

EIGHT-HOUR LAW UP

House Committee on Labor is Taking Testimony on Bill.

SAMUEL GOMPERS IS HEARD

President of Federation and Other Leaders Before Committee.

OBJECTION FROM SHIPBUILDER

New York Constructor Says Measure Would Damage Business.

TWO-CENT PASSENGER FARES

Representatives of Traveling Men's Association Appear Before House Committee on Interstate Commerce.

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W. H. Fletcher, vice president of the W. and A. Fletcher company of Hoboken, shipbuilders, and representing also the National Metal Trades Association...

Answering questions put by Gompers and by members of the committee, Mr. Fletcher denied that the commercial shipbuilding industry on the Atlantic coast of the United States is practically extinct...

In addition to Mr. Gompers, Edward Nothlage, representing the electrical workers of the District of Columbia, and John F. Babbitt, representing the union plasterers in support of the bill...

Gompers Closes Argument

Mr. Gompers closed the argument on behalf of the bill. He made an emphatic statement of the reasons and emphatically contradicted the assertion that had been made before the committee by employers representatives that workmen as a result were in favor of working overtime if they received extra pay for the same...

When asked by Mr. Vreeland to explain his meaning, Mr. Gompers said: "The suits that have been brought against the organizations of labor and which have reached final decision by the supreme court of the United States, have outlawed the ordinary actions of the labor organizations that had been regarded as lawful until these decisions were rendered..."

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WEATHER

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair; continued moderate temperature. For Nebraska—Fair Wednesday; moderate temperature at Omaha yesterday.

Table with columns: Hour, Deg. Shows temperature forecast for various hours.

DOMESTIC

Night riders run in Kentucky and Tennessee and shoot and burn.

Anarchist Alla is examined closely by aliens.

Walsh alleges misconduct of the jury in reaching his conviction.

President Roosevelt entertains the mothers' congress at the White House.

Missionary life portrayed by the young people at the Pittsburg convention.

Kansas railroads hurry into courts to prevent the promulgation of a reduced rate.

State chairman's position in Oklahoma is one of contention among republicans in convention which will meet today.

Italians are engaged in fighting crime among their number.

Assistant District Attorney Henry Denies that immunity was offered Ruff, but says it was sought.

American ships make record for accuracy of firing at Magdalena Bay.

Ohio district conventions declare for Taft for president.

Director North declares he furnished figures requested of him, giving the authority when they had not been collected by himself.

Congressman Kinkaid secures lecturers from the agricultural department for the big Sixth district.

FOREIGN

An insane Swede shoots a rifle into the royal castle of the king and queen of Norway with the intention of killing the king.

King Edward writes to Kaiser Wilhelm and the controversy over the latter's letter to Lord Tweedmouth is ended.

Great Britain is alleged to have taken a hand in the Japanese-Chinese squabble, but this is denied in London.

English acting premier promises the country will maintain her naval lead.

Prince Menelik, a relative of the king of Abyssinia, is making himself offensive to the British.

LOCAL

President Luther Drake of the Merchants' bank frustrated an attempt to hold up the bank for \$5,000 made by James E. Fee, a desperate man who gives the address of 1129 North Seventeenth street.

Chief of Police Donahue has not received a new order from Mayor Dahlman to close the city on Sunday, and make it holy in accordance with the request of the Ministerial association.

Olen Rathburn, of Des Moines, Ia., shot and killed his wife, and then killed himself at the home of Attorney R. S. Hall, 3248 Farnam street, where Mrs. Rathburn was working as a domestic.

Police will crab automobilists the same as teamsters when they "cut the corners" at intersections, instead of making a square turn in accordance with the rule of the road.

The Union Pacific Railroad company gave more shop men their time Tuesday, and a reduction in the clerical force at the headquarters building is looked for daily.

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LECTURERS FOR BIG SIXTH

Agricultural Department Grants Request of Congressman Kinkaid.

CANNOT ATTEND CONVENTION

Gamble Introduces Bill for Appropriation to Enlarge Grounds at Fort Meade to Connect Up with Forest Reserve.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Kinkaid, not yet notified by his colleagues of the Nebraska delegation, has been looking over matters in the Department of Agriculture and taking counsel with Secretary Wilson with the result that lecturers will also be sent to the big Sixth.

Today Congressman Kinkaid said that specialists in agriculture and stock growing would be sent into the Sixth district to lecture before agricultural societies and farmers' institutes and that Chadron and North Platte had been selected as two of the places where the lecturers would be given.

Secretary Wilson granted Kinkaid the right to name several other places later on.

