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# MEDIATION OFFER HALTS BIG STRIKE

# Firemen Heed Plea of Federal Officials.

### "NO WALKOUT," SAY MANAGERS

Rail Chiefs Appeal to Government in Time.

### TWO ARBITRATORS NAMED

Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman and Labor Commissioner to Hasten to Chicago. Union's Edict Withheld.

CHICAGO, March 15 .- Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 locomotive firemen, the throwing out of employment of more than 125,000 other em ployes and the temporary suspension of isiness on practically every railroad between Chicago and the Pacific Coast, was averted today through the acceptance of offers for mediation from the Federal authorities.

At the request of the general managers of the 47 rallroads involved, Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neili telegraphed an offer of mediation to the union officials. This offer was the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen, stipulating, however, that action must begin at once

### Step Is Timely.

The appeal to Washington was taken as an eleventh-hour move to prevent a which, it was declared threatened the greatest railroad strike dince that of 1894. Thirty-seven members of the Western Federated Board of the Brotherhood last midnight formvoted for a strike. The hour for striking had been set for next Monday morning and the members were prepared to start for their homes and put the strike into effect when the mediation steps were taken,

It is stipulated that the mediators come to Chicago. According to Mr. Carter, their function will be, not to arbitrate the points in dispute, but to

### what shan be arbitrated; Three Questions Involved.

The questions involve wages, which both sides have agreed upon as arbitrade, the two other technical points in the union, which, the brotherhood contends, are arbitrable, but which raffroads say are not.

"If the mediation falls through the strike will go right on as planned,"

The accepance of mediation was contained in the following telegram sent by the brotherhod to Messrs. Neill and

### Strike Order Withheld. "Matters in controversy involve con-

ditions of employment and increase in wages. Committee preparing to leave but If assurance is given that mediation will begin immediately and in the City of Chicago, authority for the men to leave the service of the companies will be temporarily withheld. The fact that we have proposed arbitration on all matters in con-troversy and the fact that the managers' committee has rejected our proposition does not lead our men to expect a settlement from mediation, but as evidence of our fairness, will accept your friendly offices under the conditions named herein. Please answer promptly.

"W. S. CARTER." The committee sent the following letter to the general managers;

### Mediators Offer Aid.

"W. C. Nixon, chairman of managers committee: Dear Sir-Your letter of March 15 has been received, in which you communicate the information that the managers have invoked the aid of the Erdman act and the Honorable Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commis and the Honorable Commissioner of Labor had been requested by the managers to tender their good offices. This is to advise the managers' committee that the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor have tendered by wire their good offices in an endeaver to settle through mediation the pending controversy.

## Mediation Plan Accepted.

"The proposition of our committee that matters in controversy be submitted to arbitration is the evidence of the regard that we have for the interests of the public, and after giving the matter further consideration, our committee in-structs me to notify the managers that it has accepted the good offices of the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor in an effort to arrive at an amic-able adjustment of the matters in dis-pute provided that such mediation shall be conducted in the City of Chicago; and

"Our committee again insists that aside from the interests of the public there are no other parties concerned in this dispute except the railroads represented by the managers committee and the em oloyes represented by ou committee."

"No Strike," Say Janagers.

In a statement given but tonight the

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# CHORUS GIRL SLAPS PORTLAND ARTIST

RESENTS SHOW OF JEALOUSY ON BUSY STREET.

Young Man Angry Because Girl Tells of Marriage Plans, but Quarrel Is Patched Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 .- (Special.)-Following a quarrel with his fiancee, Miss Emily Wilson, a member of the chorus of Kolb & Dill's show, playing at the Princess Theater, Charles Loring Roberts, son of the Humboldt County Treasurer, was last evening given a sound and vigorous face-slapping by his bride-to-be before a large crowd of pedestrians in Fillmore street, near

Roberts, who only secured a license in the afternoon to wed Miss Wilson, quarreled with her because she told severa nembers of the company of the contem plated wedding, which he was endeavor ng to keep secret. After the row she was walking up Fillmore street with on of the chorus girls and a gentleman friend, when Roberts spied her and grabbed her by the arm, endeavoring to make her return to him

She resented this show of jealousy by slapping him vigorously. Later the quar rel was patched up and the couple expect to be married this week.

