

LABOR UNIONS ARE STUNNED

President Roosevelt Hands Out a Genuine Surprise in Brief Message.

DECLARES BOYCOTT IS UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT

Bold Declaration on Eve of Presidential Campaign and Nominating Convention May Cost Taft Some Votes—Secretary Already Considered Unfriendly to Organized Labor—President Declares Power of Injunction Should be Limited But Not Discarded—Strikes at Monopolies.

Organized labor is trying to locate itself this morning. After reading the president's message and in particular those portions of the message which dealt with the labor unions and the anti-trust and injunction laws, they are, figuratively speaking, wandering about with their eyes shut, wondering where they are at.

The president defined their position however quite sharply as he saw it. Now it is up to Congress, Mitchell and other labor leaders to elucidate their position.

The president's attitude in regard to the boycott is directly opposed to that of many labor leaders. He declares in his message: "But when labor undertakes in an unlawful manner to prevent the distribution and sale of the products of labor it has left the fold of protection and by its action may be plainly in restraint of trade."

This very bold declaration is made on the eve of a presidential campaign and nominating convention in which the president's favorite candidate has already been severely attacked as a foe of labor.

This morning, the enemies of Taft declare that despite the strong stand the president takes against law breaking corporations and his evident desire to restrict the power of the injunction, labor will view the message as less favorable to them than they had hoped.

The president advocated a national incorporation law and declared there should be a limit placed upon the indiscriminate power of the injunction but that as a legal instrument it should be preserved as an arm of the courts. He declared that amendments to the anti-trust laws were sorely needed and that in regard to the great corporations and wealthy combinations the burden of the proof should rest upon them when their right to exist was questioned by the government. He asserted that a commission or a body of some sort should be created by congress with the power of some sort should be created by congress with the power to make these investigations and decisions in regard to these combinations.

The president scolded congress sharply for its failure to attack the subject of the regulation of interstate commerce in a more effective fashion, designating legislation on this subject as "occasional" and inadequate. He declared the issuance of securities by any combination doing interstate business should be under government supervision.

Stirs Hornet's Nest.
Boston, April 28.—In making reference to the scandal in the collusive bidding by certain contractors on supplies in Boston, the president stirred up a hornet's nest. The contractors declare that the president has done them an injustice.

President Smith of the Smith-Lowell Co., denied that his concern was named in the message in connection with what is known as the "Boston agreement," and said he had never been concerned in any deal involving city contracts. Smith declared that his company had been made to act as a scapegoat for the "higher ups."

Other contractors also denounce the president for using their names.

REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE

Competitive Examinations Now On—What It Consists Of.

Washington, April 28.—Competitive examinations for appointment to cadetships in the line of revenue cutter service commenced yesterday in several cities before boards of officers convened for that purpose. The examinations will occupy about four days. An unusually large number of vacancies exist in the service and an effort will be made to fill all of them.

The revenue cutter service is a branch of the military force of the government, attached to the treasury department, cooperating with the navy department whenever the president so directs, and its officers hold rank with the same pay and allowances that officers of corresponding grades in the army receive.

In time of peace the functions of the service extend to the enforcement of almost every statute bearing upon the maritime interests of the nation and a revenue cutter shall perform any duty or make any cruise that the president may direct.

Its officers, as inspectors drill the crews of the life saving service and keep them in a high state of efficiency.

The coasts are continually being patrolled by cutters, designated by the president to cruise and give succor to vessels in distress; also to destroy all derelicts found at sea by mining and blowing them up, thus

ridging the oceans of pests of the sea.

While performing various duties each commanding officer must keep his ship in a state of readiness for war, and constant drills are carried out on board every ship in commission and the gun crews are instructed to shoot to hit.

The vessels are recently mobilized for fleet tactics to land their sailors for infantry, artillery and other drills.

BRITISH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS MAY SUFFER

Japanese Threaten Absorb England's Indian and Australian Trade—Britons Openly Sympathize With the Chinese Boycott Against Japanese and Charismatic Subjects With Dishonest Trade Relations.

Tokyo, April 27.—Ugly charges of treachery against the makido's occidental ally are heard everywhere in Japan because of the attitude of the British in regard to the Japanese protectorate in Korea and their subsequent monopolization of the trade in that country and Manchuria.

Threats that Japan will also attempt to absorb much of England's Indian and Australian trade are heard here.

English commercial interests are behind the investigation that England is now carrying on as to trade conditions in the far east. It is well known in Japan that English merchants openly sympathize with the Chinese in their boycott of Japanese trade.

The English openly charge the Japanese with dishonesty in trade relations in Korea and Manchuria.

