

RIOT AT MEETING

Disorder in Front of Lyceum
Marks Its Close.

GUESSING ON NUMBER IDLE.

Canvass Made by Philadelphia Police Shows Less Than Twenty Thousand Men Are Out—This Estimate Is Disputed by Union Leaders, Who Say Over Hundred Thousand Obeyed Strike Order in Quaker City.

Philadelphia, March 8.—The police made a careful canvass of the city's industries to ascertain the number of men on strike. The returns tabulated and made public by Director Clay showed that 18,407 persons had responded to the strike call.

The police did not attempt to explain the discrepancy between these figures and those of labor leaders, who say 100,000 or 125,000 men are on strike. They declared that their



ARRESTED AFTER BEING BEATEN. tical was the result of an actual computation based on the returns of a complete canvass and spoke for itself. The labor leaders scoffed at the police figures and declared they were something like 100,000 too low. According to the police, establishments affected by the sympathetic strike employ 54,954 hands.

Four thousand men and women attended a mass meeting of the strikers in Labor Lyceum. Pratt, Mahon, Murphy, Tracey and other leaders addressed the crowd. The city administration was bitterly denounced for its attitude in the present crisis and the speakers were specially vehement in criticizing the employment of negro policemen. One of them said:

"Our rulers have put a club into the black man's hands with which to club out the white man's brains."

The assertion by several speakers that the present fight was one for organized labor's very existence in Philadelphia evoked a noisy demonstration.

Resolutions calling upon every man, woman and child in Philadelphia to quit work were adopted with cheers.

As the crowds were leaving the hall there was a grave outbreak of disorder. Several cars were stoned in front of the place. The police, of which there were at least fifty within the radius of a square, charged the crowd, which was, however, so dense that it dispersed slowly.

The bluecoats swung their clubs, felling several persons to the ground, three of whom were so seriously beaten that they were taken to a hospital. When the police fired their revolvers several times in the air, the people scattered in all directions. Six arrests were made.

EXPLOSION IN STARCH PLANT

Eight or Ten Men Reported Killed in Factory Near Chicago.

Chicago, March 8.—From eight to ten people are reported killed and seventeen injured, many of them probably fatally, in a terrific explosion at the works of the American Maize Products company at Roby, Ind. The explosion occurred in a detached building of the plant and was preceded by a fire, which soon enveloped a large three-story warehouse. Starch in an overheated kiln is supposed to have been the cause.

PEARY WILL NOT SHOW PROOFS

Discoverer of North Pole Says Contract With Publisher Forbids It.

Washington, March 8.—Robert E. Peary declined to submit his proofs that he discovered the North pole to the subcommittee of the house naval committee. Through Representative Alexander of New York he informed the committee that the existence of a contract made months ago with a publishing company would make it impossible for him to do so.

Crabtree Not Candidate.

Peru, Neb., March 8.—President J. W. Crabtree denies a report he is thinking of becoming a candidate for the congressional nomination in the First district. "I do not expect to become a candidate for any office. I expect to remain in educational work."

Death List 87 in Avalanche.

Wellington, Wash., March 8.—Eighty-seven people were killed when the Great Northern passenger train was swept down a mountain by an avalanche last week, according to a revised list given out by the railroad officials.

POSTAL BANK BILL PASSED

Division in Senate Is Strictly on Party Lines.

Washington, March 7.—Dividing practically upon party lines, the senate passed the administration postal savings bank bill.

Of the seventy-two votes cast, fifty were in favor of the bill and twenty-two against. All the negative votes were cast by Democrats. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon was the only Democrat who stood with the Republicans in favor of the bill.

As it goes to the house, the bill authorizes the various money order post-offices to accept sums of \$1 or more from depositors and to deposit those sums in the local banks, where the money is to remain unless withdrawn by the president in case of war or other exigency. In case of this withdrawal the funds are to be invested in government securities, but with the proviso that such securities shall not draw less than 2 1/2 per cent interest. The control of the funds is vested in a board of trustees composed of the postmaster general, the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general. The aggregate balance allowed to any depositor is \$500, and no person is permitted to deposit more than \$100 in any one month. The government is required to pay 2 per cent interest and must exact not less than 2 1/2 per cent from the banks, the extra quarter of 1 per cent being required for the payment of expenses and losses. It is calculated that such a law would bring much money out of hiding and result in a fund ranging all the way from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

RAILROAD BILL REPORTED

Senate Committee Recommends Its Passage Without Change.

