

KEYS ALL QUIET

PARALYSIS OF TELEGRAPH BUSINESS AT CHICAGO

STRIKE BECOMES COMPLETE

Western Union Men Joined by Postal Operators—Going Out in Other Cities—Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake Join in.

Following the lead of the telegraph operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph company in Chicago who went on strike because they were asked to work with non-union men in Los Angeles, the telegraphers in nine other cities throughout the United States quit work. The 500 men employed by the Postal Telegraph company in Chicago, who belong to the same local of the commercial telegraphers' union as the Western Union men, and who declare that their working conditions with the company are unsatisfactory, took advantage of the situation and quit work in a body. With the walkout of the Postal employees, Chicago is left with only about thirty-five telegraphers endeavoring to transmit the business of both telegraph companies where under normal conditions fully 1,500 men are necessary to do the work.

The other Western Union offices which became involved in the trouble today together with the number of men who quit work are: Salt Lake City, 36; Helena, 40; Kansas City, 330; Dallas, 105; Fort Worth, Tex., 40; Colorado Springs, 10; Denver, 83. In New Orleans the men employed by the Postal Telegraph company left their keys to enforce demands made on the company several weeks ago. Late Friday night the general situation had cleared somewhat and where earlier in the day it appeared as if the strike of the commercial men would be universally throughout the United States, the indications now are that no further strikes will occur for the present, at least. Under orders from National President Small of the telegraphers' organization, National Secretary Russell telegraphed the secretaries of the various locals throughout the country to keep their men at work until they received further orders.

A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT

Honduras to Adopt a Permanent Constitutional Form.

Formal notice has been received in Washington from the provisional government of Honduras that, September 15, next, the anniversary of the political independence of Central America, has been selected as the date upon which Honduras will return to a constitutional form of government, adopting the provision of the constitution of 1894. An election will take place in October following for a permanent president, and it is understood leading candidates are General Davila, president of the provisional government, and Dionysius Gutierrez, formerly a member of the cabinet and long prominent in the political affairs of Honduras.

Grants Pardon to a Woman.

President Roosevelt has pardoned Nancy Miller, who was convicted about six years ago in Indian territory of manslaughter for killing Alice Brake in a dispute over a gosling. The woman was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve ten years in the Ohio penitentiary. She has been imprisoned for about six years and the president thought she had served sufficient time for her crime. The pardoned woman is the mother of six or eight children, who need her help.

Fire in Hospital Building.

A fire started in the laundry building of the Pennsylvania hospital for the insane Friday afternoon. The laundry's structure stands a short distance from the buildings the patients are confined, but they were in no danger. The fire was controlled.

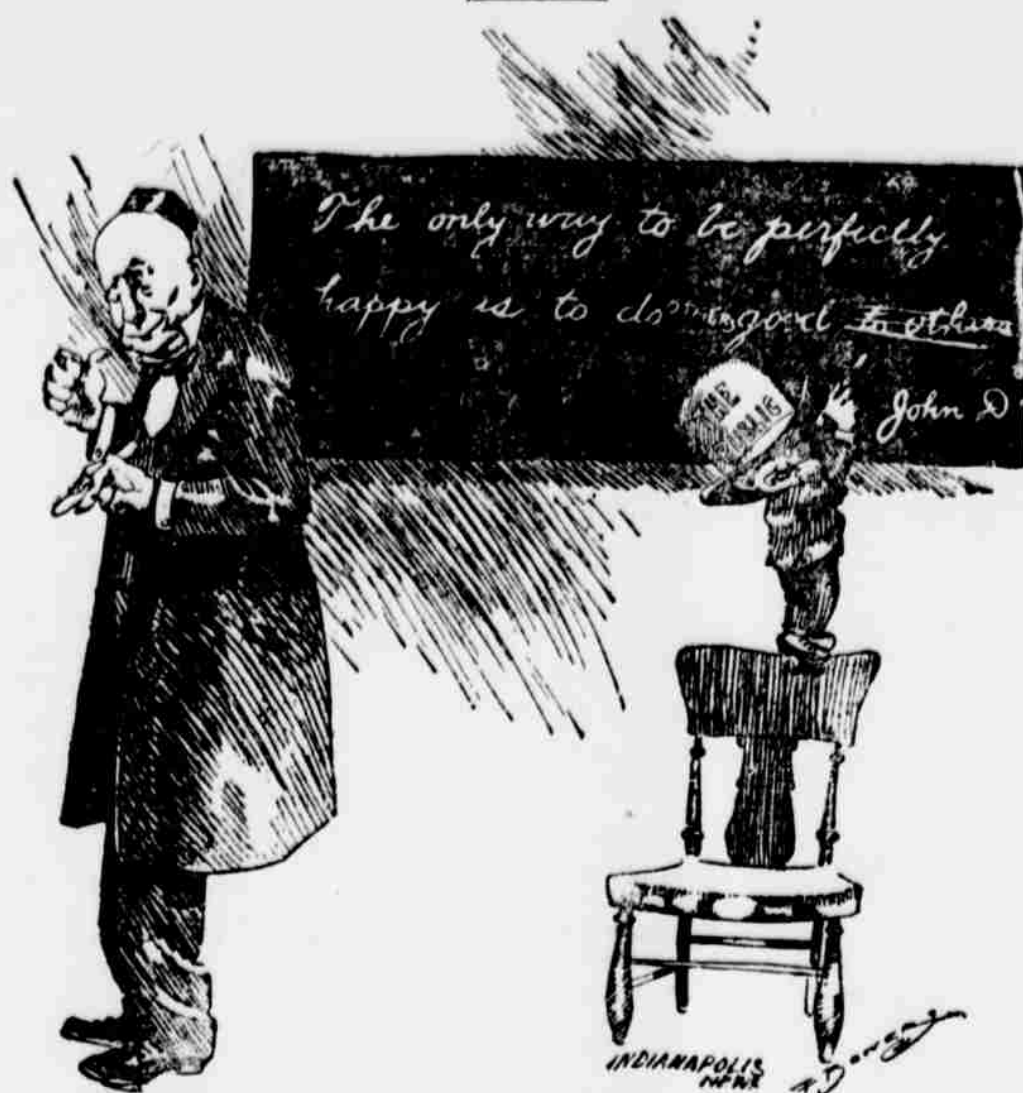
Reads Title Clear.