Roberts is a graduate of Stanford University, and was an honor man. parents live in Eureka and know nothing of the present stage of his imminent matrimonial affairs.

# PENCILS CAUSE TROUBLE

Vancouver Officials May Have to Pay \$151 Bill From Own Pockets.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 15 .- (Spe dal.)-A clever German salesman recently induced officials in the County Courtuse to buy several dozen gross of pen cils, amounting in all to \$151.56. With each three gross he gave a pencil-sharp-ener worth about \$10 retail, and the County Assessor, Treasurer, School Su-perintendent, Auditor and Clerk of the Court hought enough pencils to last

In due time the pencils arrived and all but the County Clerk opened the packages and began to use them. Today the bill for the goods was received by the County Commissioners, who at once pigeon-holed it, saying that the county officials had no right to go into the purchasing business without first notifying the Countisponers. The Clerk of the the Commissioners. The Clerk of the Court did not open his pencils, so when the Commissioners refused to approve the bill he shipped them back. It was the fancy encll-sharpener that caught the offi-

# CORPORATIONS WIPED OUT

Delinquents of License Payments Rapidly Passing Away.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Hundreds of Washington corporations were wiped our of existence today and have been daily passing away for some weeks past and still only those whose names begin with letters from A to K have been reached. Under the new state law, the Secretary of State is au-thorized to cancel records in his office and thereby prohibit from doing busi-

and thereby prohibit from doing busi-ness all corporations which are three years or more in arrears in payments of the annual state license.

For weeks past, the office force of the Secretary has been checking up license payments and for some days just past has been going through the index and stamping the notice of dissolution of the corporation opposite the names of the de-

It is estimated that one-tenth or more of the corporations organized under the state laws will be wiped off the rolls in

### NATIONS TO MAKE TRADE Mexico and United States Negotiate for Boundary Deals.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Regarding the published statement that the Department of State was considering a proposition to cede San Elizario Island. in the Rio Grande River, to Mexico in consideration of the relinquishment of Mexico's claims to the Chamozal zone, t was stated at the department today that a number of propositions had been made by Mexico looking to the settlement of the Chamozal zone controversy, but none of them had received consideration.

The department officials, however,

will have a conference tomorrow with the Mayor of El Paso and other citi-zens representing the interests in-volved, but no conclusion is likely to be reached soon. It is probable that the acceptance of Mexico's proposition would involve Congressional action.

### NAVY SCANDAL RECALLED Dr. E. S. Cowles Arrested; Alleged

Practitioner Without License.

BOSTON, March 15.—To his own testimony given at the recent court-martial of Paymaster George P. Auld, United States Navy, and Assistant Surgeon A. H. Robnett, U. S. N., at the Charlestown Navy yard, Dr. Edward S. Cowles owes his arrest today on an indictment warrant charging him with presetting medicine without being practicing medicine without being egistered.

He surrendered to an officer today and when taken before the Superior Court pleaded not guilty and was held in \$500 bond for trial.

# NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER

Robbery of Woman Storekeeper Was Intent of Slayer.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15 .- Manuel Taylor, a negro, today confessed that he killed Mrs. Mary Albert, proprietor of a grocery store in Kansas City, Kan.,

Taylor lived near Mrs. Albert's store and he said he had learned that she re-fused to put her money in a bank and carried a large amount in her pocket. general managers said:
"All prospects of strike are over. There carried a large amount in her pocket.
To get this money, he said, he killed

# STEALS PAINTING

Young German Confesses \$10,000 Theft.

# FAMOUS MILLET RECOVERED

William Kunze Now in Toils in San Francisco.

