



WAR IS DECLARED ON STEEL TRUST

Labor Leaders Call On Unions to Help.

OPEN SHOP CAUSE OF STRIFE

Federation Begins Struggle for Life of Unionism.

WILL APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Taft and Every Governor Will Be Asked to Inquire Into Violation of Personal Rights by Corporation.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 14.—War was formally declared upon the United States Steel Corporation by leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a two days' conference today. The decision to battle against the stand taken by the steel corporation in its policy of "open shop" was reached after hours of debate.

At the conference Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, presided, and through him the measure was put upon the record books of the executive council of the federation.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation, as set forth in the resolution, have been forwarded to President Taft, to the United States Senate and to the House of Representatives. Governors of the states in which the United States Steel Corporation owns plants or has interests also will receive copies. The resolution in part follows:

Trust Aims to Destroy Unions.

"A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States Steel Corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob the toilers of their right of American manhood and of the opportunity to resist its further encroachment. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this sweepstake makes and unmakes law, its enactors and executors, and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only factor—the organizations of its employees—standing between it and unlimited, social and moral carnage. If there exists any viable power in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of individual industrial and political life of our people and our republic, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the much-misunderstood and misrepresented organizations of labor.

Flesh and Blood at Stake.

"The United States Steel Corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—next shall be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employees, the workers (their wives and little ones) human flesh and blood. It is by their labor that they live; they have no purpose other than safeguarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the Republic and humanity.

"These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and actions must they be judged.

"On June 1, 1909, the United States Steel Corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. Accompanying that decree was a notice of a further reduction in the already scant wages of the workers.

Call on All Unions for Help.

"The decree went into effect July 1, 1909. We, therefore, urge that an earnest effort be made thoroughly to organize all employees in the iron, steel and tinplate industry and subsidiary correlated trades. Owing to immediate pressing necessity, caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States Steel Corporation, we earnestly call on all National and International unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work.

"We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located the central labor organizations appoint special committees, with instructions to cooperate in this work. For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910.

"We recommend that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor issue a circular to all unions of America and appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron, steel and tinplate workers. We further recommend that the amount of such contribution be not less than 10 cents per member.

Appeal to President and Congress.

"In view of the great wrongs perpetrated by the United States Steel Corporation, not only against the workers, but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and such members of their houses of Congress as may be

WORLD'S FINEST ART AT AUCTION

DEATH OF LONDON CONNOISSEUR MAY CAUSE SALE.

Most Valuable Treasures in Existence Owned by Miser Dane, Late George Salting.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Some of the finest art treasures in existence may come into the market through the death of George Salting in this city yesterday, and art circles are greatly stirred up over the prospect.

Salting was a Dane and inherited a great Australian fortune. His whole life and interests were devoted to the examination and purchase of works of art and he became one of the best-known collectors in Europe.

Apart from this passion, Salting was miserly. He lived frugally in two rooms, which were crowded with priceless treasures.

Popular report credited him with having never given a cent to charity, and with never spending money unnecessarily on personal needs.

Salting's collection of porcelains in the Kensington Museum is the finest, perhaps in the world. Many paintings, owned by him, now hang in the National Gallery.

Museum directors made it a practice to refrain from bidding against the eccentric man at sales because they believed that his collections would be bequeathed to the nation.

However, one of the connoisseurs' eccentricities was a reluctance to make a will, and it is not known whether he ever made one.

Accordingly, museum officials are somewhat disturbed lest the precious collection be disposed of through the auction rooms.

GIRL WOULD BE JOLLY TAR

Illinois Young Woman Wants to Join Navy With Plane.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Miss Adelaide Portwood, of Decatur, Ill., possessing good looks, large stature and a full, deep contralto voice, and dressed as a man, attempted to enlist in the United States Navy at 8 o'clock this morning.

Her anxiety to enlist, which got the recruiting agents out of bed at that hour, was due to a desire to get to Philadelphia and go to Nicaragua on the same ship with her fiancée, Corporal James I. Dixon, who recently inherited \$100,000 from his father in Toronto. She succeeded in convincing the officers completely until they ordered her to undress for physical examination.

After waiting an unusually long time, they entered the room where she was presumed to be dressing and found an open window, a few hairpins and a lace handkerchief. Later in the day she tried her luck at the South Chicago office. She was brought to the main office, where the officers recognized their visitor of the earlier hour.

