

MEDIATION OF
HALTS BIG STRIKE

Firemen Heed Plea of
Federal Officials.

"NO WALKOUT," SAY MANAGERS

Rail Chiefs Appeal to Govern-
ment in Time.

TWO ARBITRATORS NAMED

Interstate Commerce Commission
Chairman and Labor Commis-
sioner to Hasten to Chicago.

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

At the request of the general man-
agers of the 47 railroads involved, Chair-
man Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce
Commission, and Commissioner of Labor
Neill telegraphed an offer of mediation
to the union officials. This offer was
accepted, W. C. Carter, president of
the Brotherhood of Engine Men and
Firemen, stipulating, however, that ac-
tion must begin at once.

Step Is Timely.

The appeal to Washington was taken
as an eleventh-hour move to prevent a
walkout, which, it was declared,
threatened the greatest railroad strike
since that of 1874. Thirty-seven mem-
bers of the Western Federated Board
of the Brotherhood last midnight for-
mally voted for a strike. The hour for
striking had been set for next Monday
morning and the members were pre-
pared to start on their journey and put
the strike into effect when the media-
tion steps were taken.

It is stipulated that the mediators
come to Chicago. According to Mr.
Carter, their function will be, not to
arbitrate the dispute in dispute, but to
ascertain what was the cause of the
dispute.

Three Questions Involved.

The questions involve wages, which
both sides have agreed upon as arbitra-
ble, the two other technical points, in-
volving proportion and representation
in the union, which, the brotherhood
contends, are arbitrable, but which
railroads say are not.

"If the mediation fails through the
strike will go right on as planned,"
said Mr. Carter.

The acceptance of mediation was con-
tained in the following telegram sent
by the brotherhood to Messrs. Neill and
Knapp:

Strike Order Withheld.

"Matters in controversy involve con-
ditions of employment and increase in
wages. Committee preparing to leave
city, but it is our desire that the
mediation will begin immediately and
in the City of Chicago, authority for
the men to leave the service of the
companies will be temporarily with-
held. The fact that we have proposed
arbitration on all matters in con-
trovery and the fact that the man-
agers' 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 con-
ditions named herein. Please answer
promptly."

"W. S. CARTER."

The committee sent the following let-
ter 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
Federal act and the Honorable Chairman
of the Interstate Commerce Commission
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 endeavor 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 fur-
ther 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 am-
icable adjustment of the matters in dis-
pute provided that such mediation shall
be conducted in the City of Chicago, and
without delay.

"Our committee again insists that aside
from the interests of the public there are
no other parties concerned in this dis-
pute except the railroads represented by
the managers' committee and the em-
ployees represented by our committee."

"No Strike," Say Managers.

In a statement given out tonight the
general managers said:

"All prospects of strike are over. There
is no strike."

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CHORUS GIRL SLAPS
HER FIANCE'S FACE

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.—(Spe-
cial.)—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
Sutter.

Roberts, who only secured a license in
the afternoon to wed Miss Wilson, quar-
reled with her because she told several
members of the company of the contem-
plated wedding, which he was endeavor-
ing to keep secret. After the row she
was walking up Fillmore street with one
of the chorus girls and a gentleman
friend, when Roberts spotted 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 Uni-
versity, and was an honor man. His
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-
cial.)—A clever German salesman recent-
ly induced officials in the County Court-
house to buy several dozen gross of pen-
cils, amounting in all to \$151.35. With
this he gave them a pencil-sharpen-
er worth about \$10 retail, and the
County Assessor, Treasurer, School Su-
perintendent, Auditor and Clerk of the
Court bought enough pencils to last
some time.

In due time the pencils arrived and all
but the County Clerk opened the pack-
ages and began to use them. Today the
bill for the goods was received by the
County Commissioners, who at once
discovered it, saying that the county
officials had no right to go into the pur-
chasing business without first notifying
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
pencil-sharpeners that caught the official.

CORPORATIONS WIPED OUT

Delinquents of License Payments
Rapidly Passing Away.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Spe-
cial.)—Hundreds of Washington corpo-
rations were wiped out of existence today
and have been daily passing away for
some time, because they have failed to
pay their license fees. The State Secre-
tary has been reaching, under the new
law, the Secretary of State is au-
thorized to cancel records in his office
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 last past
has been going through the index and
stamping the notice of dissolution of the
corporation opposite the names of the de-
linquents.

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

NATIONS TO MAKE TRADE

Mexico and United States Negotiate
for Boundary Deals.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Regard-
ing 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 Chamolal zone,
it was stated at the department today
that a number of propositions had been
made to Mexico looking to the settle-
ment of the Chamolal zone contro-
versy, 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 interest 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 Sur-
geon 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
practicing medicine without being
registered.

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.—Man-
uel Taylor, a negro, today confessed that
he killed Mrs. Mary Albert, proprietor
of a grocery store in Kansas City, Kan.,
yesterday.

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.
To get this money, he said, he killed her.

