

# BRYAN WARNS DELEGATES AGAINST SYSTEM GRAFT

## Accuses Ryan and Hill of Manipulating Politics in Interest of Criminal Trusts, Says They Are Unfriendly to His Nomination--Backs Up "Commoner"

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 29.—William Jennings Bryan sounded a note of warning today, when he was asked just what was meant in the following paragraph printed in the current issue of his paper, the Commoner:

"Watch the personnel of delegations to Denver. Money is being used freely in some of the states of the Mississippi valley to secure delegations which will be obedient to the predatory interests. The Democratic masses must not be betrayed by representatives of the System."

Explaining the article, Mr. Bryan said: "I wrote that paragraph myself and know what I am talking about. I have my information from a man who overheard a telephone conversation on the subject."

"I am convinced that it is the Ryan and Hill interests, representing the criminal trusts and the railroads."

"They do not hope to prevent instructed delegations in the Mississippi valley states, but they are trying to get a personnel of delegates who will be unfriendly to my nomination."

# STANDARD GIVES OIL AWAY TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT MONOPOLY

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 29.—One method of the Standard Oil company in eliminating competition developed today in the making of testimony in the government's suit to dissolve the trust. H. L. Find-

# SCHOOLMA'NS BLUSH WHILE KIDS TELL COURT WHERE SEAT OF PUNISHMENT OUGHT TO BE

Thirteen pretty schoolma'ns in as many bright new spring hats lived on Magistrate Reid's court yesterday afternoon while 15-year-old Arthur Mathews and three or four other boys of his age told the court where the "right place" to be paddled was. All the boys agreed that it was the old-fashioned pot. The schoolma'ns who had come to testify, sat all afternoon without being given a chance to go on the stand until they had another opportunity next Saturday morning.

All the pedagogues were attracted by the trial of Principal B. E. Hughson of the Portsmouth school on a charge of assaulting and battering the Mathews boy, who is the son of A. E. Mathews, a timber firm dealer. Young Mathews claims that he was beaten by Professor Hughson January 31 with a big wooden paddle and that it hurt so much he had to spend two weeks in the hospital and have an operation performed on his knee.

Professor Hughson, who is accused of cruelty to the Mathews boy, is a man about 40 years of age and of medium build. He had his notes all made out yesterday in the form of a funny little "crib," consisting of a dozen small sheets of paper which he hid in the palm of his hand and on which he had written in a fine hand all the points he wanted to bring out. He said he had a copy of it with him because before the defense could open court was adjourned until next Saturday morning.

The school teachers who had spent their Saturday afternoon in the stuffy little courtroom for nothing were furious but couldn't get out of it and agreed to show up again next week when the hearing will be concluded.

# FOREIGNERS TRYING TO REACH CHICAGO

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Michigan City, Ind., Feb. 29.—Two of the international automobile racers, the Protus (German) and the Moto Blo (French), reached Rolling Prairie, Indiana, 16 miles east of here, late this evening. It is the intention of the drivers to remain there overnight and start early in the morning in an effort to reach Chicago by Sunday.

A heavy rain started this evening, followed by sleet, and the roads are in even worse condition than when the other racers passed through this section.

# TROUBLE FOR YOUNG KING

## Manuel of Portugal Issues Decree for General Election Which May Result in Serious Upheavals—Struggle in Parliament.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Lisbon, Feb. 29.—The action of King Manuel today in issuing a decree fixing March 6 as the date for the next general election and convoking the regular cortes on April 29 probably forecasts the future of the young monarch, so quickly elevated to the throne as a result of the assassination of his father, Carlos, and the crown prince.

Politicians believe the gravest results hang upon the outcome of the elections.

Whichever way the election goes, if promises only trouble for the boy king, if a strong majority is returned to the government, there is danger that the revolutionists, regarding the outcome as a blow to all their hopes of gaining power, will resort to violence. Already their position is so strong, through the underground propaganda that has been carried on, that the government hesitates to raise a direct issue with them. On the other hand, if the republicans and anti-government party capture the cortes, it will make constant trouble for the government. The struggle for control will only be transferred to the national parliament. Reformers which the government cannot tolerate are sure to be proposed.

Manuel, it is believed, however, may be able to establish himself firmly upon the throne. He has promised a more liberal regime. If a favorable cortes is returned and violent outbreaks are avoided immediately following the election, it is believed, he can convince the people he is in earnest in his promises.

As a starter toward winning popularity, the boy king today abolished the decrees of former Premier Franco concerning the reorganization of the house of peers and giving the new chamber of deputies constituent powers. Franco's decrees augmenting the civil districts and liquidating advances to the royal house have also been annulled by Manuel.

