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WORKERS IN PROSPEROUS STATE

Wage Earners Busy at Higher Pay Than Ever Before—Secretary of Citizens' Industrial Association Says Outlook Was Never So Promising.

Chicago, April 24.—For the first time in years May 1 will be ushered in without any serious disturbance in the industrial world. This peaceful condition applies not only to Chicago, but to the large cities throughout the country, according to James A. Emery, secretary of the Citizens' Industrial association, who is in Chicago.

"There is hardly a cloud on the industrial horizon anywhere," said Mr. Emery. "Wages are higher than at any time in the history of the country, and in most of the country the relations between the employer and employe are harmonious. Through reports from our different associations, I am kept in touch with industrial affairs in every part of the country, and I have never seen the outlook as promising. In nearly every instance where working contracts have been renewed, wage increases have been granted, so that May 1 this year will not only bring fewer strikes, but also higher wages than ever before."

WILL APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Government Will Be Asked to Mediate in Rio Grande Dispute.

Denver, Colo., April 24.—The United States government will be asked to mediate between the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and its trainmen in an effort to bring about a settlement of the differences existing over the scale question. L. E. Sheppard, assistant grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. T. Newman, third vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, held a final conference with the officials of the Rio Grande road and notified them that the trainmen had rejected almost unanimously the offer of the company's management of an increase averaging 3.63 per cent, and nothing less than the Chicago scale would be acceptable to the Rio Grande men. They were told that this could not be granted and were notified that the road would appeal to Washington. The representatives of the trainmen responded that as a concession to the public they would withhold further action until Washington could be heard from, but that only mediation and not arbitration would be consented to. They also declared that a strike would be declared unless word came that the national government was willing to extend its good offices, and that very soon. Ninety-one per cent of the conductors voted to reject the company's offer and 97 per cent of the other trainmen did likewise.

WRECKS DUE TO BAD STEEL RAILS

Latent Flaw Causes Them to Break Under Impact of Fast Train.

Chicago, April 24.—Bad steel rails are causing many of the disastrous wrecks on American railways, according to a statement made by some of the most prominent operating officials in the United States, who are in Chicago attending the spring meeting of the American Railway association. Aided by chemical experts and metallurgists, a committee composed of operating officials has been making an investigation of this matter and have come to the conclusion that an exceedingly dangerous percentage of the steel rails manufactured today have a latent flaw, which causes them to snap and break under the impact of a fast train.

Among the reports which have been prepared for presentation to the meeting of the association today is one by the committee on "Standard Rail and Wheel Sections." This report will recommend that a committee be appointed to take up the question of better steel rails with the American manufacturers in an endeavor to improve the quality of material.

MANGLED BODY FOUND ON TRACK

Gambler Supposed to Have Been Murdered by His Victims.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 24.—A mangled body found on the Kansas City Southern tracks near Nelson, a coal

camp eight miles north of Pittsburg, has been partially identified as that of John Mitchell, a gambler of St. Joseph. Two local gamblers, who were not certain in their identification, because of the mutilation of the body, say that Mitchell's mode of operation was to drop into railroad construction camps disguised as a tramp, inveigle the workmen into gambling and win their money. It is supposed that Mitchell was murdered by his victims at the mining camp and his body thrown on the track to be cut up by trains.

MRS. LAWSON SHELDON DEAD

Mother of Governor of Nebraska Passes Away at Her Home at Nehawka.

Lincoln, April 24.—Mrs. Lawson Sheldon, mother of Governor George L. Sheldon, died at her home at Nehawka last evening. She was seventy-three years old. She has been ill with pneumonia for three weeks. Much of the time Governor Sheldon has been at her bedside.

NO VACATON FOR THAW

Four Centers of Distress Report Worse Conditions Than Formely.

Shanghai, April 20.—The following are extracts from the reports just received from four famine centers:

Yawomi—Famine is growing worse. Children in great numbers are dying. Suchien—Almost out of supplies. Need large amounts immediately to continue the relief commenced.

Sing-Kiang-Pu—Many dying. Must decrease relief work unless larger shipments of supplies are received.

Luklawietse—The whole country is in the deepest distress. Refugees who went south hoping to find relief are returning empty handed. There are processions of people with wheelbarrows, transporting their doors, tables, beds and cupboards to market, to be sold for almost nothing. Hundreds of women and children are seen in the fields, scratching out roots and scanty blades of grass. Hundreds of trees have been stripped of their bark from the roots to the tips of the highest branches, for use as food. The majority of the population is living on wild roots, which is causing disease.