"I regret I cannot be present at the Sixth Nebraska congressional convention which meets in Omaha on Thursday to select delegates and alternates to Chicago," said Mr. Kinkaid, "but my duties here command my attention. I have faith in the judgment of my friends in the Sixth and believe representative men will be sent to Chicago. While it has pleased me to receive a number of invitations to attend the Sixth district convention, I have been compelled to decline on account of pending legislation in which my district and Nebraska are interested."

South Dakota Measures

Senator Gamble today secured the passage through the senate of his bill to authorize the secretary of war to give a condemned cannon to the University of South Dakota to be used as an ornament on the campus.

Senator Gamble today introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 to purchase additional land for the enlargement of the Fort Meade military reservation. It is the purpose of the Gamble bill to secure sufficient additional land to connect the Fort Meade reservation with the Black Hills forest reserve adjoining the same.

Minor Matters at Capital

The following army retiring board is appointed to meet at Omaha from time to time for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it: Brigadier General Charles Morton, Lieutenant Colonel William B. Davis, deputy surgeon general; Lieutenant Colonel William P. Evans, general staff; Major Daniel E. McCarthy, quartermaster; Captain James W. Van Dusen, assistant surgeon; Captain Fred E. Buchart, acting judge advocate.

The secretary of the interior has awarded contracts for furnishing cement to be used in the construction of government irrigation projects as follows: To the Western Portland Cement company, Belle Fourche, S. D., for the Belle Fourche project, 12,000 barrels at 85 cents per barrel.

Rural route No. 1 has been ordered established May 1 at Ipswich, Edmunds county, S. D., serving 250 people and eighty-four families.

Rural free delivery carriers appointed: Nebraska—Arcadia, route 2, Charles E. Lane carrier, Arthur F. Lane substitute, Iowa—Corcoranville, route 1, John H. Morgan carrier, Maggie E. Morgan substitute.

Mrs. William Fried, Fremont, Neb., and Mrs. Isaac L. Hill, Des Moines, Ia., are in Washington in attendance upon the International Mothers' congress, which convened in this city yesterday.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Hamilton Speaks on Federal Control of Corporations.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill was resumed in the house of representatives today. Although amendments were in order, the bill when it was laid aside for the day with eleven pages disposed of had undergone no material change.

A noteworthy speaker was Mr. Hamilton of Michigan, upholding the federal government to control corporations and sustaining the president in his attitude toward them, was the feature of the day's proceedings. Other addresses were made by Messrs. Small of North Carolina and Pliny of South Carolina, each of whom attacked the proposition to limit the pay for ocean mail service on the ground that it was but a substitute for a ship subsidy.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

Mr. McLaughlin Suggests Cotton as Basis for Treasury Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Cotton as a basis for the issuance of treasury notes in times of money stringency was the chief feature of a speech on the pending currency bill by Senator McLaughlin of Mississippi. Mr. McLaughlin thought there was no special need for currency legislation, and claimed that the policies of the republican party were responsible for the recent panic.

Senator Gallinger secured an agreement to vote on the ocean mail ship subsidy on March 20.

After passing several bills on the calendar, the senate, at 3:15 p. m., adjourned.

WALSH ALLEGES MISCONDUCT

Jurors Who Voted for Conviction Now Say They Were Forced to Do So.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Application for a new trial for John R. Walsh, ex-president of the Chicago National bank, convicted of illegal use of its funds, was made today in the United States district court before Judge Anderson.

Numerous affidavits were submitted in support of the application. Four were made by Juror Palmer, all to the effect that he signed the verdict because of his poor physical condition and worry to which he had been subjected by the other jurors. Juror Charles Davey made an affidavit in which he declared that he had doubts as to the guilt of Walsh and desired to obtain further instructions from the court. He declares that these instructions were denied him.

Another affidavit made by D. A. Toledora that he heard H. E. Kilgus before being chosen as a juror say that he would like to get on the jury, and that if chosen he would hold out until the last until Walsh got his verdict. Another affidavit by Juror Davey declared that he saw ballots whispering to members of the jury.

GREAT BRITAIN TAKES HAND

Foreign Office Reminds Japan of Clause in Treaty Governing War with Orientals.

TOKYO, March 10.—According to a well authenticated report, the center of interest in the Tatsu Maru affair has been removed to London. When the British government was informed of Japan's announcement that, in the event of a refusal by China to entertain her demands, Japan proposed to take "independent action," the British foreign office asked Count Komura, the Japanese ambassador in London what steps Japan proposed to take, calling his attention to the clause in the treaty with Great Britain covering the question of war between Japan and any other nation.

