

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

ROADS IN DISTRESS

MANY WESTERN LINES APPEAL TO COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Would Delay Nine-Hour Law—Managers and Attorneys Tell Commission of Difficulties in Way of Increasing Operating Force.

Operating officials of railroads from all parts of the country Thursday were in attendance upon the hearing given by the interstate commerce commission in Washington of applications for an extension of the time of the going into effect of the "nine-hour law."

In all thirty-seven applications were received by the commission asking for the extension. Two of them already have been denied, those of the Georgia Southern and Florida railway and the St. Joseph and Grand Island railway, because, in the opinion of the commission, the petitions did not show what, in the terms of the act, would constitute "good cause" for granting the relief requested.

The applications of the other thirty-five lines are being heard as one case because the petitions are substantially identical. All of them assert that they have found it impossible to procure the services of competent, efficient and dependable telegraph operators in such numbers as will enable them to comply with the provisions of the law, and that, even if they could obtain the necessary operators, the enforced employment of so many additional men would be a financial hardship which the carriers ought not to be subjected to.

Nearly all of the petitions also indicate that, in the circumstances, if the law is enforced the companies will be obliged to close many small stations on their lines, thus interfering with the service, causing inconvenience and possible loss to the traveling and shipping public and preventing the prompt movement of mails.

TOO PROUD TO ASK AID.

Cleveland Man Dies While Wife Seeks Work.

Dead from lack of proper food, Russell Page, a civil war veteran, who was decorated by congress for valiant services at Fort Donelson, was found in bed at his home in Cleveland, O. While Page was dying his aged wife was vainly searching for work. Page, who was confined to his bed as the result of a wound received in the war, as too proud to ask for aid, was his wife.

At Fort Donelson Page led an army of snappers in the mining of ground near the fortifications. While directing the men Page saw Homer Stratton, a member of an Ohio regiment, lying on the ground badly wounded. Page carried Stratton on his shoulders from the battlefield, keeping his face to the foe and shielding Stratton from a heavy musket fire with his own body. After three volleys the confederate ceased firing and cheered him as he retreated to safety.

NIGHT RIDERS BURN HOME.

A Detail of Troops is Ordered to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Night riders early Thursday set fire to the residence of Broussais Gregory, a mile west of Hopkinsville, Ky., and fired guns into the bedroom in which Gregory and his wife and daughter were sleeping. The residence was burned to the ground.

The detail of Middleboro troops on guard at Hopkinsville has been ordered to the scene. The band led a note accusing Gregory of violating his pledge to the association.

A large tobacco warehouse at Switzerville, seven miles from Frankfort, Ky., was burned early Thursday. It contained about 100,000 pounds of tobacco which was not in the equity society pool. The owners are independent tobacco buyers, doing a large business in the Burley district.

Long Term for Kidnaping.

William Jones, alias Birmingham, and wife, Irene Alzina Jones, of Chicago, were Thursday sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Kersten for kidnaping Lillian Wulf, aged 8, last December. The man was given a thirty-year term and the woman twenty-five years.

Religious Instruction Upheld.

The motion brought in the Italian chamber of deputies by the socialist party proposing the complete abolition of religious instruction in the schools of Italy was defeated Thursday by a large majority. It was supported only by the socialists, the radicals, republicans and a few diffident conservatives.

Shalck Taken to Prison.

Capt. William H. Van Shalck, of New York, master of the ill fated steamer General Slocum, in the burning of which thousands of persons lost their lives, was taken to Sing Sing prison to serve his term of ten years imprisonment at hard labor.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$2.95. Top hogs, \$4.30.

RECITAL OF TRAGEDY.

Actress Tells How Husband Slew Her Brother.

"The whole story," as she called it, was told at New York Wednesday night by Glacia Calla, the beautiful opera singer, who, in the tragic role of a deserted bride, denounced her husband as the murderer of her brother, has excited interest on two continents.

