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STRIKES SPREAD

Another Effort at Peace Made

BUSINESS PARALYZED

Strike in the Chicago Lumber Yard Spreads With Great Rapidity.

EXTRA POLICE ARE CALLED

One Thousand Extra Policemen and Several Hundred Deputy Sheriffs Were Sworn in and Troops Will Be Called if Occasion Demands Them.

Chicago, May 24.—The final rejection of the union demands, especially those of the express drivers, was officially announced today by the employers. They demanded practically an unconditional surrender. Neither side in the strike made any direct steps toward peace and each is apparently awaiting the next move of its opponent.

Employers sent goods all over the city today under police protection without encountering any violence. There was one peace effort today and it was enveloped in mystery. It is said that prominent business men were making efforts to induce the managers of the express companies to make terms satisfactory to the striking drivers and they had promised them good news. Nothing came of the attempt however, and there is no good news tonight for either side.

The strike in the lumber district spread today with great rapidity and all business of that kind is at a standstill. Some lumber yards are still in operation, but their volunteer business is small as to amount practically to nothing. One cause for the lack of energy on the part of the employers in the lumber district today was that the city was not able to afford them police protection.

Mayor Dunne provided against this contingency tonight by issuing a call for 1000 extra policemen who will be sworn in as rapidly as the applications are filed by suitable men. These will be the second 1000 extra policemen to be sworn in since the commencement of the strike. Sheriff Barrett today swore in several hundred deputies, the largest number at any time since the beginning of the strike.

OHIO REPUBLICANS.

Secretary Taft Elected Chairman of State Convention.

Columbus, May 24.—Although the opening session of the republican state convention was of a very routine character, the fact that Secretary Taft, as temporary chairman, was to make his debut in his native state as convention orator drew a large and very attentive audience. His appearance in the hall was the signal of applause, and when he was introduced as the presiding officer, the applause was long and continued.

During the reading of his speech, hearty applause was given to the mention of President Roosevelt and to the president's actions or policy brought out cheers. The business of the convention will occur tomorrow.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

Prominent New Yorker Sued for a Quarter of a Million Dollars.

New York, May 24.—Damages aggregating a quarter of a million dollars as compensation for alleged breach of promise of marriage are asked for by Mrs. Katherine Pollion in her suit against W. Gould Brokaw, a millionaire clubman, was begun in the supreme court today. Eminent counsel and scores of witnesses, many of them people of prominence from distant parts of the country, and a packet containing more than 100 letters alleged by the plaintiff to have been

written by Brokaw, will figure in the case. The authenticity of the letters upon which the suit is based is denied by Brokaw's counsel.

BOYCOTTING HATS.

Labor Unions Injuncted from Boycotting Eastern Hats.

San Francisco, May 24.—Judge Morrow of the United States circuit court has granted a restraining order against the California Federation of Labor and the local labor unions from boycotting a firm of hat makers of Danbury, Ct. It is stated in the complaint that the action of the labor unions in instructing retailers to handle union hats made hats exclusively has caused a cessation in the demand of the eastern hats on the coast.

BANKRUPT REFEREES.

Will Hold a Convention to Consider Important Questions.

New York, May 24.—Plans have been completed for the fifth annual convention of the National Association of Referees in bankruptcy. It will meet May 29 and 30 at Niagara Falls. Many suggestions by business men for improvements in the bankruptcy act and for facilitating the work of the referees will be considered.

FLOODS IN VICENZA.

Several Hundred Homeless People Take Refuge in Church.

New York, May 24.—Floods created by the recent rains, are, cables the Milan correspondent of the Herald, causing incalculable damage and distress in the province of Vicenza. Seven hundred persons are homeless and have taken refuge in a church and school at Meledo, with their cattle and pigs. Many houses collapsed at Benassio. The inhabitants were rescued.

RIOT IN SWILLTOWN

Sacramento Fishermen Cut Policeman Wilson.

TWO ASSAILANTS ARRESTED

Drunken Sacramento Fishermen Assault Officer Wilson With Knives, and Cut His Coat Completely Off and Knock Him Down in a Saloon.

