

COMPROMISE MADE STRIKE AVERTED

Neill's Plan Accepted by Engineers.

MANAGERS READILY ASSENT

Increase of Wages Totalling \$4,000,000 a Year Given.

PUBLIC NEEDS CONSIDERED

Chief Stone Consents Reluctantly Rather Than Cause Suffering and Loss to Innocent Bystander. Main Point Is Gained.

TERMS ON WHICH ENGINEERS SETTLED FIGHT.

Amount of increase in yearly wages, \$4,000,000.

Average increase, 10.1-8 per cent.

Average demand by engineers, 15 per cent.

Original demand, 17 per cent.

Increase offered by roads, 9 1/2 per cent.

Increase asked on Mallet type engines, 100 per cent.

Increase granted on Mallet engines, 75 cents to \$1 differential.

Other increases granted were:

Forty cents per day in passenger service.

Forty cents per day in suburban service.

Forty cents per day in through freight service.

Twenty-five cents differential on engine of 21,000 pounds on drivers.

Engineers or helpers on wreck trains, snow-bound or mixed train service, increase of 40 cents per day.

Switching rates, 40 cents increase in yard and transfer service.

Twenty-five cents increase per day for hostlers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Contractors of motor-cars, 40 cents increase.

Heads involved, 61.

Engineers affected, 37,000.

POSTAL RECEIPTS CLOSE TO MILLION

PORTLAND OFFICE EXCEEDS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS.

Business of Christmas Week Alone Is Half That of Entire Year Only Quarter Century Ago.

Postmaster Merrick is easily the biggest Santa Claus. He has presented a gift to Portland by making the Portland Postoffice virtually a \$1,000,000 institution.

The receipts at the Portland office for the year ending next Saturday will exceed \$2,500,000, according to an estimate made yesterday by Assistant Postmaster Williamson. The total receipts for 1909 were \$1,778,853. The increase in business over last year amounts to \$146,147, or 13 per cent.

With 1910, the banner year, the month of December also will eclipse the record of any previous month in the history of the office. According to an estimate made yesterday the receipts for this month will reach a total of \$1,050,000 by Saturday night. The business done so far this month is more than \$35,000, or about \$10,000 in excess of the best month the office ever had.

Christmas week, ended last night, gave another record by surpassing the business of the corresponding week of last year by about 12 per cent. The receipts amounted to \$210,000.

In 1885, just 25 years ago, the total receipts for the entire year were \$68,000, or exactly double the total receipts for this Christmas week.

In 1878 the annual receipts were \$24,000 or less than the record for any one week of the present month.

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WOMAN IS ON CHAIN GANG

Disguised as Man She Works Four Days Before Discovery.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—After working four days on the streets of this city with the "chain gang" "Will Taylor" was found to be Mrs. Lawrence Hanson, of St. Louis.

Mrs. Hanson put on men's clothing November 25 and with her husband started for the Southwest, seeking work. Stranded here, husband and wife were picked up and sentenced to 10 days on the chain gang.

When Mrs. Hanson came out for the tools this morning, she forgot the heavy man's gloves she had been wearing and the jailer became suspicious of her slender wrists and pink nails. Questioned, she admitted the deception and was transferred to the woman's ward. Officers in charge of the chain gang say Mrs. Hanson did more work in the four days than any of the men.

SON OF RICH MAN STARVES

Descendant of Founder of Mormonism Delirious From Hunger.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Half delirious from starvation, John Smith, who says he is a descendant of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, and the son of Charles Smith, a wealthy retired publisher of Princeton, Ill., is in Bellevue Hospital tonight, critically ill. Twice an hour he is fed warm milk like a baby.

His greatest desire is to sleep, but in lucid intervals he gave his name and descendants with a history of family troubles, wandering days and no work. For 21 days he says he has had little to eat. He applied for admission to Bellevue yesterday, too weak to account for himself.

DEATH STOPS HOMECOMING

Message Sent, Man Is Killed as He Crosses Track to Board Train.

HOLT, Mo., Dec. 24.—Jacob Pross, of Wichita, Kan., was struck and killed here today by a passenger train on the Burlington Railroad. He was on his way from Wichita to spend Christmas with his brother at his home in Quincy, Ill. He had left his train to send a telegram onto his brother as follows:

"Home for Christmas at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

Returning to his train he was struck by one from the other direction. His wife and a 10-year-old son were with Mr. Pross.

CROWDS THRILLED BY BOLD AVIATORS

Opening of Los Angeles Meet Exciting.

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Arch Hoxsey, of Pasadena, another member of the Wright team, tried to establish a new altitude record of 11,000 feet, but after climbing 6250 feet, the cold forced him to descend. He came down in cork-screw glides that brought the crowd to its feet cheering.

Walter Brookins, of Dayton, O., also thrilled the spectators by a 1000-foot glide that brought him back to earth with "ALIBI" the speed of a falling meteor. At times his planes were almost vertical as he whirled downward, and the crowd gasped when, within a few feet of the ground, he suddenly shifted his planes and sent his flying machine almost straight into the air again.