Her successes in Paris, her marriage to Paul Roy in Boston, the quarrel at the New Hampshire summer home, followed by a duel; her flight in the night to her mother's home, and the ten agonizing hours she spent beside the corpse while the recital of suicide was being decided upon, were given by the woman with all the dramatic art of which she is possessed. She agreed to shield her husband, she explained, because—"Oh, when you love a man so."

Now that her husband has left her and denied the legality of their marriage, and has even asserted that she is several years past her admitted age, the singer says that she has had time to realize "the horror of it all" and "will never let up until I drive him to the electric chair."

Miss Calla, as she prefers to be called, closed the interview with the statement that she had already told her story to the authorities of "New Hampshire and to my attorney here, by both of whom I had been forbidden to talk about the matter."

Miss Calla, who in private life is Mrs. Paul E. Roy, came here several days ago and has since made her home with her cousin, George E. Hodgdon, a dealer in automobile supplies. A few days before her husband sailed for France she called at his apartments, but he was not in. She did not see him at any time, however, and had not lived with him, she said, since the death of her brother, George A. Carkins, on Jan. 2. She engaged counsel in this city and obtained a warrant for the arrest of her husband, which was afterward sent to Rome.

SHOCKS BOSTON CHURCH.

Fashionable Pastor Hurries Away to Wed a Stenographer.

The fashionable members of the exclusive Whitman Congregational church at Boston, Mass., are scandalized because of the proposed marriage of their pastor, Rev. Charles H. Crocker, to a stenographer, Miss Lily Florence McCrea, of Chicago, just as soon as he could reach the inland city. Like wildfire the news spread, but not quicker than the Rev. Mr. Crocker could hurry to the city clerk's office and get a marriage license and then catch the next train for Chicago.

No one knows just when the wedding will take place. So far as known Dr. Crocker took no one into his confidence. "I am going to get married as soon as I can," he told one of his assistants and let it go at that.

THOUSANDS AT FUNERAL.

Denver Citizens Pay Tribute to Martyr Priest.

With the solemnity and reverence due to his holy position and spotless character, the body of Rev. Father Leo Heinrichs, who was slain by an assassin, Giuseppe Alilo, on Sunday morning, was taken from St. Elizabeth's church Thursday to the union station, where it was placed aboard a Burlington train to be forwarded to Paterson, N. J., where the Franciscan fathers have their American headquarters. The funeral procession was a notable one and was witnessed by thousands, who stood bare-headed as the hearse passed.

When the service began in the church every available seat was filled and a crowd of 5,000 persons waited patiently outside until the ceremony was over.

DYNAMITE IN MAIL.

Pennsylvania Prosecutor Receives Explosive in Package from Italy.

City Solicitor N. P. Turner, of Easton, Pa., received a package in the mails from Italy Wednesday, and when he opened it he found it contained a stick of dynamite, to the end of which was attached an explosive cap. Fortunately the cap burned a little in transit, destroying its power to explode the dynamite when the package was opened.

Turner was formerly assistant to the district attorney, and it is supposed that the dynamite was sent him by one of a number of Italians he prosecuted who have since been released from jail and gone home.

Police Guard His Home.

A police guard has been stationed at the home of Dr. Julius F. Menestrina, a prominent Italian physician of St. Louis, who is the recipient of an unsigned "Black Hand" communication written in Italian, demanding \$500 and threatening the physician with decapitation if he fails to comply.

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Plea for Waterways.

A Washington dispatch says: President Roosevelt Thursday sent a message to congress dealing with the waterways question. A preliminary report of the inland waterways commission is transmitted with the message.

Naughton Found Guilty.

Daniel E. Naughton, assistant clerk of the house of delegates at St. Louis, was found guilty as an accessory after the fact to the alleged bribery of Delegates Priemeyer and Warner.

UNIQUE HOLDUP PLAN.

Laborer Admits Wrecking Missouri Pacific Train.

