

MANUEL DISRUPTS ALLIANCE

Forms Attachment for Daughter of Lady in Waiting and Refuses to Break It Off.

LONDON, May 17.—The Mundo prints a story about King Manuel's attachment to the young daughter of a lady-in-waiting to Queen Amelie, which threatens to disrupt the matrimonial plans which are being made for him. King Carlos and Queen Amelie were fully aware of the fondness of Manuel, when a prince, for the girl, who is connected with the highest Portuguese nobility, but they considered it simply a childish fancy.

Since Prince Manuel's unexpected accession to the throne a suitable alliance with a European royal house is regarded as a necessity of state. Queen Amelie and the Duke of Oporto have been casting about to find an available Princess, but favoring one of British extraction because of the close relations between the countries.

A few days ago they were openly canvassing the matter in the King's presence when to their great surprise he suddenly announced his unalterable choice for his early love, and proclaimed his determination either to marry her or nobody.

Remonstrances on the ground of reasons of state were without effect and as a consequence the lady in waiting, and her daughter will be asked to go aboard in the hope that a long separation will cure the King of his boyhood love.

READY FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Presbyterian Church to Convene and Elect Moderator.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17.—Everything is in readiness for the 120th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which will convene in Convention Hall, in this city, next Thursday, and remain in session until Saturday, May 20.

Dr. William Henry Roberts, of Philadelphia, the present moderator of the church, will arrive next Tuesday and will spend the intervening time until the opening session of the general assembly in making preparations to expedite the important business to be transacted. At the first session, which will be opened by Rev. Roberts and at which he will deliver his farewell sermon as moderator, a new moderator will be elected.

Several noted leaders of the church have been mentioned for this honor, conspicuous among them being Dr. B. F. Fullerton, of St. Louis, and Dr. Mark A. Matthews, of Seattle. There will be 80 commissioners from all parts of the United States in attendance at the meeting. Of these numbers one-half will be ministers and the other half laymen.

CONDUCTOR FORCED TO SHOOT

Opens Fire on Mob That Hurls Stones at Streetcars.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 17.—A conductor on a Miles-avenue car today was forced to discharge his revolver at a crowd of men and boys who sought to attack the crew. After jeers and hurls at the motorman and conductor, the mob hurled a volley of missiles at the car. Some of the missiles found their mark, and the conductor drew his pistol, the police say, firing only one shot. No one was hit.

Aside from a few other minor disturbances, the streetcar strike situation today was quiet, while the service given by the Municipal Traction Company was greatly improved. A police officer rode upon each car and screens of wire were provided for the motorman's vestibule.

OPERATING MANY LINES

On many of the lines the company inaugurated the usual full quota of runs that are in effect on Sundays. In the business section quiet prevailed and no crowds gathered.

At the barns in the outlying sections there were gatherings of men and boys, who jeered the carmen as they came in or departed.

Vice-President Behner, of the Railway Men's Union, visited nearly every carman today to note the situation. He reported everything quiet.

HOPEFUL OF ARBITRATION

International President Mahon, of the Amalgamated Association of Streetcar and Electric Railway Employees, arrived today from Chicago. He at once went into conference with Vice-President Behner and members of the local executive committee.

The state arbitrators are still endeavoring to have the union and President DuPont, of the Municipal Traction Company, to come to some understanding.

Mahon called upon the arbitrators twice today.

TRUCK-DRIVERS WILL STRIKE

Five thousand union men in Chicago denied increase in wages.

CHICAGO, May 17.—A strike of 5000 truckdrivers was authorized at a meeting of the union today, because of the refusal of the teamowners to grant an increase of \$1.50 a week. A committee was instructed to make another effort to induce the owners to grant an increase before the strike order becomes effective.

FOURTH BAD FIRE AT HOPE

HOPE, Idaho, May 17.—(Special.)—Fire originating in Henry Horton's house at 3 A. M. spread and in a few minutes six houses were in flames. Wright Simpson blew up two houses with dynamite, which saved the town. Buckets were the only means of quenching the flames. Every one was asleep until awakened by the whistling of a locomotive and the dynamite blasts. The total loss is about \$20,000. This is the fourth fire since 1904.

BARES BREAST TO FATHER'S KNIFE

Boy Victim of Parent's Despondency.

