition universal.

He commended the growth of agricultural science and deprecated impatience for results. He praised the work of the Agricultural Department, but said it had been deficient in production of wealth from the soil. He continued:

Social Needs of Farmers.
Hereafter another great task must be to foster agriculture for its social results, or, in other words, to assist in bringing about the best kind of life on the farm, the sake of producing the best kind of men.

How can the life of the farm family be made more attractive? Such a result is to be achieved by the farmer's life on the farm be kept on the highest level, and where it is not already on that level, he should be helped to get on it. He should be helped to keep alive the pride and loyalty of the farmer's boys and girls, of the farmer's wife and mother.

The drift toward the city is largely determined by the superior social opportunities to be enjoyed there. It is important to double the average yield of wheat and corn per acre, it will be a great achievement, but it is not the only one. We must produce, but also how production affects the producer.

Co-operation Among Farmers.
Farmers must learn the vital need of co-operation with one another. Next to the co-operation with the government, the government can best give its aid through the co-operation of farmers rather than through the individual farmer.

He illustrated the good results of the fight with the boll weevil in the South in stimulating social intercourse and study of scientific farming. He said:

The people of our farming regions must be able to combine among themselves, as the most efficient means of progress. Industry from the highly organized interests which now surround them on every side. A vast field is open before them for the associations of farmers in dealing with the relation of the farm to transportation and to the distribution and manufacture of raw materials.

He then praised the work of agricultural colleges in training farmers and giving technical instruction. He continued:

Functions of Education.
The education to be obtained in these colleges should create an intimate relationship as is possible between the theory of learning and the facts of actual life. Education should not confine itself to books. It must train executive power, and try to create that right public opinion which is the most important factor in the proper solution of all political and social questions. Book-learning is very important, but it is not the only thing. We shall never get the right idea of education until we definitely understand that a man may be a book learner and yet, in the proper sense of the word, and for all practical purposes, be utterly uneducated. A man may be a book learner and yet, in the proper sense of the word, and for all practical purposes, be utterly uneducated. A man may be a book learner and yet, in the proper sense of the word, and for all practical purposes, be utterly uneducated.

At the end of the day, the President and his party reached Hilldale on their homeward journey shortly before 7 o'clock tonight. A brief stop of 15 minutes was made when the party resumed its trip to Washington, the President, however, making a speech to 10,000 people.

The travelers are scheduled to arrive at Auburn Junction, Ind., about 9 o'clock, when the President's car will be transferred from the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway to those of the Baltimore & Ohio by which line the rest of the run to Washington will be made.

The President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, joined the party at Lansing, and will continue to Pittsburgh. The train was run slowly, and stops were made at every town, which kept the President constantly appearing on the platform.

The most interesting incident of the run to Hilldale occurred at Springfield, where Robert McClellan, with whom the President had shared the former's banishment to a ranch-house in the Dakotas back in the '80s, was presented to him. Mr. McClellan, now advanced in years, was lifted by two fellow townsmen and could not readily grasp the President's hand. Mr. Roosevelt recognized McClellan immediately and told him how glad he was to see him again. Then he hurriedly referred to some of the men who had been on the ranch with them, mentioning Texas Bill and others.

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At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY

Annie Russell in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at the Heilig.

There will be two performances at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today, a special matinee at 2 P. M. and the night performance at 8:15. When the clever and fascinating actress, Annie Russell, in her beautiful comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," this is by far one of the best dramatic offerings the Pacific Coast has ever seen. The play is a masterpiece of the art of the drama, and it is a pity that you do not see this marvelous production.

"THE STROLLERS" BEST EVER

Greatest Laughter and Melody Show of the Season.

Everybody agrees that "The Strollers" as offered this week by the San Francisco Opera Company at the Marquam is the biggest and best thing that has happened in the city since the opening of the season. The play is a masterpiece of the art of the drama, and it is a pity that you do not see this marvelous production.

"THE DAIRY FARM" TONIGHT

Final Performance of Charming Rural Play at Baker.

It is wonderful the hold such plays as "The Dairy Farm" have upon the people. The Baker Company is testing the capacity of the popular theater this week with "The Dairy Farm," and this one is considered by most managers to be the very best rural comedy ever written for the stage.

Children's Matinee.

At the Lyric today there will be a special children's matinee, when Miss Verna Felton and the children's company will present the delightful comedy-drama, "Polly Primrose," a drama that has been the talk of the city since the week it began. It is a beautiful and sincere, something far better than the ordinary.

