

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE MAY SPREAD.

Train men Meet and Resolve to Join the Strikers.

MISSOURI PACIFIC MEN MAY GO OUT

Railroad Officials State that Strikers Cannot Be Punished

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 10.—The Santa Fe trainmen are in session here considering the strike situation. General Chairman Newman, of the striking telegraphers, said this morning: "All trains will have to stop today. The Missouri Pacific operators may strike in sympathy with the Santa Fe men."

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Santa Fe officials here continue to entertain a hopeful view on the strike situation. It is claimed they received a large number of messages this morning from strikers along the line which strengthen the report that the backbone of the strike is broken. They also say that the places of the strikers are rapidly being filled.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—It is stated that trainmen met at Galveston last night, and unanimously endorsed the strike and expressed their willingness to stop work this morning if the telegraphers desired.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 10.—The Santa Fe railway officials here announce that the lines west of Alhambra, New Mexico, are operating smoothly, all the trains being practically on time. They claim the striking operators are resuming duty.

Topoka, Dec. 10.—An optimistic statement was issued this afternoon by General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe, saying the operator's strike was practically over; that none of the men will be taken back to their work, and that it is highly improbable that any other departments of the roads will be involved.

CRAZY MAN LOSES HIS HEAD.

He Paid the Penalty for Attempting to Revolve Himself on Mandrake. Stockholm, Dec. 10.—Phillips Nordland, who murdered seven men on the steamer Prince Karl last May, was decapitated here today. Nordland was captured the day after he committed the crime. He said he committed the deed to "revolve himself on mandrake."

GERMANY IS WITH ENGLAND.

Von Buelow so Declares in a Speech in the Reichstag. Berlin, Dec. 10.—In his Reichstag today Von Buelow stated it was because the Boer president's visit to Berlin would have availed him nothing that he was not received. The deputies were astonished when he said: "During the whole Transvaal crisis we have given good advice to the government of the Netherlands, which has not been followed; now we wish to maintain good relations with England."

CASE OF C. W. P. NEELEY.

The Postal Thief Trying to Escape Punishment on Technicality. Washington, Dec. 10.—Arguments were begun in the United States court in the case of C. W. P. Neeley, charged with postal fraud in Cuba, on habeas corpus instituted by Neeley's attorney, who contends that the present government of Cuba is unconstitutional, hence there is no power to extradite him.

EVANGELIST SAM SMALL.

He Has Agreed to Leave Cuba Forever to Escape Prosecution. Havana, Dec. 10.—Evangelist Sam Small, the former editor of a Havana paper, who was arrested recently on the charge of swindling, has compromised with his prosecutors, by agreeing to leave the island forever.

NEW UNITED STATES SENATOR.

Towne Takes the Oath of Office in Washington Today. Washington, Dec. 10.—In the senate this morning, after prayer, the credentials of Charles A. Towne, appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Davis, was presented by Nelson, of Minnesota. His credentials were read and Towne takes the seat "until his successor is elected and qualified." President Frye greeted Towne after the administration of the oath, and the new member made his way to the democratic side of the chamber, where he was cordially greeted.

The War Tax a Party Measure.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Chairman Cannon has called the republican caucus for 8 o'clock tonight to make the bill to reduce the war tax a party measure and also to agree on the basis of congressional reapportionment.

Decision Regarding Marriages.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 10.—Judge Trott, of the superior court, this city, this morning, decided in the Roe-Ward case that the Nevada marriages of California divorced parties were illegal.

Carter Will Stay in Prison.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 10.—Judge Hook, this afternoon, in the case of former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, decided that Carter must serve out his original penitentiary sentence at Leavenworth.

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

IT RESOLVES IN FAVOR OF THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Several Resolutions Passed, One of Which Declares in Favor of Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10.—The committee on the Porto Rican message, the eight hour law and compulsory arbitration, were named by President Gompers, at this morning's session of the Federation of Labor. It was resolved that organized labor should concentrate efforts upon securing the initiative and referendum as the best means of legislation and the enforcement of labor laws. Resolution of sympathy for striking telegraphers was passed. The resolution for adoption of a department of labor with a cabinet officer was reported unfavorably on the ground that such department would ultimately represent capital and not labor. The resolution in favor of the eight-hour law for postal clerks was passed. The resolution declaring for municipal ownership of street railways, after being amended to include all public utilities, was passed.