She confessed. The officers were so impressed by her pluck that they relented and bought her a ticket to Philadelphia and wished her luck.

JOE CANNON WON'T OPOSE

Speaker Will Be Reasonable on Irrigation Legislation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 14.—After a conference with Speaker Cannon today, Senator Jones expressed the opinion that the Speaker would not interpose any personal objection to reasonable legislation looking to raising money to hurry the construction of Government irrigation projects, provided the friends of that legislation unite.

The Speaker, however, did not commit himself on the way out.

He indicated a preference for certificates of indebtedness rather than bonds, and said he would insist that money so raised be applied exclusively to projects now under construction and not to new work.

The most unfavorable statement he made was that any such legislation proposed would be referred to the ways and means committee, which is understood to be generally unfriendly.

ANTI-PASS LAW VIOLATED?

State Senator, Employee of Railroad, to Be Arrested.

WEISER, Idaho, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Folks were surprised here today when Secretary of State Robert Landon swore to a complaint charging State Senator A. L. Freehafer, of this county, with violation of the anti-pass law passed by the last Legislature. Freehafer was one of the principal defenders of the law.

The warrant has been issued and Sheriff Courdin will go to Council tomorrow to pick up the senator. It is alleged that Senator Freehafer has been riding on a pass issued by the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway, operating in this county.

Senator Freehafer holds the pass was issued to him as an employee of the road.

JUROR SERVES, THOUGH 89

May Linger to 100, Court Says, and Won't Excuse Him.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—When the drawing of the county grand jury was resumed today P. I. Auten pled to be excused because of his advanced age.

"How old are you?" asked Judge Wilbur.

"Eighty-nine," was the reply.

After ascertaining that Mr. Auten's health was good and that he was in full possession of his faculties, the court refused to excuse him.

"You may live to be 100," said the judge.

INTERVENTION IS BEING CONSIDERED

Mexico May Join in Ruling Nicaragua.

DISORDER WILL GIVE REASON

Precedents Found in Cuba and Santo Domingo.

MOVE ONLY TEMPORARY

Views of President Diaz Known in Washington—Zelaya Has Disregarded Constitution in Appropriating Monopolies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—One of the projects for the solution of the Nicaraguan situation that has been strongly urged upon the State Department is the establishment of a protectorate, either singly by the United States, or jointly with Mexico.

This may be regarded as necessary in the event that the insurgents fail to displace Zelaya by their own efforts, and it may follow an insurgent triumph that would leave the country without responsible leaders.

It is said precedent for such action could be found in the cases of Santo Domingo and Cuba. In the first instance large sums of money, due to American citizens, could not be collected from the Dominican government (then in a state of chaos) by diplomatic means.

Precedent is found.

In the case of Nicaragua the government has defaulted in payment in agreed amounts on the Emory claim. In the case of Cuba state of disorder that threatened lives and property of Americans and other foreigners was the warrant for intervention.

There is reason to believe that a forward movement will be adopted by the Government perhaps as soon as a sufficient number of marines have been gathered off the Nicaraguan coast. Today's news from Managua, indicating the imminence of rioting beyond the ability of the local government forces to suppress, might serve as a basis for landing the marines and their dispatch to Managua if necessary to maintain order, just as was done on the Isthmus of Panama a few years ago. It is part of the plan to maintain such a force in Nicaragua permanently, but only long enough to permit of a fair and free general election and the establishment of a president pledged to observe constitutional obligations.

Diaz Offers Advice.

The attitude of the government of Mexico in the Nicaraguan situation is set forth in a document that today was placed in the hands of Secretary Knox by Governor Creel, of Chihuahua.

Governor Creel, who recently arrived

LABOR LAW IS VIOLATED?

Telegraph Officials Charged With Employing Messengers Under Age.

DES MOINES, Dec. 14.—State Labor Commissioner Edward Van Dusen caused the arrest today of the local officers of the Postal Telegraph Company.

He charged that company was employing messenger boys under the age of 16 years, contrary to the Iowa child labor laws.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMESEEKERS

Central Oregon contains the last large areas of fertile Government lands that are open to the homeseeker. The homestead rush is now on and thousands of people in Oregon and elsewhere are anxious to know just what are the opportunities in this district that is so soon to have railroad facilities. This information will be contained in the New Year's edition of The Oregonian, to be published January 1, 1910. Articles have been prepared describing the land now open to entry, telling where it is located and how it may be acquired.