Walter W. Cox, a wood chopper, whose home is at Franklin Junction, Mo., confessed to Missouri Pacific railway officials Tuesday afternoon that he removed the rail from the track on the top of Otterville hill, fifteen miles east of Sedalia, Mo., on Friday night last that resulted in the derailling of a freight train from St. Louis. Cox said he had intended to wreck the first Missouri Pacific Kansas City-St. Louis passenger train No. 4, which was due at Otterville a few minutes after the freight was wrecked.

Cox was arrested at his home Tuesday. He was taken to the scene of the wreck, and after close questioning confessed. He said he committed the deed alone and had no accomplices. Cox is 35 years old and has a wife and child.

In a statement Cox says that he was inspired to wreck the train by reading a story in a Kansas City paper last summer of a man who discovered a broken rail just before a fast passenger train reached it. The man flagged the train, thus saving many from death. The grateful passengers immediately took up a collection for him, and a goodly sum was realized. Cox says he removed the rail and planned to flag the fast St. Louis-Kansas City passenger train, which was about due that time, in the hope of being rewarded by the passengers. The freight train came along before the passenger, however, and was wrecked.

BIG TUNNEL IS OPENED.

Roosevelt Pushes Button Which Starts Official Train.

The tunnel and subway system connecting Hoboken with New York City by tubes under the Hudson river was formally opened Tuesday when President Roosevelt pressed a button in Washington, thus starting the official train from New York to Hoboken.

A train carried the governors of New York and New Jersey, and officials of the three cities interested in the new station of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad in Hoboken, where exercises were held in celebration of the beginning of the operation of the new system. There a letter from Roosevelt expressing his high appreciation of an achievement of such magnitude was read and speeches made by governors and other officials.

RIOT FOLLOWS A WEDDING.

Bloody Conflict Ends Festivities in Chicago.

Four men were stabbed in a manner that is likely to prove fatal, fifteen others, including a policeman, severely cut, and several others slightly injured in a riot between two factions of Polish celebrators at Chicago early Tuesday. The fight marked the end of the festivities in the saloon of Joseph Kuta, the rioters being the guests at the wedding of Leo Chasski and Mary Wadya.

The conflict had its origin in an old controversy between the two factions of Poles, and a free-for-all fight, in which knives, beer bottles, chairs and tables were used, followed several quarrels which occurred Monday evening.

WANTED FOR MURDER.

Warrant for Arrest of Paul Roy is Received in Paris.

The police of Paris, France, have received from New York a warrant for the arrest of Paul Roy on the charge of murder. This charge was made by Roy's wife, an American actress, known also as Glacia Calla, who declares has murdered her brother, George A. Carkins, early in January in New Hampshire. The warrant has not yet been served.

The French law does not permit the extradition of French citizens, but provides for their trial and punishment in France for crimes committed abroad.

WOMAN SHOTS LAWYER.

Brooklyn Woman Declares Her Act Was Justified.

Charles M. Sanford, a Smithtown, L. I., lawyer, was shot and seriously wounded in the head by Mrs. Jennie Bunt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday.

Mrs. Bunt was waiting at Sanford's office door and shot him as he approached. Mrs. Bunt admitted she did the shooting and declared it was justified by Sanford's treatment of her and was "an act of God."

Sanford said Mrs. Bunt had employed him as counsel in an action against her husband.

Army Car Near Chicago.

The so-called army car, carrying a message from Gen. Grant in New York to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., reached Michigan City, Ind., early Tuesday.

Deaths Only Day Apart.

Rev. Robert Conover, one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen in central Illinois, died at Bloomington Tuesday, aged 85 years. His wife died Monday. The couple founded there, in 1856, the first seminary for girls in the state.

Three Children Burn to Death.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis, the eldest 4 years old, were burned to death Monday afternoon in a fire which destroyed their home in Santa Rosa, N. M.

Work on Panhandle Suspended.

Orders have been issued suspending work on the line known as the Panhandle, being reconstructed from Mulvane, Kan., to the west line of the Panhandle, in Texas.

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JUDGE PLAYS SHYLOCK.

Plagiant Case of Usury Arouses Ire of Omaha Magistrate.