A disgraceful row occurred in Swilltown last evening in which Police Officer Wilson was brutally attacked by a gang of toughs from Sacramento, who arrived in the city yesterday to fish on the Columbia river. They were making a disturbance and Wilson cautioned them to keep quiet. One of them invited Wilson into a saloon to drink, which he refused, and they called him indecent names and shook their fists in his face. He again cautioned them to be quiet, when one of them struck Wilson in the face. Wilson pulled his club and gave the tough a good clubbing. At the same time four or five other men pulled out their knives and started in to cut the officer. They cut his coat completely off from him, but aside from a few scratches Wilson was uninjured. He pulled his gun and backed up toward the Anchor saloon and went inside, followed by the mob. A Greek known as "Jackass Joe" took the gun away from Wilson and another Greek knocked him down. Before Wilson could recover, the murderous assailants ran out of the door. Chief Hallock and several police officers went down and arrested Jackass Joe and one other man and will no doubt arrest the others today. There is no punishment too severe for these murderous villains and it is a pity that Wilson was not able to use his gun. It is to be hoped that they will be put behind the bars and have it impressed upon their minds that mob violence will not be tolerated in Astoria.

Gets More Salary.

San Francisco, May 24.—The Bulletin says: It is generally conceded that B. A. Worthington will not come to this city as general manager of the Western Pacific, but will go to Pittsburg as general manager of the Wabash road at a salary of \$20,000 a year.

PAID PENALTY

Veiled Murderess of Royal Blood.

FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL

Mrs. Henrietta Robinson Convicted of Murder in Troy in 1853.

SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED

During Her Trial She Wore a Veil and Refused to Remove It and Although Confined for 50 Years, Has Never Disclosed Her True Identity.

Newberg, N. Y., May 24.—Mrs. Henrietta Robinson, known as the "veiled murderess," died at the Mattewan state hospital today. She was convicted of the murder of Timothy Lannagan and Catherine Lube in Troy, N. Y., in 1853.

During the trial she wore a heavy veil. Judge Harris, before whom the case was tried, asked her to remove her veil, but she refused, saying that she would rather have any verdict pronounced than to remove it. Her counsel, Martin I. Townsend, stated to the court that he could not prevail on her to remove it. Finally she drew the veil for an instant and smiling to the jury, replaced it.

She was sentenced to be hanged on June 19, 1853. Her sentence was afterwards commuted. She was sent to the Auburn state hospital for the insane in 1873 and later transferred to Mattewan.

Mrs. Robinson was 89 years old. When, a few days ago, it was certain she must die the physicians at the hospital endeavored to have her reveal her identity, which she had hidden since her commitment. She refused, saying that she had kept the secret for 50 years and might as well let it die with her. Only once in her long confinement did she ever reveal anything about herself, and then she told a physician that she came from the English royal family. Then, as if she had forgotten herself, she refused to say anything further. She has employed her time in recent years in making lace, which she wore. Some time ago she made a set of false teeth out of buttons and wore them a large share of the time.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Great Celebration in London in Honor of Victoria.

London, May 24.—Empire day, the birthday of the late Queen Victoria, May 22, 1819, was more widely celebrated and observed this year in London and the provinces than heretofore. The most prominent feature was the big review of troops at Aldershot by the king while the leading event in London was the unveiling in St. Paul's cathedral by the prince of Wales of the sculptured memorial designed and executed by Princess Louise to the 4000 brave sons of Britain over the seas who laid down their lives for their mother country in South Africa.

UNCLE SAM BUSTED.

Diplomatic and Consular Offices Must Curtail Expenses.

Washington, May 24.—Diplomatic and consular officers of the United States have been informed that in view of the depleted condition of the appropriation for contingent expenses and the fact that it is unlawful to exceed that appropriation no further payment for the quarter except for salaries and clerk hire and urgent telegrams can be made, and no drafts must be drawn without further instructions.

RACES AT BELMONT.

Great Interest Centering in the Brooklyn Handicap. New York, May 24.—From the long

stretch of New Belmont park to the historic course at Gravesend, eastern racing interests are centered tomorrow with the 19th running of classes in the Brooklyn handicap. An even dozen of thoroughbreds named as contenders for the \$20,000 prize. Delhi has the honor of carrying top weight, his impost being 124. The known class of Delhi will probably send him to the post as the choice of the public.

