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CRISIS HAS BEEN REACHED IN NEW ORLEANS SITUATION.

All Labor Interests Connected With Cotton Shipping Will Meet Tonight—Strikes in Rome and Holland Said Not to Be General.

New Orleans, April 9.—A crisis has been reached in the labor situation here and all employers who are black have announced a walk-out.

STRIKER KILLED.

Soldiers Fire Upon Men Who Refuse to Leave Picket Line.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, April 9.—Soldiers guarding the offices of the transportation companies today fired upon four strikers who refused to leave the picket line. One was killed.

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IN ROME.

Rome, April 9.—The strike here, so far as being general, has failed. Many more shops are open today and the military authorities seem to have control of the situation. Four hundred arrests have been made.

OPPOSED TO UNIONS.

Contractors of Portland to Combine and Use Only Scab Labor in the Future.

Portland, April 9.—The majority of the contractors in all lines of building are agitating for a combined protraction whereby no union men in any trade will be employed in the future.

UNION MEN FINED.

Brewers Violated Injunction by Interfering With Wagons Driven by Scabs.

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Johnston Elected. Cleveland, April 7.—Tom L. Johnston was re-elected to the office of mayor today by a majority of about 7,000 over E. D. Gendler, republican.

Republicans Win in Michigan. Detroit, April 7.—The republicans of Michigan yesterday elected their state ticket by a majority estimated at between 35,000 and 40,000. The justice of the supreme court and the regents of the state university were chosen.

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BACK TO DESPOTISM.

King of Servia Suspends New Constitution and Declares Popular Rule Impracticable.

Belgrade, Servia, April 8.—King Alexander yesterday executed a coup d'etat. He issued two proclamations, the first decreeing the suspension of the constitution adopted April 19, 1901, repealing objectionable laws passed thereunder, retiring senators and members of state, dissolving the assembly and reconstituting the laws as they existed previous to the constitution of 1901.

The second proclamation restores the constitution to its former vitality. The king says the senate and skuptshina, created under the constitution granted by him in 1901, which proved impracticable.

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United States Court at St. Paul Gives a Knock-Out Blow to the Big Railroad Merger.

St. Paul, April 9.—A decision in favor of the United States, was given at noon by Judge Sanborn in the United States district court. He adjudged that the combination of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific stocks was in restraint of trade and enjoins the Northern Securities from voting the stock of either company and the officials of either stock or pay dividends to the Security Company. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern stocks can be returned to the previous holders.

By this decision the greatest railway merger in the world is completely knocked out. The decision is the most sweeping ever aimed at combinations or so-called trusts. It was unanimously agreed to by Sanborn, Caldwell, Thayer and Vandewater. Judge Sanborn wrote the decree.

History of Merger. Judge Thayer in stating the conclusion of the court, recounted the history of the merger. The amount of stock acquired is \$107,000,000 par value, which was purchased for \$70,000,000. They increased the bond indebtedness of the new company to \$200,000,000. This stock included all the Burlington route purchased by the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern acting in conjunction. A single owner was formed in the Northern Securities company, with a capital stock of \$400,000,000.

At present the securities company holds 96 per cent of the Northern Pacific stock and 76 per cent of the Great Northern stock. This destroyed every motive of competition. "We must conclude," runs the decision, "that those who conceived and executed the aforesaid plan intended among other things to accomplish these objects."

The decision thus describes the Sherman anti-trust act under which the suit was brought as making illegal every contract or combination in the form of trust or otherwise, as a conspiracy in the restraint of trade or commerce among the several states and with foreign nations. Such combinations as these railway mergers are, hence the use of the word otherwise.

On this word hangs the whole decision of the court. Competition could not be more effectively repressed than it now is by the combination—than if two roads were operated under one charter and for this reason the Northern Securities comes under the act.

WALL STREET SURPRISED.

Northern Securities at First Broken—Case Expected to Be Taken to Supreme Court. New York, April 9.—News of the adverse decision in the Northern Securities case reached Wall street at 12:30 this afternoon. Its stock broke from 196 to 193. An evidence of the initial step of staidness designed to prevent total demoralization. The news came as a complete surprise to the street. The street expects that an initial step of staidness designed to prevent total demoralization. The news came as a complete surprise to the street. The street expects that an initial step of staidness designed to prevent total demoralization.

Declined Discussion. New York, April 9.—A member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. also known as Clough, declined this afternoon to discuss the securities decision until official advices had been received.

At Anconada. Anconada, Mont., April 8.—Socialists yesterday elected John Prinke mayor, Pat McHugh police judge, Mike Tobin city clerk and three of six aldermen. Democrats got two and republicans one alderman. The socialist majorities on the general ticket run from 200 to 400.

