

# START MOVE TO SETTLE STRIKE

## Union President Confers With Governor Eberhart.

### SWITCHMEN'S LINES WEAKEN

Brotherhood Men Return to Work at Duluth and Seattle, but Latter Place is Still Tied Up, Few Trainmen Being Employed There—Strike Leader Says Only Three Returned to Work at Duluth.

St. Paul, Dec. 4.—Officials of the switchmen's union said they were not alarmed at the reports received from the west of members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen going back to work. Union officers received word that everything was still tied up at Seattle despite the report that the trainmen had decided to go back to work. The switchmen say whatever action was taken by the Seattle trainmen will make no material difference as there are only a few of them in the Seattle yards.

President Hawley spent the day in Minneapolis, where he had a conference with Governor Eberhart. At this conference were Secretary Martini of the executive committee of the switchmen and E. W. Decker, president of the Minneapolis Clearing House association.

### Trying to Settle Strike.

Governor Eberhart announced later that a well defined movement had been started to effect a settlement of the strike. A statement was published quoting the governor as saying he believed that the strike would be settled in three days. Governor Eberhart when asked as to the truth of the interview, said he had been incorrectly quoted. He said he had met some of the Minneapolis business men who had talked with him regarding the possibilities of getting both sides to the controversy together and he thought that a movement was on foot in that direction.

President L. W. Hill of the Great Northern, when asked if he knew any thing about it, said there could be no truth to any talk of settlement even with individual railroads, as the general managers had decided that they would all stand together. Mr. Hill said the railroads would get so many men in the east to take the strikers' place, they could fill all the places, but they did not want to bring them all in now preferring to give the old men a chance to return to their places.

President Hawley of the switchmen's union also said there was nothing definite accomplished at the Minneapolis conference and that so far as he knew the prospects of a settlement were no better than before.

### But Three Returned to Work

Regarding the defection of the men in Duluth, Mr. Hawley said he had a message from Duluth stating that only three of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen had returned to work and that it was believed they would go out again.

Mr. Hawley again reiterated his statement that there was no possibility of arbitration under the Erdman act.

So far as the freight situation is concerned here, it is being moved with difficulty and there was congestion in the local yards. It was estimated that about 1,500 men had been imported into the Twin Cities and the railroad officials said they were satisfied that conditions would resume their normal aspect within a few days.

### TELEGRAPHERS ASK RAISE

#### Big Four Keymen Want Increase of Pay of Twenty Per Cent.

Cincinnati, Dec. 4.—Three conferences between the high officials of the Order of Railway Telegraphers and General Manager Van Wynkle of the Big Four railroad relative to the request for an increase of pay, have met in the last two days and as yet no arrangement has been reached. It is probable that several more conferences will have to be held. The demand is for an increase of 20 per cent.

### OPEN LAND TO SETTLEMENT

#### Nonirrigable Tracts in Wyoming Opened for Entry.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Ballinger designated 140,800 acres of land in Wyoming as subject to disposition under the enlarged homestead law.

The localities affected, it is said at the interior department, are not considered worthy of successful irrigation. Including these announced, 12,286,080 acres of land in Wyoming have been designated as subject to possession under the homestead law.

### DESERTS ZELAYA'S ARMY

#### Colonel Guadamuz Goes to Enemy With Small Force of Men.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 4.—Colonel Guadamuz, an officer of the Nicaraguan government army, has deserted President Zelaya and with 100 men joined the rebel forces of General Estrada at Rama. Guadamuz states that Zelaya's troops in the vicinity of Rama number 1,400, of whom 200 are sick. They are existing on pilot bread and native cheese which is doled out scantily.

### TAKES UP WARRINER CASE

#### Prosecuting Attorney Submits Evidence to Cincinnati Grand Jury.

Cincinnati, Dec. 4.—When the grand jury met Prosecuting Attorney Hunt at once took up with it the latest developments in the case of Charles I. Warriner, defaulting treasurer of the Big Four railroad. Frank M. Couden, cashier in the United States custom office, who, by his own admission, revealed the shortage to the company in a "purely commercial transaction" ten years after he became cognizant of it and a few weeks after Ida Brockway, his stenographer, and Mrs. Jeanette Ford quarreled, was before the jury on call of the prosecutor.