TWO ENGINES WRECKED.

Two Railroad Employees Killed in a Wreck at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 24.—Two railroad employees were killed and two others severely injured this afternoon by the wrecking of two monster passenger engines on the San Joaquin division of the Southern Pacific, about 45 miles north of Los Angeles. The dead: J. CANDY, engineer. The injured: E. P. ALLISON, fireman. J. C. Lockard, engineer. H. A. Russell, fireman; all of Los Angeles.

The wreck occurred between Lang and Russ stations, about 15 miles north of Saugus. Both engines, which were coupled together and running light, left the rails at a curve and plunged into the ditch at the side of the track.

BREWERY STRIKE.

New York Brewers Want More Pay and Shorter Hours.

New York, May 24.—A mineral strike has been declared by brewery workers in this city. They demand a regulation of hours from nine to eight a day and an advance in wages from \$18 and \$19 to \$21 and \$22 a week. Journeyman brewers and drivers, firemen, and engineers have agreements with the owners, and it is understood will not strike in sympathy.

CORRUPT BOODLERS

Philadelphia Gas Lease Carried Into Court.

REPUBLICANS FAVOR LEASE

Mayor Weaver Will Fight the Republican Machine, One of the Most Corrupt in Existence, But Lease Will Probably Pass Over His Veto.

Philadelphia, May 24.—The corrupt gas lease fight has been carried into courts today and in consequence the two directors appointed by Mayor Weaver last evening, are out of office and the directors who were dismissed have again taken up their duties and positions.

Late in the day Mayor Weaver went to New York for a consultation with Elihu Root, the mayor's special counsel. What the next move will be cannot be foreshadowed. The leaders of the republican organization announce that their lines remain unbroken and that the gas lease will be passed over the mayor's veto next week and the lease put into operation.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia came to New York this afternoon to consult with Elihu Root about the fight with the Philadelphia republican organization on the gas issue, returning tonight with well defined plans as outlined by the former secretary of war to be carried on in the crusade against the gas monopoly. Asked what he was going to do, the mayor said he was in the fight to stay and had no doubt but he would win in the end.

WILLIAM ZEIGLER DEAD.

Capitalist and Promoter of Arctic Expeditions.

New York, May 24.—William Ziegler, the capitalist, and promoter of arctic exploration, died this morning at his country home near Noroton, Ct. He was unconscious all of last night. The funeral will be held Saturday at noon.

Mr. Ziegler had been an invalid since a runaway accident in which he was injured last October. He sustained internal hurts and was so severely shocked that the physicians were unable to do little more than ameliorate his sufferings.

GIGANTIC RING

San Francisco Systematically Robbed.

SMITH AND BANKERS

Prominent Men in the Ring Gambled With Money Belonging to City.

SMITH PAID THE INTEREST

Smith Pleaded Guilty at Request of Prominent Bankers Who Feared Exposure of Their Dishonorable Methods to Rob the Taxpayers of the City

San Francisco, May 24.—The Bulletin today says: It is definitely known that a gigantic ring operated with Edward J. Smith, the defaulting tax collector, who yesterday was sentenced to 10 years at Folsom. The ring is composed of prominent bankers of San Francisco, who through dishonest deals with Smith, gambled with an enormous sum of the city's money. Smith pleaded guilty at the request of prominent bankers to save the banks from serious embarrassment or perhaps complete collapse. He took the punishment at the entreaty of the bankers, who had been interested with him and who knew a trial of the case would bring out ruinous facts. The bankers went to Smith and borrowed from him vast sums. The money was used for speculation and gambling for quick returns. Smith's compensation was 2 per cent interest on the money he allowed the banks to use. The loans were made for a few days at a time, but afterwards, when the deals in which the financial men risked the city's money went wrong, they gave notes to be paid in several months. At times during Smith's three years' incumbency the amount out on private speculations exceeded millions of dollars.

DECISION REVERSED.

Vladivostok Prize Court Decision Reversed at St. Petersburg.