Matinees at the Star.

This afternoon and tomorrow afternoon the Star Theater will give the capacity of the popular theater this week with "The Dairy Farm," and this one is considered by most managers to be the very best rural comedy ever written for the stage.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Mrs. Leslie Carter Is Coming to the Heilig Theater Next Week.

The attraction at the Heilig Theater next Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday matinee, June 6 & 7, will be the delightful actress, Mrs. Leslie Carter, in her new play, "The Strollers."

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MEETS OLD DAKOTA FRIEND

President Remembers Man Who Shared Bank With Him.

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"Never Again" Starts Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon the final week of the popular Baker Company will open and the axiom, "Always leave them laughing as you say goodbye," has been adopted by Manager Baker, inasmuch as he has selected for the closing bill, that greatest of all laughing farces, "Never Again."

"Girofio-Girofia" Next Week.

Next week's offerings of the San Francisco Opera Company at the Marquam will be Leocoe's comic opera success, "Girofio-Girofia," which has not been sung in Portland for many years. It is a favorite with amusement lovers. There are some 25 songs in the score and the libretto is delightfully sparkling and brilliant.

"Darkest Russia."

Barley Campbell's melodrama, "Darkest Russia," will be the attraction at the Star next week. This is the famous melodrama which did so much to expose the terrible conditions in the land of the Czar. With the coming week the stock company will be strengthened by Charles Connors and Lillian C. Field.

"Sins of the Father."

Beginning Monday evening and running all week with matinees Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, the Allen Stock Company will be seen at the Lyric in the successful melodrama, "Sins of the Father," a story of a favorite players will be in the cast. Sale of seats opens Sunday morning at the box office.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Matinee at the Grand.

Powell, the magician; the Parisian grand opera duo; Earl and Wilson, the musical comedians; and others, are on the program at the Grand which will be presented until tomorrow night. This is a vaudeville entertainment which fits the warm weather and one which the amusement-seekers find suited to their taste.

Good Bill Throughout.

The clever array of acts comprising the Pantheon program, this week, will be shown for the last time today and tomorrow. It is a bill that is hard to beat. The play "Married for Money" is a roaring bundle of fun; the Lyons are clever illustrators; Harry Canfield is immensely popular in his silly kid monologue and all the others are good.

Hungarian Band at the Oaks.

The most decided musical hit of the year has been made by Schillony's band of Imperial Hungary, which is playing an engagement at the Oaks. During the evening concert immense throngs gather about the band shell where the youthful musicians play. Enthusiasm is so intense that the band has few idle moments during the entire evening.

Bever Introduces Expert Testimony.

To show that the properties of the Butte Boys' Mining Company are sufficiently rich to justify the giving terms used in the prospectus, the defense in the case of George W. Bever yesterday introduced expert testimony before United States Commissioner Staden. Dr. L. Victoria Hampton and W. F. Fryer produced samples of the ore which were said to range up to more than \$2000 a ton. After Bever had taken the stand in his own behalf, the defense closed its case. The hearing was then continued to next Tuesday, when the attorneys will present their arguments. Commissioner Staden will then decide whether Bever is to be held to the grand jury. It is not known what case will next be taken up. Special Inspector G. H. Neuhausen is now out of the city investigating an important case. The next order in the Federal Court will depend largely on the result of Mr. Neuhausen's investigations.

MOTORMAN PLACED IN JAIL

Charged With Causing Death of Several Persons in Car Collision.

ELYRIA, O., May 31.—C. M. Forney, motorman of a Cleveland & Southwestern Traction car, was arrested in Cleveland early today and brought to Elyria to answer to the charge of being responsible for the death of several persons killed in a collision here last night, and for the injury of eight more persons, several of whom were killed. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$5000 bail, in default of which he went to jail. A special meeting of the Grand Jury is called for today to investigate the casualty. Forney was operating a car which ran

New Orleans Suffers.

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—Several sections of New Orleans are today under from one to four feet of water, owing to heavy rains.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS

Lane rally tonight—Empire Theater. Republican Rally Tonight, Armory, 10th and Couch.

A Child's Life

A child's life, mentally and physically, depends upon proper nutrition, cleanliness of food eaten being a great factor. The hands disseminate disease, germs cling to them. A food prepared without the contact of hands must be clean.

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