Washington, March 8.—"Carefully preserving the principles so clearly enunciated in the Republican platform of 1908," is the way the majority of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which made its report on the administration railroad bill, interprets the provision to permit common carriers to enter into traffic agreements.

The report is signed by Senators Elkins, Cullom, Aldrich, Kean, Crane and Nixon, and will be printed with the minority report submitted a few days ago by Senators Clapp and Cummins, and the individual report of Senator Newlands.

Approval of the court of commerce feature is given prominence, although comment upon other provisions is far more interesting. For instance, the report says that the effect of the traffic agreement provision is to relieve carriers from the prohibition of the anti-trust act.

RULES AGAINST BRANCH LINES

Supreme Court Holds Commission Has No Power to Require Connection.

Washington, March 8.—The interstate commerce commission does not have the power to compel common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to grant a physical connection with "branch" railroads upon the complaint of the branch railroad itself, according to a decision announced by the supreme court of the United States.

Northern Pacific Wins Gateway Case.

Washington, March 8.—The Northern Pacific Railway company won its fight in the so-called Portland gateway case before the supreme court of the United States.

Second Death From Pellagra.

Des Moines, March 8.—The second death from pellagra in the middle west occurred at Pocahontas, according to advices filed with the state board of health.

WHEAT PRICES ON DECLINE

Quotations Fall Off Under Pressure of Large Receipts.

Chicago, March 7.—Under pressure of large arrivals May wheat fell off sharply today. Corn sagged decidedly and oats ranged lower with the other grains. Provisions gained materially in the early minutes of the market and then weakened in sympathy with the course of grain prices. Close:

Wheat—May, \$1.11 1/2 @ 1.11 1/4; July, \$1.03 1/2 @ .99 1/2.

Corn—May, 62 @ 62 1/2; July, 64 @ 64 1/2; Sept., 64 1/2 @ 64 1/2.

Oats—May, 44 1/2; July, 41 1/2.

Pork—May, \$24.80; July, \$24.82 1/2.

Lard—May, \$13.32 1/2; July, \$13.25.

Ribs—May, \$12.85; July, \$12.77 1/2.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.10 1/2 @ 1.12 1/2; No. 3 corn, 58 @ 58 1/2; No. 2 oats, 43 1/2.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 23,000; steady to 10c higher; western steers, \$4.75 @ 6.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 @ 6.25; cows and heifers, \$2.50 @ 6.50; calves, \$7.50 @ 9.75. Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; 10c higher; light, \$9.65 @ 10.00; mixed, \$9.75 @ 10.15; heavy, \$9.75 @ 10.17 1/2; rough, \$9.75 @ 9.90; good to choice heavy, \$9.90 @ 10.17 1/2; pigs, \$8.90 @ 9.75; bulk of sales, \$9.95 @ 10.10. Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; strong; natives, \$5.00 @ 8.15; westerns, \$5.50 @ 8.15; yearlings, \$7.85 @ 8.80; lambs, \$8.00 @ 9.40.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, March 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; strong to 10c higher; native steers, \$4.75 @ 7.50; cows and heifers, \$4.00 @ 6.00; canners, \$2.75 @ 3.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 @ 6.40; calves, \$4.00 @ 8.25; bulls and stags, \$3.75 @ 5.75. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; 10c higher; heavy, \$9.80 @ 9.85; mixed, \$9.75 @ 9.85; light, \$9.60 @ 9.75; pigs, \$8.25 @ 9.35; bulk of sales, \$9.75 @ 9.85. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; steady; yearlings, \$7.60 @ 8.60; wethers, \$7.40 @ 7.75; ewes, \$7.00 @ 7.50; lambs, \$9.00 @ 9.35.

LILLIS IMPROVING

Case Against Cudahy Will Be Dismissed With Fine.

