

RESORT TO THROWING OF ACID

Strikers Grow Desperate in Chicago Garment Workers' War—Strikebreakers Are to Be Victims—"Throw It Into Their Eyes" Is the Order Sent Out.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—That leaders of the striking garment workers have distributed acid among the strikers with instructions to throw it into the faces of the strikebreakers is the confession which police allege Theophile Julik made to them.

The attack was a part of a carefully planned crusade, the police assert. Every precaution is being taken to protect both the strikebreakers and the officers patrolling the factory district from attacks of the acid slingers.

Julik says that the whole affair had been carefully planned and that the acid he threw was part of a lot distributed among the strikers at a recent meeting.

"Throw the acid straight into their eyes," the leaders are reported by Julik to have instructed the men to whom it was handed. "It will do the business." Julik was not certain, the police say, whether any acid had been given to the woman strikers.

SCHOOL CHILDREN NUMBER 1682

Twenty-nine Per Cent Increase Over One Year Ago Is Shown—Two New Schools Are to Be Erected in the Immediate Future.

The total number of school children in the Medford school district is 1682 according to Enumerator Henselman, who has just completed his count. This is 82 more than he estimated in recent figures given out for publication before the complete count had been made.

The Medford schools have been crowded this year as never before. The school board has called for bids for the erection of two additional schools in the city, one on West Jackson and the other in Queen Anne, so that the increased number of school children may be taken care of.

SIX PERSONS DIE; GRS ROUTE

Six Gather for Pre-Christmas Celebration and Are Found Unconscious—All Efforts to Save Are Futile.

KENTON, O., Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed by illuminating gas in an apartment in the Lintz hotel here today. The dead: CHARLES LATHAM AND MRS. LATHAM. WILLIAM KENNEDY. PEARL KENNEDY, son of William, aged 24. HARRY NEWCOMB, 23. MISS BAILEY, 21.

The six persons had gathered for a pre-Christmas revel in a room of the hotel. The management of the hotel did not know of the gathering until it was reported that there was an odor of gas coming from the room. A bell-boy was sent to investigate. He reported that the door was locked, but

CARDINAL GIBBONS WRITES ON CHRISTMAS

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24. Cardinal Gibbons prepared for the United Press the following sentiment for Yuletide: "Christmas is a day of gladness for all men. Not only do the more comfortable share gifts with the poorer, asking prayers in return, but each and all, rich, poor, young and old, again are made rich and youthful in the hopes and promises of the new born Savior and all men seem to feel what all the angels sang at Bethlehem, 'Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward Men.'"

HOSE TURNED ON PRISONERS TO QUELL THEM

External Application of Water Through a Three-inch Hose Restores Discipline in Fresno Jail—Promise to Be Good.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 24.—External application of water through a three-inch hose to the bodies of several scores of Industrial Workers of the World resulted today in the restoration of discipline at the city prison. After half a week of noise and disorder the cells were quiet this morning, the drenched inmates seeking high perches to get clear of the four feet of water on the floor.

Fire hose and a fire engine were called into play by the sheriff last night as a last resort. A hand hose was used at first, but the men in the cells successfully protected themselves by piling their bedding behind the front bars. The fire hose swept away all these obstructions, but the straw from the mattresses closed the jail sewer and the water was slow in draining off. The sheriff addressed the prisoners this morning, saying he did not wish to treat them differently from the other prisoners, but that the prison rules must be obeyed. The men replied that they would be good, and as an earnest of their intention not to risk another shower bath, they accepted breakfast this morning, the first food they have eaten since entering the jail Thursday evening.

BURY CHICAGO'S DEAD HEROES

Great Crowds Follow Fire Boys as They Are Driven to Cemetery—Chief Will Be Buried on Monday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Assistant Fire Marshal Burroughs and Captain Patrick Collins, who lost their lives in the fire that destroyed the beef warehouse of Nelson Morris & Co. at the Union stockyards, were buried today.

Great crowds followed the bodies as they were borne to the cemetery. The funeral of Chief Fire Marshal James Horan, killed in the same disaster, will be held Monday.

Firemen are still digging in the ruins searching for bodies. The list of dead today numbers 24. Twenty-one of these are firemen, three are laborers employed by the packing firm. It is believed that others may have been caught under the falling walls and the search of the ruins is being conducted with the greatest expedition possible.

that he believed that he saw bodies as he looked over the transom. Entrance was forced into the room and the bodies removed. Efforts to resuscitate them proved fruitless.