BEGS NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE

Two Outcasts Talk It All Over Together.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILURE

After Killing Son, Father Stabs Himself Twice, but Still Lives—Pitiful Death Pact Entered into by Two Who Are Left Alone.

CHICAGO, May 17.—(Special.)—Harrassed to the point of desperation by financial and family troubles, Henry Rudolph Amann, aged 43, last night murdered his 12-year-old son, Walter, and made two vain attempts to end his own life by stabbing. He is now in the hospital at Fort Sheridan and may not recover.

Prior to killing his boy, Amann tried for two days to lose the lad by leaving him at points in Lake Forest and Fort Sheridan, but the boy, suspecting some such intention, foiled the scheme. Finally the father told the boy that he meant to commit suicide, and the lad, who loved him dearly, pleaded not to be left alone in the world, and asked his father to kill him first.

Talk It All Over.

They sat down on the lake front and talked it all over and finally signed an agreement to die together. They first conceived the plan of walking suddenly in front of the targets where the Fort Sheridan soldiers were firing, and thus meet death, but were driven away by the guards. Then the father purchased a small bottle of laudanum, intending to stupefy the lad first and kill him when asleep. But the boy agreed to die without the drug.

"Here is where my heart beats, papa. I'm ready to die, and your boy is not afraid. Don't you be afraid to stab me. Just make it easy, and don't hurt me any more than you can help. I want to die with you, for I love you so."

BOY BARES HIS BREAST

With eager, trembling hands Walter unbuttoned his shirt and bared his 12-year-old bosom ready for the death thrust of the cruel, long-bladed knife. He did not have long to wait, for in the next moment the knife had sought its mark. As his life's blood streamed forth he reached up and kissed the hand of his murderer, murmuring:

"We will be together."

Then the father sent the blade twice toward his own heart, but did not strike it.

The father lay unconscious from 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon until 2 o'clock this morning, when he crawled to Fort Sheridan and told what he had done. Amann was formerly wealthy, but lost his money in speculation and in bad factory investments.

"I WANT TO DIE," WROTE THE BOY.

A letter was found in Amann's pocket, which he declared the boy had written and which tended to prove that the latter knew what his fate was to be and welcomed it. The letter reads:

"Please bury us together in one grave. Everything was against us. I do not want to live without my father. I go of my own free will."

The letter was signed "Walter" and was in a child's handwriting. Another letter written by Amann read:

"Please cut my boy, 200 yards northeast of Fort Sheridan."

SMILED WHEN KNIFE WAS RAISED.

All day Amann lay on a cot at the fort and raved about the deed. "I have killed my own son," he muttered over and over. "He knew that I intended to die and he did not want to be separated from me. He smiled when I raised the knife. He was a brave little fellow and not afraid as I to die."

From Mrs. Knobel, mother of the child, it was learned that Amann had repeatedly asked her to marry him during the past eight years since the death of her husband, and she had refused. He also made demands upon her for money and had threatened to kill the boy if she did not give it to him. Great affection, she said, had existed between the child and Amann.

FIERCE FIGHT WITH ARABS

French Forces Disperse 6000 Tribesmen and Capture Large Stores.

PARIS, May 17.—Official dispatches from General Vigu, commander of the French forces in Algeria, who engaged in a fierce fight with Arabs on Thursday, state that he occupied Boudonib, the stronghold of Mulai Hasan, after vigorously shelling the tribesmen, who number 6000. The enemy dispersed in all directions, abandoning their camp and large quantities of stores and ammunition. They suffered severe losses owing to admirable handling of the artillery by the French. The latter lost three killed and nine wounded. According to the dispatches, the occupation has had a widespread effect throughout the region, a number of submissions already having resulted.

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

Five State Conventions. Conventions and conferences, political, industrial and religious, will have a considerable share in the news report of the week. Democratic state conventions will be held in California, Washington, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Michigan.

Last Week of Congress, Maybe. Both Houses of Congress will begin business Monday with the idea that this will be the last week of the session, but opinions vary as to the time of adjournment.

Presbyterians at Kansas City. The 120th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States will convene at Kansas City on Thursday and continue until June 1.

Fleet Sails for Puget Sound. The Atlantic battleship fleet will leave San Francisco Monday for Puget Sound, where it is due to arrive Thursday.