Great Britain's interest therein being understood here, Ambassador Komura, being unable to give a definite answer, asked the foreign office in Tokyo for information, which found the attitude of the British government an unexpected course of events. It is expected here that the British government is advising arbitration on the question of the restoration of the arms seized and has pointed out the advisability of Japan admitting the moral side of the question while doubtless technically correct. This view of Count Komura, who steps in as a check here, and the foreign office is now awaiting advice from Ambassador Komura.

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ALFONSO REACHES BARCELONA

King Received by Crowds and Makes His Way Through Streets Unimpeded.

BARCELONA, Spain, March 10.—King Alfonso, who left Madrid last night, arrived in this city this morning. He has taken up his residence at the home of General Linares, captain general of Catalonia, where he will stay during his visit here. He was given a warm welcome by the people of the city. No disturbance of any kind marked the arrival of his majesty.

The royal train drew into the station at 9 o'clock, and its arrival was announced by the firing of salutes from the Austrian and Spanish warships in the harbor. The big square outside the railroad station was lined with troops and the civil guard, who had difficulty in keeping back the surging crowds. As the king emerged from the station, accompanied by General Linares and the members of his personal suite in brilliant uniforms, he was warmly greeted.

The young king had a glorious day of brilliant sunshine for his visit. The decorations were more the matter of many heads in the international exposition. The only discordant note in the general brilliancy of the decorations were the flags of mourning flying from the Carlist clubs in memory of the men who lost their lives in the Carlist wars.

A single incident marked the program of the day.

MADRID, March 10.—It is semi-officially estimated here today that if no untoward incident mars the visit of King Alfonso to Barcelona the authorities will restore the constitutional guarantees recently withdrawn from that city and issue a decree declaring political amnesty.

EDWARD WRITES TO KAISER

King of England Smooths Letter Incident to Satisfaction of All Persons.

BERLIN, March 10.—A local news agency declares today that it has learned from an unimpeachable authority that King Edward has sent a letter to Emperor William couched in cordial and friendly terms concerning the relations by the London Times of the existence of private correspondence between the emperor and Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the British admiralty. According to this agency dispatch King Edward in his letter takes the view that the British Parliament and the public, as well as an immense majority of the press, are entirely justified in disapprove of the action of the Times.

Continuing, the dispatch says the attempt of the Times to exploit a private and non-political exchange of correspondence in a national way and in a manner antagonistic to Germany caused the British king to write the emperor in friendly terms.

The king's action, it is added, will create the best impression both in Germany and in England.

PRINCE MENILEK OFFENSIVE

Near Relative of King of Abyssinia Causes Trouble in Saxony.

HAMBURG, March 10.—Prince Ludwig Menelik of Abyssinia has been expelled from Germany as an undesirable foreigner. The prince is a near relative of the king of Abyssinia and a negro. He was born at Addis Abeba, and for a long time past he has been making unsuccessful efforts to organize companies for the exploitation of mines, rubber and cotton in the kingdom of his relative. He has been charged repeatedly with drunkenness and disorderly conduct in various parts of Germany. He has already been expelled from Saxony.

GREAT ACCURACY OF FIRING

Vessels at Magdalena Bay Have Excellent Record at Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Unofficial information which has reached the Navy department shows that greater speed and accuracy in firing has been attained during the target practice this year than ever before. The performance at Magdalena Bay shows that the Albany has broken all records for rapidity and accuracy with its five-inch gun, its average being ten hits per minute and the St. Louis with its six-inch guns, averaging eight and three-quarters hits per minute.

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MAN KILLS WIFE AND SELF

Double Tragedy is the Result of Domestic Difficulty.

WOMAN COOK AT R. S. HALL HOME

Husband, Glen L. Rathburn, Wants Burial in the Same Coffin, with Arms Around Each Other.

To the Police, Coroner and Undertaker: We are husband and wife, and if you wish to prove our marriage certificates are in Sigsbury, Ia., at my father's home, Father's name is J. Rathburn. Please notify him, as he may wish to send for us. If he does not, bury us both in one coffin with our arms around each other. It is her wish as well as mine. I have about \$50.00. If I bought the gun out of that, I have some that can go toward helping bury us. Also notify Mrs. Ruth Crummer, Fort Des Moines, Ia., care Fort Reary.

I am a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in good standing. Have the receipt for dues in my pocketbook. Wife's name, Katie Rathburn. I have a grip and suitcase at Millard hotel. Please send them to J. J. Rathburn, Sigsbury, Ia. Also my wife's trunk and baggage, which is at 3200 Farnam.