Free Speech Prohibited.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—The pro-Boer meeting, at which Maud Gunne was the chief speaker was scheduled to take place here tonight, but will be prohibited by the authorities.

Gave Soldiers a Send Off.

London, Dec. 10.—The royal Canadian regiment left here for home this morning. A large crowd was at the station and gave the soldiers an enthusiastic send off.

His Secretary Arrested.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.—Li Hung Chang's secretary, who was arrested by the order of Count Waldsee on the charge of communicating with the Boers.

Denny Won the Mill.

Portland, Dec. 10.—Martin Denny was given the decision last night in a 20-round fight with Jimmy Riley at the exposition building.

General Dewet Hard Pressed.

London, Dec. 10.—Lord Kitchener reports that General Dewet has failed to cross the Orange river, at Camassie bridge, which was held by the British. Instead he troked northeast, and is being hard pressed on all sides. The Boers have captured seventeen thousand sheep near Krugersdorp, which were intended for the British.

Iowa College Burned.

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 8.—The main building of the Iowa state agricultural college at this place was burned this morning. The loss is \$300,000. Three hundred students, asleep in the north wing, were rescued by firemen. The finest botany collection in the state was destroyed.

Big Fire in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 8.—A fire at six this morning destroyed the "Baltimore Bargain House," a mail order institution, on Baltimore street. The loss will be a \$1,000,000, partially insured. Fireman John Flynn fell five stories, and was fatally hurt.

The Car's Pulse Normal.

Livadia, Dec. 7.—The car's pulse and temperature today are entirely normal.

Ventilation Takes Place of Ice.

The officials of the Great Northern Express company report that the new ventilated fruit cars in use on that road in transporting fresh fruit from the Northwest to St. Paul, have proved to be completely successful. The new plan of ventilation is the invention of a Portland sanitary engineer, William T. Cottier. It entirely does away with the use of ice. The car is cooled by fresh fruit to chill and sweat, and it "falls down" when put on the market. By the new system of ventilation the gases that injure fruit are carried away and the fruit keeps in a natural condition. In this way fresh fish are carried from Portland to Spokane without deteriorating or becoming a nuisance to the express messengers. The saving in the matter of ice is a material object also.

Traditions of a Strange Bible.

The devil's bible is one of the volumes in the royal library of the royal palace of Stockholm, Sweden. In this library there are 200,000 volumes and 10,000 manuscripts. The bible is written on 300 prepared asses' skins. There is a tradition that it required 500 years to complete the work. From the eighth to the thirteenth century. But, according to another tradition quite as reliable probably, the book was copied in a single night, the devil himself assisting, and giving to the monk a portrait of himself for the frontispiece. The Swedes carried the manuscript from a convent in Prague during the "thirty years' war."

Comforting Poor Papa.

A well known business man whose head is bare, yet who wears a luxuriant growth of whiskers, was being rallied recently for being bald by some of his intimate friends in the presence of his small daughter. Little Mabel didn't understand that it was all in jest, and crawling upon her parent's lap put her arms about his neck and turned defiantly toward his tormentors: "My papa w'ld never hav' his top hair on his chin, w'udn't you, papa?"

Silverton Merchant in Jail.

A fire at Silverton, Marion county Saturday, starting in the store of Ben Wise, caused a loss of about \$10,000. The Odd Fellows lodge room and contents were damaged to the extent of \$2000; postoffice, \$100; telephone company, \$200. I. Benjamin building \$600. Wise's loss is fully covered by insurance. He is accused of starting the fire and failing to furnish bonds was placed in jail at Silverton.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT PROPOSED FOR BOERS.

Joseph Chamberlain Fills the Political Stage.

