



TROOPS WAIT CALL AT PHILADELPHIA

Three Regiment Chiefs Confer on Strike.

UNION ORGANIZER ARRESTED

Strikebreakers Come by Carload to Company's Aid.

RIOTS GROW, CARS STONED

Trouble Expected Today When Imported Men Run Cars—Patrolmen, Sympathetic, Shifted. Battle With Mob Waged.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—Police officials took the initiative tonight in the war being waged between the striking carmen and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Clarence O. Pratt, National organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, was arrested on a warrant accusing him of "conspiring to incite to riot."

The warrant was served on Pratt as he was leaving in an automobile after he had attended today's mass meeting of the union carmen. He was locked up in the City Hall and held to await a hearing tomorrow morning.

It is rumored that warrants have been issued for other labor leaders as a result of a conference late today between District Attorney Rotan, Director of Public Safety Clay and Magistrate Beaton.

Troops Are Preparing. The police force was augmented tonight by the swearing in for riot duty of the State Fencibles, an independent military organization.

Pratt discussed tonight with the commanders of three local regiments of the Pennsylvania Guard to mobilize their troops at a moment's notice. The Mayor is entitled to call upon those troops. Governor Stuart and Adjutant-General Stewart are here tonight and necessary a call for outside troops can be made any time, but this is not expected.

Police Guard Strikebreakers. Five carloads of strikebreakers reached here late today and were loaded on trolley cars at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in West Philadelphia and taken to car barns in that section. A large squad of mounted police escorted the cars and prevented a threatened demonstration by a mob of several thousand. Trouble is expected to follow the use of these men on the cars tomorrow.

Reports vary as to the number of cars in service today. The company claimed that 700 cars were in operation, but the pickets watching the car barns reported that only 124 cars were in operation and that nine crews of strikebreakers left the car barns this morning had deserted.

Cars Stop at Night. Cars were withdrawn at 8 o'clock tonight, company officials saying they did not desire to endanger the lives of loyal employees.

Rioting in the very heart of the business section of the city, the attempted burning of another car, and many petty attacks by sympathizers led the police officials to enlarge their force and bombardier calling out the state militia.

The arrest of Leader Pratt also caused a sensation and resulted in renewed rumors of a general sympathetic strike of all the 100,000 union men in Philadelphia.

The first serious disturbance occurred in the center of the city in front of the Reading terminal station, within a stone's throw of the Central Police Station.

Mob Stones Cars. As a car was proceeding out Market street, a small boy jerked the trolley pole from the wire, causing a blockade of cars.

A pile of building material on the street provided ammunition for the lawless element, and soon the standing cars were showered with bricks. An attempt was made to arrest the leader of the boys, and this was the signal for a violent outbreak. In the meantime, a wagon of an electric company had been robbed of incandescent light globes. They were used as missiles and exploded with pistol-like reports.

Workmen on the roofs of near-by buildings joined in the bombardment. The exploding globes startled the timid and there was a mad rush for safety as the cry went up that dynamite was being used to tear up the tracks.

Brickbat Fells Strikebreaker. After a battle of nearly an hour, the police drove the rioting back and the cars went on their way with scarcely a whole pane of glass in the long line. The most serious outbreak occurred in the northeastern mid district, where all traffic was suspended in the day. William Maloney, said to be a strikebreaker, from New York, had his skull fractured with a brickbat.

Dynamite caps were used by strike sympathizers in many sections of the city but did not cause serious damage.

After stopping a car with one of those explosives, that mob started to set the car on fire. A squad of police with loaded revolvers dispersed the mob but not

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GRANGE REFUSES TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS AT BROWNSVILLE ESCHEW POLITICS.

Resolution Opposing Raising of Salaries of Officials by Legislature Is Also Voted Down.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Ashwaile Grange at the regular meeting refused to go on record as opposing the assembly plan, holding that it was a partisan question.

The following resolution was voted down: "Resolved, that we are opposed to any raise of salary for any officer of Oregon for any cause whatever other than by the initiative, as they are becoming masters rather than servants."

The grange agreed that the present law prohibiting throwing sawdust in streams was good enough, and turned down the resolution of Coast Fork Grange on that subject.

It was brought out in the discussion that if the Legislature were forbidden to fix salaries, it would in effect be an entering wedge to prohibit the Legislature from making appropriations of any kind. The people, it was further argued, had a remedy through the referendum, whenever extravagant salaries are voted by the Legislature.

