#### ROADS TO FIGHT UNITED UNIONS

More than a Million Men to Be Directly Engaged in Great Industrial Contest.

The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation. Practically every railroad line in the country, east and west, is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by a walkout on the part of large numbers of its operating employes this month. Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a 10 per cent wage increase, without deviation or compromise.

That the crisis is approaching rapidly was indicated by the announcement at New York by officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that they would "present their demands on the 11th of this month, and the wage conference will begin on the 15th. Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike, it is impossible to predict what the outcome of the conference will be.'

Both the railroads and the leaders of organized labor among the railroad employes are preparing for the struggle, which when it once begins will without doubt develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land. The attitude of the leaders on both sides of the dispute which menaces the industrial peace of the country is at the present time that of Iron stubbornness.

While it is known that it is not the plan of the leaders in the railroad labor organizations to call out all the men at one time their intention is said to be by those who are acquainted with their plans, to call out sufficient men on each big system to make

operation a practical impossibility. This means that over a million men will engage directly in a battle with the railroads unless some fortunate caused his death in St. Louis, accordcircumstance arises to avert the trou- ing to a warrant charging Mrs. Dora the commerce of the country, unless a University, who analyzed the organs pleasure in receiving him. settlement is reached quickly

#### TWO WOMEN HIGHWAY ROBBERS

was on her way home from work the wife of Dr. Loren Basco Doxey. when she was accosted by the strangers of her own sex, who asked for directions. She was giving them information when one of the women slipped behind her and pinioned her arms. Her accomplice searched the victim and got \$25. The brigands

#### WOMAN THROWS VITRIOL.

Wife of Belfontaine, O., Residen: Disfigured by Act of Stranger. When Mrs. George Mann answered ring at her door the other night she met a masked woman who threw vitriol into her face, exclaiming: "I'll burn your eyes out!" The woman then fied. Mrs. Mann's eyes were saved by physicians, but she will be disfigured by deep burns. Her husband told the police that he had received letters saying that one day he would go home and find his wife dead.

Locked Up with Dead Parents. For twelve hours throughout the coldest night of the season, Earl Campbell, 2 years old, was locked in a room in Kansas City, Kan., alone with the dead bodies of his father and mother. The child's plight was discovered by neighbors, who found that Joseph Campbell, 32 years old, had shot and killed his wife, and then ended his own life.

Wealthy Man Dead on Rails, The body of Gustave Johnson wealthy stone and gravel contractor, was found near the tracks of the Big Four and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroads at Dayton, Ohio. There was no sign of violence on his body except a small hole in the forehead resembling a bullet wound.

Fortune in Grip; Owner Demented H, A. Piednoir, a St. Louis lawyer, carrying a vallee in which there was \$450,000 of apparently negotiable pa pers, left a train from New York in the railroad station that he would 216,000 bushels of corn in the United kill himself. The police took him to

Peppermint Induces Longevity. Plenty of peppermint candy is the recipe for longevity given by John Kipp, who celebrated his one hundred and third birthday in Washing ton, N. J.

Arrests in Zinda Murder.

Pietzszak were brought to Milwankee from Blaney, Mich., as suspects in the ed output is \$250,000,000 feet. The out-Hattle Zinda case. Both disappeared put for 1988 was 189,401,472 feet, while resumed operations with old employ from Milwaukee about the time of the in 1807 the output was 214,182,932 feet. es, who returned voluntarily. The

Form Indiana Tobacco Pool. The tobacco growers of Indiana have formed a pool, under the name of the Indiana Tobacco Growers' Association, and have opened a warehouse at Dale. The pool offers \$3 so \$14 for Burley and \$4 to \$8.50 for dark tobacco.

THERE ARE GLANTS IN THESE DAYS



CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER

Wife Alleged to Have Caused W. J. Erder's Death by Poisoning.

