

THEY INTERFERED

Charges of Congressmen Result in Overhauling the Service.

FIGHT IS ON CONGRESSMEN

Complaint Made That Rural Mail Carriers Interfered in Politics in Several States.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Several weeks ago, in the heat of the presidential campaign, complaints were made to the president and the postmaster general by several members of congress who were candidates for re-election that they were being made the victims of a systematic plan on the part of the rural letter carriers' association. One of these demands was that the carriers should have an increase of pay.

A special effort was made by members of the association to embarrass Representative Overstreet, of Indiana, chairman of the house committee on post offices and post roads, because, it is alleged, he had not done for the rural carriers what they thought he ought to have done. President Cunningham, of the association, is said to have been one of those who made demands on candidates for congress, of course on behalf of the members of the association. The complaints filed with the president and the postmaster general mentioned President Cunningham as one of those responsible for the attempted "hold up," as it was termed by the victims.

By direction of the president an investigation of the matter was begun by the postmaster general. It has been in progress for two or three weeks and the intimation is given that, thus far, it tends to substantiate the charges made by representatives in congress. What the result of the investigation may be is not disclosed, but the likelihood is that, if the charges are maintained, as is now expected, there will be a general overhauling of the rural free delivery carrier service.

DONT WANT BRYAN.

Prefer Republican Tariff to Bryan and Free Silver.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Southern democrats, who are arriving in Washington in anticipation of the coming session of congress, are disposed to show anything but enthusiasm over the efforts of William Jennings Bryan to have an early conference of the leaders of democracy on the subject of "reorganization." They express the opinion that the "peerless leader" is a little "too previous." Moreover the term "reorganization" has an unpleasant sound in their ears and they are loath to admit that the party they have followed from infancy is in need of reorganization. There was too much of it, they say, in 1896 and 1900. "I think Mr. Bryan is unwise to start reorganization until we know 'where we are at'" said one of the southerners. "A casual glance at the election returns would indicate that unless we are careful we may build our house, not on a rock but on a quicksand. From the way the vote went in the north, it would seem that the democratic party is not unlike the little boy's apple, of which there 'wasn't no core.'"

The defection of the free silverites is but one of several significant events in the recent election. In Louisiana there was a long fight over the municipal ticket in New Orleans and on certain executive acts of Gov. Blanchard that totally obscure the national issues. Now that Louisiana has quieted down over the negro question the state is on the verge of a split. The interests of a great majority of the people there are strongly republican. They are particularly desirous of sugar legislation and protection in many directions.

SMOKING PROHIBITED.

Order Issued at Stanford University by Prof. Jordan.

Stanford University, Dec. 9.—"Until very recently the students of the university have respected the unwritten law against smoking in and about the inner quadrangle. Recently this has been disregarded at the ends of the arcades and at different places. I trust that the students will not make it necessary to change this unwritten law into a written one, but in any case the university will not tolerate smoking about the recitation buildings nor on the steps leading to them."

"DAVID STARR JORDAN." Such was the order issued by the president's office this morning. It caused a commotion among the students, who did not know that they had been breaking any of the university rules.

It seems that when Stanford was in its first stages of construction Mrs. Stanford expressed the wish that as the university was to be a co-educational institution there should be no smoking on the quadrangle or near the recitation buildings. This never was

a written law, but it has been sacredly lived up to by the students. Only at times has it been broken and then by freshmen, who were soon told by upper classmen of the wish of Mrs. Stanford.

But smoking is a part of the student's life that he never entirely gives up, and the long morning hours grew dull to the men when they could not find solace in a quiet smoke. And so between classes, when there is a ten minutes' recess, the men students would flock to the eastern entrances of the quadrangle, where they would puff happily away, not dreaming that they were breaking the spirit of the unwritten rule.

Dr. Jordan saw this, was displeased, and so issued the order. The students take the rule in good part.

BIG SUIT FILED.

Heirs Want Half Billion Dollars for Property in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The largest suit ever filed in any city in the world, involving \$500,000,000, will be begun before Judge Kohlsaat, of the United States court, when the heirs of Alanson C. Stewart and Gen. Hart Stewart will attempt to make good their claim against the Pennsylvania railroad. The heirs seek to recover for the use by the railroad company of several miles of Stewart avenue, and as this is the principal entrance of the railroad to the city, the action will be bitterly fought.

The property in dispute came to the original owners as government land, which they acquired when Chicago was a trading post and the land in question was ten miles or more from the center of the present city. They deeded the streets in their south side sub-division to the city, the land to revert to their heirs in case of diversion from its original purposes.

Several years later the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, now the Pennsylvania, asked the city council for right of way on Stewart avenue, which was granted. The Stewarts died some forty years ago. The Pennsylvania road appropriated Stewart avenue from side to side. The land became enormously valuable. President Roosevelt's family and other abutting property owners protested against the invasion.

The Pennsylvania, to satisfy them, bought up a lonely parallel strip and deeded it to the city in lieu of the appropriated thoroughfare and settled with the Roosevelts and others by paying \$2.25 per square foot for land bought of them.

GRAFT IS KILLED.

Merchant and Newspapers of Seattle Jumped on Trading Stamp Nuisance.

The newspapers of Seattle are refusing the advertising which contains any mention of the word trading stamp.