The Linn County Council will meet with Ashwaile Grange on the first Saturday of March.

DAMAGE GREAT IN STORM

English Coast Suffers—Earthquake Shocks in Cheshire.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Related reports of the storm which swept itself during the night after having raged intermittently for four days show damage in many parts of the United Kingdom.

In many places roofs were torn from houses, hundreds of trees torn down and telegraph and telephone lines laid low. In many districts telegraph services were greatly delayed today. Advice from the Great of Biscay indicate that another cyclone is approaching from across the Atlantic.

Several boatsmen have been drowned at various points. The French bark Marchese Schuch, from Nagasaki, with exhibits for the Anglo-Japanese exhibition here, which went ashore near Margate on Friday, is breaking up. Her crew was saved by the lifeboats.

The Wilson liner Galileo was blown ashore in the Humber during the night. With some difficulty she was floated and docked. A large steamer was seen off the Bervickshire coast last night helpless through disabled machinery and drifting toward May Island.

Several distinct earthquake shocks lasting two minutes were felt at Cheshire this morning.

MILDRED CARTER ENGAGED

Viscount Acheson Wins Hand of Popular American Girl.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The engagement is announced of Miss Mildred Carter, daughter of John Ridgely Carter, formerly first secretary of the American Embassy here, and now minister to Roumania, to Viscount Acheson, late lieutenant of the Coldstream Guard, and a veteran of the South African war.

Miss Carter is one of the most popular Americans in London society. She remained in London after the departure of her father for Bucharest. Viscount Acheson is the eldest son of the fourth Earl of Goshford. He was born in 1877.

CHILD EATS MATCHES; DIES

Poisonous Substance Too Much for Little Two-Year-Old's Stomach.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Walter Steffman, 2 years old, son of E. W. Steffman, proprietor of the Barnes Grain Company, of this city, died here this afternoon as the result of being poisoned by eating matches.

About a week ago the boy was left alone and, finding the matches, ate the heads. It was thought he was recovering, but the poison took effect and nothing could be done after the fatal symptoms were manifest.

MARYLAND DEEMED UNSAFE

Engineer Reports Cruiser Not Fit for Target Practice Trip.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The chief engineering officer of the cruiser Maryland has filed a protest with the Navy Department against sending that ship to sea for target practice. It is similar to that made by the engineer of the West Virginia in regard to that vessel, reciting that human life would be endangered by taking the ships to sea with their machinery in its present condition.

These protests, it is said, have been favorably indorsed by the commanding officers of the two cruisers and by the Commander-in-Chief of the fleet and forwarded to Washington.

BUNCO BRINGS PENALTY

Two Young Men Who Advertised Show and Decamped, Sentenced.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Albert Bergman and Leslie Couchman, two young men who advertised a show at Pottlatch and after tickets were sold to the amount of \$19 secured the money and disappeared, were found guilty in the Probate Court and sentenced by Judge Morgaridge, Albert Bergman to pay a fine of \$100 and serve six months in jail. Leslie Couchman to pay \$50 and serve three months in jail.

Albert Bergman has been in jail before for petty larceny. Leslie Couchman was arrested about six months ago and his wife is said to be prostrated at St. John, Or.

"FINGY" CONNERS EAGER FOR FIGHT

Glad Auction of Judges Is to Be Probed.

MAY TELL WHAT HE KNOWS

Willing at Any Rate to Help in Investigation.

SAYS MURPHY WILL FAIL

Attempt to "Tammanize" State He Says Is Doomed—Wants Direct Primaries—Urged to Throw His Influence to Hearst.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—William J. Conners, chairman of the Democratic state committee, fighting for his political life against those who are trying to oust him as chairman, announced tonight that he stands ready to testify at Albany at the proposed investigation of the charges that places on the Supreme Court bench of the state have been "auctioned off" in Greater New York.

May Tell What He Knows. Conners heard privately tonight that such an investigation would be demanded. Almost simultaneously came an announcement from Albany that resolutions had been formally introduced, Conners commented with satisfaction on his private message that such action would be taken.

"Good," said he, as he read the telegram. "If they want me on the stand, I'll be there. I'll tell 'em what I believe and—" after a pause, "perhaps what I know."

