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PRESIDENT HAS CLOSE CALL

Magnolia Collides With a Steamer in Fog.

IVY COMES TO RESUE

President Transferred to Cruiser West Virginia Without Serious Inconvenience.

MAGNOIA BADLY DAMAGED

Through Confusion of Signals in Dense Fog Fruit Steamer Esparito Collides With Lighthouse Tender Having the President's Party on Board.

United States Flagship West Virginia, Oct. 27 (via New Orleans, by wire)—At 11 o'clock last evening, through confusion of signals, the fruit steamer Esparito collided with the lighthouse tender Magnolia, which was conveying the President, Secretary Loeb and Dr. Rixey to the cruiser West Virginia. The rail and port bow of the Magnolia was damaged and two or three holes made in the vessel below the water line. No one was hurt.

The Magnolia immediately on being struck was beached, her bow being high and dry. After a careful examination of the damage to the vessel it was evident there was no danger, and the President and his party went to bed.

Major Craig Hill, of the United States Engineers, was aboard the Magnolia; his ship, the Ivy, a sister ship of the Magnolia had preceded the Magnolia and was some distance ahead.

A boat was immediately put off for the nearest telephone, about a mile and a half away, and the order given to head the Ivy off at Pilot Station and have her return for the President and his party. The transfer was made at 3 o'clock this morning. The vessel got under way immediately and the West Virginia was boarded on schedule time.

No One Is Injured.
New Orleans, Oct. 27.—The lighthouse officers here have received the following dispatch from Commander James H. Sears, U. S., dated Nain, La.:

"The lighthouse tender Magnolia was struck on the port side at 11 o'clock p. m., October 26, by steamship Esparito, near Six Mile Point. No one was injured. The Magnolia was grounded. The President and party were transferred to the lighthouse tender Ivy, which was accompanying the Magnolia, and proceeded to the West Virginia on time. The master, officers and pilot were on duty on board the Magnolia at the time of the collision. It is believed the Magnolia can make the necessary repairs to return to New Orleans under her own steam.

Nain is on the right, or west, bank of the river and is in a bend. It is presumed here that the boats were running close to the shore. As the Magnolia was struck on the port side it is the theory that she was near enough to shore to be run aground immediately."

READY FOR THE FRAY.

Harriman Says that the Union Pacific Has no Fear of Other Lines.

New York, Oct. 27.—E. H. Harriman today discussed railway affairs:

"I think we are running into an era of competitive railroad building just as we have had an era of competitive buying. The Union Pacific is ready. It is in the best position of any of them and does not fear nor does it care for any other road."

JEROME IS NOMINATED.

Takes Place of Flammer on the Republican Ticket.

New York Oct. 27.—The Republican County Committee reconvened tonight to nominate a candidate for District Attorney in place of Charles A. Flammer, resigned. The name of William Travers Jerome was placed before the convention and unanimously nominated. No other name was mentioned.

TALKS ON REBATES

President of Great Western Railway Gives Away Secrets.

SMOOTH SCHEMES WORKED

Head of Maple Leaf Route Says That Railroad Magnates Have the Giving of Rebates Down to a Fine Point, and Stickney Knows Something About It.

St. Paul, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt's forty-seventh birthday was celebrated at St. Paul by the "Original Roosevelt Club" tonight through the medium of a banquet at which over 400 covers were laid for enthusiastic admirers of the President, who, in the language of Governor Cummins, of Iowa, is, in more senses than one, "the man of the hour."

President A. B. Stickney, of the Great Western Railway, speaking on the subject of "The President and the Railroads," said in part:

"It is well known that ever since competitive railways have existed, the actual competitive rates have been made by the rebate system."

"The rebate is the offering of competition and is never paid except on competitive business. It probably originated with the railways."

"The ingenuity which is now exercised by both railways and their customers to maintain the secrecy of rebates can be illustrated better than described. Since the injunctions were issued—and the terrors of the law are considered imminent—I have been told I do not vouch for its truth although I have seen what purports to be a copy of the contract between shippers and the routing agent—of course where young men from so-called routing agencies in New York make periodical trips through the western cities, leaving not bank checks, but packages of actual money, without note or comment, upon voucher nor receipt. Curiously, when these packages are counted, they are found to be exactly a certain percentage, supposed to be 25 per cent., of the amount of freight which each merchant has paid a certain day company since the last previous visit."