CHINESE FAMINE REPORTS

Generally Believed that Slayer of White Will Spend Summer in Jail.

New York, April 20.—No movement to attempt to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw on bail has been made and none is likely for some time.

Dan O'Reilly and Clifford W. Hart-ridge, the two lawyers still in his employ, say that no immediate steps will be taken regarding bail.

That Thaw and the members of his family are resigned to the fact that Thaw must spend another summer in the Tombs is apparently indicated by the departure from the city of nearly every member of the family. Mrs. William Thaw, the mother, and the Countess of Yarmouth are now in Pittsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thaw have sailed for Europe.

Of all the family that gathered about the slayer of Stanford White during his fight for freedom recently, only his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, remains at the Hotel Loraine. She visits the prisoner daily and declares she will continue so to do as long as he is in jail.

DISGRACED, HE TRIES TO DIE

Wealthy Philadelphian Prefers Death to Trial on Double Charge.

New York, April 20.—Benedict Gimbel, a wealthy Philadelphia merchant, who was arrested in this city on the double charge of exerting improper influence over Ivor Clark, a sixteen-year-old boy, and attempted bribery of the officer who made the arrest, lies in St. Mary's hospital, Hoboken, unconscious from wounds thought to be self-inflicted. It is thought his injuries will prove fatal.

Bleeding from gashes in his throat and severed arteries in both wrists, Gimbel was found in a room which he had engaged the night before at the Palace hotel, in Hoboken. Gimbel had been released from the Tombs under \$5,000 bonds. He then went to Hoboken and registered at the Palace hotel as Wilson Helidge of Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. Donald McLean Re-elected.

Washington, April 20.—The principal feature of the session of the continental congress of the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was the announcement of the result of the vote for officers for the ensuing two years. Mrs. Donald McLean of New York, president general, was re-elected by a large majority and the administration ticket was elected with her.

Famine in Russia.

London, April 20.—Writing from the Russian famine district, Dr. Kennard, sent by the Society of Friends to investigate conditions, draws an appalling picture of the suffering. He says: "This is the worst famine Russia has known. No less than 20,000,000 people cannot live without aid to see another harvest."

DEBATES IN SENATE

RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATURE VOTES TO VETO

WILL HAVE BUT ONE SENATOR

Republicans Fail to Agree on a Candidate and Joint Session Adjourns at End of Eighty-first Ballot Without Any Choice.

Providence, April 24.—Until January next Rhode island will have but one United States senator as the result of the failure of the Republicans in the legislature to agree on a candidate. The joint session adjourned at the end of the eighty-first ballot, which showed that the deadlock was still complete. Final ballot: Colonel R. R. I. Goddard (Dem.), Providence, 40; Colonel Samuel Pomeroy Colt (Rep.), Bristol, 39; George Peabody Wetmore (Rep.), Newport, 30.

The contest was the most protracted and stubbornly fought in the political history of the state. Twenty-five ballots were taken at yesterday's session, none showing any particular change in the line-up.

TAFT HAS BUSY TIME

Secretary Resumes His Duties at the War Department.

Washington, April 24.—Secretary Taft resumed his routine duties at the war department. The fact that it was cabinet day made it necessary for him to cut short the time allowed to callers and to postpone until a more convenient moment the consultations he desired to have with General Bell, chief of staff, and the other officials.

It is doubtful if, in his Washington experience, the secretary has had to deal with more newspaper men than he saw during the day. They were mainly desirous to learn just what the secretary intended to do in answer to the challenge which Senator Foraker had issued in regard to the contest in Ohio. Mr. Taft frankly told his newspaper callers that he was under the disadvantage of a considerable absence from the country, with only scanty news of the important political events that had occurred. He did not feel, under the circumstances, that it was proper for him to make any kind of a statement as to his political opinions and plans.

HARRIMAN IDON WITNESS STAND

Denies Giving Permission to Any Newspaper to Publish Letter.

New York, April 24.—Edward H. Harriman was the principal witness at the final hearing in the case of Frank W. Hill, Mr. Harriman's former secretary, who is charged with having sold for publication the now famous letter by Mr. Harriman to Sidney Webster. The publication of the letter drew a heated reply from the president, in which the statements of Mr. Harriman were characterized as untrue. It is charged that Hill sold a copy of the letter which he transcribed from his original shorthand notes.