The voluminous correspondence turned over to the prosecutor by E. S. Cook, made up of hundreds of letters from Mrs. Ford and Warriner, covering twelve years of remarkable relationship, was also submitted.

The Big Four, according to semi-official announcement, is trying to find out if the \$325,000 not accounted for by Warriner in his expenditure of the stolen \$643,000, is hidden. It is believed other indictments will follow.

### PARR HAD ORDERS FROM "HIGHER UP"

#### Says President Roosevelt Told Him to Begin Sugar Probe.

New York, Dec. 4.—Following the demonstration of experts as to the workings of the alleged trick scales on the Williamsburg sugar docks, Deputy Surveyor Richard Parr, the man behind the original sugar fraud exposures, took the stand to tell how as special customs employee, he had raided the Williamsburg docks on Nov. 11, 1907, and found there the evidence which was so largely instrumental in bringing about the indictments of the men on trial and in leading the American Sugar Refining company to pay the government more than \$2,000,000 in back duties.

Parr's story of his discovery of the trick scales, familiar as it now is, lost nothing in the retelling. He describes the manner in which the manipulators by means of a steel rod pushed through a concealed hole, were able to make the scales record less than the real weight while the weighing for the purpose of computing the duty was in progress.

The narrative made a visible effect and counsel for the defense was quick to retort with an attack on Parr's credibility.

"You started to investigate without orders from any superior officer?" he was asked.

"If you call President Roosevelt and his secretary (now Collector Loeb), superior officers, I was working under orders," replied Parr. "but if you mean the secretary of the treasury, then I was working without orders."

Further inquiry along this line was dropped.

### SUGGESTS WALKING DUEL

#### Watson Would Settle Dispute by Pedestrians' Match.

New York, Dec. 4.—A walking match instead of a boxing contest as a means of settling the controversy between himself and Richard Le Gallienne was somewhat insidiously suggested by William Watson, the English poet, on his arrival from England with his wife.

A recent poem by Mr. Watson "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," stirred Mr. Le Gallienne's ire to write in reply and prompted him to forward Mr. Watson a challenge for a meeting, preferably in the roped arena.

"This passage at arms," said Mr. Watson, "seems to be entirely one-sided. I know Mr. Le Gallienne, and I can remember that he used to walk fifteen miles and then become fatigued, while I was able to do thirty miles. I am vastly amused at this challenge of Mr. Le Gallienne."

Regarding his much talked of poem Mr. Watson said: "I merely wrote on a general theme, that is all. I made reference to no woman in particular."

### COLT'S SON IN COURT

#### Charged With Using Mails for Fraudulent Purpose.

Kansas City, Dec. 4.—Oleott C. Colt of New York, son of the inventor, will be tried at the next term of the United States district court in this city on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He was indicted in May, 1908, but had been in Paris until recently. He appeared before Judge Phillips, who fixed his bond at \$1,500, which amount was provided by George G. Gaugh, Colt's father-in-law.

The indictment charges that in 1901 Oleott Colt was operating a brokerage and loan business, with offices in Kansas City and New York. It is alleged that after he received his fee for obtaining loans he, or his "experts," invariably procured no loan.

Transport Still Fast in Mud. Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The transporters, which left here for the Panama canal zone and possibly Nicaragua with 700 men and went aground in the Delaware river near Fort Delaware, last night in the mud.

# REFUSE TO PAY LIFE INSURANCE

## Snead Policies Are Held Up for Proof of Death.

### HUSBAND IS ALSO MISSING

#### Risk Companies Do Not Believe Snead Is Dead and Doubt if His Wife Is Three Sets of Policies in Duplicate Issued in Favor of Aunt, Who is Now Under Arrest at East Orange, N. J.—Mother Disappears.

