

One Striker Shot, One Is Wounded

Packer Workmen Defend Selves With Weapons—Fire Breaks Out in Armour Plant.

Unions to Assist Police

Violence marked the situation in the strike zone during the early hours last evening.

Rollie Rodgers, 33, 2819 R street, formerly an employe of the Dold Packing company, now out on strike, was shot through the leg and shoulder by John Lake, 45, 5014 South Twenty-sixth street.

The shooting occurred about 7, at the Q street viaduct. According to the report made to the South Side police station, Lake, who is working at Swift's, was accosted by Rodgers and several pickets as he was coming from work.

Rodgers, the wounded striker, was booked at the South Side police station on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Knife Is Used

About the same time Oscar Reid, 35, negro, 6972 South Eighteenth street, was arrested a short distance from where the shooting occurred, after he is alleged to have attacked and severely cut Frank Shvada, 29, white, 4207 South Thirty-seventh street, while the latter was riding on a street car.

An additional emergency car was added to the South Side fleet and two police squads are being kept constantly on duty scouting through the strike area.

Twenty-five new arrests were made in the strike zone up to 9 last night.

Fire at Armour's

Fire of undetermined origin was discovered in the Armour packing plant on the South Side shortly after 1 p. m. yesterday.

The flames were discovered first in the sulphur storage room on the ground floor, and quickly spread to the glue storage rooms on the second floor.

Two companies of the South Side fire department were summoned to assist the Armour plant department in extinguishing the flames. Thick clouds of dense black smoke rolled forth from the burning sections, accompanied by a strong stench from the melting glue. The damage was nominal.

Suspicion that the companies are importing strike-breakers under (Turn to Page Two, Column Five).

U. S. To Be Represented At Financial Conclave

London, Dec. 9.—It is reported in American diplomatic circles here that a financial conference at which America will be represented will be held either in London or Paris in February to consider the exchange problem and to try to devise some system for establishing an international currency.

Dr. Walter Rathenau, who is still in London, is now said to be on a sounding out expedition for the German government. He has approached the Bank of England for the purpose of ascertaining how it would view the application from the German government for a loan of \$25,000,000 (roughly \$100,000,000), but the bank has not yet considered the matter.

Hoover to Be Chairman Of Colorado River Body

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, will be appointed chairman of the Interstate Commerce River commission it was indicated in reliable advices received today by the league of the southwest conference here.

This appointment, delegates to the convention believe, provides for immediate determination of a comprehensive plan for development of resources of the Colorado river in their entirety. Congress has been asked for an appropriation of \$100,000 to carry on the work of the commission, it was stated.

Fraternity Building at Comstock Destroyed by Fire

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—An early morning fire completely destroyed the Woodmen building at Comstock. Loss estimated at \$5,000. The building was a large two-story brick and occupied by a merchandise store, a restaurant, Red Cross headquarters and the upper story by fraternal societies. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Machinist's Mate Killed

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 9.—Chief Machinist's Mate M. C. McLean, stationed at the North Island Navy air station, was killed today when an airplane in which he was a passenger crashed to the ground on the field. Ensign J. C. Cline, the pilot, was seriously injured.

New York Dry Agents To Ban All But Water On New Year's Eve

New York, Dec. 9.—Water, the most despised liquid refreshment in Broadway restaurants and cabarets, will be the only available stimulant for high jinks along the once gay thoroughfare on New Year's Eve, if prohibition agents have their way.

The frequency with which federal officials have recently been patronizing several of the most popular resorts has been interpreted as a forerunner of a tight lid on the city's biggest night.

"These raids mean that Broadway, perhaps for the first time in its career, will see a dry New Year's Eve," one of the agents declared.

Dail Expected to Ratify Irish Free State Agreement

Action Expected Despite Opposition of De Valera—Majority of Cabinet for Ratification.

Dublin, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—The ratification of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be moved at the Dail Eireann meeting next Wednesday by Arthur Griffith as chairman of the plenipotentiaries, it was announced today by President De Valera in a statement issued by the Dail publicity department.

It would not be moved as a cabinet decision, added the statement, because the views of the delegates differed from those of certain members of the cabinet.