The Annual will give much useful and interesting information about Central Oregon, but it will also reflect the progress made by the entire state during 1909. The showing of advancement in every line will be remarkable, and the edition will be profusely illustrated with new pictures. Every resident of this state should not only read the Annual, but send it away to his friends.

ERROR MAKES MAN CONVICT

Seattle Prisoner Thought Officer Priest and Makes Confession.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Harry Ervin's error in mistaking City Detective William Holland for a priest and beginning a confession to him before he discovered his error, is mainly responsible for the conviction yesterday afternoon of grand larceny.

"He had his coat buttoned up, was dressed in black and wore a straight collar," said Ervin. "I was dazed from drink and I thought he was a priest. I guess I told him something."

Holland testified that when Ervin began confessing his sins he had difficulty in making the man understand that he was an officer.

SLEEP VICTIM BALKS AID

Sixty-Hour Sleeper Refuses Physician's Examination.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Charles Nelson, supposed to be afflicted with the sleeping sickness, awoke today after a 60-hour nap, subsequent to one of 40 hours, with an intermission of a couple of hours' wakefulness.

When awake Nelson is sullen, melancholy and talks but little. He objected to being examined by physicians, but has been removed to a sanitarium.

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TIE VOTE HALTS LEAGUE ELECTION

Baseball Men May Compromise on Hanlon.

NATIONAL VOTE DEADLOCKED

Heydler, Incumbent, and Ward Each Musters Four Clubs.

BAN JOHNSON IS CRITICAL

Election to Be Taken Up Again Today—Major League Swaps to Be Many—Charge Against New York Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In a deadlock over the election of a president, the serious situation of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs is no nearer settlement than yesterday. Only one encouragement is offered—John A. Heydler, the incumbent, and John M. Ward, the candidate bitterly opposed by Ban Johnson, each has four votes and if the tie vote is maintained a compromise candidate may be sought by National League magnates. If this step is taken Ned Hanlon, former owner of the Baltimore, stands the best chance of selection.

Each Has Four Votes.

Ward commands the votes of the New York, Brooklyn, Chicago and Philadelphia clubs, and Heydler is sure of the support of the Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Boston clubs. Stanley Robison, of St. Louis, holds the deciding vote, but he has not as yet decided for whom he will vote.

Joseph D. O'Brien, president of the American Association, who has been mentioned as a dark horse, said tonight he was not interested in the National League presidential situation in any way.

"I am a candidate for re-election in the American Association," said Mr. O'Brien, "and am not looking for promotion."

Bribery Expose Due.

The National Commission will hold another meeting tomorrow morning at which it may reopen the case of the alleged attempt to bribe the umpires in the play-off game in October, 1908, between the New York and Chicago Nationals.

No important trades between major league clubs have been negotiated, but there will be many before the meeting ends. It seems assured that the New York Americans will get Catcher Criger from St. Louis, and that Norman Eberfeld, New York American shortstop, will be sold to Washington. Minor league managers have not succeeded in getting any material from major league clubs, but hope to soon.

Buffalo sold First Baseman Clancy to Baltimore today and is planning to get rid of Outfielder Flanagan. The

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ROOSEVELT SENDS SKULLS OF SLAVES

GRISLY RELICS ADDED TO COLLECTION ON WAY.

Party Had Taken 6663 Skins at Last Report—Only Half Arrive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Smithsonian African expedition, headed by ex-President Roosevelt, had taken 6663 skins up to December 10. Fewer than one-half have been received at the institution.

The collection consists of 243 large mammals, 1500 small mammals and 1356 birds. The collection has a series of human skulls picked up along the line of ancient slave trails.

This statement of the work of the expedition was made today by Secretary Waixent at the annual meeting of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution. The regents expected that Wilbur and Orville Wright would be presented today to receive medals awarded them. As they were unable to attend, the presentation will take place later.

QUEEN OF PORTOLA TO WED

License Issued in New York to Portland Girl and Italian Groom.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—To wed the man of her choice, who was formerly a gripman connected with the United Railways of San Francisco, Miss Virginia Bogus, formerly of Portland, Or., who became famous as the queen of the Portola festival at San Francisco the Fall, today took out a marriage license. The wedding may take place here tomorrow.

The bridegroom is Carlos Baron, an Italian, said to be of a noble family of Perugia, who worked in San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific exposition, and met his fiancée. Baron is a good speaker, who has money, and it is said he recently received a pittance from his countess mother in Italy.

