

## PHILADELPHIARIOT

**Mobs of Strike Sympathizers Wreck Street Cars.**

**TWO WOMEN ARE WOUNDED.**

**Many Injured Persons Taken to Hospitals—Passengers and Crews Are Driven Off Cars—All Unions to Strike if Effort is Made to Man Cars With Policemen and Firemen—Mayor Enforces Riot Act.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Rioting in every section of this city followed the attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to operate its lines here. Passengers and crews were driven from the cars by infuriated mobs of strike sympathizers and in nearly a score of instances the abandoned cars were burned or otherwise destroyed. Every car was then withdrawn from service.

The most seriously injured person was thirteen-year-old Viola Beaven, who was shot in the abdomen by a stray bullet from a policeman's revolver as she was stepping from her home while a mob was attacking five cars in front of the house.

The transit officials state that 297 cars were wrecked, two completely burned and one partially burned by the mobs.

Stern measures were adopted by the police to quell the disorders and riot. Five persons were arrested, charged with inciting to riot. Two women were shot by stray bullets and many injured persons were taken to hospitals.

Mayor Reuburn ordered Director of Police Clay to swear in 3,000 additional police and issued a proclamation enforcing the riot act.

The executive committee of the Central Labor union at a meeting pledged both moral and financial support to the striking carmen. They also decided to call a sympathetic strike of every union man in the city in case the authorities put in effect their threat to operate the cars with policemen and firemen.

The importation of 175 strikebreakers from New York led to an attack on the barns and main offices of the company in the afternoon. Windows were broken by stones hurled by the mob which was finally dispersed after thirty-five arrests had been made.

### WILLS WEALTH TO FIRST LOVE

**Slayer Who Fleed to Jamaica Leaves \$335,000 Estate to Early Sweetheart.**

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—A remarkable romance was unearthed here by the location of Mrs. Claude Vester, who was in Nashville, Tenn., and who is the heiress to an estate of about \$235,000. The estate was left by E. D. Ennis, who formerly lived in Birmingham and was a suitor of Mrs. Vester, then Miss Claude Clark.

Ennis shot a man here in 1892 and fled from the city. He went to Jamaica, where he amassed a fortune. About three years ago he was fatally injured in a fight with a Spaniard. Before his death he willed his entire estate to "Miss Clark," and the Jamaica authorities have since been trying to find her. She married about eight years ago and moved from Birmingham to Nashville.

Daniel Jones of Jamaica is in Birmingham and it was due to his efforts that she was found today. The governor of Jamaica had offered a reward of \$1,000 to the person who would give information as to her whereabouts and this money will be equally divided between Mrs. Mary Lurie and J. B. Smiley, a former suitor of Mrs. Vester, both of Birmingham.

### MORE STRYCHNINE FOUND

**Information Given Out Regarding Christman Swope and Miss Swope.**

Kansas City, Feb. 21.—Strychnine in far greater quantities than is usually administered in medical doses has been found in the stomach and liver of Christman Swope and in the contents of the stomach ejected by Miss Margaret Swope, according to a special dispatch received here from Chicago.

This information was given out by an assistant in the Rush medical college laboratory. It was in this same laboratory that the stomach at liver of Thomas Swope was examined and it was determined there was poison in his system.

None of the examinations have yet been finished. That is, an absolute quantitative analysis has not yet been made. The scientists have progressed far enough, however, so that they are convinced that neither Thomas H. nor Christman Swope would have died when they did had it not been for strychnine.

### Poisoned by Eating Canned Beans.

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 21.—The two-year-old son of P. R. Anderson, living southwest of here, suffered ptomaine poisoning from eating canned beans. He is said to be recovering from its effects.

### Attends Friends Church.

Washington, Feb. 21.—For the first time since he was elected chief executive of the nation, President Taft attended meeting at the Friends' church.

### Ohioan Dies on Train.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—John Mendel, a merchant of Cleveland, died on a train as it arrived here from Hot Springs.

### GROWTH OF SILK INDUSTRY

**Exports into United States Set New Mark Last Year.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—Imports of unmanufactured silk into the United States made their highest record in the calendar year just ended, their total value having been \$75,500,000, against \$73,000,000 in 1907, the previous high value record, while the quantity imported in 1909 exceeded that of 1907 by over 40 per cent.

