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CAPITOL IS IN DARKNESS

General Strike Paralyzes All Business.

RESULT IS IN BALANCE

Russia on Verge of Disorders Which May Lead to Reign of Military.

DICTATORSHIP IS PROBABLE

Incipient Mutiny on Cruiser Bogatyr is Quickly Quelled and Mutineers Are Arrested—Moscow Regiment is Dissatisfied With Status

ST. PETERSBURG, August 4 (2:45 A. M.)—St. Petersburg is in darkness tonight. The call for a strike in this city has already been answered by 20,000 factory hands.

The employees of the electric lighting plants, always the earliest barometric record of political conditions, ceased working during the afternoon in obedience to a call for a general strike.

It will be impossible to predict the success of this universal political strike until Monday as the workmen in St. Petersburg and the provinces have two holidays, Saturday the fete day of the empress dowager, and Sunday their regular holiday. The only available index to the situation is the railroads. Up to this time, working railroading employees have not heeded the call for a strike, except in the case of one insignificant road, but which resulted in a warm fight with the Cossacks last night.

Fate of Cabinet in Doubt. The fate of the Stolypin cabinet sways in the balance and Russia is upon the verge of disorders, which may lead either to a reign of the military, or the Proletariat.

It can be stated definitely that steps toward a dictatorship may be taken Sunday or Monday by nomination of Grand Duke Nicholas, to the chief command of all troops in Russia. This matter was the subject of an earnest discussion during an interview between the Emperor and Stolypin yesterday from which the premier returned to a greatly vexed state of mind.

The Associated Press is informed from high sources that if the nomination of Grand Duke Nicholas to Post Commander in Chief, is made, it will be "for the purpose of harmonizing the activity of all troops without reference to political affairs" but Stolypin is scarcely disposed to regard the nomination in this high light. Pickets of cavalry and infantry were most conspicuous features on the streets of St. Petersburg last night. Business houses generally barred their windows, as they did in the days of the great October strike. Practically all street cars have stopped running and the cabmen threaten to cease work today.

MUTINY QUELLED.

HELSINGFORS, August 3 (11:17 P. M.)—An incipient mutiny broke out today on the Russian cruiser Bogatyr. It was immediately put down with the arrest of 200 sailors on board.

MOSCOW REGIMENT DISAFFECTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 3.—It is circumstantially asserted that there is serious dissatisfaction among the Moscow regiment of the guards quartered in St. Petersburg. Demands were formulated by the men both economic and political. The Cossacks have been sent to the barracks of this regiment.

NAUGHTY SAINTS.

Former Secretary Navy Says Plymouth Rockers Were Not So Good.

NEW YORK, August 3.—A special to the Tribune from Plymouth, Mass., says:

John D. Long, former Secretary of the Navy, stirred up a lot of excitement here, at the Tercentenary of the first church of Plymouth by his address on the Pilgrim Fathers.

"The saints in Plymouth colony can be counted on the fingers," he said. "Some of the very elect were false to their trust and used their positions to feather their own nests—false to the trust than any president of a modern insurance company. Within the first decade social vices infested the community; drunkenness, bickering, slander, licentiousness, and even crimes against nature were common. All this took place in a community of very limited numbers. No New England village of today need fear comparison with the early Plymouth colony."

SPEECH WAS BRILLIANT.

NEW YORK, August 3.—A special to the Herald from Asbury Park, N. J., says:

"The most brilliant speech on the subject I have ever heard. It would do much good to all the countries concerned," said Senor Ignacio Calderon, Minister from Bolivia to the United States, when seen at the Colonial Hotel here last night and asked for his views on Secretary Root's speech at the Pan-American gathering at Rio Janeiro.

"We of the Americas should be brought closer together," he continued. "I have always favored such a move."

DOWIE NOT IN IT

Deposed Prophet Is Not Candidate for Overseer.