Judge E. S. Estelle, of Omaha, has declared the most important case he has heard in the Frank murder, in which Ernest Frank is accused of the murder of his wife, Edith. In April, 1907, Ernest Frank, a young farmer living near the extreme northeast corner of the county on a farm, left his house to go to the farm of his father, W. A. Frank, about a mile away, to assist him in building some fence, and claims he left his wife engaged with her housework and that she was to follow him soon and take dinner with him at his father's. The morning proving too stormy for the work, Frank soon returned home and found his wife lying on the floor dead, with a gun by her side and a shot wound in her temple.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide, which did not meet with the approval of the family and some of the neighbors of the dead woman. A grand jury was called at the May term and young Frank was indicted for the murder of his wife and held under bonds.

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First Indication of Accident at Burlington Crossing.

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A speech by Senator Johnston of Alabama on the Aldrich currency bill and a statement by Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, concerning the proposed investigation of charges of defects in construction of battle ships, were the chief subjects of interest before Senate Wednesday. The bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth census occupied most of the time of the House. Progress with it was slow because of numerous amendments offered. The bill was amended in one important particular, however, and that was limiting the census to the mainland of the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico. Mr. Henry of Texas urged the Republicans to bring in an employer's liability bill and a bill requiring notice before the issuance of federal injunctions.

The Senate adjourned a few minutes after convening Thursday morning out of respect to Senator Latham of South Carolina, whose death was announced. Most of the time the House was in session was consumed by the reading of impeachment charges offered by Mr. Waldo of New York against Federal Judge Lobbin E. Willey of the United States Court at Shanghai, China, which were referred to the committee on the judiciary. The House adjourned early as a mark of respect to Senator Latham.

Senator Perkins of California Friday spoke in the Senate in justification of expenditures for the upbuilding of the American navy and of the policy of sending the fleet into the Pacific Ocean. The Tillman resolution, authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute the transportation companies of Oregon that have received public lands and have violated the terms of the grant, was adopted. The time of the House was devoted to consideration of the District of Columbia street railway bill, providing for extension of street car lines to the new union station.

No business was transacted by the Senate Saturday. Immediately after prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Vice President Fairbanks called Senator McCumber to the reading desk and the North Dakota Senator read Washington's farewell address, after which the Senate adjourned until Monday. Washington's birthday was commemorated in the House of Representatives by a lively debate on the negro question. It arose out of an effort by Mr. Healin of Alabama to amend the District of Columbia railway track bill by requiring separate cars for whites and negroes. The bill without the amendment was passed. It provides universal transfers on the basis of cash fare, or six tickets for 25 cents. At 4:35 p. m. the House adjourned until Monday.

Ocean mail subsidy and currency legislation were both the subjects of speeches in the Senate Monday. Senator Gallinger opened the debate in favor of his bill for ocean mail subsidy to build up American merchant marine, and he was followed by Senator Depew, who strongly approved the measure. Senators Simmons of North Carolina and Whyte of Maryland spoke in criticism of the Aldrich currency bill, Senator Whyte announcing that he would not vote for any measure now before the Senate. An hour was devoted to further consideration of the bill to amend the criminal code, and at 5:14 o'clock the Senate adjourned. The unusual spectacle of the committee on rules being overruled by its chairman, the Speaker, on the floor of the House of Representatives was witnessed in that body, much to the discomfiture of Mr. Daigelt, a member of the committee. Mr. Daigelt brought a resolution providing for an investigation of postage in the Southern States, but the Speaker, on an objection by Mr. Mann (Ill.), held it not privileged. Despite Mr. Daigelt's argument, the Speaker refused to alter his decision and the resolution was recommitted. The army appropriation bill, carrying \$85,077,500, was taken up. After Mr. Cramer (Iowa) had explained its provisions, Mr. Slayden (Texas) criticized "the enormous extravagances for the military establishment," while Mr. Holiday (Ind.), pleaded for increased pay for the enlisted men of the army. At 5:57 p. m. the House adjourned.

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