Figures recently prepared by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor indicate a remarkable growth in the domestic silk industry. In 1870 the importations of raw silk amounted to but 738,381 pounds; in 1880, 2,500,000; in 1890, 4,500,000, and in 1900, about 8,500,000, while during the decade beginning with 1900 the importations averaged 15,000,000 pounds per annum, the figures for 1909 being 22,250,000 pounds.

The rapid growth in imports of raw silk is in marked contrast with the almost stationary importations of silk manufactures. In the period from 1870 to 1909 the value of raw silk importations increased \$70,000,000, or more than sixteenfold, while that of manufactured silk importations increased \$5,650,000, or but 21 per cent. The silk manufacturers of the United States, although having an invested capital of over \$100,000,000 and producing \$133,000,000 worth of products per annum, are principally engaged in supplying the home market, as their exportations have never reached as much as \$1,000,000 in any year.

### TAFT BILLS CUT DOWN TO FOUR.

**President Has Changed His Legislative Program.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—The announcement from the White House that President Taft had by his own motion cut down to four the number of administration measures he would demand at the present session of congress is received by Republican leaders with unmixed feelings of relief. The administration program was so formidable that members warmly supporting the Taft policies hardly knew where to begin.

A schedule including only the bills to amend the interstate commerce laws, of injunctions, start Arizona and New Mexico on the road to statehood and validate the withdrawals of public lands for conservation purposes, is regarded as quite possible of attainment. Most of these measures, it is believed, can be put through the senate while the house is still wrestling with appropriation bills.

When it was reported at the capitol that the president would be satisfied with the enactment of the four measures named, steps were taken to bring all of these matters out of committee at the earliest possible date. The postal savings bank bill is already before the senate and an agreement between the supporters of conflicting amendments is assured. It is regarded as practically certain that the bill can be passed during the coming week. The ship subsidy bill will not be pressed on account of opposition.

### START NEW CRUSADE

**Catholics of Toledo Oppose Needless Labor on Sundays and Nights.**

Toledo, Feb. 21.—The Catholics of Toledo have started a crusade against all kinds of unnecessary night and Sunday labor, asserting that such work is physically and morally harmful. The Federation of Catholic Societies have met and declared themselves in no uncertain terms concerning the unreasonable hours and the work which often is demanded of Catholic employees.

Resolutions were adopted which declare: "That it is the duty of all civic, religious, commercial, industrial and social influences to co-operate in the abolition of all unnecessary work in the evening, during the night, and on Sundays, and to educate the people at large to help in the cause of humanity by supplying their wants as much as possible only during the natural time of work—that is, during the daylight and on the working days only."

### EGERMAYER NOT INDICTED

**Report of Grand Jury Regarded as Vindication of County Attorney.**

Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 21.—After being in session ten days, the special grand jury, led by Attorney General H. W. Byers, which has been investigating the charges made against County Attorney J. H. Egermayer that he accepted money from saloon keepers for promised immunity in liquor case prosecutions, reported to the district court that it has nothing to report. Failure of the grand jury to return indictments is considered a vindication of the county attorney by his friends.

### Minister Swenson's Daughter Dies.

Plymouth, England, Feb. 21.—Miss Mabel Swenson, daughter of L. S. Swenson, the newly appointed American minister to Switzerland, died aboard the steamer America on the voyage from New York. Death was due to tuberculosis. The body was embalmed and will be landed at Chertbury. Minister Swenson and his family were en route for Berlin.

### Americans in Nicaraguan Fight.

Bluefields, Feb. 21.—Americans took a very active part in the battle between the insurgents and the Madris forces at St. Vincent and one of them at least was badly wounded. They were under Captain Victor Gordon, with General Mena, the contingent being known as the "American Scouts."

### Fairbanks Preaches.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States, preached the pulpit of the American church.