### WANTED TO MAKE ART COPY

Love for Beautiful Possesses Youthful Painter, He Explains, and He Becomes Thief-Source of Clew Real Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 .- Delaring that he took the picture merely to make a copy of it, William Kunze a young German artist, recently from Portland, Or., was arrested this after oon in possession of the \$10,000 Millet painting "The Shepherd and His Flock," which was stolen last Sunday from the Golden Gate Park Museum, Kunze was arrested in his studio

after a search of the city which has

een prosecuted with the utmost vigor

ever since the valuable painting was cut from its frame by an unknown thief last Sunday. Detective Sergeant Luward Wren refused to divulge the clew which led o the arrest. Immediately after booking the prisoner on a charge of grand larceny he left the city prison ac companied by several detectives and it

is believed that they went in search of possible accomplices. To the questions of Sergeant Wren the arrested man answered that he was led to take the picture by his love of the beautiful and a desire to make a

copy of it.

The painting which was lent to the Museum by Miss Sarah Spooner, of this city, was the work of Jean Francois Millet in 1832. It was found in the om used as a studio by Kunze and it is now in the custody of the property slerk of the police department.

The theft occurred last Sunday morning shortly after the Museum was thrown open to visitors. While the urator was absent for a short time the canvas was cut from the frame and carried from the building without the slightest clew being left behind.

Detective Sergeant Wren, assisted by

the result. Kunze came here from Portland six months ago.

KUNZE CASUALLY KNOWN HERE

Art Store Proprietor Held German Artist in Distrust.

A painter answering the description of William Kunze, arrested in San Fran-cisco for the theft of Millet's "The Shep-(Concluded on Page 2.)

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### DENMARK DOUBTS PEARY Surprise Expressed at Refusal to Show Proofs.

COPENHAGEN, March 15 .- (Special.)proofs of his North Pole achievements before Congress has caused surprise here. tract with his publisher prevents him from making the data public at this time is not taken seriously.

that scientific and astronomic observations, such as were demanded by Congress, could be of no interest to any publisher. Experts say that Peary has more right

to seek an acknowledgment that he is submitting his proofs than had Dr. Cook. The circumstance has made many peork | ple here skeptical and Commander Peary exclusively on the case with the ar- will get no invitation to lecture before rest of Kunze late this afternoon as the Royal Danish Geographical Society.

> OREGON CITY, Or., March 15 .- (Spe families from this city will form a colony growing. Frank Mahkove has just purof Wilhoit Springs.

# **JOURNEY ON CAME**

Soudanese Cavalry Is His Escort.

# SCENE OF CARNAGE VISITED

Knowledge of Tactics Amazes Inspector-General.

### DINNER GIVEN AT PALACE

Coming Wedding of Son Will Prevent Return by Way of San Francisco-Assouan and Luxor Will Be Visited.

KHARTOUM, March 15 .- Colonel Roose celt's second day Khartoum was given up largely to sight seeing. The most interesting place of all to the ex-Presiden was the battlefield of Kerrerl, which lies seven miles north of Omdurman. It was here that the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian army under Sir Herbert Kitch ener was contested by the Khalifa and 40,000 men and it was here that the bodies of 11,000 dead Dervishes were counted the following day.

Colonel Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Kermit, Slatin Pasha, inspector-general of Egypt; Major Wilson, Governor of Khartoum; Prince Auerspert, Mrs. Asser, an intimate friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, and others went to Omdurman on the Sirdar's yacht, Elfin and from there on camels to the scene o the great battle of September 2, 1898,

### Camel Ride Is Novelty.

An escort of Soudanese cavalry waiting when the yacht came to her dock and Colonel Roosevelt immediately secame interested in the horsemen, who were picturesquely attired. He inspected the squad and then the party mounted seemed to enjoy their unusual experience gathered and who cheered the ex-Presi-

## CHICAGO DRYS GAIN IN REGISTRATION

Oregonian.

HEVIEST VOTE IN CITY'S HIS-TORY IS INDICATED.

Opponents of Temperance Now Admit There Is Possibility They Will Be Defeated.

CHICAGO, March 15 -(Special.)-That Chicago is stirred from center to circumference by the possibility of becoming "dry" was shown today when regisration for the April elections was in exess of 100,000. This is three times the normal registration for similar occasion and indicates clearly that practically every voter has been hunted down and certified.