Cabinet Announced

London, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—The final result of the deliberations in Dublin yesterday, which developed a Dail Eireann cabinet over the Irish free state treaty, has been to throw the treaty into an early meeting of the southern Ireland parliament. In his statement last night deeming himself against the terms, Eamon De Valera, republican leader, announced in public session for next Wednesday morning. He also disclosed that his attitude was supported by two members of his cabinet, Austin Stack and Charles Burgess.

The other cabinet members are said to have remained in favor of the treaty. This split, with the odds favoring ratification, is pointed to here as significant of the possible lineup in the Dail Eireann itself when the time for action arrives.

Good Will Toward England. Newspaper correspondents who asserted that the Dail had soundly rejected the treaty, declared that popular opinion in the south of Ireland had acclaimed the agreement with joy, and would insist on its ratification.

The release yesterday of a large number of republicans interned in political offenses produced a strong feeling of good will toward England. (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Railway Brings Suit Against Labor Board

Chicago, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Buffeted about by the criticism of both railroads and railway workers for more than a year and a half, the United States railroad labor board finally was haled into federal court today when it was made defendant in an injunction suit brought by the Pennsylvania railroad, which procured a temporary order from Judge K. M. Landis restraining the board from handing down a decision against the road in a shipmen's controversy.

Hearing on a permanent order will be held before Judge Landis tomorrow. The railroad's petition is based on two allegations: That the board has jurisdiction only over cases over which a disagreement has arisen, and that the board exceeded its powers in prescribing rules for the selection of employe representatives in negotiations with the carriers.

President of Guatemala Flees to Foreign Legation

San Salvador, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Guatemala City says former President Manuel Estrada Cabrera has fled from detention in Guatemala City and that Carlos Herrera, the deposed president had found asylum in a foreign legation.

Manuel Cabrera Has Been Held a Prisoner Since April, 1920, When his Forces Capitulated to the Revolutionists under Carlos Herrera.

During the fighting Guatemala City was bombarded by Cabrera's forces and many persons inside the city were killed. Last September Estrada was tried for the murder of Jose Coronado Aguilar and sentenced to death, but a presidential decree prevented his execution.

Store Destroyed by Fire

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The postoffice and general merchandise store at Cumro, 18 miles south of Ames, was destroyed by fire. The store belonged to N. C. Morgan, who is the postmaster. It was partially insured. All stamps, records and government papers were in the safe and not destroyed.

Tractor Rolls Over Bank Pinning Driver in Wreckage

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Wayne Marple was badly cut and bruised when a tractor he was operating along the highway, struck an obstruction and rolled over a 10-foot embankment, pinning him beneath the wreckage.

Pastor Declines Call

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Rev. W. S. Lett, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church here, has declined an offer from St. Stephens church at Grand Island. Rev. Lett has been here since 1914.

"\$100,000 Reward"

A NEW SERIAL By Henry C. Rowland Crowded with thrills, laughs and breathless adventure, this BLUE RIBBON novel will hold your interest. It starts tomorrow in The Sunday Bee

King Jury Disagrees; Discharged

Men Trying Woman on Murder Charge Said to Have Stood 8 to 4 for Acquittal.

She Must Stay in Jail

The jury in the Eva King murder case failed to agree and was discharged at 4:30 yesterday afternoon by Judge George W. Cullison in the district court at Council Bluffs.

Although the court did not inquire into the sentiment of the jury, it is known that the jurors were eight to four for acquittal after the first ballot, which was seven to five for acquittal. It was also learned that those voting for conviction were asking only for manslaughter, and every ballot after the first was eight to four for acquittal.

Only five ballots were taken during the long period of discussion, extending from 6:45 Thursday evening to 4:30 yesterday. Judge Cullison was at the court house during the greater part of the day, and about the middle of the afternoon the jury asked him for additional instructions. He was advised upon the points in debate, but did not disclose them and immediately sent word to the jury room that the additional instructions would not be given for the reason that every point that could be involved had been fully covered in the lengthy instructions already given.

Sat In Court All Day

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Murray, parents of Robert Murray, for whose murder Mrs. King was tried, sat in the empty court room all day awaiting the result of the jury's action.

When the jurors filed into their seats Judge Cullison asked them if they had agreed upon a verdict. A. W. Tyler, foreman, arose and said they had not.

"Do you consider it impossible to reach a verdict?" the court inquired King.

"Utterly impossible," he replied. "The difference extends to extremes and each side is very steadfast."

