

# BIG RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN

Every Line, East and West, Opposing Brotherhood Wage Demands, Courts War.

## 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 employees 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 circumstance arises to avert the trouble. More than 150,000 miles of railroad track will cease to bear their burdens of freight and passengers, with the consequent paralyzing effect on the commerce of the country, unless a settlement is reached quickly.

## TWO WOMEN HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Hold Member of Their Own Sex in Cincinnati Street and Take \$25. Highway robbery was taken up by the gentler sex early on a recent morning when two women held up and robbed Nora McDonald, a stenographer in Cincinnati. Miss McDonald was on her way home from work 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 escaped.

## WOMAN THROWS VITRIOL

Wife of Belmont, O., Resident Disgraced by Act of Stranger. When Mrs. George Mann answered a 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 fled. Mrs. Mann's eyes were saved by physicians, but she will be disgraced 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. Plednor, a St. Louis lawyer, carrying a valise in which there was \$450,000 of apparently negotiable papers, left a train from New York in Bellefonte, Ohio, and announced at the railroad station that he would kill himself. The police took him in charge.

## 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 Washington, N. J.

## Arrest in Zinda Murder.

Karl Wodolchowski and Adam Plezanski were brought to Milwaukee from Hlaney, Mich., as suspects in the Hlaney Zinda case. Both disappeared from Milwaukee about the time of the murder.

## Porn Indians 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 \$5 to \$14 for Burley and \$4 to \$3.50 for dark tobacco.

## THERE ARE GIANTS IN THESE DAYS



—Minneapolis Journal.

## 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 caused his death in St. Louis, according to a warrant charging Mrs. Dora E. Doxey with murder in the first degree. The charge is based on a report by William H. Waifen, dean of the medical department of Washington University, who analyzed the organs of Erder's body after it had been dissected at the request of Miss Kate Erder, a sister. Mrs. Doxey, who collected \$2,700 life insurance on Erder and \$500 on his sister Elizabeth, is under guard at Columbus, Neb. She will resist extradition to St. Louis, according to a telegram. The only requisition now in effect is based on a charge of bigamy, due to the charge that Mrs. Doxey illegally married Erder while the wife of Dr. Loren Basco Doxey.

## CALHOUN AS MINISTER TO CHINA

Formal Announcement is Made from State Department at Washington. Announcement was made at Washington Monday of the appointment of William J. Calhoun of Chicago as minister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment, and the Chinese government has indicated its pleasure in receiving him. Born in Pittsburg in 1848, Mr. Cal-

## BODY OF AUTO VICTIM FOUND.

Max Cohen Believed to Have Met Death Trying to Save Financier. Finding of the body of Max Cohen floating in the Chicago River near the Loomis street bridge dispelled any doubt which might have remained as to the identity of the persons who went to their death Nov. 7 with Chauffeur Ernest Camp when he drove an automobile into the river at the Jackson boulevard bridge. Cohen's coat and overcoat were thrown about his head in such a way as to lead the police to believe he had attempted to take them off, while he tried to rescue Miss Beatrice Shapiro, his fiancée, who, it is believed, met death with him. Miss Shapiro's body has not yet been 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 total at least \$1,000,000. Five firemen were badly injured. The fire was gotten under control at 9 o'clock. The extraordinary features which led to 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 years ago. Lombard and Sharp streets were the scene of Thursday night's fire.

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# CONGRESS IN SESSION; SOLONS GATHER EARLY

Galleries of House and Senate 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 official 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 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 month.

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 Representatives W. W. McCredle 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 restore order, maintain peace and protect life and property in Nicaragua. The resolution recites that the United States demands the arrest, trial and punishment 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 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 dying at his home from dropsy and general breakdown.

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