"What price a judge?" Mr. Conners was asked. "Some of them came pretty high," he said. "That will all come out if they appoint a legislative committee and put the judges and their friends on the stand—I'll tell them whom to call."

Conners was cheerful tonight. "Last night," he said, "I hoped I was going to win; tonight I believe I am going to win."

The prospect of scandals in his own party, the recent visit of President Taft to confer on the situation in the Republican party brought on by the Congressional bribery charges and the hot fight that awaits the state chairman at Albany next Thursday, seemed rather to whet his appetite.

"I'm not in politics for my livelihood, like some of these fellows," he said. "The world does not owe me a living. To tell you the truth, I kind of like fighting."

An amplified description of the movement against him, as Mr. Conners sees it, followed.

"Tammanizing" State Won't Go. "What Murphy is trying now," he said, "has never been attempted before in the history of politics, and the peo-

ple are going to see it through."

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M. ROSTAND STOLE THE "CHANTICLER?"

CHICAGO PLAYWRIGHT DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Asks French Academy to Expel Rostand if It Finds He Plagiarized Latest Sensation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Samuel Eberly Gross, of Chicago, who accuses Edmond Rostand, of Paris, of having plagiarized from "The Merchant Prince of Cornville," two plays, "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Chanticleer," today called the French Academy denouncing Rostand as a "literary thief," and demanding an investigation of Rostand's right to be a member of that organization.

Gross asks that a court consisting of three men be appointed to hear the evidence submitted by Rostand and himself and let its decision be final.

Rostand is declared a plagiarist by this court, Gross asks that he be expelled from the French Academy. If the court decides in Rostand's favor, Gross is willing to abide by that decision.

A manuscript copy of "The Merchant Prince of Cornville" was left at the Porte St. Martin Theater in Paris in 1889, according to Gross.

He also says the play was published in London in 1896 and that Rostand may have obtained it from either of these places.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED

Grants Pass Torn Up Over Charge of County Judge.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—A. E. Voorhes, proprietor, and C. G. Content, editor, of the Rogue River Courier, were arrested this afternoon on a charge of alleged criminal libel.

The complaint was sworn to by County Judge Stephen A. Jewell, who is the plaintiff in the case. The complaint charges the defendants with publishing libelous matter in their paper on February 11, charging the County Court with taking gravel without permission of private premises.

A preliminary hearing will be had next Wednesday before Justice Holman. All parties concerned are prominent citizens.

DEATH CAUSED BY HOLD-UP

Shock Results Fatally to Mrs. C. A. Bates, Aged 63.

Mrs. C. A. Bates, aged 63 years, living with her husband at 547 Seventh-street, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at her home from cerebral hemorrhage. Death, it is thought, resulted primarily from a nervous shock sustained by Mrs. Bates a few weeks ago in Idaho, when she and her husband were held up and robbed by highwaymen while on their way to Portland in a prairie schooner.

The old couple crossed the plains to Oregon in 1882, and after living in the state until well advanced in years, decided to go to Boise, Idaho, and once more make the trip by wagon to Oregon and Portland. It was while on their way here they were robbed. Mrs. Bates never fully recovered from the shock, and yesterday's tragic culmination to her life is the result.

Albany Woman Passes. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Florence D. Jordan, wife of Howard C. Jordan, a local contractor, died yesterday at her home in this city. Mrs. Jordan was born in Illinois 14 years ago and was married to H. C. Jordan in Kansas in 1891. With her husband she came to this city three years ago. She is survived by her husband, H. C. Jordan, of Albany; a son, Harold Jordan, who is a member of the United States Artillery company at Fort Stevens, and a baby daughter six weeks old.

Radicals Will Join Redmond. It is said 25 radicals have declared their intention of supporting Mr. Redmond against the government's course, and that great pressure is being brought to bear on the radicals to induce Mr. Asquith to resign forthwith.

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ASQUITH'S PARTY IS MELTING AWAY

Premier Must Soon Call Another Election.

REDMOND FLATLY OPPOSES HIM

Radicals Join in Demand for Prompt Attack on Lords.

ASQUITH ASKS FOR TIME

British Premier Insists Budget Must First Be Passed—Balfour Admits It Will Pass, but Tariff Boxy Is Raised.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The players in the game of politics threw the cards upon the table in the House of Commons today. The government is without the allies necessary to carry legislation and the prospect is that the country will be stirred up by another general election within a few months.