TRAIN WRECKERS CAUSE DEATHS

FRISCO EXPRESS GOES OVER AN EMBANKMENT

Two Passengers Fatally Injured and Twenty-three Others Badly Bruised and Cut—Accident Happened on Level Stretch of Road and Evidence of Human Effort—Pullman Sleeper and Two Coaches Leave the Rails.

Paris, Tex., April 28.—Westbound train No. 1 on the Frisco road has been wrecked a short distance this side of Stanley, Oklahoma, and two passengers have been fatally injured. Twenty-three others were badly bruised and cut.

The Pullman sleeper and two day coaches were hurled down an embankment.

There is evidence of train wreckers as the accident occurred on a straight piece of track.

Those expected to die are J. S. Maxwell, Lowell, Ark., and J. Adams, of Francis, Oklahoma.

Successor of St. Patrick.

New York, April 28.—Cardinal Logue, Primate of All Ireland and successor of St. Patrick in the See of Armagh, celebrated a pontifical mass in the cathedral today, as one of the features of the Catholic centennial. The Irish cardinal is well advanced in years and has never before visited this country. As the direct successor of St. Patrick, he is one of the best loved churchmen in the world. Cardinal Gibbons preached the sermon at today's meeting. This evening there will be pontifical vespers in the cathedral, Mr. Falconio being the celebrant and Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis the preacher. The program for tomorrow includes a great mass meeting at Carnegie Hall in the evening.

Mint Officer Testifies.

San Francisco, April 28.—The reading of the testimony of Frank Leach, superintendent of the United States mint, marked the trial of T. L. Ford, charged with bribery of supervisors in the overhead trolley franchise case, yesterday.

Other mint officials testified that Ford made two visits to the mint in July, 1906, where he exchanged \$50,000 in gold for bills of smaller denominations.

Ruef Jury Nearly Ready.

San Francisco, April 28.—The jury will probably be secured in the Ruef trial in which the former boss is accused of bribing the supervisors to pass the Parkside street railway franchise. Nine permanent jurors have been sworn in and the box is filled with an additional three tentative jurors. As each side has but one peremptory left, hope is expressed that the work of getting the jury will be completed before adjournment.

Great Auto Run.

Norristown, Pa., April 28.—Arrangements are practically completed for the road contest of the Norristown Automobile club tomorrow and the event promises to be one of the largest of its kind ever held in the country. Entries have been received from nearly all the prominent manufacturers and nearly a half-hundred cars will probably start. An informal automobile show will be held this evening by the contestants.

Believe Rasuli Dead.

Paris, April 28.—News of the death of the bandit Rasuli is not confirmed but it is generally believed here. Stories of renewed Moslem outbreaks have caused the government great concern. An effort is being made to get exact information.

Sandy, a Little Town on the Willamette River, Near Portland, Has Weekly Market Days and It is Said that Hundreds of Farmers Come in from the Surrounding Country on These Days to Do Their Trading and to Dispose of Whatever They Have to Sell.

Charged With Wife Murder.

Louisville, Ky., April 28.—The case of C. J. Lavering, charged with causing the death of his wife by strychnine, is set for trial today in the criminal court.

LILLEY MAY BE TURNED OUT

Failure of Committee to Substantiate Charges May Result in Expulsion.

CONGRESSMAN'S ATTORNEY IS GIVEN A SHOCK.

Representative himself is suffering from nervous collapse as result of his failure to produce date necessary to prove his allegations—Physicians Will Not Allow Him to Attend Any More of the Committee Meetings—He Believes Data is in Existence.

Washington, April 28.—Representative Olmstead of the special naval committee which is investigating the charges involving the electric boat company, surprised Representative Lilley's attorney, Frank L. Brown of Connecticut, today, by declaring that Lilley might be called to the bar of the house and expelled because of the failure of the committee to unearth any facts to support Lilley's charges.

Lilley was not present at the time. He is ill at his apartments as a result of a nervous collapse over the failure of the committee to get data he believes in existence and which would prove his charges.

His doctor will not allow him to attend any more of the committee meetings.

BIG MEXICAN EXPOSITION.

Southern Republic Will Make Display in London.

City of Mexico, April 28.—On the sailing yesterday from Vera Cruz, of the Sabor of the Royal Mail line was transported the last consignment of the exhibits to be displayed in the Mexican National exposition, to be opened in the Crystal Palace, London, on June 1. A large party of native workers in the arts and crafts of Mexicans are sailing on the steamer and will be employed at the London exposition in giving exhibitions and practical demonstrations of their handicraft. All of the great industries of the republic have sent elaborate displays of their products, and the London show will doubtless furnish the most complete exposition of the resources of Mexico ever attempted.