TWO OTHERS ENTER LISTS

Voliva Announces His Candidacy For Priest of Zion City and A. E. Bills Also Aspires to the Position.

CHICAGO, August 3.—Two candidates filed certificates of nomination for the office of General Overseer of the Christian Apostolic Catholic church in Zion City, in the United States Circuit Court today. The candidates are Wilbur Glen Voliva who took charge of the church and Zion City, after Dowie had been suspended, and Alfred E. Bills, a former adherent of Dowie, who claims to be opposed to Voliva. Dowie, through his attorney disclaims any connection with Bills, who is said to be a large property owner in Zion City, where he has been a resident for five years. Dowie, through his attorneys announces he will not be a candidate.

TORPEDOED A DERELICT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The United States cruiser Tacoma, anchored off Tompkinsville, last night received a wireless message from the United States cruiser Columbia saying that the latter vessel had found and torpedoed a derelict off Absecon light and that having accomplished her mission, the Columbia would sail for Tompkinsville at once and arrive there today.

GOVERNOR CONTRIBUTES DOLLAR.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Gov. Higgins sent his dollar yesterday to the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. With it he sent this letter to Representative Sherman of the committee: "Permit me to follow the splendid example of President Roosevelt and to enclose my dollar as a contribution to the campaign fund which the committee is now raising."

HENDRICKS IS GRILLED

Prosecutor Hency Produces New Evidence.

LEDGER IS FEATURE

Government Uses Books of Butte Creek Company to Aid in It's Case.

MAY CONCLUDE CASE TODAY

Expected Jury Will Be Given Case For Decision—Letters of Hendricks to Agent Clark E. Loomis Used

PORTLAND, August 3.—The long trial of Hamilton H. Hendricks for subornation of perjury, is nearing a close. At noon today the defendant stepped down from the witness stand after having been for nearly nine hours the object of scathing cross-examination at the hands of Special Prosecutor Hency and the defending questions of Judge Bennett, his counsel. The case will probably go to the jury late tomorrow. Judge Bennett at noon announced that the defense might call no more witnesses, but that the rest of its time would be short at most. Mr. Hency said that the Government's rebuttal evidence would not occupy more than half an hour.

Mr. Hency resumed cross-examination of Hendricks when court opened this morning. The most important feature of the cross-examination was one of the Butte Creek Company's old ledgers, which Hendricks had sent to Fossil for. This was offered to contradict Hendrick's explanation regarding a conversation with Henry Johnson, one of the homesteaders, in which he said Johnson told him that the company had been charging him rent for the house he lived in, whereas he wasn't to be charged any rent.

To this Hendricks testified that he answered that he wouldn't charge him any more rent, that it was not right and he would drop it. The point in the government's case is that the ledger introduced, showing the company's account with Johnson, contains no entry indicating that any rent was ever charged against him.

Johnson testified that it was part of his agreement with Hendricks that he was to receive free house rent as part of the consideration for taking up a homestead and transferring it to the company.

Mr. Hency introduced and read several letters written by Hendricks, one of which was a communication to Clark E. Loomis, then a special agent of the government, in which he declared that one Thomas Grant was angry with him and was trying to make trouble for him by circulating the report that the company was cutting timber on government land.

Willard N. Jones and Thaddeus Stevens Potter, who were convicted of conspiracy to suborn perjury before Judge Hunt last year, will come before him for sentence tomorrow morning, after which the bill of exceptions will be settled, before taking an appeal to the higher court.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

Northwest League.
At Hoquiam—Butte 5, Gray's River 0.
At Tacoma—Spokane 2, Tacoma 11.
Pacific Coast League.
At Seattle—Seattle 4, Oakland 1.
At Oakland—Portland 5, San Francisco 2.
At Fresno—Los Angeles 8, Fresno 1.

STEALS VALUABLE VIOLIN.

Thief Calmly Walks Into Music House, and Escapes Without Being Seen.