Hess Is Absent. A delay of several minutes occurred while court bailiffs sought in vain for J. Hess, counsel for Mrs. King. He could not be reached by phone and the brief proceedings went on without him.

Mrs. King, frail and wan, came into court unattended. Her mother, who had been at her side as far as permitted from the moment she arrived from Idaho Sunday night, was somewhere trying to rest and recover from the strain.

Mrs. Caroline Johnson, police matron, was also not present, and Eva King came over from the county jail escorted by Deputy Sheriff Gillaspay. She didn't know what awaited her, and almost collapsed when she sank into the chair she sat so long occupied. She was crying bitterly, not a friend near her, and looked appealingly toward those around her for the sympathy she craved.

Brother Killed in France. Mrs. Miller, the mother, was later found. "Thank God they didn't condemn my poor innocent child," she sobbed as she sank into a chair. "Eva was not my only child. My son was killed in France, and Eva's enemies in America are worse than her brother's murderers of the battlefield. I would rather she was sleeping with him under the poppies in France than have her stained and condemned because she was loyal to the man she loved. I will stay here until next term of court and fight for her till the last breath."

The case cannot be retried until next term in February. Mrs. King is not eligible to bail because of the murder charge. The case was started November 29.

Body of Alliance Man Found Buried in Shack

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of a Mexican laborer, murdered last July, was found today, when, acting on a tip from Denver, Sheriff Frank Koersing drove to a sod shack seven miles west of Scottsbluff, dug beneath the floor of the shanty and six feet under ground, doubled up in a gunny sack, found the body. Denver police are holding Ray Quito in connection with the crime. Efforts of a coroner's jury to identify the dead man were fruitless. The laborer had apparently been murdered by someone who crushed his skull with an axe.

St. Louis Packers to Operate "Open Shop"

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—Eleven independent packing companies today signed a notice printed in newspapers that they would operate under the "open shop" plan on and after January 2, and at the same time set forth a new scale of wages, which included a cut of 8 per cent for piece workers and others ranging from 3 cents an hour to 7 1/2 cents an hour. The notice says that action by the companies has been postponed as long as possible, and with a strike threatening unless the contracts with (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Nebraska Churches

The Bee presents in the Rotogravure Section for tomorrow a full page of photographs of beautiful churches in smaller Nebraska cities. Churches at Ord, Beaver City, Madison, Central City, Gothenburg, Sidney, David City, West Point, Bloomfield and O'Neill are pictured. The page includes both exterior and interior views.

Man Quits Surgery Course; Makes First Class Policeman

New York, Dec. 9.—Twenty-five years ago Richard Bermingham, Fordham graduate, cut short a post graduate course in surgery to become a policeman because, he said, "he'd rather walk a beat than be the world's greatest surgeon." He was on the retired list today with one of the best records in New York police history.

A student of criminology, Bermingham, who was made a sergeant of detectives, was credited with having obtained the confessions of many criminals through kind treatment. He loved his job so well that he fought, he said, against promotion, for he did not want to be taken off the beat.

State and Federal Agents Combine To Stop Violence

Mediators Sent to Chicago In Attempt to Avoid Rioting in Packing Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Federal and state authorities combined today to stop violence in connection with the stock yards strike.

Four mediators—two from the United States Department of Labor and two representing the Illinois industrial commission—were sent to the stock yards district to try to restore order and bring the strike difference to deliberation between the packers and strikers.

Official government recognition of conditions, Ernest Withall, chairman of the state commission, said, should bring an end to the clashes between strike sympathizers, workers and police when the federal and state agents get among the strikers.

Oscar F. Nelson and B. M. Marshall, United States commissioners of conciliation, with two representatives of the state, carried the government plans for truce into the yards today.

Better Than Troops. "This move is better than troops," Chairman Withall said.

There was virtually no disorder in any of the packing centers during the day. In Chicago, where there was bloodshed yesterday and the day before, there were only minor disturbances.

At Kansas City about 3,000 strikers paraded today, while at Omaha a packing company in a letter to its employes urged them to organize with their employers "on a 50-50 basis."

The ranks of the strikers were increased here during the day by several hundred men from other unions and reports were that arrangements were being made for a general strike in the yards, to start within a few days.

