

BRUTALITY REIGNS AT LAWRENCE; CONGRESS MAY TAKE ACTION ONLY OFFENSE IS MOST TRIVIAL

Yet It Leads to Wholesale Clubbing of Men, Women and Children—Nation Shocked by Outrages Practiced by Police Officials.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—A congressional investigation of the strike of the textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., where men, women and children are being beaten and police and their constitutional guarantees disregarded is certain.

Chairman Wilson of the house committee on labor today wired President Golden of the textile workers' union for an official statement of today's police action. On receiving it he will at once order his committee to investigate.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 24.—A textile clubbing men and women textile strikers, whose only offense was the attempted sending of their children out of Lawrence, two companies of militiamen and fifty police, under command of Marshal Sullivan, today paralleled the tactics of Russian cossacks here at the behest of the rich mill owners, whom the strikers declare, refuse them wages on which they may subsist. After the clubbing eight women, five men and ten children were arrested.

The trouble started when strikers, unable to provide their children with the necessities of life, sent fifty boys and girls to the railroad station, intending to send them to Philadelphia and Providence, where arrangements for their care had been made.

"Not a child shall leave the city," shouted Marshal Sullivan to the parents of the children.

With tickets already purchased, and believing that the order given yesterday by the mayor to the police that the exodus of children was not to be disturbed was still in effect, the strikers quietly demanded an explanation.

"Our children are starving," they told the police, "we have bought their tickets and we think they should be allowed to go. The mayor said we might send them. What's the trouble now?"

Marshal Sullivan's answer was to order the several hundred men under his command to charge the little band of defenseless men, women and children. The police and soldiers, resorting to the free use of bayonets and clubs, quickly separated the parents from their children, forcing the latter away from the station. Surprised by the unexpected attack, the strikers attempted a feeble resistance as the police made no explanation as to what disposition was to be made of their children. This action resulted in both men and women being knocked down, the police being ordered to disperse the strikers at any cost.

Then the strikers were ordered to go home, and when they refused unless assured that their little ones would be properly cared for, the police again resorted freely to the use of their clubs. Women who threw themselves in front of their husbands in an effort to protect them, were accorded the same treatment as the men. Then the police closed in on the strikers and the arrests of the eight women, five men and ten children followed.

The gravity of the situation is admittedly increased by the action of the police today, and the strikers openly declare that in the future they intend to be prepared for similar attacks.

TROOPS FROM VANCOUVER TO PROCEED TO BORDER

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Feb. 24.—According to dispatches received at the Vancouver barracks this afternoon the Twenty-second infantry, the Third cavalry and three battalions of field artillery have been ordered to report immediately at Fort Sam Houston for service on the Mexican border. None are stationed here.

Secret orders of some sort have just been received here and it was rumored that the United States is preparing to rush troops to the border and intervene in Mexico's troubles.

GUARDIAN FOR HEIRESS



MISS HELENA STALLO

Surrogate Cobalan, of New York, has appointed Columbus Ryan and the Guaranty Trust Company special guardians for Miss Helena McDonald Stallo, granddaughter of the late Alexander McDonald, who owned what was supposed to be \$5,000,000 worth of Standard Oil stock. The appointment was made at the request of Edmund K. Stallo, her father.

It was Miss Helena Stallo who was engaged to Nils Florman, berided as a son of Swedish nobility, and it was she who later broke off the engagement, causing comment.

GRAND MASTER OF ODD FELLOWS TO BE HERE TONIGHT

A. W. Bowersox of Salem Will Be Guest of Honor. This Evening—Many Members of Order Will Be Here From Out of Town Points.

The members of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., are making preparations for receiving A. W. Bowersox, of Salem, grand master of the jurisdiction of Oregon, who will be in the city tonight, and they have invited the different lodges of the Rogue river valley to meet with them on this occasion.

Preparations are being made for entertaining about 350 Odd Fellows from Grants Pass, Woodville, Gold Hill, Central Point, Jacksonville, Talent, Ashland and all sojourning Odd Fellows in the Rogue river valley. There will be special trains from the north and south this evening for the purpose of bringing the visitors to the city.

Medford lodge will confer the second degree of Odd Fellowship upon four candidates.

A program has been arranged for and among the principal speakers will be Past Grand Master W. L. Vawter, who will deliver the welcoming address; Past Grand Master Harry L. Neal of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and B. F. Mulvey, also a response from the visiting lodges. Music for the I. O. O. F. male quartet. Light refreshments will be served in the banquet room before adjourning.