The Mississippi democratic executive committee in session at Jackson declared John Sharp Williams the nominee for United States Senator over Governor James E. Vardaman. Williams's majority over Vardaman was 648.

Will Defer Building.

Bids for the construction of the addition to the school house at Harvard have proved to be so far in excess of the amount of bonds voted that the board of education will not push the sale of bonds but will rent outside rooms and defer building for this year at least.

MISCHIEVOUS PUBLIC'S CORRECTION.



John D. Preaching Changed According to John D. Practice.

FRENCH SHELL THE MOORS

Warships in Casa Blanca Harbor Resent Attack on Sailors.

A Battery on Shore Was Quickly Silenced—Italians Demand Reparation.

Tangier, Morocco.—The French cruiser Galliee was bombarding the Moorish quarter of Casa Blanca and the neighborhood of the city when the last steamer, which has just arrived here, left that port. The Kabyles attacked Casa Blanca and the Moorish authorities applied to the commander of the Galliee for assistance. He thereupon landed 60 men and a Spanish cruiser landed 40. This landing party was fired upon by the Kabyles and seven Frenchmen including an officer, were wounded. The combined Franco-Spanish force thereupon cleared the city of hostile tribesmen, guards were placed about the foreign consulates and then the Galliee opened fire with her big guns on the rebels.

According to a semi-official account of the fighting at Casa Blanca, the commander of the Galliee asked for permission to land a guard of sailors to protect the French consulate which was granted, but while the guard was proceeding to the consulate it was fired upon in the streets and six blue-jackets and an ensign were wounded. The French then cleared the streets at the point of the bayonet, killing many of the Moors.

Disregard Missouri Law.

Jefferson City, Missouri.—Prosecuting Attorney Slate of Cole county Tuesday filed an information in circuit court against the Missouri Pacific railroad, charging it with failure to obey the state law requiring daily passenger service on all lines. The grand jury last week returned indictments against the company for the seven Sundays during which the law has been in effect for failure to operate trains on the Bagnell branch. This information covers last Sunday. The railroad now has 21 indictments and one information to answer here for alleged violation of the eight hour telegraph law and others arising under the daily train law.

A Prison Brick Plant.

Leavenworth, Kansas.—Major R. W. McClaughry, warden of the federal penitentiary received authority Tuesday to establish a large prison brick plant. The American Clay Works company of Bucyrus, O., is to install the machinery for \$13,653.44. The plant will have a capacity to make as high as 60,000 brick a day. Both building and vitrified paving brick will be manufactured. The clay will be taken from the hill west of the prison and conveyed over in cars. The brick plant will be within the main walls.

The Connecticut Made Good Record.

Rockland, Maine.—In a series of 14 runs over a measured mile course outside of the harbor Wednesday, the first class battleship Connecticut, the first battleship of the class built by the government made a showing which was highly satisfactory to Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans and the trial board. The average speed of the best five runs was 18.78 knots.