First Death Reported

Violence in the stock yards strike was reported this morning. George Pile, 35, a laborer, died in the county hospital of gunshot wounds received Wednesday night. The police said Pile was shot by a motorcycle policeman after he had thrown several bricks.

The situation assumed a brighter aspect, with optimistic statements from the packers and no reports of violence from the police. According to the packing house officials, some strikers are returning to work, and these, with the new men employed, have placed the plants on a nearly normal working basis.

Deny Packers' Statement. Dennis Lane, secretary of the butcher workmen's union, declared, however, that 50,000 men are out in the various packing centers and that the strike is 100 per cent effective.

Swiss & Co. asserted that 123 former employes appeared for work this morning and were given their old jobs. Armour & Co. announced many old men were returning and that the situation in their western plants was improving daily. So far as Armour & Co. is concerned the strike is a failure, they said.

Watson Protests Decision

"I will not be bulldozed by that bull-jawed brute," Senator Watson declared and, walking up to Cocheu, said: "For 2 pennies I'd slap your face."

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Canton Representatives Ask Return of Shantung

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A telegram asking that Shantung be restored to China, that 21 demands made by Japan on China be withdrawn and that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Chinese soil has been sent to Secretary of State Hughes as chairman of the committee of armaments and far eastern conference by the Chinese Six companies of San Francisco, officials announced today. The six companies represent the Canton or Sun-Yat-Sen government, which is not recognized by the United States.

The telegram also asked that there be "no interference in China's internal affairs by the powers."

Is the Ancient Feud Really Settled at Last?



Watson Threatens To Slap Face of Army Officer

Insulted by Glare of "Bull-Jawed Brute" at Probe Into A. E. F. Hangings—Rebuked by Chairman.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The meeting of the senate committee investigating charges by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that soldiers had been illegally hanged in France almost broke up in a row today after Senator Watson had threatened to slap the face of an army officer sitting in the audience.

Chairman Brandegee took hold of the situation and first directed Senator Watson to sit down, calling the sergeant at arms to enforce his orders, and then at the request of the senator excluded all army officers from the room. Senator Watson declared that Maj. D. Cocheu had insulted him by the manner in which he looked at the senator.

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Late Returns Cut Down Lead of Liberal Party

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Liberals found themselves today with such scant control over the next house that they will have to be constantly on the lookout for any parliamentary trick which might result in a vote expressing lack of confidence in the ministry.

Revised returns from Canada's general election last Tuesday have whittled down the party's seats from 120 to 118, with a combined opposition of 117. With a liberal selected for the next speaker, the standing would be 117 to 117.

In the event of the house dividing equally, the speaker would cast the deciding vote, under circumstances rules and regulations.

10 to 30 Per Cent Wage Cuts Asked for Rail Shop Men

New York, Dec. 9.—Schedules proposing wage cuts from 10 to 30 per cent for train servants, shop and maintenance of way employes of railroad lines north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, were formulated today at a conference of officials. The reductions, which would take effect late this month, must be submitted to the railroad labor board for rejection or approval.

The officials said the roads would begin separate conferences with their employes early next week on the proposed pay cuts.

French Acceptance of 4-Nation Pact Held Sure

Paris, Dec. 9.—France's acceptance of the quadruple agreement for the pacific is considered certain in official circles, although the draft received from M. Viviani of the French delegation in Washington today is regarded as a suggested outline and not a perfected plan.

Action here upon the agreement is expected shortly. Official circles as well as the press, have received with the greatest satisfaction the idea of France's participation in this accord.

Cotton Men Ask Higher Tariff

Manufacturers Say Rates in Fordney Bill Far Below Those in Other Measures.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Cotton manufacturers of New England and the south joined forces in behalf of higher rates of duty than provided in the Fordney tariff bill yesterday before the senate finance committee.

It was declared that although all republican tariff measures in the past have provided the equivalent of at least 40 per cent ad valorem protection on cotton cloth, the rates of the Fordney bill passed by the house do not average more than 22 per cent.

Besides asking that the rates of duty be increased, the cotton manufacturers proposed various changes in phraseology and methods of determining duties.

The American valuation plan was favored, the manufacturers pointing out that even higher rates than proposed will be necessary if this plan is abandoned.

The principal spokesman for the cotton manufacturers was Arthur H. Lowe of Fitchburg, Mass., chairman of the consolidated tariff committee, representing the National Council of Cotton Manufacturers.