FELL 21 STORIES; BUT IS NOT HURT

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Charles Friedle, a derrick man on the new municipal building in course of construction, today is not suffering in the slightest degree as a result of a 21 story fall, and says he is ready to return to work.

Friedle while standing on the edge of the 21st story was thrown off his balance by the wind and fell to the sidewalk. As he was falling he caught a rope and his grasp of this lessened the speed at which he shot downward. The rope ended ten feet from the ground and Friedle dropped to the sidewalk. Heavy gloves protected his hands.

MORE TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO BORDER LINE

Convinced That Crisis is Near in Affairs of Mexico and That Americans Are in Danger—President Taft Takes Immediate Action.

REBELLION AGAINST MADERO IS SPREADING

President Madero is Decried as "Gringo Lover"—Charge Him With Defaming Flag.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Convinced that a crisis is near in the affairs of Mexico, and that American lives and property are endangered, President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson today decided to rush more United States troops to El Paso, Texas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Major General Leonard Wood telegraphed today to the commandant at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, orders to send at once a regiment of infantry and a battery of field artillery to El Paso, Texas, for the protection of American interests there.

Colonel Steever, in command of the United States troops at El Paso, today reported to the war department a rumor that brigands had raided the ranch of a German citizen near Gasas Grandes, and murdered the rancher.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 24.—Decrying President Francisco I. Madero as a "gringo lover" and as "one who has profaned the banner of Mexico with the scurrilous hand of the Yankee" and declaring that "American capital has backed him," a manifesto purporting to have been signed by General Pascual Orozco, Emilio Vasquez Gomez and others, proclaiming General Geronimo Trevino provisional president of Mexico, was widely circulated today in northern Mexico.

Whether or not General Orozco, heretofore a loyal supporter of Madero, authorized the use of his name is not definitely known, but it is generally believed here that he did, as he is known to have expressed keen disappointment at Madero's failure to name him governor and military dictator of the state of Chihuahua.

MONEY TRUST IS TO BE PROBED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The house this afternoon by a vote of 227 to 8 passed the money trust investigation resolution agreed upon and a compromise between the democratic leaders and the progressive democrats.

The resolution makes it mandatory upon the committee on banking and currency to probe the charges set forth in the Henry resolution.

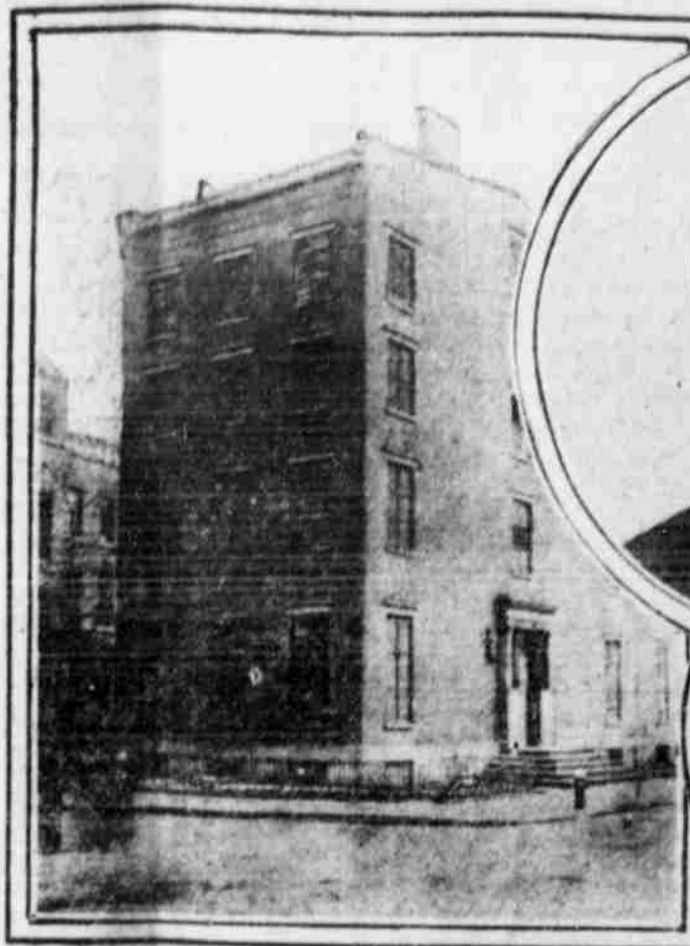
The democratic committee on rules accepted the compromise. Henry, in calling up the resolution, insisted on an agreement that during the debate no amendments be offered. Lenroot of Wisconsin led a progressive attack on the resolution, charging that the democrats had abandoned important phases of the investigation.