Miss Bogus is the daughter of Virgil Bogus, who has been a resident of San Francisco during the construction of the Western Pacific road, of which he is chief engineer and was formerly chief engineer of the Union Pacific system in Portland.

LADS LOST SEEKING SANTY

Portland Youngsters "Was Lookin' fur Santa Claus," When Found.

"We was lookin' fur Santa Claus," was the assuring explanation made by little 6-year-old Leonard Wagner, who, with Elmer, his brother, wandered away from their home at 328 Fifth street yesterday afternoon and were subsequently picked up by the police in the toy department of a downtown store.

"We fuz lookin' in every window for Santa Claus, all at once we didn't know where 'e 'g an' Elmer cried an' I cried, too," said Leonard.

In the height of the youngsters' cry a great big policeman appeared and sent them to headquarters. For four long hours Police Matron Simmons told the little wanderers fairy stories and read them "books" with them until their distracted mother called and took her offspring into her motherly arms.

PORTLAND IN BANK PLAN

New York Congressman Introduces Bill for Central Institution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A bill providing for a Central Bank of America to be established at Washington with branches throughout the country was introduced today by Representative Farnes, of New York.

The bank is to have a capital of \$100,000,000, three-fifths of which is to be subscribed by the United States Treasury through an issue of 50-year gold bonds. The remaining two-fifths is to be offered to National banks of the country.

Branches are provided for in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Atlanta, San Francisco and Portland, Or.

HEARST FLAYS DEMOCRATS

New Yorker Says Party Needs Resurrection Now.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—William Randolph Hearst, in addressing a non-partisan gathering of 1200 persons in his honor at the Hotel Astor tonight, said: "I believe that sooner, rather than later, a party will be formed which will definitely represent progressive ideas a majority of the citizens of the United States are coming to entertain. I would like to tell the Saratoga saga," he said, "that what the Democratic party needs is not reorganization but resurrection. It is now being reorganized by the gentlemen who were responsible for its wreck."

WRIGHTS SUE FOR RIGHTS

World-Famous Aviators Fight Glenn H. Curtiss in Court.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Three of the world's famous aviators, the Wright brothers and Glenn H. Curtiss, of the Herring-Curtiss Company, joined issue in a legal battle here today.

The proceedings, before Judge Hazel in the United States Circuit Court, were in a suit brought by the Wrights for a preliminary injunction to restrain Curtiss and his associates from manufacturing and selling aeroplanes alleging that Curtiss is infringing patents of the Wrights.

GAMBLER EXPOSES TRACKS OF TRACK

Ex-Race Course Owner Tells Senate Body.

HE REFORMS, SEEKS REVENGE

Chances Against Bettors 25 to 150 Per Cent.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS HEARS

H. Brolaski, of Monrovia, Cal., Informs Solons Odds Over Wires Are Main Evil—Women Also Make Appeals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—With a supporting cast of reformers galore, both men and women, Henry Brolaski, of Monrovia, Cal., who professed to be a reformed race-track gambler, was the star feature of a hearing today before the Senate Judiciary committee in support of the Burkett bill to prohibit the transmission of race-track betting odds over telegraph or telephone lines. He told how the public is mulcted by bookmakers at racetracks by poolrooms and by hand bookmakers.

Gambling Methods Exposed.

In most candid and picturesque fashion he gave details of the gambler's life and showed the poor chance of returns for money invested which is given to the gambling public. He was one of the owners of a Mexican track, regarded as the basis of gambling operations in the United States, and was put out of business at the instance of the Department of State through co-operation with the Mexican government. Brolaski is seeking to have tracks in which he has no interest, dealt with in like manner.

Handbooks Are Magnet.

Introducing himself as having been a gambler, poolroom proprietor, bookmaker on racetracks and a hand bookmaker, Brolaski said he had worked in his line in St. Louis, Chicago, Worth, Robey, Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Latonia, Louisville and Benning tracks and had had 20 years' experience. He roughly estimated that there are now in the United States between 60 and 70 poolrooms and that 50 of these are in New York City. He calculated that in the United States there were nearly 1500 handbooks, which, he declared, are the incentive that makes the unsophisticated gambler on the horses.

Gottham Evils Told.

He gave at length details of methods employed by race-track bookmakers, pool-sellers and handbook makers. He said that in New York City there were at least

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