White arsenic placed in William J. Erder's food by his bigamous bride More than 150,000 miles of rall | E. Doxey with murder in the first deroad track will cease to bear their bur- gree. The charge is based on a report dens of freight and passengers, with by William H. Waiten, dean of the of Erder's body after it had been disinterred at the request of Miss Kate lected \$2,700 life insurance on Erder Hold Member of Their Own Sex in and \$500 on his sister Elizabeth, is un Cincinnati Street and Take \$25. der guard at Columbus, Neb. She will Highway robbery was taken up by resist extuadition to St. Louis, accordthe gentler sex early on a recent ing to a telegram. The only requisimorning when two women held up tion now in effect is based on a charge and robbed Nora McDonald, a stenog- of bigamy, due to the charge that Mrs rapher in Cincinnati. Miss McDonald Doxey illegally married Erder while

RUEF FREE; BOND IS \$300,000.

San Francisco Boss Released on Account of III Health.

Judge Cabaniss in San Francisco or dered the release from custody of Abraham Ruef on \$300,000 ball. This action followed a report of three physicans appointed by the court to exam ine the physical condition of the for mer political leader. Ruef had been confined in the county jail since Nov. 13 of last year, his previous ball having been declared forfeited on the day Prosecutor Francis J. Heney was shot in the courtroom. Ruef is under sentence of fourteen years in the State prison for having bribed a supervisor to vote for a trolley franchise for the United Railroads.

Home Burns; Daughter Cremated. Myrtle J. Johnson, 5 years .id, was at Connellsville, Pa.

#### TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

build a \$250,000 motor speedway for Ill., where he was admitted to the bar Chicago.

Kentucky's burley and other grades of tobacco in the 1909 crop will be in the largest quantity ever known, nearly 400,000,000 pounds. This was announced by the banks of Louisville, which have been gathering figures from their various correspondents in the countles where "the weed"

Thousands of acres of corn in the country round about Huron, S. D., were buried beneath the immense tenfoot snowdrifts that formed during the recent snowfall. The farmers have been prevented from harvesting the corn by the searcity of farm help. A considerable amount of the corn may be lost.

James Wilson, Secretary of Agricul-Bellefontaine, Ohlo, and announced at ture, says that we have raised 2,767,-States this year, the average being 25.4 bushels and the quality 84.2. He places the corn in farmers' hands at 79,799,000 bushels, or 3 per cent of the crop of 1908. Last year's crop was 2,668,651,000 bushels, or an average of 26.2; the quality was 86.9 and the amount in farmers' hands Nov. 1 was 71,124,000 bushels, or 2.7 per cent of stockmen, ranchers and business and

The lumber production in Minner no lis for 1909 far exceeds that of either Karl Wodelechowski and Adam 1908 or 1997. Five miles were in operation during the year and the estimat-

President Taft at the White House, Washington, D. C., pressed a button ley of the company. which opened the great national apple show at Spokane, Wash. The Prestdent of the United States sent to Howard Elliott, president of the show, the following message: "Hearty congratulations to the promoters of the second national apple show and best wishes for a success"

CALHOUN AS MINISTER TO CHINA

Formal Announcement Is Made from State Department at Washington.

Announcement was made at the State Department at Washington, D. C., Monday of the appointment of William J. Calboun of Chicago as min- as to the identity of the persons who ister to China. Mr. Calhoun has ac- went to their death Nov. 7 with Chaufcepted the appointment, and the Chithe consequent paralyzing effect on medical department of Washington nese government has indicated its Born in Pittsburg in 1848, Mr. Cal-



WJ CALHOUN

figure in Illinois and the nation. In 1896 he took up the cause of the late President McKinley and did much to cremated and her mother and two swing Illinois' delegation to the Mcyoung brothers were fatally burned Kinley column in the National Conin a fire which destroyed their home vention. In 1900 Mr. Calhoun could have received the Republican nomination for Governor if he would have permitted his friends to enter him in Local capitalists of Chicago are re- the race. He has a wide acquaintance ported to be behind a company to down State, having lived at Danville

> in 1875, before coming to Chicago. In 1898 Mr. Calhoun was named a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, serving until 1900, in which year he moved to Chicago. In 1905 he was selected as a special commissioner to Venezuela, when an international crisis was impending. His report, made then, has formed the basis for America's action ever since in maintaining the principles of the Monroe doctrine.