Mann, republican house leader, predicted trouble if the investigation were pushed.

The only members voting against the resolution on final passage were Austin of Texas, Cannon and Thistlewood of Illinois, Dalsell of Pennsylvania, Gillette of Massachusetts and Henry Tilson and Higgins of Connecticut.

VALEJO, Cal., Feb. 24.—The cruiser St. Louis will leave Goat Island Monday for Bremerton, Washington, in pursuance of orders received at Mare Island today. Officers of the St. Louis today were ordered from the navy yard to the ship, along with the crew. The cruiser will take on ammunition Monday morning.

FORMER SENATOR CHARGED WITH PLOT TO DEFAUD DYING RECLUSE



OLD HASLETT MANSION, CLINTON AND JORALEMON STREETS, BROOKLYN, (HOUSE OF MYSTERY.)



DR. H. S. MINTON

Much mystery surrounds the attempts to defraud Samuel E. Haslett, a wealthy Brooklyn, N. Y. recluse, out of his property, valued at \$400,000. State Senator Frank J. Gardner has been accused of conspiring with one George Becker, a nurse, to get possession of the hermit's wealth. Haslett, who is seventy-six years old, has been seriously ill at his home. Since his wife was buried to death about twenty-five years ago, the aged man has lived alone, his eccentricities and eccentricities making his death to be known as the house of mystery. Dr. H. S. Minton has been called in by Mr. Haslett's attorney to attend the aged man. The warrant for Gardner's arrest was issued by Manhattan district judge.

ITALIANS SHELL BEYROUT; SIXTY PERSONS KILLED

Many Buildings Are Badly Damaged When Shot and Shell Pour Into City—Many Turkish Gun Boats are Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Sixty persons were killed and scores injured in an Italian bombardment of Beyrout today, according to a dispatch from that city to Reuter's news agency here.

The custom house at Beyrout and several other buildings were damaged during the half hour in which shot and shell rained into the city and several small Turkish gunboats were sunk during the bombardment. The populace of the city is fleeing. No mention is made of any Americans or Europeans being injured.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24.—The Turkish authorities today received word from Beyrout that three Italian battleships had bombarded that city for half an hour.

BANDIT RETURNS; KIDNAPS WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 24.—After eluding officers for six weeks in the Santa Monica hills, where he fled after an alleged attempt to kill his wife Trubio Gonzales, a ranch hand, returned to his home today, bound and gagged his wife, threw her into a light wagon and headed for the hills.

Three squads of officers from the Hollywood police station were dispatched in pursuit at once in automobiles. The woman's fate is unknown.

TEDDY IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO RUN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 24.—In messages to Ohio progressives, Colonel Roosevelt today declared that on Monday he will make a statement of his intention to eight governors who recently urged him to be a candidate for the presidential nomination. He will make it plain that he is prepared to assume active leadership of the progressives and that he will accept the nomination.

An Automobile Number.

In this issue of The Mail Tribune an effort has been made to show the extent of the automobile business in Medford. If you are in the market for an automobile here is your chance to decide upon your make and type of car at leisure, for in these pages the advantages of nearly every make are delineated.

WHISLER IS TO GO TO WASHINGTON FIGHT BOX BILL

Local Man Who Visited Capital Two Years Ago to Oppose Lafean Apple Box Bill Leaves Again Sunday to Wage War on Sulzer Measure.

C. E. Whisler who visited Washington two years ago on behalf of Rogue river orchardists to lead the fight on the obnoxious Lafean apple box bill, and who succeeded in defeating it at that time, will leave Sunday for Washington to make a fight on the Sulzer bill, which is but a reincarnation of the previous bill.

Mr. Whisler plans to spend some time at the capital in an effort to concentrate the opposition to the bill, the passage of which will work untold damage to the fruit growers of the northwest.

164 PEASANTS FREEZE TO DEATH

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch today received here from St. Petersburg tells of fearful loss of life from the severe weather at Omsk and Patrovlesk. It is reported that 164 peasants were frozen to death. Thousands of others are enduring terrible suffering from the cold.

HEAVY UNDERTONE TO NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The stock market developed a heavy undertone soon after the opening today and most of the leaders receded sharply. Among the weakest features were the copper stocks, Amalgamated losing 1.1-4. The list then became dull, but good recoveries were made in the last hour, Union Pacific selling above yesterday's best figure. The market closed steady. Bonds were firm.

POLITICAL POT IN COUNTY NEARS BOILING POINT

Ashland and Central Point Candidates Meet and Endeavor to Fix Slate—Grieve Latest Candidate to Avow Himself.