LOOTED BANK SUSPENDS

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL DECIDES TO CLOSE ITS DOORS.

Peculations of Cashier Montgomery, Charged With Taking \$594,000, Makes the Action Necessary.

PITTSBURGH, May 17.—It is officially announced tonight that the Allegheny National Bank, whose former cashier, William Montgomery, is in jail specifically charged with misappropriation of \$594,000, while officers of the bank and of the Treasury Department, are trying to fathom still larger apparent discrepancies in the bank's funds, will not reopen for business tomorrow. Instead, a notice on the door will announce that the Controller of the Currency has taken charge and will close up the affairs of the bank.

Until late today it had been expected by Examiner Folda, who discovered the alleged peculations and made the charges against Montgomery, and by the officers and directors of the bank, that the institution would weather the storm and be able to continue the business. To this end a number of strong financial institutions and prominent capitalists of the city offered assistance and provided \$500,000 cash, while the directors provided a like amount to meet immediate needs or provide for possible emergencies. At the same time a complete reorganization was decided upon and a new cashier and other officers were practically agreed upon. A lunch occurred in these plans yesterday and all of today was spent in conferences attended by Examiner Folda, representing the Treasury Department, the bank's directors and the financiers who had proffered aid.

After a careful review of the situation, suspension of the bank was decided upon as the only logical course, but this decision was scarcely announced when a new ray of hope appeared. The announcement was withdrawn and the conference reconvened to discuss the new suggestion for continuing business. Finally, however, it was agreed to stand by the earlier decision and to liquidate. The suspension of the bank, it is believed, will have practically no effect upon commercial or financial institutions of the city. It has been largely discounted by the events of the past week.

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TRIES TO PULL BULLET OUT

Ben Castello Victim of Fatal Accident While Hunting.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Ben Castello, aged 22, was accidentally shot today while hunting. With several companions he went to the woods and when one of the guns did not work, Castello grasped the barrel and tried to force the bullet out. The gun was discharged in some manner unexplained when several of the boys were holding it. The bullet entered Castello's heart.

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EMPLOYERS GET AFTER GOMPERS

Capital to Take Active Hand in Campaign.

VAN CLEAVE HURLS GAUNTLET

Head of Manufacturers' Association Fights Labor.

CHALLENGE IS TAKEN UP

Chicago Federation Launches Political Campaign at Behest of Gompers—Hailed as Only Remedy for Adverse Court Decisions.

TITANIC CONTEST OPENS

President Van Cleave of the Manufacturers' Association, declares the issue has arrived when the interests he represents must take a hand in politics. He plans to defeat every candidate who has the backing of the labor leaders. His heavy blows will be directed at Gompers, and every effort will be made to elect candidates whom the labor leaders seek to defeat.

Gompers has accepted the challenge to enter politics, and at his request the Chicago Federation yesterday decided to take an active part in the election in that city. The labor element will make use of the new direct primary law in Illinois to name candidates to the Legislature and Congress.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.

NEW YORK, May 17.—(Special.)—Impetuous politicians from all sections of the country are gathering here to have heart-to-heart talks with the ruling spirits in the National Association of Manufacturers, which will open its 13th annual convention at the Waldorf-Astoria tomorrow.

The announcement by President James W. Van Cleave that his organization is going into politics has raised hopes that a large battle will be opened.

Mr. Van Cleave has certainly stirred up things in New York. His declaration of antagonism to the demands of union labor has aroused Gompers and his associates, and the fur is bound to fly before long.

Van Cleave Anxious for the Fray.

The National Association of Manufacturers has 3000 members, representing a combined capital of \$15,000,000. Many of the members are in town now, but few of them care to be quoted. The great majority simply say that Mr. Van Cleave speaks by authority, and that they endorse the sentiments he expresses.

Still the association is not a unit on the most important question that has come before it in its 13 years of existence. It is known that a number of active manufacturers believe that it is bad policy to throw down the gauntlet to organized labor on the eve of a National election. In their opinion it would be better to wait a while.

But Mr. Van Cleave is earnest, emphatic and aggressive.

"Conditions are such," he says, "that the business men of the country are compelled to take an interest in the political condition, and such an interest as they have never taken before."

