

GOTHAM SCHOOL ROOMS CLOSED

Superintendent of Buildings Declares Students Are in Danger.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 14.—The lesson of the Collinwood school disaster is being heeded here. As a result of the visits paid by Superintendent of Buildings Snyder to Collinwood to study the fire, dozens of classrooms in nine public schools were ordered closed today. Snyder reported to School Superintendent Maxwell that these classrooms have insufficient or unsafe exits and Maxwell ordered them closed.

Immediately on his return from Ohio, Snyder began a personal inspection of all schools. His report to Maxwell was based upon what he discovered. In each of the schools he designates from two to eight classrooms are reported unsafe. Snyder made recommendations and they were acted upon at once.

RIVAL UNIONS START SCRAP

Organizer Has Strenuous Time While Attempting to Work in St. Louis.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Running pistol duels, brickbat fights, a riot call, spilled blood and several arrests were the result tonight of an attempt by L. T. McArthur, organizer for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to establish a local in St. Louis.

According to McArthur, the United Teamsters of America, the organization now in St. Louis, has been violently opposing his efforts to form a local in this city. He declares the members indirectly threatened him and Wednesday he appealed to the police for protection. Tonight McArthur had a meeting called at Druids hall for the purpose of effecting an organization. Accompanied by Lucier, an officer of the East St. Louis, Illinois, and returned Brotherhood, he started for the meeting.

When he arrived in front of the hall he was met by a jeering, heaving crowd of several hundred men. "Get him now," he says one of them shouted. "The big fellow," another replied and at that the crowd started for him and Lucier. Along Market street westward the pursuit went. Bricks, stones and clubs were thrown through the windows and windows were broken. None of the shots took effect, but the other missiles did. McArthur was struck on the face and body with stones and clubs.

At Tenth and Market the police, attracted by the shots, rushed into the street and arrested the crowd. McArthur and took him to the central station. He was later sent to the hospital. The police arrested 15 men found at the hall.

NEW CIPHER CODE FOR UNITED STATES

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—The state department has been obliged to get up a new secret cipher code. This work was done under the supervision of the chief clerk of the department. The cables tell of the theft of the present code by a cook in the employment of the American consulate at Bucharest. Recently another American consular official received his cipher code for some time and eventually it turned up in the wastebasket, where it probably was returned after being copied. More care will be taken hereafter with the new code when distributed among the diplomatic officers.

PROSPECTOR TIRED OF BUTTERFLY LIFE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—Delegate Cale of Alaska, the aged prospector, of giant physique, who made his "pile" and who yearned for the political life, is going back into retirement. "Lord, this kind of life doesn't suit me," he exclaimed today. "I am a miner and nothing would induce me to be a candidate for reelection."

SAILOR PRAISED FOR SAVING MATE'S LIFE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—Secretary Metcalf sent a letter of commendation today to Lawrence Sullivan, boatswain's mate on the Mayflower, for his conspicuous gallantry in rescuing an ordinary seaman, L. S. Barber, from drowning.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY TO COME UP MONDAY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—The house judiciary committee today practically agreed upon an employers' liability bill, embodying the Keating and Follette bills. The intention is to secure a vote on it by the house next Friday.

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Model Telephone Exchange and Office Building



Home Telephone Company's Vancouver Headquarters.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., March 14.—The office and main exchange building of the Washington Home Telephone and Telegraph company, work on which began last Monday, will be one of the best equipped central buildings in the United States.

The construction work is being done by Moore & Hardin of this city and they promise to have the structure finished by July 1.

The building will cover a lot 60x100 feet at the northeast corner of Ninth and Washington streets. It will be of brick construction, two stories high, with concrete foundations. The plans call for foundation and walls sufficiently strong to carry two additional stories.

The first floor will be practically all taken up with the offices of the new Home company. The exchange room will be on the corner. The upper floor will be divided into 18 offices.

175 CANDIDATES IN CHICAGO RACE

Five Major Tickets in Municipal Campaign for Aldermanic Seats.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, March 14.—An unprecedented situation in Chicago politics is presented by the filing of the five major tickets in the municipal campaign for aldermanic seats. One hundred and seventy-five politicians are striving to gain the 35 positions to be filled. The Republican and Democratic parties are agreed upon their respective platforms. There is no issue except prohibitionists seek to get in political control so they can close the saloons. Hearst's Independent League promises a number of semi-socialistic reforms. Their strongest plea is to the voters to emancipate themselves from professional politicians, who have so often betrayed them. The socialists propose to establish city ownership of utilities, the expenditure of taxes to furnish employment to the unemployed, industrial schools and general reform of the entire municipality.