The political pot in Jackson county, which has been simmering for some weeks past, is beginning to near the boiling point and candidates and would-be candidates are abroad in the land.

A meeting of some significance was held Friday afternoon at Central Point when political war horses of that city and Ashland endeavored to get together, as each had a candidate for county judge. According to well authenticated reports the outcome of the meeting was that George W. Dunn of Ashland will remain in the race for county judge, while W. C. Leever, the Point's candidate, will withdraw to become a candidate for commissioner.

For two or three days a persistent rumor has been circulating to the effect that W. R. Coleman, county clerk, will be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Coleman stated Saturday that possibly he will run, but that he has not as yet declared himself. L. E. Wakeman of Medford will probably oppose Mr. Coleman in the primaries, as he has already declared himself. W. H. Miller of Gold Hill, a democrat, will make the race as a democrat.

W. T. Grieve, county assessor, today announced his candidacy to succeed himself as county assessor. So far he has no opposition.

Chief Clerk Florey of the assessor's office is to make a race against Fred L. Colvig, for county recorder. Robert L. Taylor will be the democratic candidate. Wilbur Jones will run for sheriff to succeed himself. August Singler is his republican opponent. W. H. Canon may oppose Judge Neil for the democratic nomination for county judge, but he has not yet definitely announced himself.

Testimony Not Convincing.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Unconvincing testimony was offered here today by Andrew J. White, who claims to be George A. Kimmell, the missing Niles (Mich.) bank cashier, at the hearing of the case whereby relatives of Kimmell are endeavoring to collect a life insurance policy. The insurance company is fighting payment on the ground that White is Kimmell while the latter's mother and sister repudiate White's claims, asserting that the real George Kimmell was killed years ago in a forest in Oregon.

ALLEGED MOTIVE FOR GILBERT'S RECENT DECREE

Judge's Son and Daughter Said to Have Been Used by Ross as "Dummies" to File on Desert Land—Gilbert and Ross are Brother-in-Laws.

DECISION SAID TO BE A GREAT AID TO ROSS

When He Completes His Term for Bankwrecking He Will Probably Be Tried for Land Frauds.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—Calling attention to the fact that J. Thorburn Ross, convicted bank wrecker, who is under indictments for Oregon land frauds, and Judge Gilbert, of the United States circuit court of appeals are brother-in-laws, the Portland Daily News today publishes a sensational attack on Gilbert's recent San Francisco decision in the Barber Lumber Company land fraud case, which well known conservationists declared practically legalized the use of "dummy" entries by big land grabbing corporations in the acquisition of government lands.

The publication intimates that the decision, which was virtually the same as one handed down previously by the United States supreme court would aid Ross materially should he be brought to trial for land frauds.

In addition the article asserts that Judge Gilbert's son and daughter were used by Ross as "dummies" to file on desert lands, and says that Gilbert, when he heard of it, compelled them to cancel the claims and return to Ross the money he had advanced them. To support the statement the newspaper quotes United States District Attorney McCourt as having said:

"It is true that Ross sent the son and daughters of Judge Gilbert, out and had them make desert land entries for him. This was done in the absence of Judge Gilbert, and when he returned and learned of the matter he immediately had the entries cancelled and the money advanced to make the entries, returned to Ross."

In this connection the News declares that Gilbert's act indicated he had knowledge of the acts of Ross, now alleged to have been illegal, and did not wish to have his children unwittingly drawn into his business ventures.

Ross and Judge Gilbert married sisters.

Ross was president of the Title and Guaranty Trust company and was convicted of frauds in connection with the wrecking of the bank. The case is now pending in the United States supreme court of appeal. Ross was first sentenced to 900 years in prison but the state supreme court reduced this to five years.

Should he escape conviction in this case, the indictments charging land frauds, which are now being held up, would be pushed by the federal authorities.

ROWELL WANTS TO TEST SENTIMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Officials of the La Follette league of California, of which Chester H. Rowell of Fresno, is president, today are endeavoring to ascertain how members of the league like their switch from La Follette to Roosevelt. They are sending to the league membership blank cards on which they requested to express their preference between La Follette and Roosevelt for the republican progressive candidate for the presidency. It is stated in the circular letters accompanying the cards that an expression of the political views of the members of the league is desired before further steps are taken in the progressive republican organization of the state.

Newspaper Man Dies.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 24.—A. J. Barry, 57, former owner of the Pittsburgh Post and the Pittsburgh Sun, died suddenly today at the Duquesne club. He was stricken on the street and was removed to the club, where he died ten minutes later.