The exhibition is being widely advertised throughout Europe and is expected to convince European capitalists of the desirability of the investment of capital in the development of Mexico.

One of the features of the exposition will be a remarkable reproduction of the market place of Techauntepec, a panorama of Ixtacchault and Popocatepetl, with a distant view of Puebla and Chapultepec Castle. The Mexicans who will participate in the exposition will live in the manner to which they are accustomed at home and native cooks will provide them with chili con carne and other similar dishes.

INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS.

Real Battle Will be Between American and French Champions.

New York, April 28.—Five players will constitute the "field" in the international amateur billiard championship at 15.3 balkline, which will begin tonight in the concert hall of the Liederkreis club, under the auspices of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players. The winner will hold the world amateur title at the 15.3 style of game.

The entrants are Louis De Rolle, representing France; Calvin Demarest and C. F. Conlin, both of the Chicago A. A.; J. F. Ferguson, New York, and E. W. Gardner, Passaic, N. J. Experts believe that the real battle will be between De Rolle, the champion of the French Amateur Billiard Federation, and Calvin Demarest, the American national champion.

In making conditions for the play in the tournament, the committee conceded the wish of the Amateur Federation of France, that the size of the balls used shall be larger than is usual in America, the standard fixed being 2-3/8 inches in diameter, the games to be of 400 points, with the anchor shot barred.

Lease Indian Lands.

Pierre, S. D., April 28.—Bids will be opened today by the government land officers for the leasing of over a million acres of Sioux Indian lands for pasturage. These pastures are on the Cheyenne reservation and contain from 314,000 to 371,000 acres each.

Portuguese Parliament.

Lisbon, April 28.—In compliance with the decree of King Manuel, the Portuguese cortex will be convoked tomorrow. Although there has been much dissatisfaction with the methods and results of last month's election of deputies, the conciliatory attitude of the king and government will likely serve to prevent any serious public demonstration.

Anarchist Dies.

New York, April 28.—After lingering a month, Selig Silverstein, the young anarchist who tossed the bomb at the police, March 28, terribly wounding himself and killing a stand-by, died today.

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RUSSIAN TROOPS FACING CRISIS

Entire Persian Mountain Population Going Against the Cossack Troops.

MODERN GUNS POWERLESS AGAINST GREATER NUMBERS.

Soldiers Sent to Punish Kurds for Holding Cossack's Territory in Danger Being Annihilated—Situation Critical and No Aid Available—Walls of Villages Battered Down and Great Loss of Life Inflicted But Persians Are Obdurate—Grand Duke Hasties to Scene.

Vienna, Austria, April 27.—Terrific fighting is reported on the Shah's side of the Russo-Persian frontier.

The entire population of the mountain region, south of the Aras river, is rising against the Russian force, now about 1500 strong, sent to their country to punish the Kurds for raiding the czar's territories. The Cossacks continue to hold their position, which is very critical, according to dispatches here from St. Petersburg.

The available military forces within striking distance of the fighting zone are exhausted and the present body in the field will fight out its own salvation. The Cossacks with modern machine guns have no trouble in battering down the village walls and inflicting heavy loss on the enemy, but are overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers. The continued mauling of the Turkish troops on the sultan's frontier, greatly adds to the czar's apprehensions. Grand Duke Nicholas, who has departed for the Caucasus, presumably to take charge of the military forces in the region.

GREATEST WHARF IN WORLD.

New York Harbor Has 450 Miles of Water Front.

New York, April 27.—Entire rearrangement of the 450 miles of improved water-front in this harbor is to follow the building of the superstructure and concourse on the new Chelsea piers which has today been begun by the city.

Into the most dense mile of transatlantic wharfage in the world, between Christopher and West 23d streets, more of the big lbers than dock in the whole of any other port have already arranged to wharf.

Plans to fill the old berths of the ocean greyhounds further down the island are this week being made by a host of coast and gulf lines that now lie scattered off other points. Every foot of other available dock room in this port is engaged for years after the opening of the new piers, shipping authorities declared today, and soon steps are to be taken to eventually improve the entire 500 miles of harbor shore which is available for wharfage here.

Although London possesses less than half and Liverpool, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Havre each less than a quarter of New York's present docking frontage, this Chelsea district is to be the most congested shipping mile in the world, according to figures obtained by the American Seaman's Friend society today.

Within sight of the large home for seamen which the society is now putting up in the center of this stretch, 7500 sailors will be constantly arriving when the building is completed. Fully 500,000 merchant seamen have entered the port within the past year the records show, and many thousands of them swarm about this section every day.

