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generally being based upon the average earnings of the various tradesmen. Dues for most unions are levied on a percentage of the earnings of the members. Some of these rates have been doubled, while others have been raised 400 per cent.

Some men have become dissatisfied with this system. They say they are tired of bearing the expenses of the teamsters' strike and are urging a settlement.

This question, among others, was discussed at a regular meeting of the Central Labor Council last night. No action was taken to reduce the burden. The payments will be made again tonight, and there will be considerable grumbling.

Reports of the failure of the suit to prevent the payment of the salaries of the special officers employed by the city to guard the nonunion teamsters taking the strikers' places were received at the meeting. The unionists declared they would give up the fight against paying the policemen.

Many taxpayers who are not members of a union, they state, are supporting them in this situation. They threaten to take an appeal.

Assured that the employment of special officers is legal, the police department has replaced some of the men who were removed last week. The employers are employing nonunion drivers wherever they need them. They say there are having no difficulty in setting men.

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So far as can be learned, the extent of the merger will be traffic agreements. The Home Telephone Company, of Seattle and Portland, while a part of the general system, are organized as local corporations. The smaller independent lines throughout the state are being incorporated into the general system for the purpose of giving the independent companies a good working system by the summer of 1911.

In Spokane, the traffic agreement between the Home Company and the Independent Interstate system was recently made. All telephones of the latter system will be exchanged for the automatic telephones in use by the Home Telephone Company. Lines are being constructed through Idaho to connect with the system in Montana, and from Butte and Missoula agreements are being completed for direct lines to the cities of Missoula and St. Paul and thence to Chicago.

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Ransick had heard the hospital physicians say that there was a Japanese professor in town who liked to study snake venom and that this professor, Dr. Nogouchi, would be willing to extract the venom from Ransick's pet rattler's fangs.

So the former patient appeared at Bellevue with a small wooden box and told Dr. Rutledge that he had brought Professor Nogouchi the serpent.

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It was formerly the custom of the Premier to shut himself up in his private room at Downing street, when engaged upon the preparation of a speech of special interest or importance. Lately, he has varied the practice and has gone out for long motor drives to the country.

Nothing has caused so much interest of late as the analysis of the vote on the Conciliation Bill framed to give the franchise to women occupying houses in their own right. Parties and families are hopelessly divided on the question. There are several cases of brothers in the House, but in all of them the cleavage was shown in the division lobbies. Since the bill was shelved by being sent to a committee of the whole house, the calm consideration of the speeches has led most papers to the conclusion that the balance of argument was heavily against the bill.

Some of the Nationalist members still indulge in the belief that if any settlement is reached on the Lords' veto question it will involve some agreement between the two sides on Home Rule. One or two members at least of John Redmond's political following are led most keenly to believe that the Conservative party is prepared to compromise on this crucial point. There is no foundation for this story, and no member of the Conservative party has been reached on the Lords' veto question. The story seems to be on all sides to be a mere rumour.

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