"If in getting actively into politics we find ourselves compelled, temporarily, to oppose public men whom we favored unreservedly in the past, it is better that we still respect, then so much the worse for those men."

Puts Labor Vote at 500,000.

Owing to the fact that this year a President and a Congress are to be elected, there is a powerful incentive for demands, goons, social disturbers and self-seekers of all sorts to use threats to frighten the party leaders and the party candidates of each of the two great organizations into doing their bidding.

"An unusually large number of issues touching the relations of labor and capital and involving the welfare of all our industries are before us. Attempts are being made by some well-meaning but misguided persons in high places to push legislation through at the present session of Congress, which, if enacted will raise class distinctions and create a favored order in this community.

"Employers must fight the class legislation, and fight it now. They must fight it, not because it grants special favor to the labor trust, but because we are against the granting of special favors to any particular interest or to any element of the population.

"The voting strength of organized labor is greatly exaggerated. It does not amount to 600,000, and there is no man living, not even Gompers, who can control it."

Lays Campaign for Congress.

"We realize that the labor trust is well organized for this campaign, and has large funds. To offset these forces and to strengthen the hands of honest and courageous lawmakers, and to see that they are not slaughtered at the primaries and at the polls by the labor trust, it is now necessary that the manufacturers of the country go into politics. We will also work to retire from Congress at the end of this present term those tricksters and cowards who have surrendered to the labor trust. It is up to us to see that no new demagogues are nominated, and"

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SECRETARY TAFT TELLS OF PANAMA

Spends Day at Charleston on His Way Home.

Finds Conditions on Isthmus Much Improved Since Last Visit. Says Nothing Politically.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 17.—Secretary of War William H. Taft arrived here from Panama at noon today on board the cruiser Prairie, and, after spending a few hours in the city, during which time he was met and greeted by a number of officials and friends, left for Washington at 5:55 P. M. via the Atlantic Coast line.

The Secretary dined with Mayor Rhett and held an informal reception afterward at the Charleston Hotel. Secretary Taft talked freely with regard to general conditions in Panama, but said that he did not wish to be quoted on such matters as the relations of the United States and Panama, which had been suggested as a possible reason for his trip, and he would not discuss the coming elections to be held in Panama.

"The Isthmus now presents," he said, "an appearance not unlike a factory or mill village, or some succession of villages clear across, and the lights at night and the noises, too, might keep one awake if not tired enough to sleep well."

Secretary Taft was the guest of Colonel Goethals, chairman of the commission, at Culebra, and from his window, he said, the scene was most interesting. The health of the Canal Zone is now excellent. The houses generally are protected with screens, and the people seem comfortable and happy. Labor conditions have greatly improved in all departments, and the use of Spaniards as laborers seems to have started a rivalry with those at work previously that will be good for the advancement of work.

AID FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Fornes Promises to Introduce Resolution in the House.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Alexander Law, who was delegated to convey to Washington a resolution passed at the recent convention for the unemployed held here, reported to a gathering of unemployed today in Manhattan Lyceum. He said that Congressman Fornes, of New York, had promised to introduce in the House of Representatives the resolutions of the convention calling for a large public works to furnish employment for the idle.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Law reported, had been too busy with the conference of Governors to grant him a hearing. Many of the delegates to the conference of Governors had promised assistance in the meantime.

VENEZUELA PAYS DEBTS

Plenty of Funds, Notwithstanding Closing Port of La Guayra.

CARACAS, Venezuela, (Friday) May 15.—The Venezuelan Government today made its monthly payments on account of the foreign claims, despite the curtailment of revenue resulting from the closing of the port of La Guayra.

There have been no new cases of bubonic plague for four days; should four more days go by without a case, the port will be reopened.

PUERTO CABELLO, May 17.—President Castro left Caracas today to visit Aragua and Carabobo. The customs authorities have decided not to clear any vessels from this port for the island of Curacao.

MADE MEMBER OF THE DIET

Japanese, Well Known in Seattle, Is Elected to Office on Return.

SEATTLE, May 17.—A. Hattori, one of the best-known Japanese in the Northwest and formerly president of the Japanese Association of Seattle, was elected to a seat in the Lower House of the Imperial Japanese Diet in the general election Saturday, according to news received in a cablegram. He has been absent from Seattle for a year, going to Japan to represent the Northwest before the Tokio authorities when discussion over the San Francisco school incident was rife, and is sent to the Diet from Okayama, a district where he was formerly a high school principal. At the end of his term he will return to Seattle.