OREGON CLUBS ARE ACTIVE

All the Willamette Commercial Bodies Are Getting Busy.

Portland, April 27.—No announcement made in years has been more interesting to the state at large than the publication of the plans of the Oregon Electric Railway company, which mean a system aggregating three hundred and eighty-one miles in length, and reaching the principal towns of the entire Willamette valley, with an extension to the coast as well. McMinnville, Newberg, Dallas, Eugene, Albany, Cascadia, Hillsboro and Tillamook, with innumerable other communities, are included.

The line between Portland and Salem has received such excellent patronage that on several different occasions it has been necessary to revise the schedule to accommodate additional trains. In the eastern states the multiplication of trolley lines has decreased the passenger traffic on the steam roads, but the latter have felt so marked an increase in freight traffic that the passenger loss has been more than compensated in earnings.

Albany Is Active.

A very large delegation from Albany visited Portland last week for a double purpose. First, the city council came to investigate the subject of paving, and as a result Albany will immediately begin the permanent improvement of her main streets.

Then the committee representing the Albany Commercial club completed arrangements with Bury I. Dasset to take charge of the city's publicity work as manager of the club, May 1. Mr. Dasset is now advertising manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, secretary of the Rose Festival association, and secretary of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association, and his experience will make his work effective.

MAD KING IS GO.

Oslo of Bavaria, Celebrates Anniversary in Prison.

Munich, Bavaria, April 27.—King Otto, the mad monarch of Bavaria, is today 60 years of age and is celebrating the anniversary in the prison of the gorgeous castle of Furstentried, where he has spent 35 years.

King Otto was born April 27, 1848, and succeeded his brother, Ludwig II., June 13, 1886, when that monarch committed suicide by drowning himself in the Stranberg lake. At that time he was insane, and the real monarch is Prince Luitpold, Otto's uncle, who rules Bavaria as regent.

Of King Otto's 60 years, 38 have been passed as a madman, although for 22 years he has ostensibly occupied Bavaria's throne. Physicians are of opinion that Otto's robust constitution will enable him to "reign" many more years.

Since 1878 Otto has not left the house and park of Castle Furstentried, which is on the outskirts of Munich.

Fifteen gorgeously appointed parlors, connected by mighty folding doors, are at the exclusive disposal of the royal madman, who by smashing his own head against the wall and furniture, breaking up pictures and appearing mad over the palace wall hangings.

SURPRISE SPRING.

Trunk Full of Affidavits Presented in Jerome Case.

New York, April 27.—A sensation was sprung today by Franklin Pierce, prosecuting attorney in the hearing against District Attorney Jerome, when he produced a trunkful of vouchers which he declares will show that practically every court employe in New York in 1906 were in the employ of the Metropolitan railroad.

There are over 5000 vouchers and they show an expenditure of over \$300,000. Some items read "expenses with court officers after adjournment" and "expenses with jurors." Most of the \$300,000 was received by court employes and jurors and witnesses who were involved in the damage suits against the street car company.

TAFT MANAGERS CLAIM VICTORY

SAY 282 DELEGATES ARE SAFE BEYOND CONTEST.

"New Idea" Republicans Will Bolt and May Be the Means of Giving State to the Democrats—Leaders Declare They Will Put Independent Ticket in the Field in Order to Punish the Machine Politicians.

Washington, April 27.—Taft headquarters today claimed 282 delegates in the national convention on figures obtainable up to date and declare that there is no possibility that 275 of these will be contested.

Some of Taft's managers claim 300, but this is considered too high, as 15 of this number, at least, are taken from the contested column.

Because of the bolt of the "New Idea" republicans in New Jersey, led by Everett Colby and Mayor Fagan of Jersey City, Bryan hopes to capture the electors from that state should he be nominated at Denver. The "New Idea" republicans declare that they will put an independent republican ticket of electors in the field as a protest against Boss Leaty's tactics.

The "New Idea" men control 30,000 votes in Essex and Hudson counties, and beat Dryden for the United States senatorship last year.

Colby acknowledges the bolt may defeat Taft in New Jersey, but declares it is the only way possible to reform the republican party in the state.

LION NOT TAMED.

Hackenschmidt Wants to Meet Gotch in England or France.

London, April 27.—The manager of Hackenschmidt, the Russian lion, today announced that Lord Londale and A. G. Vanderbilt had offered to put up a \$10,000 purse for a match between Hackenschmidt and Frank Gotch in England or France.

Hackenschmidt is waiting to hear Gotch's answer.

RASULI REPORTED DEAD.