## PARLIAMENT OPEN

**Usual Pomp Attends Reassembling of Lawmakers.**

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

**Edward Outlines Struggle for Limitation of Peers—Will House of Lords Withstand Assaults of its Ancient Enemy is Question Now That is Uppermost—Big Crowds Witness Pageant in London.**

London, Feb. 22.—Parliament was opened formally by King Edward, who was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and is now fully organized and ready for the work of the session. The state opening was marked by all the pomp and pageantry associated with these occasions since the ascension of Edward VII.

In a momentous speech from the throne, his majesty outlined the plan of the ministerial campaign against the house of lords, as follows:

"Recent experiences has disclosed serious difficulties, due to recurring differences of strong opinion, between the two branches of the legislature. Proposals will be laid before you with all convenient speed, to define the relations between the houses of parliament so as to secure the undivided authority of the house of commons over finance and its predominance in legislation. These measures, in the opinion of my advisers, should provide that this house should be constituted and empowered as to exercise impartially in regard to the proposed legislation the functions of initiation, revision and subject to proper safeguards of delay."

The ceremony had no attraction all its own. Uppermost in the minds of thousands who witnessed the spectacle in streets and among occupants of red clothed benches in the gilded chamber, was the thought of the forthcoming fight, which threatens the very existence of the hereditary house of peers, and conjecture whether they were spectators of acts preluding historic changes in centuries old institutions of Great Britain.

### TILLMAN MUCH IMPROVED

**Physicians Encouraged Over Condition of South Carolina Senator.**

Washington, Feb. 22.—After another consultation, Drs. Babcock and Pickford issued the following bulletin in regard to Senator Tillman's condition: "Senator Tillman continues to improve. The paralysis is much less. His mind is very clear and memory excellent." Outlook more encouraging than at any time since present illness began.

The most encouraging feature of his improvement, however, is the return of the power of speech.

### FARMERS MAKE PROTEST

**Write Congressmen Opposing Present Outcry Against High Prices.**

Washington, Feb. 22.—That the farmers of the country are taking a lively interest in the agitation over the high cost of living is evidenced by the number of letters Minnesota members are receiving from them. Practically all of them protest against the high price outcry, on the ground that only now is the farmer able to make a living.

### SHIP SUBSIDY IN HOUSE

**Administration Measure is Favorably Reported.**

Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration ship subsidy bill reached the house through the filing of the report of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, which has been favorably acted upon. The minority was granted ten days in which to file a report against the bill.

### Senator Smith Recovering.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, who was operated on for appendicitis a few days ago, is steadily improving. His condition is reported encouraging for a speedy recovery.

### Japanese Land Law.

Tokyo, Feb. 22.—A bill was introduced in the diet providing that no foreigner may own land in Japan unless he is a native of a country which permits Japanese to own land within its boundary.

### Fatal Wreck on Milwaukee.

St. Paul, Feb. 22.—A broken rail wrecked a Milwaukee passenger train near Hastings. John Willis, baggage-man, was killed. A conductor on a sleeping car and one passenger were injured.

### Virginia to Retain Local Option.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—Local option was sustained in the legislature when the Myers bill, calling for a popular election to decide state-wide prohibition, was reported unfavorably.

### Revolver Duel in Hotel.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—An unidentified man was killed in his room in a cheap hotel as a result of a revolver duel with a companion, who escaped after the shooting.

### "K. P." Not Negroes' Title.

Atlanta, Feb. 22.—The supreme court of Georgia handed down a decision debarring negroes from using the title "Knights of Pythias" in this state.

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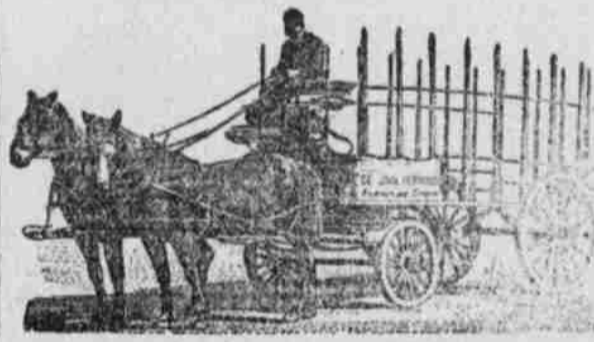
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