THE FAILURE OF KRUGER'S MISSION

Timothy Healy Declares It is Better to Be a Dead Boer Than a British Subject, After Being a Boer.

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New York, Dec. 8.—Winston Churchill, the famous English-Bour war correspondent, arrived on the Lusitania, from Liverpool, this morning to lecture in the United States. The reception committee included Governor Roosevelt, Governor elect O'Dell, Mayor Van Wyck and Senator Depew.

Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 8.—Fred Hansen, was sentenced to life imprisonment here this morning for assaulting his 13-year-old step-daughter.

A Train Wreck.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—A wreck on the Philadelphia and Baltimore railroad occurred this afternoon. Fifteen persons were injured and several of them probably fatal.

Glad to Know It.

Livadia, Dec. 8.—The czar has practically recovered from his illness. No further bulletins concerning his health will be issued.

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"A MURDEROUS FRENZY SEIZED ME."

Talks Rationally About the Crime and Says He Wants No Delay in His Trial, and Expects to Pay the Penalty.

Seattle, Dec. 7.—William Seaton, aged 22 years, formerly of Decatur, Ill., attempted to exterminate an entire family of his relatives at South Park, nine miles from Seattle, last evening. With an ax he smashed in the heads of four people, leaving them for dead. He then shot one man in the back and attempted to murder a deputy sheriff. Before finally being captured Seaton was shot twice, but not fatally by Deputy Sheriff Kelley. The only one killed outright was Seaton's uncle, Daniel Richards. Seaton broke in the head of his sister, Mrs. Roy Clark, but her recovery is hoped for. The other two victims were Myrtle and Hazel, aged 12 and 10 years, children by a former husband of Mrs. Clark. The skulls of the little ones were crushed and then their bodies were thrown into a manger in the barn. It was supposed they were dead, but a late report from the county hospital says that the skull of one of the children had been raised and that there is hope of recovery. The other child will undoubtedly die.

A man named Kennedy who got in Seaton's way after the tragedy was shot in the back, but not seriously. Seaton fired three times at Kelley before the latter brought him down with two shots in the head and arm.

Under the belief that all his intended victims were actually dead Seaton fled the following story:

"I was disgusted with the actions of my sister and after I had knocked her in the head with the ax I came to the conclusion I might as well make a clean sweep. I smashed the skulls of the children in the barn and then threw their bodies into the manger. Returning to the house I saw my uncle asleep on the sofa. I chopped his head almost off.

While telling his story Seaton gave no evidence of insanity.

Will Make No Defense.

Murderer Seaton said this morning: "I shall make no defense. I did not intend to kill the family. A murderous frenzy took possession of me. I shall tell the jury all about it. I expect to suffer the full penalty. I want no preliminary examination. There need be no delay."

A piece of skull was removed from the head of the child who had attempted to brain. Anna Seaton and her wounded sister will recover. The only death is that of Dan Richards, Seaton's uncle.

JESSIE MORRISON ON STAND.

The Accused in the Great Murder Trial in Kansas Testifies in Her Own Behalf.

El Dorado, Kans., Dec. 7.—Jessie Morrison, charged with the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, testified today in her own behalf. She was pale but calm and answered every question in a clear voice. She denied every derogatory statement made by Olin Castle while on the stand. The trial is nearing its end and interest in the case is increasing.

In a graphic manner Miss Morrison told how while passing Mrs. Castle's house she was invited in by the woman who had been invited in by her. She told how she saw the woman who had invited her in, how they had bandied words until Mrs. Castle attacked her, when they fought like demons. "We fell to the floor, struggling, and I got the razor. I do not know how many times I cut her. I thought she would kill me. She denied bringing the razor with her to the Castle house.

THE HAMILTON-DAY CASE.

Although Hamilton is Charged With Murdering Day, His Death Was an Accident.

Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—The theory of the defense in the Day murder case was made public today. It will be alleged that Fred George, not Frank H. Hamilton, is responsible for the death and dismemberment of the victim. It is not the intention of the defense to accuse George of murder but the defense will be along the line that the death of Day was due to accident. George acted as a peacemaker and was badly cut in the hand and was during the scuffle ensuing between the three men that the knife penetrated Day's body and caused his death. The knife with which the fatal wound was inflicted was picked up from a table or shelf in the room where the killing occurred, but by whom is not known.