It also indicates that the largest vote n the history of Chicago probably will be polled in April, not excepting the hottest Presidential campaigns. The real significance of the enormous registration lies in the fact that only those who have moved since the last election were rejulred to register today,

Both sides appear confident tonight but it is admitted that the heaviest gain are shown in the better wards, where church and temperance societies have been putting in strenuous work to get registered hundreds of men who never go to the palls.

a movement on foot to colonize 30,000 hobos in the river wards and these were losely watched today for evidence of frauds. Although increased registration was unusually heavy in the "wet" dis tricts, it did not compare with the trenendous gains in the "dry" districts. Tonight for the first time opponents of temperance admitted that there was a fect, declared in the Senate today, in cossibility the city would go "dry," and the initial speech on the railroad bill. they came out with broadsides of figures calculated to show that the city would be bankrupt and that 32,000 persons would ose employment if the city voted out the saloons or restricted them to strictly gress. wet" wards.

### HYMEN NOT FOR WOLGAST

'Nix on the Wedding Bills," Says Anti-Matrimony Pugilist.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 15,-(Speial.)-"No wedding bells for me" is the ong that Ad Wolgast sang in an interview with a local newspaper woman which was not to be printed until he had eft town for his vaudeville tour in the West. Incidentaly he denied there was any prospect of his marrying a certain California girl who has been mentioned n the Coast newspapers as having won the heart of the lightweight champion. "Me get married?" he said, "Say, put ut your pipe. I'm too busy putting girl business. They all want to shake

Turn and Leaves Hat as Clew.

MEDFORD, Or., March 15 .- (Special.) -An attempt was made to hold up the to hold up their hands,

ning from the flying missiles.

He escaped, leaving his hat behind, and the police believe that they will land their man.

### POLICE CHIEF SUSPENDED St. Louis Official Charged With Re-

vealing Inquiry Secrets.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.-Calef of Police Edmond P. Creecy was suspended by the Board of Police Commissioners today on charges of divulging secrets of the investigation into an alleged shortage in the police relief fund to John M. Healy,

charge of embezzlement. Lieutenant Thomas J. McCormack, president of the Relief Association, was also suspended. The charges against him were not announced. Chief Creecy ont will of the members in Congress can is ill at his home. The full list of be overcome, but if upon subjects like charges against him was not made pub-

### CABLE FOULED ON WRECK?

Whaler Believes Obstruction Was Lost Sloop-of-War Condor.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 15 .- A report has been made to the Marine Department by Captain Heater, of the whaling steamer Orion, that the steamer fouled her cable when taking a whale six miles south of Uciulet on what some assert to be a submerged rock.

Captain Heater is of the opinion it may prove to be the British sloop of war Condor, which foundered in December, 1961, with 164 officers and men. The supposed wreck is in 50 fathoms

### of water. Merry Party Goes to Jail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 15,-(Speal.)-Luther Reynolds, J. Van Duyn, Edith Campbell and Emma Niles, arrived from Portland yesterday and took rooms in the Ferry Rooming-house. The place was raided by the police last night and the quartet was arrested. The men were fined \$25 each and the women \$15 each. The women said they live in Eugene, but had been living in Portland recently. Being unable to raise the money to pay the fine, the party was committed to

# FIGHT IS OPENED ON RAILROAD BILL

Cummins Resents Interference of Taft.

### PRECEDENT FULL OF DANGER

Conferences at White House Regarded With Suspicion.

### SENATE IS KEPT IN DARK

Iowan Declares He Will Oppose Measure at Risk of Incurring Presidential Displeasure. Long Debate Promised.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- That he oppose the Administration rallroad bill even though it might result in an effort to read him out of the party, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, in ef-

He commented especially upon the history of the measure, which, he said, had originated in the executive branch of the Government rather than in Con-

After occupying its place on the Senate calendar for 18 days, the bill was taken up at 2 o'clock, and thus was aunched the discussion of what the nembers of the Senate regard as the nost important legislation before Congress. The lows Senator had spoken about two hours when he asked leave to suspend until tomorrow.