#### PAY FINES FOR LAND FRAUD.

Fifteen Citizens of Umatilla County, Oregon, Pay Total of \$45,000.

Fines aggregating \$45,000 were paid n the Federal Court in Portland, Ore., Wednesday by fifteen citizens of Umatrila County who had -pleaded guilty to having defrauded the government of part of the public domain. Col. J. H. Raley, one of the most prominent attorneys of eastern Oregon, paid the heaviest fine, \$10,000. The others who pleaded guilty were professional men.

Steel Mills Win Strike.

After a strike of five months four mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company in Bridgeport, Ohio. fight was against the "open-shop" pol-

\$75,000 Fire at Jacksonville, Fla. Fire which started in the wholesale grocery warehouse of the Flynn-Harris-Bullard Company and the C. W. Bartleson Company in Jacksonvillo the Treasury Shaw, as expressed in a caused a loss of about \$75,000

BODY OF AUTO VICTIM FOUND.

Max Coben Believed to Have Met Beath Trying to Save Fiancee. Finding of the body of Max Cohen floating in the Chicago River near the Loomis street bridge dispelled any doubt which might have remained feur Ernest Camp when he drove an lice to believe he had attempted to take them off, while he tried to rescue Miss Beatrice Shapiro, his flaucee, who, it is believed, met death with him. Mish Shapiro's body has not yebeen found.

FIRE SWEEPS BALTIMORE.

\$1,000,000 Loss at Scene of 1904 Disaster.

Baltimore's great wholesale district just across the border line from the section of the city where the fire of 1904 started, was swept by flames Thursday evening. The loss will to tal at least \$1,000,000. Five firemen were badly injured. The fire was gotten under control at 9 o'clock. The the catastrophe of 1904 were missing, however, and after a consultation it was decided unnecessary to call on sister cities for help, as was done five were the scene of Thursday night's eral breakdown.



William J. Bryan went to Arizon during the week to visit his son. From FULLS DOWN BLACK FLAG: SHOT there he will go to Texas to look after his property on the Gulf Coast, and Pennsytvania Deputy Sheriff Woundthence sail for Panama to make personal inspection of the big ditch. This done he will make a tour around South America, stopping at various mob of foreigners near the plant of places, but getting back in time to fill an engagement in Scotland next June. His only statement about the Senatorship before leaving home was: "If Conway Crowley was shot and probathere is a demand for me to make the bly fatally wounded. Striking workrace I will not refuse the nomination." men at the steel plant, after taking Justice Brewer, of the Supreme down the American flag, had placed predicts the coming of votes for wom- about it, daring the police officers to en, saying: "Not fully at once, but by varying steps. Woman's breader eduation, her increasing familiarity with business and public affairs, will lead to it. And why not? The chief reply is the home. God forbid that it should at the coroner's inquest into the Cher be joopardized. \* \* \* But female ry mine disaster was directed mainly suffrage will not debase the home or toward showing that the officers of the essen its power and influence. On the mine had not made an early effort to other hand, it will introduce a refining rescue the miners and that the proper and uplifting power into our political life. It will not stop marriage; nelther will fitgher education. The great while at work, had not been supplied natural laws of our being will always and maintained by the mining comassert themselves,"

Speaker Cannon is angered by the charges of Congressman Pearson that he was nided by Tanimany Hall in return for an up-State Republican ussistance in strangling honest election

vestiguted by Congress. That the success of the United Illness, States either in peace or war depends upon the passage of the ship subside bill, which will give ample protection to the foreign commerce of the nation, was the opinion of former Secretary of recent address in Philadelphia,

## CONGRESS IN SESSION; SOLONS GATHER EARLY

Galleries of House and Senat. Crowded Before Sessions Are Called to Order.