Want-advertise for a new clerk or office-worker—and your business routine will scarcely be interrupted by the exit of the other one.

MAXIM GUN TO CHECK STRIKE

Railroad Men in Winnipeg Prepare to Defend Themselves Properly—Strikers and Strikebreakers in a Great Battle—Trained Strikebreakers Armed and on Guard.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Following a revolver fight between strikebreakers and the striking car men of the Winnipeg street railway last night, the railway management had a Maxim rapid fire gun ordered from Halifax and are preparing to defend themselves properly.

Thirty cars, carrying armed strikebreakers were attacked last night. After many shots had been exchanged, the non-union crews fled and the strikers or their sympathizers took possession of the cars and ran them off the track. Before the police could interfere one car had been upset and burned.

Indications all go to show that only the strictest measures will control the present situation. All the unions seem to have within their membership many in sympathy with the strikers. The cars were all withdrawn at 8 o'clock light night, as they were not safe from the brick and stone throwers. The company so far has had 50 cars wrecked or partially so since the strike opened, and it is feared that one of their three large terminal barns will be burned.

Armed guards patrol outside these big buildings all night, while inside there is a sufficient number of trained strikebreakers on the alert to sally forth in case an assault is made on the company. The military has not yet been called, but are in readiness to act if required.

XMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Appropriate and Elaborate Christmas Services Will Be Held in Each and Every Church in the City of Medford.

The Medford churches will all properly observe Christmas this year. For the most part appropriate song services have been arranged and the services throughout will be in accord with the spirit of the day.

Special services will be held at the Presbyterian church Christmas morning, "Festival March" (Reid); organ voluntary, "Hail, Emmanuel" (Bevily); chorus, "Christ Is Born in Bethlehem" (Hahn), Miss Phoebe Halse; "Hail, Glorious Day" (Beirly); solo, Norman Merrill, with chorus, "The Awakening" (Engelman); offertory, "Postlude" (Goumant); recessional. There will be a general service in the evening.

Christmas services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday morning, when special Christmas music will be given by the choir. "O, Holy Night" (Adams) will be sung by Mr. Whetzel; "In a Manger Lowly" (Spirrit) by Miss Broadley. An anthem, "Unfold, Ye Portals" (Goumant) will be rendered by the choir. Morning service, 11 o'clock; subject, "The Incarnation and Birth of Christ"; evening service 7:30, subject, "Proof Man Has an Immortal Soul." Special music at both services. All are invited.

Christian Science services Sunday at 11 a. m., subject of lesson-sermon, "Christian Science." Sunday school at 10; testimonial meetings Wednesday at 7:30. All are welcome. 128 North Grape street, north of Sherman-Clay music house.

The services on Christmas day at the Catholic church will be as follows: At midnight mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's church at Jacksonville; first mass in Medford at 7:30 a. m.; second mass in Medford at 8 o'clock a. m.; third mass, which will be a solemn high mass, with as (Continued on Page 4.)

ENGINEERS AND ROADS NOW AGREE

Commissioner Neill Announces That His Efforts to Prevent Strike Were Successful—Railroads Agree to an Advance of Ten Per Cent in Wages of the Men.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A settlement between the engineers of the 61 western railroads and the company officials has been reached and the threatened strike has been averted. The fact of a settlement was announced by Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill, who has been acting as mediator.

The settlement of the strike came today after a number of conferences between Neill and the railroad officials and engineers. It was announced yesterday that settlement or final break would be apt to come today. The engineers for the past few days have said that they were tired of delay and that they would take definite action unless the railroads made concessions which they could reasonably consider.

It was known this morning that the railroads had agreed to concessions that they had declined to make before, and it is believed that on their part the engineers finally agreed to make a number of concessions in the interest of peace.

The settlement today brings to an end the possibility of a strike of the engineers on practically all lines west of the Mississippi river. The threatened strike involved 35,500 men. The strike vote was taken by locals on all the lines and the vote as tabulated in Chicago showed that more than 95 per cent of the men had voted to strike unless wage increases were given by the roads.

The negotiations in Chicago have been under way since December 12.

It is said that formal agreements would not be signed until this evening. He said that the terms substantially were that the railroads had agreed to advances averaging 10-12 per cent with various differentials for special services and the adjustment of working conditions hitherto unsatisfactory to the engineers.