A tragedy of the bloodiest description was enacted in the Sigsbury home of R. S. Hall, the attorney, 230 Farnam street, when Glen L. Rathburn entered the kitchen at 8 a. m. Tuesday and shot and killed his wife, Hattie Rathburn, a cook in the household, and then ended his own life by sending a bullet through his brain.

Mr. Hall and his family were at breakfast in the dining room when the report of a shot was heard in the kitchen. Mr. Hall rushed through the door of the pantry which leads to the kitchen and beheld the awful tableau of Mrs. Rathburn lying on her back in a pool of blood, while her murderer stood by the smoking revolver in his hand and looked at his work.

Seeing the desperate man before him and thinking of his family in the dining room, Mr. Hall slammed the door leading to the kitchen upon the murderer and his victim and hurried back to the dining room, where he quickly took his wife and family to safety upstairs. It was while they were hurrying away that another shot was heard, and when Mr. Hall returned in a few moments, Rathburn was lying on his back in the kitchen dead with a bullet hole through his temple. The big square outside the railroad station was lined with troops and the civil guard, who had difficulty in keeping back the surging crowds.

Mr. Hall notified the police and Coroner Davis took charge of the bodies.

EVELYN THAW WANTS DIVORCE

Wife of Harry Thaw Declared to Be Seeking an Absolute Separation.

NEW YORK, March 10.—If the marriage of Harry K. Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is nullified it will be because of the fact that the young Mrs. Thaw under surveillance has refused to present it as a successful one, according to a statement given out today by Colonel Franklin Bartlett, counsel for Harry K. Thaw and Mrs. William Thaw. The statement declares, also, that there is no truth in reports that detectives employed by Mrs. William Thaw had had the young Mrs. Thaw in their power for months. Attorney Bartlett said today that no proceedings have yet been instituted looking toward a separation of Thaw and his wife.

"The matter is inchoate," said Colonel Bartlett when asked of possible proceedings against Mrs. Thaw. "There is every disposition on the part of my clients to be absolutely fair and just toward Evelyn Thaw and to make liberal provision for her support, and even more than that. Harry K. Thaw has sought a reconciliation and has not desired that his wife should leave him, but she has insisted on severing the marital relations. Any thought of espionage upon the young Mrs. Thaw would be abhorrent to Mrs. William Thaw and has not at any time been entertained by her."

MISSIONARY LIFE PORTRAYED

First International Convention at Pittsburg Brings Out Numerous Phases of Work.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 10.—The first international convention under the auspices of the Young Peoples' missionary movement opened here today in the big music hall of the Pittsburg exposition. In addition to 1,500 delegates from all parts of the world 2,000 Pittsburgers are registered.

Rev. John Willis Dyer, of Los Angeles, led the devotional services and the Rev. James I. Vance, of Newark, N. J., delivered an address on "The Resurrection Gift."

The present meeting of the Young Peoples' Missionary movement is on a larger scale than ever before attempted. Practically every section of the world is represented.

Moving pictures, the films of which are over three miles long, illustrating the work of missionaries and the life and habits of natives in all the important fields in the world, will be exhibited.

Dr. Arthur H. Ewing, an American Presbyterian missionary, president of the Christian college at Allahabad, India, who is attending the convention, believes an uprising in India is certain.

HENEY DENIES RUFF STORY

Assistant District Attorney Says San Francisco Boss's Immunity Contract Was Rejected.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—A voluminous affidavit was filed before Judge Lawler today by Assistant District Attorney Henevy in answer to affidavits previously presented by the attorneys for the defense in their efforts to have the indictment against Henevy for bribery annulled, chiefly on the ground that it was based on a promise of immunity by the prosecution. Henevy's affidavit denied specifically all of Ruff's allegations.

It says that Ruff was never promised complete immunity from punishment, but was given to understand he must accept the sentence for extortion; that it was expressly stipulated that no request for immunity would be made by the prosecution in the extortion case unless Ruff's testimony proved to be of as much benefit to the state as Ruff represented it to be and unless Ruff furnished corroborating evidence for it; that Ruff himself prepared a draft of a proposed immunity contract, which Henevy absolutely refused to consider; and that Henevy refused to have anything further to do with Ruff, when convinced that the latter was lying.

ORCHARD ADMITS HIS CRIME

Pleads Guilty to Murder of Former Governor Steunenberg at Caldwell.

CALDWELL, Idaho, March 10.—Harry Orchard, today, before Judge Fremont Wood, in the district court, was allowed to withdraw his former plea of not guilty, entered at his first arraignment by order of the court, when he stood mute, and entered another plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree, charged in the indictment. Judge Wood will sentence Orchard on March 23.

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