It is conceded that the Republicans or Democrats will elect nearly if not quite all the aldermen, although recent agitation has introduced an element of doubt as to the ability of their candidates to defeat the Socialists in wards inhabited principally by workingmen. Leaders are advising the followers to vote the Socialist ticket, and most sanguine of the aldermen, who predict a political surprise as startling in its character as that of the London elections which sent workmen into parliament.

FIREMEN WILL GO TO CHURCH

Chicago Houses of Worship Will Be Inspected During Services Today.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Ill., March 14.—Every church in Chicago is to have a city fireman within its doors tomorrow at the time of worship. This is the result of action taken by Marshal Horan, following complaints that the houses of worship had not been mindful of the ordinances designed to protect life against fire.

One of the principal complaints is that the doors are kept closed during the services, and that sufficient exits, in some cases, are not provided. It is likely that suggestions will be made to the church authorities that in case it is necessary to keep the doors closed during solemn portions of the service the doors must be held back, who otherwise might disturb the worshippers. "I expect to have a full report on each and every church in the city by Monday morning," said the marshal. "There will be a lot of firemen who attend church for the first time in years."

JOHNSON SETS DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—Formal announcement of his candidacy for the presidency will be made by Governor Johnson at the unveiling of the Minnesota monument on the Shiloh battlefield early in April, according to a statement made here today by W. B. Hennessey of St. Paul. Mr. Hennessey is a close personal friend of Governor Johnson, and thoroughly acquainted with the political outlook in the west and northwest. He is believed to be in Washington to feel the pulse of Democratic leaders in congress and to distinguish them as to the reported strength of Bryan in the west.

NEW UNION WINS ITS CINCINNATI FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, March 14.—The fight in the United States courts here between the Priestebach and Frachis factions for the control of the beer drivers' union, Old Reliable No. 43 of St. Louis, ended today in a defeat for the Priestebach side. The injunction sought by Priestebach and his adherents to stop the national officers of the United Brewery Workers from recognizing the new union of William Frachis from interfering with Priestebach in the management of the union No. 43 was refused.

TWO MEN KILLED IN OKLAHOMA WRECK

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Bristow, Okla., March 14.—St. Louis and San Francisco passenger eastbound No. 408 was wrecked this afternoon seven miles west of here. The wreck was caused by an obstruction being placed on the rails. Two were killed outright, one fatally and several slightly injured. The dead: H. D. HARRISON, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, fireman. W. H. POSTEN, Monett, Missouri, messenger. Fatally injured: Frank Gibson, Canada, Texas, was crushed off and injured internally.

OFFER REWARD FOR OUTLAWS AGAINST MIDDLE

Governor Willson Will Call Upon Troops to Quell Night Riders.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lexington, Ky., March 14.—As the direct result of raids by the moonlight riders early today in various parts of the state, rewards aggregating \$10,000 have been offered for the culprits. Governor Willson has also promised to send troops to aid in running down the moonlighters.

The raids today were made in Woodford, Scott and Mason counties. Within 20 miles of this city barns were burned, the raiders firing their firearms into the house and cutting telephone wires. Notices threatening further violence were left on the posts. More than 1,000 shots were fired promiscuously by the raiders. A sheriff's posse followed the outlaws through Woodford and Scott counties but could not get near enough for a shot at them. The raid caused the law and order league and the society of equity to offer rewards for the marauders.

In Mason county 5,000 pounds of fine tobacco was burned. John Gray, who purchased the tobacco for the American Tobacco company, was forced to leave the town in hot haste.

TIDE DRIFTS NOTE ASHORE FROM SHIP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., March 14.—Recently while walking on the beach Mrs. Norton of Woods, three miles and a half from Nestucca, picked up a sealed bottle containing a message from Captain Smith of the barkentine Jane L. Stanford, which was thrown overboard October 18, 1907, in the aid of tidal and current information in latitude 39.07 north, longitude 123.11 west. Captain Jones of the gasoline schooner Bella secured the message and forwarded it to the hydrographic office in Washington.

MINE-WORKER KILLED ON FIRST DAY'S WORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Ida., March 14.—On his first trip down into the Homestake mine, W. A. DeWilde, operator of a tramcar, was killed today by the caving in of timber and ore. He made application for employment at the mine last night and was put to work this morning.

BARONESS, WOMAN OF MYSTERY.



This is a picture of the Baroness Von Orendorf, whose name has been brought prominently forward in connection with the Roy-Calla murder case. The Baroness is well known in Washington and Paris, and is a woman of mystery.