Heavy Wisconsin Rains.

La Crosse Wisconsin.—High wind and torrential rain Tuesday night caused considerable damage over a wide area. Telegraph wires were unusable at times.

STANDS FOR STATE LAW.

Gov. Comer of Alabama is Disposed to Disregard Injunction and Enforce Rate Law.

Montgomery, Alabama.—Governor Comer gave out a statement Wednesday in which he says he is standing out for the two and a half cent fare bill, saying "every time a ticket is sold for more than two and a half cents a mile the roads violate the law and the person selling the ticket commits a misdemeanor. It is the duty of every court to so charge the jury and the duty of every solicitor to make out a case. I have told Colonel Russell that with his reputation for fairness I shall expect him to realize and concede that the railroads must obey the laws the same as any other person."

It is given out by the members of the legislature that in case an extra session is called the members will stand solidly behind the governor in his fight. The evident intention of the governor to hold that the passenger fare law which has been enjoined by the United States court is being violated and to encourage arrests upon it, is a showing of a possibility of conflict between the state and the federal courts, even to a greater extent than was thought.

Furniture Trust Dissolved.

Chicago, Illinois.—Judge Landis in the United States district court, Monday ordered the dissolution of the Church and School Furniture trust recently punished by fines amounting to \$13,000 for admitted violation of the Anti-trust laws. The court entered a decree making permanent injunctions previously issued against the companies that were fined restraining them from further trust agreements or conspiracies to monopolize and restrain trade in violation of the law.

North Carolina Roads All Surrender.

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Glenn late Monday received a telegram from the authorities of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, saying that they would put 2 1/2 cent state rate into effect on the eighth of August. This is the last road to surrender to the state laws and on the eighth of August all the roads in North Carolina above 60 miles long will be using the state rate.

"Nay, Nay," Says Coburn.

Topeka, Kansas.—F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture, said Wednesday for publication: "Be kind enough to advise the well-meaning friends who are mentioning my name in connection with the governorship of Kansas that I have no desire for political preferment and aspire to no office other than the one I now occupy."

They Come to Learn.

San Francisco, California.—In pursuance of its yearly custom to send representatives to visit foreign countries and the commercial and manufacturing centers of the world, the Japanese government has sent to America this year seven prominent railway engineers and managers to study our latest railway methods and improvements.

Lower Wheat Rates to Pacific.

Washington, D. C.—An order was made by the Interstate commerce commission in a decision handed down by Commissioner Harlan Wednesday directing that beginning on September 15 next, the through rate on wheat from points in Nebraska to Pacific coast terminals should be not more than 65 cents per 100 pounds.

GOV. COMER WINS A POINT

The Southern Railroad Officials Agree to Obey Law.

Pending a Decision in the Courts Low Passenger and Freight Rates Will Prevail.

Montgomery, Alabama.—Governor Comer and the officials of the Southern railroad reached an agreement late Thursday afternoon and the license of the railroad in Alabama will be reinstated.

Beginning September 1, 1907 the railroad and its allied lines will put into effect the two and a half cent passenger fare act and the measure of reducing the freight rates on 110 commodities commonly shipped in Alabama.

The agreement was not reached without concessions being made by both sides, but in the main it is a victory for the state. The laws in question will not be put into effect permanently. The agreement specifically declares that their operation beginning September 1 are only subject to the final determination as to their constitutionality and their reasonableness when a decision on these questions is finally rendered by the court. Laws enacted by the legislature at it; winter session affecting the railroads of the state will remain in force.

In consideration of the agreement of the railroad representatives to permit of the operation of these two laws, the one effecting the passenger traffic, and the other the freight, it was agreed by Governor Comer that the revocation of license of the Southern in Alabama should be cancelled and the company permitted to do business without hindrance by the state.

The compromise affects only the one railroad system, the Southern. The other railroads of the state were not parties to the conference.

Must Operate Telephones.

Helena, Montana.—Judge Bach in the district court Thursday issued a writ of mandamus to compel the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company whose operators are on strike, to resume operations. He declared that the company had a duty to perform and that service must be resumed. He said he would punish any one who attempted to interfere with the lines, but the mere fact with one person persuades another not to work and uses no threats or force does not justify the company in refusing to do its duty to the public, adding that the company must operate its lines or forfeit its franchise.

An Extravagant King.

Berlin, Germany.—King Chulalongkorn I will leave Berlin Friday for Cassel where he will be the guest of the German emperor and empress. Stories of the extravagance of the Siamese king continues to excite and amuse Berlin. It is considered certain that he has bought \$5,000,000 worth of diamonds and gold and silverware. Two gold services among the selections cost \$800,000 each.