REIGN OF TERROR HOLDS SWAY IN RUSSIA

KHARKOFF DECLARED IN A STATE OF SIEGE

Present Situation in St. Petersburg Cannot End Without Shedding of Blood—Nothing But Armed Force Can Deal with Mob.

GOVERNORS CHARGED TO PRESERVE ORDER AT ANY COST

Authorities Believe that Nothing but Bloodshed Will Satisfy the Revolutionists—Gunshops are Plundered of Firearms at Riga—Thousands of People Attend Revolutionary Meetings in St. Petersburg and Stand in the Cold Snow and Rain for Hours Listening to Impassioned Addresses by Agitators

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—That the present situation can not end without bloodshed is the conviction prevailing in higher government circles which from moment to moment are expecting a conflict between the troops and revolutionists in St. Petersburg and news of trouble in the provinces, especially at Kharkoff, which has been declared in a state of siege.

Governors have been instructed to take all precautions to preserve order. An important member of the Emperor's council today stated to an Associated Press representative that he saw no way out of it, except the employment of an armed force.

The revolutionists and terrorists, he declared are absolutely bent on forcing a conflict and nothing else will satisfy them. Extension of suffrage and right of assembly would be nothing to them. They are determined to have bloodshed. It is a frightful disease, he said, which Russia is suffering from and the Government must act with force.

The minister said the law creating a responsible Cabinet will probably be promulgated and Count Witte's nomination as Premier will be announced tomorrow. Under the statute the Premier may or may not hold a special portfolio. Count Witte spent almost the entire day with the Emperor at Peterhof, and has not confided to his colleagues whether he intends to take the Minister of Finance or no portfolio at all.

Realizing that any attempt to interfere with the monster meeting at the university will inevitably lead to a bloody outbreak, General Treppoff, who announced during the afternoon that he intended to prevent the assembly, instructed the police to close their eyes to the fact, and the meeting was attended by between 15,000 and 20,000 persons, passed off without conflict.

Other Meetings Held.

Big meetings were also held in Technological and Art institutes and in two of the engineering schools. The students in neither of these meetings took part in the deliberations, yielding the hospitality of the college buildings without attempting to cloak the meetings with the guise of student assemblies. With the hope of avoiding further meetings at the university, Treppoff, later in the evening, placed halls in three different parts of the city at the disposal of the people, thus preventing for right of access.

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Minority Urges Conservatism.

In all sections of the city a strong minority urged conservatism but these were carried off their feet by the general enthusiasm and revolutionary feeling.

general strike in every branch of trade by the Social democracy was adopted with a hurrah. Even the chinovniks in the Government service, possessed the same spirit and passed resolutions to stop all work tomorrow. They will probably include government telegraph agency and may put telegraph and cable service out of commission.

The remarkable feature of all speeches tonight was the spirit of complete confidence that the success of the movement was at hand, and the present intention was to force an armed conflict upon the Government. The meetings were continued far into the night.

In spite of the absence of disorders there is a condition of actual panic in the city. Half the population were compelled to rely on candles or kerosene for light, while the street lamps in a large part of the city were extinguished. The streets were deserted except for squads of soldiers which are everywhere.

The shops began to close this afternoon, even in the central streets. Many inhabitants shut themselves indoors, venturing forth only to make necessary purchases of food, which has already mounted to famine prices.

SITUATION IN OTHER PLACES.

Through Gather in Every City—Mob Loots Gunsmith Shops.

Warsaw, Oct. 27.—The Governor has ordered the troops to shoot every agitator.

Employees of the banks have declared a strike. Agitators tonight paraded the streets, stopping cars and forcing the stores to close. Patrols are on guard everywhere. A detachment of troops fired on the crowd this afternoon killing four and wounding many.

Moscow—A General strike is effective this afternoon. All business institutions are closed and commercial activity at Moscow is at a standstill. Great meetings were held in several quarters of the city.

Riga—The strikers plundered a gunshop here and seized a number of revolvers and rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

Lodz—The Governor has ordered the troops to shoot every agitator.

AGED WOMAN DISAPPEARS WITH VALUABLE JEWELRY.

Margaret Todd Leaves Hotel in New York to Go to East Orange and Is Missing.