TOWNSEND PLGS FOR LAW'S RIGOR

Would Pinch O. & C., and Settle With the Purchasers Later.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 14.—It became clear today in the house public lands committee hearing that the government will resist all attempts to amend the Fulton resolution authorizing the attorney general to enter suit in the Southern Pacific land grant case. B. D. Townsend, representing Attorney General Clegg, was asserting the government's position, amplifying his former statements, although it was evident Townsend did not propose to reveal the government's hand for the information of the railroad's attorneys. It appeared also to onlookers that, regardless of what action the committee may give relative to the Fulton resolution, the titles acquired from the railroad under this grant act must be clouded until the courts have cleared up all questions. It is learned, too, that if the house committee refuses to amend, the matter will be fought out before the senate committee when the resolution goes back there for agreement to the amendment. Hill of Saginaw, Michigan, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, so stated in the committee room during the hearing to one of his associates.

Lumber: Barons Flead Party. After the regular hearing Representative Hawley of Oregon made a plea for some adjustment of the law, which would give back to western Oregon from the conditions imposed by the railroad's refusal to sell the grant lands, which, as he argued by many facts, had retarded development seriously. He recited the questioning by Governor Chamberlain of Harriman at Sacramento, when he asked if the company proposed to change its present policy, and Harriman replied, "Indefinitely."

Hill pleaded against the resolution in this form, as did also Townsend. Townsend said the Booth-Kelly company made less than five per cent last year on its investment. He recited the fact that the company was a speculative concern. He also said the Weyerhaeuser and like concerns were not speculative, but that the railroad was a speculative concern. He argued that investigation in any form would injure business and cause immeasurable losses to the companies.

Second Amendment Added. Humphreys of Michigan offered an amendment which provided that it was "not the intention to direct the prosecution of any suits against individuals or corporations who have purchased in good faith and for a valid consideration and as bona fide purchasers," and that the railroad should be held responsible for such of the effects of the resolution as it may have.

Townsend said in substance: "The attorney-general of the United States is to be made a party to the law and the facts. He found the grant became vested in the present claimant, the Oregon & California, and the railroad is to be held under the provisions of that act sales were restricted to actual settlers; that approximately 2,800,000 acres of which 815,000 acres has been sold; that 500,000 acres has been sold in tracts greater than a quarter section and 2,000 acres in tracts greater than 2,000 acres."

Boad's Flagrant Usurpation. "After despoiling the grant of a large part of its most valuable land in this manner, realizing approximately \$3,000,000 from sales, the railroad then asserted an adverse claim and sought to state in its own favor, which is the most serious violation of all, it being just as unlawful to create an immense estate in its own favor as to do so to another corporation."

"On investigating the terms of the grant, the department of justice concluded that perhaps the most probable construction which the courts would place on it would be that the provision relating to sales is a condition subsequent."

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Why Congress Appealed. "Upon my first general view of this aspect of the case I became impressed that the attorneys for the government should adopt and pursue one policy, and it is my hope that congress will take the same view and that nothing will occur to waste, waive or in any way impede any of the government's remedies. Forfeiture will be the one most likely and most substantial remedy. The department of justice felt itself in duty bound to see that this remedy was not waived. On examination it became extremely doubtful if the attorney general would claim forfeiture without authority of congress."

The constitution commits the disposition of the public lands to congress and a claim of forfeiture is included in that power. If the attorney general can claim forfeiture, he can waive forfeiture. Therefore, the attorney general applied to congress to remove the doubt and authorize the claiming of forfeiture. The attorney general simply asks permission to preserve all the rights of the government.

Purchasers Not Affected. "In other words, the situation is simply this. The people of the United States ask permission to apply to one of their courts to a litigate and enforce their rights. What private interest shall presume to impose terms? This resolution does not affect purchasers from the railway company. The remedy against these purchasers, if any, is to have their deeds declared void. The attorney-general has full authority against these purchasers, without the resolution. No remedy nor any right is conferred by the resolution which affects purchasers. The sole effect of the resolution is to authorize forfeiture against the railway company."

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The claim of forfeiture based on unlawful acts will be made, and yet in the same breath congress is asked to recognize the validity of those sales. Both the amendments proposed are inconsistent with the claim of forfeiture. The amendments seek to protect those who purchased from the railway company in violation of the terms of the grant.

All Valid or All Invalid. "In 1870 the Oregon Central conceded the entire grant to the Oregon & California, and the amendments would validate this transaction and end the government suit against the railway company."

"The same is true as to the \$20,000,000 mortgage to the Union Trust company. The amendments cannot distinguish between subsequent purchasers, if they are valid as to one they are valid as to all, and the direct result of the resolution as it is proposed to be amended would be to destroy every right and remedy the government has."

He contended that the exemptions asked for would validate the general conveyances and mortgages and furnish the railroad company with a perfect defense. Additional hearings will be had.

RIO GRANDE FACES STRIKE OF MACHINISTS

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Denver, Col., March 14.—The Denver & Rio Grande employes late tonight served notice on the railroad officials that the demands of the machinists must be met by Monday or a general strike would follow at once.

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