Premier Asquith announced that the financial legislation would be put ahead of the proposals to curb the power of the House of Lords. John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, declared flatly that the Nationalists would not support that programme. The Laborites are holding a meeting to decide their course. They probably will follow in the footsteps of the Irish members.

Lords Hold Winning Cards. The regular force of 3500 police and 3000 specials was also enlarged today by swearing in 66 park guards and 500 city employees from other departments.

The government may be able to adopt the budget by the grace of the Conservatives, who possibly will vote for it in order to avert financial chaos and keep the wheels of the empire turning. The enactment of the budget will, as Mr. Redmond points out, leave the winning cards in the hands of the Lords, who then will be free to reject the bill for the reforming of their house and force another election.

The meeting of Parliament today was a momentous one, for the Cabinet's policy was not revealed to the country until Premier Asquith took the floor.

Mr. Redmond and his Irish colleagues controlled the course of events. His pronouncement that the Irish members would not support the Prime Minister was the sensation of the day and it appears to have settled the administration's fate.

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CITIES' POWER TO CONDEMN GROWS

WASHINGTON HIGH COURT RENDERS DIVIDED DECISION.

Municipalities May Acquire Property of Private Corporations in Public Service.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Cities have power to take by condemnation all the property of private corporations engaged in public service, according to a decision of the State Supreme Court today rendered by a vote of 5 to 4.

The majority of the court holds that the city's right is superior.

The appellants contended that under the constitution and laws a municipal corporation, desiring to engage in public-service work, was on a parity with other public-service corporations, and that the laws regarding priority of appropriation of water rights governed.

The case came from Pierce County and was the suit of the City of Tacoma to condemn and acquire the water rights on the Nisqually River, owned by the Nisqually Power Company. The lower court allowed the city to condemn and a jury fixed the damages to be paid at \$50,000.

Judges Morris, Mount, Parker, Crow and Chadwick signed the majority opinion. Chief Justice Rudkin says in his dissenting opinion that the majority has found an easy way out of a difficult problem by satisfying one constitutional provision by violating another, and holds that the case should be reversed and dismissed.

Judges Fullerton, Gose and Dunbar signed with Rudkin. The decision points out how the Tacoma municipal light plant is growing, and the need of additional power to meet present and future demands.

Undoubtedly a motion for a rehearing will be asked of the Supreme Court and an appeal may be taken to the Federal Supreme Court.

ESTATE CLAIMED FOR BOYS

Mrs. Bradley Revives Brown Scandal by Contesting Will.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 21.—A sequel to the sensational killing of ex-United States Senator Arthur L. Brown in Washington, D. C. in December, 1906, began today in the District Court in an action by which Mrs. Anna M. Bradley seeks to have her two children declared legal and equal heirs in the division of the property left by Brown, estimated at \$100,000.

In the will Brown disavowed paternity of Mrs. Bradley's children. The will is attacked on the ground that the testator was unduly influenced and was incompetent at the time the will was drawn.

Mrs. Bradley was acquitted by a jury of the killing of Brown.

CASKET REMOVAL DELAYED

Brazilian Warship Late, Mayflower Waits to Convey Nabuco's Body.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Owing to the non-arrival in Hampton Roads of the Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes, which is to convey the remains of Senor Nabuco, bearing the body of Senator Nabuco, late Brazilian Ambassador to this country, the execution of the programme for the removal of the casket from the vault in this city to the Mayflower which was to have taken place today, has been postponed.

It will take the Brazilian ship at least a day after her arrival in the Roads to take on coal for the long voyage to Brazil, so there will be ample time to make other arrangements for the transportation of the body.

JOINT ACTION IS DENIED

Pekin Explains Powers' Move. Chinese Ousted From Siberia.

PEKIN, Feb. 21.—Great Britain and France disclaim joint or concerted action in advising China not to proceed with the Chinese and Aigun Railway plan without consulting the wishes of Russia and Japan. Great Britain reiterated its representations and the French government followed the same course.

Advices from Tsaitikhar, Manchuria, state that the Siberian authorities have just received Minister Plevin's offer of settlers from Amur province. Two hundred families have been driven from the country, and in some instances their houses have been burned. The Chinese government has filed claims for damages with Russia.