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The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska and Iowa: Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; moderate temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 noon.

Organize School Orchestra

Central City, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A high school orchestra was organized here with Mrs. S. P. Dunwan as leader.

Bulk of French Delegation to Sail For Home Dec. 14

Decision Reached After Receipt of Cable Dispatches From Paris Accepting Proposals Submitted.

By HENRY WALES. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 9.—Following receipt today of cable dispatches from Paris accepting the proposals submitted by the respective delegations here, M. Rene Viviani and the bulk of the French delegation decided to sail for France on board the steamship Paris on Wednesday noon, December 14.

Discussion of problems concerning China in which France is but slightly interested in comparison with the United States, Great Britain and Japan, will probably be continued after M. Viviani leaves.

A summary of the French government's acceptance of the four-power agreement was received in code from M. Briand this afternoon.

M. Viviani immediately called at the French embassy here and submitted the dispatch to M. Jusserand, and afterward the pair called on Mr. Hughes at the State department.

As a result of the French acceptance, which, with favorable replies from Japan and Britain, made the four-power agreement to supersede the Anglo-Japanese alliance unanimous. Baron Kato and Mr. Bailon were summoned to the State department.

M. Viviani declined to comment on his conversations with Mr. Hughes this evening, but was optimistic over an imminent agreement on the problems under consideration by the conference.

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Bill Hart and Bride in Frisco on Honeymoon

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—William S. Hart, motion picture actor, and his bride, who was Miss Winifred Westover, a screen actress, arrived in San Francisco Thursday on their honeymoon after having been married in Los Angeles late Wednesday.

Hart is 48 years old and his bride, the daughter of a San Francisco newspaper man, is 25 years old.

Henry G. McDonald Dies

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 9.—Henry G. McDonald, 56, assistant secretary of the national organization of the Knights of Columbus, died at his home last night after a brief illness.

SLAUGHTER FLEES FROM DEATH CELL

Notorious Outlaw Overpowers Guards and Rules Arkansas Penitentiary for Five Hours.

TAKES SIX PRISONERS WITH HIM IN FLIGHT

Offers Freedom to All Convicts Before Departure—Uses Gun Snuggled Into Cell in Escape.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.—No trace of Tom Slaughter, the bandit, and the six convicts who escaped with him early this morning from the Arkansas state penitentiary had been found by any one of the four posses pursuing the fugitives up to 4 o'clock this afternoon, it was indicated by lack of reports from the posses.

Governor McRae offered \$500 reward for the return of Slaughter, dead or alive.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Tom Slaughter, murderer and bank robber, wanted in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, last night took charge of the penitentiary here, locked the warden, his family and guards in cells, opened the gates and doors of the prison, offered freedom to all prisoners and after ruling the place for five hours escaped in an automobile at 2:50 o'clock this morning.

Slaughter, under sentence of death for the killing of a trusty guard at the state prison farm at Tucker, Ark., where he was serving a life sentence for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Row Brown of Hot Springs, took six convicts with him, four of whom were negroes, under sentence of death. Six negroes under death sentence in connection with the riots at Elaine, Ark., in 1919, refused the opportunity and remained in their cells.

Engages In Gun Fight

Reports early today said Slaughter had engaged in a gun fight with officers at Benton, 25 miles southwest, but that no one was injured and that Slaughter and his party had turned northwest from there.

Four armed posses and sheriffs in several counties today were scouring their sections for the escaped convicts. At one point a report was received here that the car had been abandoned near Benton.

After the escape it developed that a revolver had been smuggled to Slaughter in the death cell, where he had been closely guarded since his conviction. At one point of the murder of the convict guard, Fringing illness Slaughter succeeded in getting (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Dry Law Violators Given Heavy Fines

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—District Judge W. V. Allen imposed some of the heaviest fines on record in Antelope county when he dealt with three violators of the liquor law. Fred Vidler of Clearwater, Lumor Komock and Neligh and James McClatchey, living near Okdale, were the offenders. Each of the young men was charged with manufacture and sale of liquor and each pleaded guilty.

Vidler was given a fine of \$1,000 and a 60-day jail sentence. Komock was given a fine of \$1,000 and sentenced to 100 days in the county jail. McClatchey received a fine of \$1,000 and 60-day jail