A BIG GRIST OF BILLS PUT IN

Proceedings Perfunctory, as Adjournment Out of Respect to Dead Member Is Taken.

Crowded galleries, representing offidal and social life in Washington, witnessed the commencement of the regular session of the Sixty-first Congress Monday. At noon, when both houses convened, there was a full attendance of members. On the floor of both houses a renewal of friendships among among Senators and Representatives took the place of interchanges on partisan or political matters. Early in the day it was evident that when Vice President Sherman in the Senate and Speaker Cannon in the house should bring down their gavels they would face full houses.

The procedure followed on the first day was similar to that which has characterized every opening of Congress. A great mass of bills was introduced by representatives by the simple act of being deposited in the receptacle provided for their reception. Senators waited until Tuesday before laying before their body the new measures they propose to push during the coming months.

The announcement of the recent deaths of Senator Johnson of North Dakota and of Representatives Lassiter of Virginia and De Armond of Missouri caused adjournments on both sides of the capitol in respect to their memories.

The swearing in of Senator Fountain L. Thompson and of Representalives W. W. McCredie of Washington and W. J. Moxley of Illinois, who have been named for those positions since the adjournment of the special session, took place Tuesday just before the President's message was received and read

Before Monday was over there were preliminary conferences on both sides of the capitol for the purpose of laying out plans for the session's work.

Representative Sulzer of New York Introduced a resolution in the House Monday directing the President to use the army and navy of the country to automobile into the river at the Jack- restore order, maintain peace and proson boulevard bridge. Cohen's coat tect life and property in Nicaragua. and overcoat were thrown about his The resolution recites that the United head in such a way as to lead the po- States demands the arrest, trial and inishment of President Zelaya of Nicaragua for the willful murder of citizens, an ample apology from Nicaragua and reparation.

#### \$1,000,000 STOLEN FROM PHENIX

George P. Sheldon Reported Dying

as Result of Disclosures. State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss, in an official report, charged George P. Sheldon, president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn since 1887, with misapplication of funds, with forgery of reports to the Insurance Department, with 'wash sales" of questionable assets, and recommended him to the criminal extraordinary features which led to authorities of New York County for such action as may seem proper. The loss to the company, according to Superintendent Hotchkiss, will total \$1,-000,000. Sheldon is reported to be dyyears ago. Lombard and Sharp streets ing at his home from dropsy and gen-

#### DR. COOK IN A SANITARIUM?

Arctic Explorer Is Reported to Be in Seclusion Near New York. It is reported that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, is at a sanitarium near White Plains, N. Y., where certain statesmen and exhausted actors are sent to recuperate. A man who looks like Cook has been seen several times during the last few days riding on horseback away from the sanitarium in the early morning hours and eturning on foot in the evening. The authorities of the sanitarium said if Dr. Cook was there they were entertaining him unawares.

ed When He Defies Strikers. For pulling down a black flag in de-Sance of the edict of an infuriated the Colonial Steel Company of Monaca, near Pittsburg, Deputy Sheriff Court, writing in the Ladies' World, the black flag on a pole and gathered take it down.

> Cherry Miners Deserted. The testimony taken the other day protection of the lives of the miners

William Medealf, Steel Man, Dies. William Medcalf, 71 years old, pres ident of the Braedurn Steel Company and of the Homospathic hospital of bills aimed at Tammany. Cannon is Pittsburg, a noted engineer and aupreparing to have the sugar trust in. ther of books on steel manufacturing, died at his home there after a brief

> Mother and Three Children Burn. Myrtle J. Johnson, 5 years old, was urned to death and her mother and two younger brothers were fatally burned in a Are which destroyed their home, at Connestsville, Pa.

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