Curtiss Passes Parmalee.

Glenn Curtiss bided his time until Parmalee brought out his "baby" Wright, hailed as the fastest flyer in the world for a speed test. Then Curtiss hauled his own biplane, a 60-horsepower flyer, out of the hangar.

Parmalee was circling about the field with the speed of a gale, passing in turn every one of five other machines in the air at the time when Curtiss appeared. Curtiss made circuit around the pylons at a speed comparatively slow. Then he speeded up his motor and just in front of the grandstand he went by the baby Wright like a sprinter passing a toddling child. Curtiss was unofficially timed at more than 60 miles an hour. The judges caught Parmalee's time at 54 miles.

Englishman Has Poor Luck.

James Radley, the English aviator, gave the crowd more than one scare. His machine performed erratically all afternoon and in consequence he never rose to a height of more than 50 feet. Even then the monoplane got beyond his control several times. Once all these in the press boxes were forced to "duck" to save their heads as Radley sped by at 40 miles an hour, not more than five feet above them. Again he flew low and his machine swerved toward a fence, but stopped within a few inches of an iron railing.

"At that, however, Radley proved his machine to be the fastest on the field, according to the time of the judges for the five kilometer course." For this distance Radley's time was 1:50:35, and Glenn Curtiss' 1:38 flat. Radley also won the prize for quick starting.

While Curtiss was in the air flying at a height of about 100 feet Walter Brookins, of the Wright team, made two attempts to rise, but failed. He gave up trying for the time and took the machinery home.

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Female Santa Claus Burned Alive.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Katherine Sand, of Perry street, was fatally burned tonight while playing Santa Claus for her 4-year-old child. The flame from a candle ignited a false beard she wore.

PEERS' FATE WILL SOON BE SEALED

Asquith Prepares for Final Struggle.

BUT LORDS INCLINE TO YIELD

Giving Up Veto Better Than Host of Liberal Peers.

IRISH GAIN MUCH PRESTIGE

Though Thrown Into Background by Russian Burglars, Crime, Bolton Disaster and Spies' Trial, Politics Holds Public Mind.

BY T. P. O'CONNOR.
(Special cable to the Chicago Tribune, Copyright 1910 by the Tribune Company in London, Dec. 24.—Within the last few days the approach of Christmas, the murders of the police in the Houndsditch robbery, the gigantic coal mine disaster near Bolton and the conviction of two British officers as spies in Germany have pushed politics aside.

The Houndsditch murders created a profound impression and in the first impulse the universal arming of the police with revolvers and more severe measures against alien immigration were advocated, but, though the episode was a startling reminder of the disorderly and dangerous elements introduced in England by the Russian reaction, the London people already take a more sober view.

The gigantic coal mine disaster brings poignant grief to Irishmen, as a good proportion of the 350 victims were Irish, and mining is the one English industry where Englishmen and Irishmen have lost all racial antipathies in common work and common perils.

Liberals Strong as Ever.

The caplanage trial was taken with perfect calmness by the English press, and the trial was conducted with fairness and an absence of rancor by the German court. According to all journals in both countries, it is expected that the imprisoned officers soon will be released and the episode leaves less bad blood than might have been expected.

Political for the moment submerged, though still haunts the general imagination. As in a neck-and-neck race on a horse track, interest in the general election was maintained to the last possible moment, as the supreme question was whether the Liberal ministry would come back as strong as at the beginning of the election.

As each day brought almost a mathematical equality of gains and losses to the Liberals and Tories, the parties each new day watched with the same feverish eagerness. The last day of the election involved the whole problem, as the one seat in Scotland held by the Liberals was expected to go back to the Tories.

Asquith Prepares for Climax.

Now that the result is finally known, the Liberals and Irish are profoundly satisfied. Some disappointment was felt at the loss of a few seats which better management might have saved, or which were lost by some accident or an infinitesimal majority, as in Mile-End, where a Tory was returned by a majority of two.

But the great fact remains that, contrary to all election precedents, the same Liberal ministry was returned three times in succession and the second time on the same issue. That issue is the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords.

Premier Asquith gave indication of the urgent importance and close approach of the struggle on this question by his hurried visit to the King. Beyond all question, Asquith and other Liberal ministers mean business, and will withdraw from office unless they are allowed to carry out their full programme of reform.

There will be no real opposition, I believe, from the King, or even from the House of Lords. I regard the abo-

EXTRA

STRANGER KILLED; OFFICER WOUNDED

PATROLMAN HENSON FIRES WITH DEADLY EFFECT.

Sergeant Wanless Hit by Bullet. Beauty Shoots at Fugitive—Man-aced Man Escapes.

In a fierce exchange of shots between three patrolmen and two men who resisted arrest, an Austrian, name unknown, was killed and Sergeant Wanless wounded in the arm, shortly after 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Patrolman Carl D. Henson fired the shot that killed the fugitive. The dead man's companion, manacled, escaped. Sergeant Wanless' wound is a slight scratch on the arm.