Washington, May 24.—In cabling the state department the high court of admiralty at St. Petersburg has reversed the decision of the Vladivostok prize court and ordered the liberation of the steamer Calchas and most of her cargo. Ambassador Meyer reports that these articles of her cargo was liberated, all being American goods; 15,000 sacks of flour. The court confiscated 36 bales of cotton and 97 pieces of wool and held 77 pieces of electrical machinery awaiting the decision of the prize court.

It is probable that the department of state will contest the decision of cotton contraband of war. Officials here express the opinion that it declares cotton contraband on the ground that it might be made into gun cotton, while the real reason was a desire to prevent the Japanese cotton mills from receiving supplies of raw material which might be made into clothing for the Japanese army. The Calchas plies between Tacoma and Liverpool, touching at Japanese and Chinese ports. She was seized last August by a Russian cruiser.

CHANGED THEIR FAITH.

Subjects of Russia Will Go to Heaven by Another Route.

Warsaw, May 24.—Since the promulgation of the emperor's ukas concerning liberty of worship and abolishing the religious disabilities of the Roman Catholic church in the governments of Seldice and Lublin. The censor has ordered the Polish press not to make any reference to the subject. In one village of 680 inhabitants 678 have changed their faith.

The authorities of the Russian church are taking stringent measures to prevent these desertions. One order in the Russian church called the Brotherhood of the Holy Virgin, has

issued a violent manifesto bitterly inveighing against Poles and Roman Catholics.

DEATH OF JOHN REID.

Prominent Man Who Served as Colonel in Confederate Army.

New York, May 24.—John G. Reid, who was a native of New York, but served as a colonel in the confederate army, is dead at his home in Harrison, N. J. He was living in Arkansas when the war began and at once entered the southern army, while two brothers served in the opposing ranks.

Reid became a member of the staff of General Sterling A. Price and was one of the officers in charge of building the defenses about Mobile. The southern cross of honor was given him not long ago by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Fire in San Francisco Causes the Death of a Frenchman.

San Francisco, May 24.—During a fire at an early hour this morning in a tenement house in Brannan street, between Sixth and Seventh, Emmanuel Le Heuzze, a Frenchman, 46 years old, was burned to death. The fire was confined to the room in which the fatality occurred and no damage was done to the rest of the building.

LONG TALKED OF CANAL.

Ohio River and Lake Erie Canal to Be Built.

Pittsburg, May 24.—The long-talked-of Ohio river and Lake Erie ship canal is to become a reality at last through private capital. The undertaking is to be put through by Pittsburg men who have formed a company with a capital of \$3,825,000 which will be increased to \$20,000,000. The company was chartered at Harrisburg several weeks ago.

TWELVE THOUSAND

Rock Men and Excavators in New York Go On Strike.

BUILDING OPERATIONS STOP

It is Expected That Twenty-Six Thousand Laborers Will Stop Work as the Contractors Say They Are Determined to Break up the Union.

New York, May 24.—Between 10,000 and 12,000 men belonging to the rockmen's and excavators' union have been locked out by the contractors protective association in this city. By tomorrow it is expected that the lockout will be extended to 26,000 members of the union. The workmen already locked out were employed on 100 contracts in various parts of the city.

For several weeks the men have been threatening to strike for various concessions and the contractors finally decided to force matters, apparently with the object of putting an end to the union. Their decision to lock the diggers came when the teamsters' union agreed to stand by an agreement they have with the association. The lockout will stop work for the time on hundreds of buildings in the city where excavating is just beginning, but it will have no effect on buildings where work has gone beyond the foundation stage.

FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.

Report That Japanese Defeated the Russians in Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—News from the front continues to point to the proximity of fighting on a large scale. Linevich sent a company of Cossacks on a daring expedition around Oyama's left.

The company succeeded in getting to the rear of the Japanese but paid dearly for it, the Cossacks being badly cut up. Newspaper correspondents at the front are prevented by the censor from telegraphing any intelligent view of the situation and this has always been a precursor of important developments.

Baseball Scores.

Portland, Oakland 3, Portland 4. San Francisco, Seattle 1, San Francisco 5.