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PORTLAND ARTIST
STEALS PAINTING

Young German Con-
fesses \$10,000 Theft.

FAMOUS MILLET RECOVERED

William Kunze Now in Toils in
San Francisco.

WANTED TO MAKE ART COPY

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—De-
claring that he took the picture mere-
ly to make a copy of it, William Kunze,
a young German artist, recently from
Portland, Or., was arrested this after-
noon in possession of the \$10,000 Mil-
let 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
been prosecuted with the utmost vigor
ever since the valuable painting was
cut from its frame by an unknown
thief last Sunday.

Detective Sergeant Edward Wren re-
fused to divulge the clew which led to
the arrest. Immediately after book-
ing 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
room used as a studio by Kunze and
it is now in the custody of the property
clerk of the police department.

The theft occurred last Sunday morn-
ing shortly after the Museum was
thrown open to visitors. While the
curator 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
two detectives, was assigned to work
exclusively on the case with the ar-
rest of Kunze late this afternoon as
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
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DENMARK DOUBTS PEARY

Surprise Expressed at Refusal to
Show Proofs.

COPENHAGEN, March 15.—(Special.)—
Commander Peary's refusal to place
proofs of his North Pole achievements
before Congress has caused surprise here.
The explorer's declaration that a con-
tract with his publisher prevents him
from making the data public at this time
is not taken seriously.

It is pointed out by local explorers
that scientific and astronomical observa-
tions, such as were demanded by Con-
gress, could be of no interest to any
publisher.

Experts say that Peary has more right
to seek an acknowledgment that he is
the discoverer of the North Pole before
submitting his proofs than had Dr. Cook.
The circumstance has made many peo-
ple here skeptical and Commander Peary
will get no invitation to lecture before
the Royal Danish Geographical Society.

Austrians Form Fruit Colony.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 15.—(Spe-
cial.)—It is probable that 50 Austrian
families from this city will form a colony
near Wilhoit Springs and engage in fruit-
growing. Frank Mahkove has just pur-
chased an 80-acre tract from Mrs. Miller
and five Austrian families have already
settled there. It is the intention of the
Austrians to purchase additional land in
that section which is three miles north
of Wilhoit Springs.

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ROOSEVELT TAKES
JOURNEY ON CAMEL

Soudanese Cavalry Is
His Escort.

SCENE OF CARNAGE VISITED

Knowledge of Tactics Amazes
Inspector-General.

DINNER GIVEN AT PALACE

Coming Wedding of Son Will Pre-
vent Return by Way of San Fran-
cisco—Assouan and Luxor
Will Be Visited.

KHARTOUM, March 15.—Colonel Roose-
velt's second day Khartoum was given
up largely to sight seeing. The most in-
teresting place of all to the ex-President
was the battlefield of Kerri, 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
Auerstper, Mrs. Asser, an intimate friend
of Mrs. Roosevelt, and others went to
Omdurman on the Souda's yacht, Edith,
and from there on camels to the scene of
the great battle of September 2, 1898.

Camel Ride Is Novelty.

An escort of Soudanese cavalry was
waiting when the yacht came to her
dock and Colonel Roosevelt immediately
became interested in the horsemen, who
were picturesquely attired. He inspected
the squad and then the party mounted
camels preparatory to the seven-mile trip
over dusty roads. Immense numbers
were focused on the Americans, who
seemed to enjoy their unusual experience
no less than did the crowds who had
gathered and who cheered the ex-Presi-
dent as he mounted a "ship of the desert."

The cavalcade started with the escort
in front and in the rear. The first half
was made at the monument erected to
the Twenty-first Lancers, who here re-
ceived their baptism of fire. In this bat-
tle the lancers made a desperate charge,
hired into an ambush at one of the
dry watercourses swarming the plain and
many were spared by the Dervishes.

Scene of Rout Visited.

The guides took the party to the Donga,
where the spearmen were concentrated,
and described the annihilation of the
lancers.

Thence they went to a hill over-
looking the battlefield. Slatin Pasha
explained the positions and plan of
attack and graphically described the
operations. Colonel Roosevelt aston-
ished the inspector-general with his

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CHICAGO DRYS GAIN
IN REGISTRATION

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

Opponents of Temperance Now Ad-
mit There Is Possibility They
Will Be Defeated.

CHICAGO, March 15.—(Special.)—That
Chicago is stirred from center to cir-
cumference by the possibility of becom-
ing "dry" was shown today when regis-
tration for the April elections was in ex-
cess of 100,000. This is three times the
normal registration for similar occasions
and indicates clearly that practically
every voter has been hunted down and
certified.

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

Both sides appear confident tonight,
but it is admitted that the heaviest gains
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 polls.

The "dry" admit that there had been
a movement on foot to colonize 30,000 ho-
bbs in the river wards and these were
closely watched today for evidence of
frauds. Although increased registration
was unusually heavy in the "wet" dis-
tricts, it did not compare with the tre-
mendous gains in the "dry" districts. To-
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possibility the city would go "dry," and
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