ALBANY, Ore., August 3.—Walking into Davenport's Music House, in this city, yesterday afternoon, in his shirt sleeves, a young stranger calmly stole a valuable violin and successfully made his escape. He pretended to inspect violins, with a view to purchase one, and when Mrs. Davenport, who was waiting on him, turned for a moment to speak to another customer, he walked out. The absence of the violin he was looking at was not noticed for a few minutes, and by that time all trace of the calm thief was lost.

STOCKHOLDERS MUST DIG.

HAMBURG, August 3.—At an extraordinary meeting of the stockholders of the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company it was announced the company's losses as a result of the San Francisco disaster are \$4,365,000. Reserves on hand amounted to \$2,500,000 and therefore it will be necessary for the stockholders to pay 50 per cent on the capital.

BOOKKEEPER GOES WRONG.

PITTSBURG, August 3.—Alfred S. Hixton, bookkeeper for the Union Trust Company in this city, who is under arrest, and is said to have confessed to peculations amounting to \$125,000, is locked up in jail owing to his failure to secure bonds in the sum of \$20,000 for his release. It is said Hixton's confession has implicated a fellow employe who has left the city.

MINES CLOSE DOWN

Company Causes Strike By Refusing Union's Demands.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN GO OUT

Butte Union Demands That Company Discharge An Employee Behind in His Dues—Company Refuses Strike Ensues.

BUTTE, Aug. 3.—On account of closing Boston and Montana smelters at Great Falls, through a strike in the Smeltermen's Union, the Butte mines of the Boston & Montana Copper Mining Company, five in number, employing 3000 men, closed down tonight.

The strike is due to the insistence of five union men, that a union man behind in his dues be dismissed by the company, but the company discharged the quintet and a strike followed. In all about 5000 men are affected.

RUINED BY CIGARETTES.

CHICAGO, August 3.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from New Orleans says:

"That an alarming percentage of the young men of the cities of the south are physically unfit to enter the army, owing to cigarette smoking, late hours, and other bad habits," is the statement of Lieutenant W. E. Bennett, Jr., in charge of the local recruiting office. Lieutenant Bennett says that out of a total of 106 applicants during July only 29 men were accepted. Out of the same number of applicants in any of the new states west of the Mississippi river or in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, the number of enlistments would have been as high as 60 or 80. Cigarette smoking is the principal cause which disqualifies men in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

MEAT IS BAD.

NEW YORK, August 3.—A board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate reports concerning the quality of meat given enlisted men in the navy yard at Brooklyn. There has been considerable trouble on board the receiving ship Yankee, because of the meat and vegetables supplied.

WAR REACHED ACUTE STAGE

Harriman, Hill and Milwaukee in Fight.

WAR OF RETALIATION

Hill Will Parallel Milwaukee System for Invading Western Territory.

HARRIMAN IS OPPOSING HILL

J. P. Morgan and His Interests Allied With Hill, While Harriman Believed in Close Alliance With Milwaukee

MINNEAPOLIS, August 3.—The Journal says the three-cornered war among the Harriman, Hill and Milwaukee railway interests in the Northwest is reaching an acute stage. It developed yesterday that James J. Hill is behind the Dakota Midland Railway, which is about to invade the Milwaukee territory between Sioux City, Iowa, and Pierre, S. D. The new road is to run through part of the great corn belt of Iowa in competition with the Milwaukee. Having failed to get control of the Milwaukee in 1901, Mr. Hill has now started to parallel the system wherever possible in retaliation for the Milwaukee's construction of an extension to the Pacific Coast. J. P. Morgan and his interests are allied with Hill, and the Harriman interests are believed to be in close alliance with the Milwaukee.

COMPANY DISSOLVES.