He said that the differentials agreed to were:

Forty per cent increase on passenger and suburban service, on pushers and helpers on mixed trains, wreck trains and snowplows; the same for helpers on through freight except that they shall receive 65 cents when the engineers' differential shall be 75 cents to \$1. On way and local freights the pay is to be 25 cents for switch engines. A differential of 50 cents on motor cars was agreed upon.

UNWRITTEN LAW CLEARS MAN

J. Howard Green, Who Shot Professor Who Had Asked His Wife to Elope, Is Free Man—Jury Was Out Only Ten Minutes.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—J. Howard Green is a free man today, having been cleared of a charge of murdering Professor Thomas B. Skidmore. According to an anonymous statement by Skidmore, and admitted as evidence at Green's trial, Skidmore declared that Green had shot him, but that he "deserved to be shot."

The jury deliberated but ten minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Following the reading of the verdict, Green was embraced by his two daughters and his wife, who was innocent of the tragedy. According to Mrs. Green's testimony, she and Skidmore had been friends before her marriage to Green. Recently Skidmore, who was a professor in a Texas college, came to Los Angeles, she testified, and asked her to elope with him. It was after this that the shooting occurred.

16 STRIKERS SENT TO JAIL

One Year Each Is Meted Out to Men Following Their Conviction for Contempt of Court—Judge Says That Somebody Must Certainly Have Lied.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Sixteen striking miners of Lafayette, Colo., began today serving sentences of one year each in the county jail following conviction for contempt of court in violating a temporary injunction to restrain strikers from interfering with the operation of the Northern Coal & Coke company's mines at Lafayette, or from threatening nonunion employees of the company.

Judge Greely Whitford, in pronouncing sentence on the men yesterday, denied a motion for a stay of execution, but granted attorneys for the defense 30 days in which to prepare exceptions.

The men are members of the United Mineworkers of America, and that organization and the Colorado Federation of Labor both are preparing to take the case to the higher courts.

Judge Whitford, in passing sentence, said that the testimony was conflicting and that it was evident that somebody had lied. He said the defendants had defied the court's injunction and openly assaulted non-union miners in the streets of Lafayette.

DRUMHILL IS CONTRADICTED

City Officials Reply to Statements Made by W. J. Drumhill—Answer Is Prepared by Mayor and Street Committee.

To the Editor: If the city officials took the time to answer every falsehood and misrepresentation that is uttered or published against them they would have no time left to attend to the city's work.

But the complaint of one W. J. Drumhill has been so often repeated that further silence would doubtless be construed by many as an admission of the truth of the charges.

The facts are these: Mr. Drumhill has never petitioned the council for a water main on Hamilton street since the present administration came into office. Mr. Drumhill has never petitioned the council at all for a water main since the charter amendment allowing property to be assessed for the cost of water mains was adopted by the people.

The council has made it a rule not to force assessments against property where the owners did not want it, except in exceptional cases where it was necessary to make the system circulating.

It seems that on June 3, 1908, long before we assumed office and long before the charter amendment authorizing assessments for water mains was passed, Mr. Drumhill and several others did petition for a two-inch water main on Hamilton street, to be laid at the expense of the city. The city not then having the money to grant the petition, it was evidently pigeonholed.

If Mr. Drumhill has presented to us the usual petition asking for a water main and that the cost be assessed, as was done by the others who attend to their own business instead of trying to abuse city officials for the way they attend to theirs, he could have had this water main long ago, for the city council has always tried to give the preference in ordering in mains to the streets where there were the most people who would use water.

Mr. Drumhill's communication contains another false statement or insinuation. No member of the city council has ever at any time had from the city's pipe line or water

STORES WILL ALL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY

Monday will be generally observed in Medford as a holiday. The merchants of the city and the banks will keep their establishments closed for the most part and the few that do open will remain open only until 10 o'clock in the morning.

There will be no courts open on Monday, as the state law provides that if a holiday falls on Sunday the day following shall be observed as a holiday. This leads the banks to remain closed.

So eat all you want of that Christmas dinner, for on Monday you will have time to get over it.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WAS HEAVY

Best Business Medford Has Ever Seen, According to Local Merchants—Buyers Seemed to Have Plenty of Money With Which to Buy.