Tangier, Morocco, April 27.—It is reported here today that Rasuli, the noted bandit, has been killed at Tazarront by members of the Ekmes tribe. Rasuli is 40 years old and his full name is Mohammed Er Rasuli, but is known among the natives as the "Scourge of Morocco." His last feat was the abduction of Kaid Sir Harry McLean. McLean was ransomed by the British government with \$100,000.

Wheeler Tendered Position.

Berkeley, Calif., April 27.—It is reported here that the assistant secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor has been offered to William R. Wheeler of Alpine, Cal., and that Wheeler has asked for a few days to consider the matter. It is not thought he will accept.

Boundary Dispute.

Washington, April 27.—Senator Don Jesse Arango, minister to Panama, left today for Colon to take part in the boundary dispute between Panama and Colombia.

California Quakes.

Hanford, Calif., April 27.—An earthquake shock was felt here at three o'clock this morning but no damage is reported. At Coalinga the shock was heavier.

THOUSANDS DIE IN WIND STORMS

Cyclones and Tornadoes Visit Countries of the World Almost Simultaneously.

AFRICA REPORTS LATEST WIND DISASTERS

Algeria and Mississippi Again Visit—Lives Killed and Property Lost Will Mount Into the Millions—England Experiences Worst Blizzard Since 1889—Telephone and Telegraph Service of the United Kingdom is Completely Interrupted, Railway Service Seriously Delayed.

Paris, April 27.—A cyclone entailing a loss of thousands of lives and millions in property values, has swept over the Comora Archipelago in Mozambique channel, according to an official dispatch received here today.

The dispatches are indefinite, but indicate that thousands have perished.

Alabama Gets Another.

Mobile, Ala., April 27.—Another tornado raged through Mississippi and Alabama last night and this morning, causing property loss of \$2,000,000, and killing scores.

In Perry county 19 were killed, which raises the official death list of the tornado victims to 269.

Storm in England.

London, April 27.—A remarkable blizzard, the worst experienced in the south of England since 1881, continued practically all over the United Kingdom throughout Friday and Saturday until Sunday at midnight. Telegraph and telephone service is completely discontinued. Railway traffic has been seriously delayed. Enormous damage has been done especially to the young fruit crops.

J. DALZELL BROWN GIVEN EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN JAIL.

In Return for Light Penitentiary Sentence He Will Make a Complete Confession—As Manager of Defunct Bank He and Officials Embezzled Securities of Sacramento Electric Company.

San Francisco, April 27.—J. Dalzell Brown, former manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, now defunct, when placed on trial this morning pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

In return for his light sentence in state prison, Brown will make a complete confession. He will tell his story to the grand jury this afternoon and as a result of his statement it is thought that the indicted officials of the bank now out on bail will be returned to jail.

The charge on which Brown was to be tried was embezzlement of the Sacramento Gas & Electric Co. securities. The plea of guilty came as a complete surprise save to the district attorney and the defendant's attorney.

Just before receiving sentence Brown, in a quivering voice, stated that he had never received a cent's worth of benefit from the money embezzled and that he had always worked for the best interests of the bank.

Looking for Bodies.

Portsmouth, Eng., April 27.—Coast guards are still looking for bodies of those drowned in the Gladiator-St. Paul collision Saturday, but no more have been found. All England is singing the praises of the men and officers of both vessels for the fine discipline shown after the accident.

Ross Sentence Postponed.

Salem, April 27.—Judge Burnett postponed passing sentence upon J. Thurburn Ross, of the defunct The Guarantee & Trust Co., this afternoon. He was found guilty last Thursday of misappropriating state school funds deposited in the bank.

Dairymen Organize.

The Farmers' Dairymen's association for this district has been begun under auspices that insure its permanency and success from the start. A meeting was held last Saturday in Regner's hall with a good attendance of men who are interested in the movement.

The incorporators are, H. E. Davis, T. Brugger and F. Rugg and the capital stock is placed at \$1500. Stock is being rapidly subscribed. Headquarters will be in Gresham.

At the last meeting Hon. W. W. Cotton reported on the articles of incorporation and all was satisfactory and met the approval of all present. Another meeting will be held in the near future.—Beaver State Herald.

While grading for a street on the site of an old race track at Walla Walla, the skeleton of a man, evidently hurriedly buried, was unearthed by the workmen. The fact that the remains were near the surface of the ground on which the paddocks were located, has given rise to the belief that a murder was committed during a race meet and the body buried to conceal the crime.

Governor Mead of Washington, left Olympia last evening for Washington city, where he will attend the conference of governors which is to be held at the White House May 13 to 15. The conference is called to take up matters of concern to all parts of the country.