GEN. FUNSTON WINS BATTLE.

The Troops Under Him Made a Brilliant Charge Across a River.

Manila, Dec. 7.—General Funston, with a troop of the Fourth cavalry, met a hundred Filipinos on the banks of the river Chico near San Isidro and defeated them, killing four. The Americans charged across the river in a brilliant fashion. Lieut. Morrow, with fifty men of the Forty-seventh infantry, when returning from Bulacan, which he had attacked and fortified, encountered a band of about 100 Filipinos. The Bolomen were routed with heavy loss. Major Flores and a number of Filipinos were taken prisoners. Fifty rebels were killed in a light near San Roque, but details of the engagement are lacking. American casualties were slight, however. Insurgent activity is reported on the island of Bohol, reinforcements have been sent. Deserter Egan is reported to have been severely wounded.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

Passed the House by a Vote of 168 to 133.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The army bill passed the house yesterday afternoon after a long session by a vote of 168 to 133. Three democrats, Hall of Pennsylvania and Underhill and Slayton of New York, voted with the republicans for the bill and McCall, republican, of Massachusetts, with the democrats against it. Otherwise it was a strict party vote. The proposition which some of the

democrats attempted to commit their side to in causing an extension of the present temporary army until July 1, 1903, which was voted upon indirectly on a motion to recommit, commanded the votes of only about half the opposition and two republicans, McCall, and Mann of Illinois. Many of the democrats, however, voted against the motion because they were opposed not only to the reorganization bill but also continuing the temporary army at its present strength.

Quite a number of amendments were placed upon the bill, and one was passed. The liveliest fight was made upon a substitute offered by Litchfield of Maine for the canteen section. The substitute absolutely prohibited the sale of intoxicants at military posts. Large delegations from the W. C. T. U. which is in session in this city, watched the fight from the gallery. When the vote was taken the prohibition amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority of 159 to 91.

The section designed to retire Gen. Shafter to major generalship and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and James P. Wilson, as brigadier generals were stricken out. Among the amendments adopted were those providing for 50 volunteer surgeons and 150 assistant surgeons for service in the Philippines and 30 dental surgeons and for a veterinary corps with actual rank.

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

TWO EXCITING FEATURES OF THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Fire in the Roof Caused by an Electric Wire Created a Slight Panic Among Delegates.

Louisville, Dec. 7.—Two features of the opening of the second day's session of the Federation of Labor in this city were the calling of Miss Esther King, the pretty young delegate from Petersburg, Ind., to the chair and a slight panic, caused by a fire on the roof of the building in which the session was being held, emanating from an electric wire.

The credentials committee was sustained on all its points, except the protest against the brewery worker's union, which was referred to the grievance committee.

The resolution introduced by J. I. Felny asks for the creation of a department of commerce and industry, at Washington, with a cabinet officer.

The people of Toronto are desirous of having the next convention meet in that city. At noon adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

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An Attendance of Two Hundred and Fifty Delegates.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 6.—The annual convention of the Federation of Labor met in Music hall, this city at 10 o'clock this morning, with an attendance of 250 delegates. President Gompers responded to the address of welcome, delivered by William Higgins, after which Gompers' report was read. It opened with a review of the history of labor of the century just closing and of the strike record. He said the statistics indicate very substantial improvements and achievements for the year. Of the 608 strikes, 455 were successful. Of compulsory arbitration he said it was only practicable when voluntary. Of the negro organization, he said unless the Federation continues to be the friend of the negro serious consequences will ensue.

The secretary's report shows receipts of \$80,000 and expenditures of \$68,000, leaving a balance of \$12,000 in the treasury. The gain membership was 300,000 during the past year.

President Gompers will be re-elected unanimously, John Mitchell, of the miner's union, announcing that he will not permit his name to be used.

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