CHOLERA AMONG TROOPS

Serious Epidemic Feared Among the English Forces in India.

SIMLA, May 17.—An outbreak of cholera has compelled the withdrawal of nearly all the white troops with Major-General Willcocks' first column into the cholera camp. The intense heat and the absence of running water, necessitating dependence upon the muddy village water tanks, make the danger of a cholera epidemic serious.

On approaching Khasak Pass today, the pickets of Major-General Willcocks' force had a desperate four hours' fight with Mohmand troops during which the British suffered a loss of ten men killed and 24 wounded.

GOV. SPARKS IS VERY LOW

Condition Precarious and He Is Not Expected to Survive.

RENO, Nev., May 17.—The condition of Governor Sparks, of Nevada, is pronounced very precarious this evening and it is not expected that he will survive.

GRANGE OPPOSED TO SINGLE TAX

Too Radical, Declares State Convention.

STRONG REPORT IS ADOPTED

Fears Effect on Homes and Business Interests.

FAITH IN PRESENT LAWS

Existing Inequality of Taxes Would Be Eliminated, It Is Held, if the Statutes Were Properly Enforced by the Officials.

STATE GRANGE ON TAX QUESTION.

The Oregon State Grange opposes the single tax amendment on the ground that it is too radical and extreme and on the further ground that the citizens of Oregon do not understand how this revolution in taxation will affect their homes and business interests.

The Grange believes that the principle of single tax, if applied at all, should be applied only to future unearned social increments as they accrue.

Favors constructive as opposed to revolutionary tax reform in Oregon.

Suggests that any existing inequality of taxes will disappear with a proper enforcement of the present statutes.

Advises taxpayers to keep in closer touch with their Assessors and county boards of equalization, that corporations and all classes of property shall be required to bear their just proportion of the burden of taxation, as proposed in the present law, which requires that all property be assessed at its true cash value.

EUGENE, Or., May 17.—(Special.)

Included in the report of the special committee on assessment and taxation, adopted by the Oregon State Grange which concluded its 25th annual session yesterday, are embodied several recommendations on the subject of taxation that are of general interest to the people of the state.

The Grange unequivocally opposes the proposed Single Tax amendment as a revolutionary attempt to reform the present system of assessment at a taxation. Desired changes along these lines, suggests the Grange, can best be accomplished by slightly amending the present law which contemplates the assessment of all classes of property, including that held by corporations, at their actual cash value. The organization further recommends that taxpayers in the different counties should pay closer attention to the work of their Assessors and County Boards of Equalization and insist that the assessment of all property is such as to insure a contribution of their just proportion of taxes.

Methods Are Not Uniform.

Before compiling its report, the committee gathered such statistics from the assessors of the State as could be obtained, particularly relating to the assessment of the large corporations and timber lands. From the reports received it was learned that the assessment of the main lines of the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific varied from \$10,000 a mile in Umatilla County to \$30,000 a mile in Douglas County, while the same diversity of values was shown in the assessment of branch lines.

The Grange further approved and recommended to its legislative committee the amendment proposed by the late Tax Commission, permitting property to be classified and taxed at different rates, always maintaining within each class a uniform rate. This plan was recommended as the most effective beneficial change in the present tax system.

Further Action Is Taken.

The Grange made further recommendations as follows:

Taxation of money, notes and accounts at a low rate.

Taxation of bank deposits, if such a law can be enacted to deal fairly and effectively with all kinds of banking institutions and avoid all danger of double taxation.

An intelligent co-operation among the people to demand the enforcement of the law requiring certain corporations to comply with the statutes and pay taxes on their gross earnings.

Further education of the members of the Grange on state and local taxation.

Apportionment of state taxes among the counties every year based on the average of expenditures for the last preceding five years, as a means of keeping the voter informed as to the degree of economy exercised in the administration of his county affairs.

Separation of local and state revenues derived from taxation, that the taxpayers may observe to what extent economy is practiced by each department in the administration of its affairs.

Amendment of the inheritance tax law to include direct and indirect heirs

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