MRS. CUDAHY TELLS OF ATTACK.

Wife of Millionaire Packer Says She and Banker Had Been Auto Riding and Assault Followed Their Return Home—General Cowin Declares Daughter Is Innocent of Any Wrong.

Kansas City, March 8.—Jere S. Lillis, president of the Western Exchange bank, who was assaulted by John P. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, when the latter found the banker in his home Sunday morning, will not prosecute his assailant.

Charges of disturbing the peace, preferred against Cudahy by Bryan Underwood, a policeman who interrupted the punishment of the nocturnal visitor, will probably be dismissed with a nominal fine when the case comes to trial March 15. This will end the affair insofar as punishment for Cudahy is concerned.

Judge W. T. Johnson, legal representative of Lillis, made known that there would be no prosecution of Cudahy.

"We have no desire to take any legal steps against Cudahy," he said. "There will be no prosecution."

Lillis' condition is improving rapidly. Nurses at St. Mary's hospital said he would be able to be removed to his home today. His wounds will be slow in healing, it is believed, but they will not prove serious.

Mr. Cudahy has taken apartments at the Coates house, a downtown hotel. He refuses to say whether he will return to his home. Efforts to locate John Moss, the chauffeur, who is believed by Mrs. Cudahy to have disclosed the presence of Mr. Lillis at the house, has proven unsuccessful.

Mrs. Cudahy Has Black Eye.

Mrs. Cudahy made a brief statement. One of her eyes is badly swollen, which she said was done Saturday night. She said Lillis had purchased a new runabout and she was the first to ride in it when it came Friday, and again Saturday, on the latter day going to the Baltimore, both times accompanied by Lillis. They went riding again Saturday night. Previous to these rides, Cudahy had announced his intention of going out of town. When she and Lillis returned from their evening ride they went into the library. Almost immediately Cudahy and Chauffeur Moss entered, seized Lillis and began beating him. Cudahy struck him with an electric searchlight. Then she rushed up stairs and later Cudahy rushed up and struck her on the left eye with the searchlight. He went back again and the maids told her they were cutting Lillis with a knife. She telephoned for the police. In the meantime Cudahy and the chauffeur took turns beating Lillis, she said, until the police came.

General Cowin Defends Daughter.

Into the arms of her father, General John C. Cowin of Omaha, an attorney of national reputation, Mrs. Cudahy rushed at her home last night. The general arrived here on an evening train and went at once to the Cudahy home, where his daughter had been waiting for him since Sunday morning, when she telephoned him to come at once. Not realizing what had happened, General Cowin delayed his departure. Another message from his daughter caused him to hasten.

Briefly, Mrs. Cudahy told her story to her father. It was practically the same she gave out in a statement. According to her story, she and Lillis had been automobile riding, returned home and were seated in the library resting, when Cudahy entered.

General Cowin was much affected by his daughter's story.

"My daughter is innocent," he said, firmly. "I am as certain of that as I am of the virtue of Jesus Christ."

"I regret exceedingly that Cudahy was so cowardly as to say 'he has ruined my home.' He did this for his own protection. Why did he not think of these dear children, who must suffer from this untrue statement?"

The general was unable to say whether a divorce would result from the trouble in the Cudahy household.

OHIO STEAMER IN CORNFIELD

Boat Stranded in High Water Now in Perilous Condition.

Callipolis, O., March 8.—The steamer Virginia, which ran into a cornfield at Willow Grove, forty miles north of here, and was stranded, is in a perilous position owing to the water falling. Sirens efforts are being made to draw the steamer into deeper water. The boat belongs to the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet line and is valued at \$45,000.

Teacher Scolded and Boy Ends Life.

Maple Hill, Kan., March 8.—A scolding by his young lady teacher was more than Guy Moses, fourteen years old, could endure, so he killed himself. His parents found his body when they went to arouse him so that he might go to school. "I don't care to live because teacher scolded me," said a note left by the boy.

Boilermakers Return to Work.

Savannah, Ga., March 8.—After being granted an increase in pay from 36 1/2 cents an hour to 39 cents, the boilermakers on the Central of Georgia railroad returned to work. The men have been on a strike five weeks.

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