MILWAUKEE, August 3.—Directors of the General Paper Company held a meeting behind closed doors this afternoon with a view of winding up its affairs as a corporation in compliance with the decision of the United States Circuit Court a few months ago. Secretary L. M. Alexander stated after the meeting that the company had ceased to exist, but that one or two more meetings would be held before final details of the dissolution are completed. The company's offices in Chicago have been closed, and preparations are being made to vacate the suite of offices in Milwaukee.

SCOUNDRELS ROUNDED UP.

PENSACOLA, Fla., August 3.—An investigation of alleged peonage in the Jackson Lumber Company's camp at Lockport, Ala., by United States Commissioner, was held today and resulted in three men being held to the United States Court for trial under a heavy bond. They are Robert Gallagher, superintendent, and W. N. Grace, and Oscar S. Sanders, employes of the company.

GANS-NELSON FIGHT A GO.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., August 3.—Battling Nelson, through his manager, Billy Nolan, today expressed a willingness to meet Joe Gans in a finish fight for \$30,000 here on Labor Day. The money is now on deposit in the Central Bank and will be deposited in San Francisco tomorrow. Gans' acceptance is expected tomorrow.

AFTER RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—Attorney General Moody in accordance with those policyholders, have determined upon, has directed further prosecutions of the railroads for violations of the federal safety appliance act. The defendants will include twelve of the biggest roads in the country.

ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIME.

Lawyer Under Arrest For Improper Relations With Young Girl.

DALLAS, Ore., August 3.—J. H. Fowler, a lawyer in Dallas, was put under arrest this morning on a charge made by the 7-year-old daughter of James Ross, a liveryman here. He was arraigned this afternoon, and will have a preliminary hearing tomorrow. Fowler came to Dallas two years ago, and has considerable practice. He has a family, and has been considered a man of good habits. He declares his innocence.

BREAKS THREE RECORDS.

CLEVELAND, August 3.—At Glennville track today "The Bronco," the little daughter of Stormcliffe recently purchased by Rockoon and Dable of a Winnepeg, Man., for \$10,000, won the three heats of the free-for-all pace at 2:03, 2:03 1/2, 2:02 1/2, thereby breaking the world's record for three consecutive heats by a quarter of a second; the world's record for pacing mares in a race, and the world's record for the fastest third heat in a race.

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO.

SEATTLE, August 3.—Mrs. Eli A. Gage and her six-year-old son left for Chicago tonight with the body of her husband, E. A. Gage, who committed suicide in this city yesterday.

SIX PEASANTS KILLED.

KURSK, August 3.—An encounter between peasants and dragoons occurred during which six peasants were killed and three wounded.

DIES AT HIS POST

Rear-Admiral Train Expires at Chefoo Yesterday.

HAD DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Deceased Was Commander of U. S. Asiatic Station—Was 61 Years Old—Served Country Almost 20 Years.

CHEFOO, August 3.—Rear Admiral Charles J. Train, commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, died this morning of uraemia.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—As commander in chief of the Asiatic station the important duty of maintaining strict neutrality in the Philippine waters during the Russo-Japanese war devolved upon Admiral Train, he was 61 years of age and would have retired from active service the next day. During his service of almost a score of years at sea, he has served in many stations. During the Spanish war he commanded the auxiliary cruiser Prairie in the North Atlantic patrol squadron. He had been rear admiral since 1904.

DEATH OF PRINTER.

CHICAGO, August 3.—Isaac D. George former president of the International Typographical Union, died yesterday at the Presbyterian Hospital after an illness of eight weeks. Mr. George was 69 years of age. He was elected first president of the National Typographical Union at Albany, N. Y., in 1869. At the time of his death he was president of the Old Time Printers' Association.

PUNISH WITH DEATH.

CHICAGO, August 3.—Punishment by death is recommended by the July grand jury as the maximum penalty for attacks on women. The recommendation was made in its final report which was handed Judge Dupuy in the Superior Court yesterday. Changes in existing laws prescribing punishment for assaults of children also were recommended by the inquisitors. The action of the grand jury is the result of the long continued prevalence in Chicago of such attacks.