# SELF DEFENSE, SAYS M'COMAS

## Killing of Mrs. Noyes Climax of Romance of Five Years.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Feb. 29.—W. P. McComas, wealthy mining engineer, who shot and killed Mrs. Noyes of Boston in her apartments today, sticks to his story that he shot in self-defense, to prevent the woman from throwing sulphuric acid over him.

According to McComas, the killing of Mrs. Noyes came as a climax to a romance covering five years.

"My heart is broken! My heart is broken!" said McComas when he told the police he quarreled with the woman just before the shooting. She then tried to throw the acid on him, he said, and he struggled with her. Then he fired his pistol once, "to frighten her but she still persisted in her efforts to disfigure him with the sulphuric acid and he was forced to shoot in self-defense."

No trace of the acid bottle could be found by the police in the man's rooms. On the other hand, everything was thrown about in a topsy-turvy condition, indicating that a desperate struggle had occurred. The woman's body was found lying on the floor where it had fallen when McComas shot her.

Newburyport, Mass., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Charlotte Noyes, who was killed at Los Angeles, California, today by W. P. McComas, up to five years ago resided in Newburyport as the wife of Charles M. Noyes, a prominent business man. She was 40 years old, the daughter of Eli Lamprey, a local carpenter, and celebrated for her beauty. She married Noyes in 1893.

Noyes said tonight his wife left him and obtained a divorce in California, which he did not contest. He said: "I made up my mind that she was dead to me forever. I know my wife owned a lot of property in Los Angeles and Newburyport, but I shall not attempt to claim anything. She had relatives in Los Angeles."

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# RAILROADS END THEIR APPEAL

## Telegraphers Do Not Believe Commission Will Postpone Operation of New Law.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 29.—The strong appeal of two-score railroads that the interstate commerce commission extend the time for putting into effect the nine-hours-a-day service law for telegraphers was concluded this afternoon, when President H. B. Perkins of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Attorney R. W. Moore of the Southern Railway, were heard.

In replying to the chairman Mr. Perkins declared that no good and sufficient reason had been advanced by the railroads for an extension of the time, unless where only one train a day passed certain stations; that he had shown fully that the telegraphers were plentiful, and that the railroads were compelled to close offices it would not endanger the traveling public nor delay traffic by lengthening the blocks.

The commission will make the law effective March 4.

# COPPER FIELD MINERS HAPPY

## Idle Men at Butte and Anaconda Rejoice at Thought of Going to Work.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Butte, Mont., Feb. 29.—Scenes unparalleled in the history of Butte and Anaconda today followed the announcement by Managing Director John D. Ryan that orders had been issued for the resumption next Monday at full capacity of all the mines and smelters of the Amalgamated Copper company together with the varied saw mills, coal mines and quarries throughout the northwest, employing an aggregate of 20,000.

In less than 15 minutes after Mr. Ryan's announcement half a hundred big mine sirens were screeching in a terrific din. In Anaconda where the Washoe smelters, the largest in the world, are the sole support of the city of 15,000, the people excitedly formed processions and singing loudly paraded the streets. The firebells rang and big men overcome with emotion wiped their eyes.

With few exceptions the whole city has practically been an army of unemployed waiting for the business to start and the enthusiasm of the happy people knew no bounds. Saloons in Butte, which have had no more than a handful of patrons for the past five months, tonight are jammed to the doors with singing throngs of miners, who crowded the streets, and shaking hands with everybody they encountered.

Director Ryan, in a statement this afternoon, said that the schedule of wages prevailing before the suspension will remain unchanged; that the metal market is strengthening and that the future is very bright.

# N. Y. BANKS MAY RACE HORSES OF DEBTOR

## Must Take Over E. R. Thomas' Big Stable or Lose \$24,000 Lease Money.

New York, Feb. 29.—Twenty-five banks, trust companies and private banking firms that hold claims for \$2,700,000 against E. R. Thomas, face the possibility of having to operate a big stock farm and go into the horse racing business.

Thomas is bound by a lease, which has two years yet to run, under which he pays \$1,000 a month to Gideon & Daly for a farm at Homedale, New Jersey. They refuse to break the lease and their attitude has interfered with the plans of a committee representing the banking creditors of Thomas for a settlement, which would obviate the necessity for putting Thomas into bankruptcy.

It is a delicate position that the bankers find themselves in. They have the choice of making a present of \$24,000 to Gideon & Daly and abandoning the stock farm, or running it, forcing Thomas into bankruptcy.

On the stock farm are now 88 horses, which Thomas values at \$250,000.

Taylor Beats Fogler.  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Boston, Feb. 29.—At the Park Square track today Majah Taylor beat Joe Fogler in two straight heats of a match race. Distance one mile and a half.

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