Will Not Contest. Chicago, April 8.—The charges made by the republicans last night of fraud in the election of Mayor Harrison are ungrounded. It was decided this afternoon not to contest his election.

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EXPERTING BOOKS.

County Records at Walla Walla Will Be Overhauled.

Walla Walla, April 8.—The experting of the county books, which the board of county commissioners has had under consideration for some time, was yesterday evening brought to a head by the board entering into contract with George P. Clark and George W. Buchanan, of Portland, to expert the books from the first Monday in January, 1907, to April 6, 1903, covering a period of five years.

Messrs. Clark and Buchanan immediately executed a surety bond in the sum of \$2,000 and will receive between them \$15 per hour for eight hours, and railroad fare from Portland one way. It is expected that it will be two months before a report will be ready to file.

DROWNED IN SNAKE RIVER.

Old Timer Loses His Life by the Overturning of a Boat. Weiser, Idaho, April 8.—David Lawrence was drowned yesterday morning in the Snake river about six miles below Weiser at Westlake Island. He was in a boat with two other men when the boat capsized. The other two were rescued by men who went out in a skiff but Lawrence did not attempt to swim ashore. He suddenly sank probably caused by cramps.

He was an old timer and had been in Weiser several times in the last few years. He had been in the Snake river several times. He leaves a wife and several children. The body has not yet been recovered.

Saloon Robbed.

La Grande, April 8.—Two robbers were found in Gus Behren's saloon at 2 a. m. last night, having entered by the back door from a back window. Before the night watch could reach the place, they both escaped. Only a few dollars in the cash drawer were taken.

Electric Plant for Mine.

Union, April 8.—The Sanger Mining company, which operates the old Sanger mine 40 miles east of this city, will install a \$75,000 electric lighting and power plant this season. The mine employs 50 men and has produced over \$1,000,000 in gold.

NEW ROAD FROM WALLA WALLA TO RICH DISTRICT.

O. R. & N. May Build to Wallawa Valley to Get First Choice—Great Activity Expected This Season.

The new company formed at Walla Walla for the construction of a railroad from that city to Dixie, and on eastward indefinitely into the Blue mountains, Wallawa valley and other points in that rich country lying between Portland and Spokane, has every appearance of being in earnest.

The party is made up of professors of agriculture, animal industry, chemists, practical farming and scientists from the leading German agricultural colleges and represents a society in Germany somewhat resembling the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

The special car in which the party will travel will come West over the Southern Pacific to Portland, and will then be taken over the O. R. & N. line from Portland to Spokane.

A special effort is being made by General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig to arrange short stops for the party at the various points of interest along the route, and on arrival at Pendleton on June 4 or 5 the gentlemen will be taken in charge by Robert Buina, a prominent agent of the O. R. & N. at Walla Walla. A special train will be furnished and every opportunity given them to study the growing crops and orchards of the region.

The O. R. & N. has arranged for a special visit of the entire party to the large Blue oak fruit and wheat farms, near Walla Walla, and a program will be arranged later by the Walla Walla Commercial Association.

The party will make an exhaustive report to the German government upon the results of their investigations and every community in the West will make a special effort to make a showing to the party.

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, in a letter to Robert Buina, says in regard to the trip of the German agriculturists: "They will use our line from Portland to Spokane. They want to see the best we can show them in agriculture and horticultural matters. Stops should be made at points where they can see the growing grain to the best advantage, and one or two visits to prominent orchards are desirable. For Walla Walla we have in mind reaching Walla Walla, which will take them to the Blue oak orchard."

"These people are, as stated, prominent in their line—so prominent that you will note that we are running them special and doing everything we can to have them see the country. Please plan at once an itinerary from Pendleton to Spokane, having in mind showing them the best agricultural and horticultural features we can. Where it is necessary to take short stops, it seems to me that the people at that particular station should be perfectly willing to furnish carriages and a committee to point out the items of interest."

WELL-KNOWN PROSPECTOR.

William Van Deworth, of North Powder, Dies of Heart Disease. North Powder, April 7.—William Van Deworth, a well-known prospector of Eastern Oregon, was found dead in his bed at his cabin in Spring Gulch, Monday evening.

Van Deworth and his brother lived together some time ago, and worked some very rich placer mines near here. He was 63 years of age, and was one of the first men to prospect on the present site of Cracker Creek and Cable Cove.

Will of Swift. Chicago, April 7.—The will of Gustavus Swift was filed for probate this afternoon. He leaves an estate of \$12,000,000, of which \$200,000 is given to charity to be disbursed at the discretion of his widow. The remainder is divided among the family, the widow taking a third.

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