COUNTY SUED FOR TAXES

Assessment Alleged to Be Higher Than Actual Valuation.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Forty-six taxpayers have brought an action against the county asking to have the assessment of 1909 set aside on the ground that it is fraudulent and excessive. They say the assessed valuation was placed much higher than the actual valuation, and ask a judgment against the county for the alleged excessive taxes they have paid.

It is the first action of the kind ever filed in this county, and involves several thousand dollars.

IS ABUL HAMID NOW DEAD

Removal of Sons and Harem From Prison, Basis of Rumor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—An unconfirmed report is in circulation here that Abdul Hamid, deposed Sultan of Turkey, is dead. The transfer of his two sons and harem to Constantinople, from his prison in Salonica, is significant.

Later it was officially announced that the report of the death of Abdul Hamid was unfounded.

HILL PLANS BIG OREGON CAMPAIGN

Great Northern's Head Backs Move.

EAST WILL LEARN OF WEST

Car, Loaded With State's Products, to Travel Far.

YEAR TAKEN TO MAKE TRIP

In Letter to Oregonian Railroad Magnate Outlines Advertising System, Which Has Proved Effective in Other Instances.

In a letter to The Oregonian, Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, announces that he has inaugurated a plan for advertising Oregon and its resources and assisting in the colonization of this section of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Hill has always been an enthusiastic advocate of the Pacific Coast and its possibilities. He now proposes furnishing Eastern people with an illustration of what is being produced in the Western States.

Representatives of this company are now in this state studying conditions and compiling information, in search of choice fruit samples produced in Oregon.

added to the exhibit which is now being made in the extreme Eastern states from Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Car to Travel Over East. Mr. Hill writes that next year he proposes equipping one complete car with Oregon products, including fruit, grain and timber. This supplied with Oregon-grown products, the car will be routed by the Great Northern over the various Eastern railroad systems.

Mr. Hill's letter, outlining his plans, which he says will take a year to complete, is as follows:

"To the Editor: I am glad to see by your paper you realize we have undertaken a great task when we undertake to colonize Oregon. It is our intention to do for Oregon what we have done for Montana. It will, of course, take about a year to get the matter in good shape starting now, although we have already given considerable time and thought to getting the matter under way, but what we lack is good information about the State of Oregon.

"We have men in the state now carefully studying and reporting to us and we have what we call the Montana, Washington and Oregon show running in Boston, but as a matter of fact we have not as yet been able to obtain fruit or grain samples from Oregon. We were successful in a small way at the Billings show, but Oregon was not represented in a way we should have wished it to be.

"We wish to see Oregon come to the front in all these things in a big way, and now is the time to get it started. In undertaking this we are working for our own interest, as your people would work for your own interest in increasing your circulation in Oregon, and we claim no credit to ourselves in what we intend doing, but as the matter of our own interest, we should appreciate your co-operation, particularly in directing us as to where we can best get correct information, and get in touch with communities that will work with us.

"Next year we should like to fit out a car and send it over the Eastern railroad systems with displays of Oregon fruit, grain and timber products, similar to the Washington and Montana cars now touring the Lake Shore, Pennsylvania and Erie systems.

"I am inclosing you a copy of a letter just received from the editor of the St. Paul Dispatch on the question of fitting out a car advertising Minnesota, together with clipping. We have at last aroused an interest in this state which we believe within a year will tend to draw people this way. It is our effort to direct them to the northern tier states and pass them on to Oregon. If they will not stop on the way they will surely stop in Oregon, and as each state is entering into lively competition for the home-seekers we look for great results.

"I am inclosing you copies of reports from the cars we have in the East, which show that hundreds of people attend the lantern show each evening and hundreds go through the car. As high as 400 or 500 leave their addresses each day, asking for information about the country. The Eastern and Middle States were never so interested in the matter of obtaining homes in the West as they are this year, and for that reason we believe in striking while the iron is hot.

"Hoping these matters will interest you, I remain,

"Yours very truly,  
"LOUIS W. HILL,  
"President."

That Advertising Pays Is Evident. This method of advertising the states of the Pacific Northwest is not an experiment with the Great Northern. It has been tried in the matter of obtaining of Washington and Montana and both states have received large returns from

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U. S.—"GOL DING IT! I'D GIVE SIX-BITS IF THAT CHAP WOULD GO TO FURRIN' PARTS AN' LOSE HIMSELF." AMERICAN POLITICS. BACK ENTRANCE.