There are four daily papers in Seattle, three of which agreed not to encourage but rather discourage the trading stamp. When the trading stamps were planned for Seattle, the largest stores agreed to have nothing to do with them, one argument being that if Smith's grocery had a green stamp, Jones' grocery would have a brown, etc., until every grocery had a trading stamp and the effect would be lost.

The agreement has been adhered to. One store which was not in the agreement is using the stamps and has offered four papers advertising which contained mention of trading stamps. Three papers refused on the ground that their contracts read "copy must be furnished which is unobjectionable to the publishers." The fourth paper had no such clause and had to carry the advertising or stand a lawsuit.

As the matter now stands, the trading stamp has practically no publicity in Seattle and is a failure.

Advertising builds up, lack of advertising kills.—White's Sayings.

TO VISIT ATLANTA.

President Roosevelt Invited to See the Southern Metropolis.

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 10.—Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, will be invited by the Atlantic chamber of commerce to visit this city during the convention of the National Manufacturers' Association, which will be held in May.

Resolutions to this effect were presented to the chamber by its former president, J. K. Orr, at the annual dinner of that organization, held at the Kimball house, last night. They were seconded by A. C. Bruce and endorsed in ringing speeches by Mayor Evan P. Howell, John B. Goodwin and H. E. W. Palmer, after which they were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The reading of the resolutions, the succeeding speeches and the rising vote which followed were decidedly the feature of the chamber of commerce dinner last night, though Dr. Erich Zoepffel-Quellenstein, the German consul to Atlanta, delivered a notable speech and other matters of the greatest interest took place.

Radical Insurance Change.

New York, Dec. 9.—The executive committee of the International Association of Accident Underwriters, at a meeting here, has agreed to reduce the period for which weekly indemnity will be paid under health policies from 52 to 26 weeks. This goes into effect on January 1.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES

No Authority to Interfere in Steel Workers' Strike.

UNION MEN ARE SATISFIED

Was in Hopes However That President Roosevelt Could Induce Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt today informed a delegation representing the Amalgamated association of Iron, Steel and Tinplate Workers that he saw no way by which he could properly or legally interfere to bring about a settlement of the strike of the union employes of the Carnegie Steel company at Youngstown and Girard Ohio. The company is one of the constituent companies of the United Steel Corporation. The delegation consisted of Representative Aubrey Thomas, of Youngstown; David Evans, organizer of the Youngstown district of the Amalgamated Association, and President Shaffer of the same organization. The president listened to what his callers had to say, expressing regret that the differences between the men and the company apparently were not susceptible of amicable adjustment. He said, however, that he had no authority which would warrant him in interfering, glad as he would be to see the strike settled.

"I knew very well when I came here," said Mr. Shaffer, "that the president could not interfere in our strike any more than he could out in Colorado or over in Massachusetts. The men were anxious, however, that we lay the matter before the president, so we did it. That is all there is to it. I shall go back to Pittsburg this afternoon, and Mr. Evans will return to Youngstown. All the men want is a chance to talk the matter over with the managers of the works, but this has been denied to them. Their wages have been simply chopped down, and they are told to take them or leave them. The men hoped that the president would suggest to the owners that the matter be arbitrated, but as it's out of his province there is no use looking for help in his direction. The president was very kind to us and heard our story through, and suggested that all the facts in the case be laid before the department of memorandum setting forth the facts before we leave Washington."

TEDDY ANGRY.

Takes a Fall Out of a Remarkable Boston Newspaper.

The Boston Herald, a staid newspaper, so far forgot itself as to print a yellow story about the maltreatment of the Roosevelt Thanksgiving turkey. Here is an extract:

When the bird was released they (two of the president's children) began their fun. They chased the turkey all over the white house grounds, plucking at it, yelling and laughing, until the bird was well-nigh exhausted. When they became tired of their sport they left the bird to retire in peace under the rear portico of the white house. The president witnessed part of the proceedings and laughed.

The president was highly incensed when he saw this astonishing yarn, and caused an official denial to be issued by Secretary Loeb. He did not care about inventions of imaginative correspondents that concerned only himself but as to his children, that was another matter. Now the Boston paper is denied access to sources of public information. The incident would seem not to be very important, but it has attracted wide notice in the east.

Gambling in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—Dave W. Argyle, who before the state law making gambling a felony went into effect, was one of the big gamblers of Seattle, will be tried before a jury in Judge Tallman's court on December 12. Argyle was arrested in a raid on a big gambling establishment at Georgetown on June 9 of this year.

Faro bank was in full blast and a large amount of gambling material was seized as evidence. Argyle, as the reputed proprietor of the games, was arrested and a complaint was filed against him in the criminal court by Prosecuting Attorney Scott, on information furnished by a member of the civic union.

While no declaration has been made it is expected that in the event an adverse verdict is rendered that the case will be appealed to the supreme court, and the question of the constitutionality of the law settled once and for all time.

Another criminal case down for trial this month is that of Mrs. Charlotte Thompson who is charged with arson. It is alleged that on October 27 last, she set fire to a house at 519 Yeaser way, the property of C. P. Dose. The woman has been in jail ever since her arrest and claims that she will have little trouble in establishing her innocence. The police say that they have a strong case against her.

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Worst of All Experiences.

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