## Balley Predicts Delay.

The leave was granted, but Senator Hale, chairman of the Republican us, gave notice that hereafter the hill would be kept constantly before the Senate. In language just as posttive Mr. Bailey declared that the bill could not be rushed and declared that Congress was liable still to be consider-

ing it when the "dog days" arrived. was devoted to a general recital of away money for the old folks to fool the proposed legislation, in which he around with skirts. I am tired of this criticised the course of the President and declares his intention of opposing your hand, and the minute you get beaten the bill in its present shape at the cost of the displeasure of the Chief

Executive. "I recognize the President is quite within his privilege and duties in expressing his views upon such subjects

"Whether he is within his privilege or his duty when he undertakes to prescribe the precise form that legislation Moore Hotel bar at 1 o'clock last night, shall assume may well be doubted. His Three men were in the barroom when great predecessor thought that execua masked man entered, ordering them live propriety did not permit it, for when he was dealing with the same Jack McGynn did as he was told, but subject in his message at the beginhe held in one hand a bottle which ning of the first session of the Fiftyhe threw at the robber. The men in the ninth Congress in 1905, he said, It is room, gaining courage, grabbed other not my province to indicate the exact bottles and soon had the robber run- terms of the law which should be enacted, but I call the attention of Con-

with which it is desirable to deal." "I would not, however, be inclined to attach much importance to the practice which now seems to be very general, were it not that such a course in the very nature of things must e disastrous. Although a Senator may be in full sympathy with the broad purposes which the Executive proposes o accomplish, the moment he asserts his independent view of the best way to accomplish the purpose he finds himself in direct conflict with the President and he must choose between losing the Presidential favor and doing a thing in a way his conscience tells

### him it ought not to be Congress' Power in Danger.

"I fear that in a slight instance or during one Administration the independthe one before us the practice of having a bill prepared in the executive offices and presented to Congress for passage. accompanied with an implied message that punishment follows disobedience, is continued from year to year, in the end Congress will become a mere form in

organized society. "With the utmost respect for the exalted office of President of the United States and for him who occupies it at the present time, I record my protest here and now, against a practice which I believe to be full of dangers and disas-

Declaring to be extraordinary the circumstances surrounding the origin of the bill, the Iown Senator detailed the meeting, last August, of Attorney-General Wickersham in New York, with others who, he said, had undertaken to put info shape for enactment the various recomnendations of the President on railroad legislation. The report as made to the Chief Executive was supposedly confidential, he said, but as a matter of fact, long before it reached the President it

### had fallen into the hands of the railroad Railroad Influence Seen.

Discussing the progress of the bill after it reached the President, Mr. Cummins declared that it had been vastly changed. Indeed, be declared, but for the birthmark of commerce court, no one would recognize the measure born in the "dog

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### Commander Peary's refusal to place The explorer's declaration that a concamels preparatory to the seven-mile trip over dusty roads. Innumerable cameras were focused on the Americans, who It is pointed out by local expleters no less than did the crowds who had dent as he mounted a "ship of the desert. The cavalcade started with the escort there wouldn't be a skirt within a mile. In front and in the rear. The first halt Nix on the wedding bella. was made at the monument erected to the Twenty-first Lancers, who here received their baptism of fire. In this bat- BOTTLES ROUT ROBBER tle the lancers made a desperate charge but fell into an ambush at one of the Highwayman Flees When Victims ally as he pleases," said Mr. Cummins. dry watercourses seaming the plain and many were speared by the Dervishes. Scene of Rout Visited. Austrians Form Fruit Colony. The guides took the party to the Donga where the spearmen were concentrated, cfal.)-It is probable that 50 Austrian and described the annihilation of the near Wilholt Springs and engage in fruit-Thence they went to a hill overlooking the battlefield. Slatin Pasha chased an 80-acre tract from Mrs. Miller explained the positions and plan of and five Austrian families have already ittack and graphically described the settled there. It is the intention of the operations. Colonel Roosevelt aston-Austrians to purchase additional land in ished the inspector-general with his that secion, which is three miles north (Concluded on Page 2.) WHEN THE TIME COMES who was indicted last week on the