Magistrate Wahle announced after the hearing that he would give his decision on May 1. Mr. Harriman denied that he ever gave permission to any newspaper to publish the letter. On the other hand, he said that when he learned the letter was in the possession of the New York World he tried, without success, to prevent its publication.

FOR EDUCATION OF NEGROES

Philadelphia Woman Gives \$1,000,000 for Rudimentary Schools in South.

Philadelphia, April 24.—A gift of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a fund for rudimentary schools for southern negroes was announced here.

The donor is Miss Anna T. Jeans, a Quakeress of this city. Booker T. Washington, head of the Tuskegee institute, and Hollis Burke Frissell, president of the Hampton normal and industrial institute, are named as trustees of the fund, but neither of the institutions they represent will share in the gift. The income of the \$1,000,000 is to be used for the sole purpose of assisting in the "southern United States community, country and rural schools for the great class of negroes to whom the small rural and community schools are alone available."

DISASTERS IN PHILIPPINES

Town of Iloilo, Capital of Panay, Totally Destroyed by Fire.

Manila, April 20.—The town of Iloilo was totally destroyed by fire and 20,000 people rendered homeless.

Reports have been received from South Luzon of a severe earthquake in the town of Nueva Caceras, capital of the province of Aribos Camarines, and also at Nayabas, in the province of Tayabas, in northern Luzon. The destruction of buildings is reported, but so far there is no mention of any loss of life.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Motorman Badly Injured.

April 20.—G. W. Robinson, coach on the Lincoln Park car line, received serious injury in a collision between his car and Union Pacific freight train. One passenger was on the car and he miraculously escaped injury.

Nebraska Wheat in Good Condition.

Lincoln, April 20.—The Updike Grain company has compiled a report on the condition of the growing wheat in Nebraska from inquiries it recently sent to 187 bankers in the state. The report is regarded as very favorable. In answer to the question, "Are there any green bugs in your vicinity?" five bankers answered yes and 182 no.

To Test Veto of Kearney Appropriation

Lincoln, April 23.—The legality of Governor Sheldon's veto of the \$85,000 appropriation by the legislature for the state normal school of Kearney will be tested in the supreme court. Suit in behalf of the school will be filed today, the ground being that the time limit had expired before the governor announced his disapproval of the bill.

Lincoln Saloons Reopen.

Lincoln, April 19.—Saloonkeepers of Lincoln scored a victory last evening, when the supreme court rendered an opinion in effect that licenses granted last April under the old city charter do not expire until May 1 next, when the new municipal year begins under the present charter. The "drought" which has existed in Lincoln for a week, was broken last night, when the forty-one saloons reopened.

BISHOP BONACUM TURNED DOWN

Rome Refuses to Furnish Testimony to Nebraska Courts in His Case.

Lincoln, April 22.—Dispatches from Rome indicate that Bishop Bonacum had received a slight reverse, the congregation of the propoganda refusing to intervene in the case. Father Murphy has been in a ten-year legal tilt with Bonacum and is in possession of the church property at Seward, from which Bonacum sought to eject him. Recent pleadings of Bonacum for immediate possession have been dismissed, Murphy having won a slight advantage.

RATES FIXED MAY SEVENTH.

Railway Commission Serves Notice to that Effect on Railroads.

Lincoln, April 22.—The state railway commission will make a schedule of rates for all railroads in Nebraska on May 7. A circular was sent out by the commission to all the railroads notifying them of this fact and calling their attention to the law, which requires roads to file their schedules of rates with the commission. This has not been done, but the circular calls attention to the penalty provided for a failure to do this.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

J. C. O. Morse Takes Charge of Uncle Sam Oil Company.

Kansas City, April 24.—J. C. O. Morse, the receiver of the Uncle Sam Oil company, took charge of the affairs at the company's general offices in Kansas City, Kan. After making an investigation of the details of the business here, which probably will require several days, Mr. Morse will inspect the company's property in southern Kansas and Indian territory.

Tillman Asks Show of Hands.

Northampton, Mass., April 24.—Just before the conclusion of his lecture in the Academy of Music, Senator Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina asked for a show of hands from those who believed the negro was not the equal of the white man. There was no response. He then asked for a similar vote who believed in the supremacy of the whites, and a few hands were raised. Mr. Tillman concluded by attacking those present for their failure to respond to his request.

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