The greatest Christmas buying business Medford has ever seen came to a close last evening in a blaze of glory. Until late in the evening the stores in the city waited on late-comers who jammed the aisles and allies trying to purchase that gift they had forgotten or still undecided as to the nature of the gift to be given. The rush last evening was the greatest ever seen in this city. Medford's Christmas stockings today contain gifts worth more than half a million dollars.

The local merchants are unanimous in the statement that they enjoyed the best Christmas business in the history of the city. The various big stores down town report an advance of approximately 40 per cent over the Christmas business of last year. Nearly all of them are cleaned up on Christmas goods.

Merchants generally declare that the buyers had plenty of money to spend and bought more and better gifts than ever before. Of course the toy department and counters where games for children are offered are always popular just before Christmas but the best indication of how the people feel is found in some of the other departments, and judging from the immense sales of solid silver, fancy glassware and china, and clothing, the store managers declare that Medford people feel especially comfortable this year.

In general the trend of the trade was toward useful articles of a good grade. Trinkets and ornaments found a ready sale but the great increase over last year was found in those classes of goods that come into use every day.

Medford had a great Christmas trading era for the past three weeks and today there is joy throughout the city. It is indeed a joyous Christmas morn.

TRAIN WRECK DEALS DEATH

Two Passengers and Four Trainmen Killed—Accident Occurs in Heavy Snow Storm—Express Hits Standing Train.

BUCYRUS, O., Dec. 24.—Two passengers and four trainmen were killed in the wreck of two fast Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains at Nevada, O., today. The lead: WILLIAM Fowler, passenger, Chicago.

FRED STEIN, passenger, Chicago. GEORGE MORTON, baggage man. CASS D. BEEBE, baggage man. C. C. CRAIG, engineer. C. C. MILLER, engineer.

The trains, running together on the same track on account of a freight wreck, came together at terrific speed. One train was made up entirely of Pullman sleepers. The other train was a fast express. The trains had been ordered to stop at Nevada. The Pullman train stopped, but the express either misunderstood the orders or failed to see the signals, and rushed full speed, striking the other train head-on.

The standing engine was derailed and the express crashed into the baggage car, demolishing it and piling the Pullmans together along the side of the track. The accident occurred in a heavy snowstorm and the express engineer was unable to see the standing train.

Every advertisement of a store gives to somebody—perhaps to many people—their first impressions of that store. And first impressions abide, with strange persistence.

CORPORATIONS TO THE AID OF WORKING MEN

Over \$7,000,000 Distributed Among Employees of Industrial Corporations in Pittsburg—Great Amount of Business in Gotham.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Paymasters of the industrial corporations in this city distributed \$7,000,000 among the steel workers in this city. This is the largest distribution of money for this purpose ever distributed in the state.

One corporation in this city paid 7000 men on Friday so that its men might have cash for the holidays. The men expressed great satisfaction at the action of the corporation, as it allowed them to do their Christmas shopping on time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Forty million pieces of mail is the record for the New York postoffice during the holiday season, with an average of \$300,000 a day postoffice receipts. This breaks all records for any city in the United States, possibly the world.

HAVE SORROWFUL CHRISTMAS EVE

Great Funeral Service Is Held Over Charred Remains of 186 Miners Taken From Death-Dealing English Mine.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve in the village of Pretoria, in the vicinity of the Little Hulton mine, where 289 miners lost their lives in an explosion, was made the occasion of a great funeral service over the bodies of 186 recovered dead. The charred and mangled relics will be consigned to a single grave near the mine. A pitiable feature of the funeral is the fact that only 50 bodies have been identified.

Scores of widows and orphans will gather beside the trench-like grave, uncertain whether the bodies of their loved ones lie within it or under tons of rock and earth in the demolished mine.

supply a single gallon of water outside the city or in any other manner or at any different price than every man in the city who uses city water.

The statement has been repeatedly made that a member of the council was taking water from the city's pipe line during the past summer for irrigating his land outside of the city and that this was one cause of the shortage of water. Once and for all, this statement is an absolute and unqualified falsehood. As stated above, no member of the city council ever received one gallon of water from the city except for use in his house or on his lawn, the same as every one else in the city has received water, and at the same price.

W. H. CANON, Mayor. V. J. EMERICK, Chairman. J. L. DENNIN, Street Committee. Dated December 23, 1910.