New York, Oct. 27.—With \$25,000 worth of jewelry and a large sum of money in her possession, Margaret Todd 80 years old, mysteriously disappeared today while on her way from a hotel in West Twenty-sixth street to East Orange.

May Clear Up Mystery.

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—A woman supposed to be Mrs. Todd was found along the Philadelphia and Reading railway, near the entrance to Fairmount park, late tonight. Both legs were severed below the knees. She died shortly after reaching the hospital. From papers found on her body the police believe the woman was the wife of Louis L. Todd, proprietor of the Hotels Marlborough and Vendome in New York. Jewelry and a small sum of money was found on her.

THEY FAIL TO AGREE

Two Interstate Commerce Conventions Are Held.

TWO SETS OF RESOLUTIONS

"Antis" Adopt the Title of "Federal Rate Regulation Association"—Purpose of New Body Claimed to Be Same as Old.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Both conventions of the Interstate Commerce Law Convention adjourned today without reconciling, and as a consequence there will be two organized bodies working in the interest of rate legislation. The title assumed by "Antis" was the Federal Rate Regulation Association.

The purposes of the new body are the same as the old except not to follow the views set forth in the resolutions.

The regular convention before adjourning, adopted a resolution endorsing the President's plan for government freight regulation. The "Antis" adopted a resolution declaring that "Railroads should be kept within definite rights," and for "such legislation as to remedy existing evils."

In addresses the members of this convention protested that its delegates did not come to Chicago in the interests of the railroads.

Among the vice-presidents elected by "Antis" were Wallace Nash, of Oregon, and Mr. Goldsmith, of Seattle.

KAUFMAN GOES DOWN IN THE SEVENTEENTH.

Jack O'Brien Proves too Swift for Young Californian, Who Was Badly Beaten.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—It took Jack O'Brien seventeen rounds tonight to knock out Al Kaufman, who fought his second battle as a professional. Kaufman took a beating such as was seldom received in the history of San Francisco fights.

Kaufman, a husky nineteen-year-old boy, credited with a punch, could not stand the onslaught of O'Brien.

WASH. BY WIRELESS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—According to a report received here the Navy Department wireless station at Key West picked up the cruiser West Virginia on which President Roosevelt is returning.

157 WITNESSES CALLED

Grand Jury Investigates Land Frauds.

ATTORNEY RUICK BUSY

Feeling at Moscow is that Government Has Not a Strong Case.

TO TAKE TESTIMONY TODAY

Effort to Be Made to Connect Kester, Kettenbach and Dwyer, all of Lewiston, with Conspiracy to Defraud Government Out of Lands.

Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 27.—Today's train from Lewiston brought many people from that city to appear as witnesses before the Federal Grand Jury in alleged timber frauds, said to have been perpetrated in this state. In all there are more than 100 of these witnesses on hand.

As yet the Grand Jury has not been asked to hear them; but it is presumed that matter will be taken up tonight or tomorrow. The reason for this is that United States Attorney Ruick desires personally to conduct the examination, but owing to the cases before the trial jury he has been unable to do so. He will conclude his labors before the trial jury today.

It is understood that in examining witnesses before the grand jury, the prosecution will endeavor to connect W. F. Kettenbach, G. H. Kester and William Dwyer, all of Lewiston, with having conspired to defraud the government out of timber lands through entrymen. In all there are 157 witnesses, and some interesting developments are looked for.

While there is no advance information it is asserted that the government intends to find a number of indictments against entrymen on timber claims, substantiated indictments against above mentioned men, who are already under indictment, and whose trials on former indictments were postponed until next session of court.

The government has been strenuous in its efforts to secure statements from the witnesses before they appear before the Grand Jury; and a number of these witnesses have been taken into what is termed "sweat box," but with what result is not generally known.

Local feeling here and at other points is to the effect that thus far the government agents have not secured sufficient testimony to convict any of the defendants named, and that unless new facts are determined by the present Grand Jury the cases in the end will be dropped.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 27.—The Twenty-fourth regiment, U. S. A., received orders to proceed to San Francisco, whence will sail for Manila, P. I.

ARIZONA MINER SHOT

WIFE A

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 27.—Gil Ariza, a miner, who has been on a debauch for several days, returning to his home in Mammoth mining camp on the San Pedro river, and his wife upbraided him for drinking.