The trouble began at Third and Burnside streets when Officer Abbott arrested two drunken soldiers. A crowd gathered and Sergeant Wanless ordered the men to disperse.

With a companion the Austrian refused to obey and Wanless at once placed them under arrest.

While the officer was placing handcuffs on the Austrian's companion the Austrian drew a gun and fired twice at Wanless, one bullet passing through his left coat sleeve. The assailant then turned and fled down Third street.

At this juncture Frank Beatty, Deputy Sheriff, arrived and guarded the handcuffed prisoner, while Wanless started in pursuit.

Patrolman Henson heard the firing, and as the Austrian reached Couch street saw him fire at Wanless. Henson's command to halt being unheeded, he fired twice at the fleeing man. The first shot went wide, but the second struck the Austrian full in the face.

Henson shot and killed a negro April 15, 1908, after a revolver battle in which 15 shots were fired.

SLASHER IS ABROAD AGAIN

Man Who Cuts Women's Dresses at Work in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—"Jack the Slasher," who two years ago created a reign of terror among women on both sides of the bay, has resumed operations. The first report of his work has been made to the police and Chief Seymour has sent out a warning to all policemen to be on the lookout for him.

His method is to jostle women on a streetcar, along the crowded sidewalk or in stores where there is a great throng and, thus engaging their attention, slash their dresses with a knife or razor. He first appeared in Oakland just before the Christmas holidays two years ago, and with maniacal shrewdness managed to frustrate all efforts to capture him during the two months he was operating.

He had not been heard from until last night when one woman reported that her skirt had been cut while she was shopping during the afternoon.

WOMAN LEAPS OFF TRAIN

She Jumps With Two Children Before It Stops, and Is Injured.

OGALLALA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary Griswold and her two children jumped from a fast moving Union Pacific train near Ellis, Kan., last night. Mrs. Griswold is a widow.

Her home is eight miles northeast of Ellis. Her skull and collarbone were fractured. Her condition is dangerous. The children were only slightly injured.

Mrs. Griswold feared the train would not stop at the station, where she wanted to get off.

GERMAN PRINCE STICKS PIG

Heir to Throne Has First Experience in Sport at Jaipur.

JAIPUR, India, Dec. 24.—The German Crown Prince had his first experience at pig sticking and tiger-shooting today.

He speared a fine boar and shot a full-grown male tiger near the place where the late King Edward, the Russian Emperor and King George also shot their first tiger.

NAVARRO GIVEN UP TO REBEL TROOPS

Mexican General's Surrender Affirmed.

ARMY HAS BEEN IN STRAITS

Government Denies Report, but It Is Held Reliable.

FURTHER REVOLT FEARED

Diaz at Last Realizes Situation Is Serious and Rushes Troops North. Rebels Make Special Mark of Federal Officers.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—General Navarro has surrendered to the rebels, according to a report that reached here today from authorities which have heretofore proved reliable in the matter of war news.

The Government denies the report and says that he is awaiting reinforcements. Officials say Federales is not menaced seriously by the rebels.

It is known from other sources that Navarro has been having a hard time. His men are not used to the severe winter climate of Chihuahua. They are not properly clothed and are short of food and ammunition. It is considered here that if Navarro has not surrendered, he is liable to do so at any time.

Another report today says that Navarro has not surrendered, but has deserted with his men to the rebels. This is not believed.

Government Shows Alarm

The Government now acknowledges that the situation is very serious. All available troops are being sent north as fast as possible to assist Navarro. Yesterday 300 prisoners were taken from the Belian prison and drafted into the army. A considerable portion of the army at present is made up of prisoners.

In all the battles that have occurred so far, it seems that the rebels have been shooting particularly at officers. The percentage of these wounded or killed is very large. At the battle of Mal Paso the rebels, who were entrenched on mountains forming the side of a canyon, rolled immense boulders down on the troops. These did more damage than the shooting.

Other Uprisings Feared

The serious condition of affairs in the north is the principal topic of conversation here. There is much speculation as to the outcome. It is expected that the reverses suffered by the Government recently will lead to other uprisings throughout the Republic as soon as they are known.

The Government today placed a censor over the only Mexican newspaper here which has a leaning toward Madero. Recently it has been publishing reports from the north in favor of the rebels.

REBELS DYNAMITE BRIDGES

Crew of Captured Train Tells of Thrilling Trip.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Engineer Cobler and Fireman Mendoza, of the Mexican Northwestern Railway, arrived here late tonight and told a thrilling tale of their experiences while in the hands of the insurgents. These men were in charge of the engine captured by the insurgents on Thursday, and for 24 hours they were forced to run the locomotive at the bidding of their captors.

With 35 men on board, the captured engine was first run as far south as Sahal, when they started north, burning and dynamiting bridges as they went. In all eight bridges were burned and one completely prostrated.

At 4 o'clock Friday the engine was abandoned at Guzman and the trainmen

HARRY MURPHY FINDS MANY THINGS IN CHRISTMAS TO INSPIRE HIS HUMOROUS PEN.