Deported 106 Japanese.

San Francisco, Calif.—A hundred and six Japanese, the largest number ever deported, from this coast, left on the steamer Manchuria for the Orient Thursday. The deportations consists of Japanese caught stealing over the Mexican border into the United States. They were brought here by the inspector in charge of the immigration bureau at Fort Worth.

Williams Defeats Vardaman.

Jackson, Mississippi.—The Democratic state executive committee Thursday declared John Sharp Williams the nominee for United States senator. The canvass of the returns showed a majority of 648 votes for Williams, the totals being as follows: Williams, 59,496; Vardaman, 58,848.

Kansas Jurist Overcome.

Topeka, Kansas.—Justice C. B. Graves of the supreme court was overcome by heat at his home in Emporia Wednesday evening, and Thursday was in a serious condition. This is the second time that Judge Graves has been overcome by heat recently.

Telegraph Operators Out.

Chicago, Illinois.—The telegraph operators employed by the Western Union in Chicago went on strike Thursday night at 12 o'clock. The trouble was precipitated by the Los Angeles strike which was inaugurated two days ago.

Taft Will Talk Politics.

Columbus, Ohio.—Secretary Taft Thursday accepted an invitation to address the Buckeye club on national issues the evening of August 19.

The Photographers Elect.

Dayton, Ohio.—The Photographers association of America Thursday elected F. W. Medlar, Spencer, Ia. president.

TAKE BIT IN TEETH

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ANXIOUS TO STRIKE.

STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE

Point Reached in Career of Organization Where It Is Impossible to Back Down, and All May Be Called Out.

A Chicago, August 11, dispatch says: The strike of the union commercial telegraph operators will be universal throughout the United States and Canada within twenty-four hours, according to National Secretary Russell, of the telegraphers' organization, made by Mr. Russell after he had been informed of the action taken by the men in New York, who, at a meeting there today, decided to hold a walkout in abeyance until the latter part of the week.

"The strike movement," said Russell, "has come to the point where there can be no backing down. The telegraphers have been trodden on long enough by the companies, and now that we have the opportunity we are going to use all our strength to enforce our demands. For several weeks President Small and myself have been holding the telegraphers back and have been advising conciliation, but they have taken matters in their own hands and we are going to stand by them."

In regard to the newspaper end of the controversy, Secretary Russell issued the following statement to night:

"To All Publishers, United States and Canada: The commercial telegraphers' union does not desire in any way whatever to hamper the newspapers of the country. We are fighting for our rights, however, and believing that the telegraph operators employed in this service are underpaid, we have authorized our men to present a schedule to their employers asking for what we consider reasonable recompense for their labors. If these demands are not met with by the various news-gathering organizations within a specified time the men will be ordered to quit work."

Action looking to a strike of 3,000 telegraph operators in New York has been deferred until next Friday, pending the conference in Chicago at which United States Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill, Samuel J. Small, president of the commercial telegraphers' union of America; Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, and Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive council of the national civic federation, will endeavor to effect an adjustment of the difficulties between the telegraph companies and their employes throughout the country. The decision was reached at a meeting of the local telegraphers' union held Sunday.

The cause of the present trouble is the repudiation by the employers of the San Francisco agreement which settled the strike. President Samuel Small in a telegram to United States Labor Commissioner Neill, said the strike was illegal, but the provocation was great, and resentment against the Western Union so universal that the officials would authorize a general strike unless a way could be found to bring about conciliation. He told the commissioner he could guarantee immediate resumption of work if the government would insist upon investigation or arbitration of propositions embodied in a memorial addressed to board of directors of the Western Union last June.

TOWN IS TORN UP.

Half Ton of Dynamite Ignites at Boulder, Colorado

Four persons are dead as a result of the explosion of dynamite at the depot at Boulder, Colo. They are: ISAAC D. WILSON, aged thirty, contractor.

LESLIE ROY LAFEVRE, aged twenty-eight.

H. A. RAMSEY, painter. MRS. O. L. FINCH, died from shock, was sick.

Fire in the Colorado Southern freight depot at Boulder, Colo., destroyed the depot, with a vast quantity of freight, and spreading a distance of 100 feet, enveloped a powder house containing 1,000 pounds of dynamite, which exploded with a tremendous shock, injuring perhaps 100 persons, and breaking the plate glass in every business house in the city, as well as that of hundreds of residences. Four of the injured have since died. The property loss is estimated at \$250,000. The fire originated from some unknown cause.

Twenty-five of the injured were taken to local hospitals. The others were either removed to their homes or were able to go there themselves.