New York, Dec. 4.—The three great companies in which Mrs. Orey Ward law Martin Snead held life insurance for upward of \$30,000 announced that they will refuse to honor their policies until it has been proved that the body of the half starved young woman found in the bath tub of an unroofed house in East Orange, N. J., of Monday last, is that of Mrs. Snead. The policy for \$24,000 on the life of her husband, Fletcher Snead, who is missing, is also unpaid, and no claim has been put in for the insurance. A company agent detailed to the case said: "We don't believe Snead is dead. We don't know that Mrs. Snead is dead. It seems incredible that any woman, not hypnotized or drugged could be persuaded to endure such inhumanities of mental suffering and bodily privation as this poor girl now in the morgue underwent, if she had any claim on the ties of blood and family devotion. We do know that three separate sets of policies in duplicate on the life of young Mrs. Snead were issued in favor of her aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, now under arrest at East Orange, on the plea, in each instance, that the previous set had been lost. Was money borrowed on these duplicates? We don't know."

The police were busy with a bundle of papers and scattered memoranda left by Miss Wardlaw in a drug store recently, and discovered they contained thousands of words of a compilation on insurance policies and what could be borrowed on them mingling irrelevantly with letters of recommendation from some of the foremost educators of the country and all testifying to the refinement of sensibility and intellectuality of the grim old woman who now sits obstinately mute in a cell.

In addition the papers indicate that young Mrs. Snead was the daughter of Colonel Robert M. Martin, who once lived handsomely in New York and left her a fortune of \$100,000, which has completely disappeared.

### Mother Disappears.

His widow, Mrs. Snead's mother has also disappeared as utterly as her son-in-law, Fletcher Snead. The mother and sister of Miss Wardlaw, who are living in lodgings in New York, still refuse to go to East Orange to identify the body supposed to be Mrs. Snead's and will not discuss their family affairs. The insurance companies insist, however, that all these details must be thoroughly ventilated before the policies are paid.

Dr. Jacob Wachsmann told the Brooklyn police that on Sept. 7 he called on Mrs. Snead at the instance of Julian Carabba, the attorney who drew her third will. The young woman, he said, was apparently under hypnotic influence. When he was able to shield her eyes from the glance of the others in the room she brightened perceptibly. He found her suffering from neurasthenia, produced by hypnosis and starvation. There were stitches in her side, remaining from an operation of some weeks previous. He suggested that they be taken out.

### HELD AS BLACK HANDERS

#### Four Italians Accused of Extortion Plot at Collinsville, Ill.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—Four Italians were arrested in Collinsville, Ill., charged with a Black Hand plot to secure \$6,000 from L. F. Lamaghi, a merchant and former mayor of the town.

Lamaghi received letters demanding \$6,000 on pain of losing his three children and threatening him with death. Armed guards patrolled his premises day and night and he placed \$6,000 in stage money at the place designated in the letters. An Italian came for the money. In his panic at being arrested he confessed his part in the plot and implicated four others, three of whom have been apprehended.

### MASKED WOMAN HURLS ACID

#### Victim Answers Door Bell and Vitriol is Dashed in Her Face.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 4.—Mrs. George Mann answered a ring at her door and met a woman, masked, 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 disfigured by deep burns. Her husband told the police that he had received letters threatening that one day he should go home and find his wife dead.

### Local News Notes

Miss Nettie Hawksworth is spending the day in Omaha with Mrs. Dr. Cook at the hospital in that city.

Miss Genevieve Howard is a visitor in Omaha, having gone to that city this morning on the early train.

Byron Clark is attending to business matters today in Omaha, going there on the early train this morning.

Miss Dora Glenn is visiting today in Omaha, having gone to that city this morning on the early Burlington train.

Mrs. Mary Roberts is spending the day in Omaha, being a passenger for that city this morning on the early train.

John Albert and wife are spending today in Omaha where they went this morning on the early Burlington train.

B. L. Hyde is a visitor today in Omaha, being a passenger for that city this morning on the early Burlington train.

F. H. Dunbar was a passenger last evening for South Omaha, where he attended the boxing match, returning at midnight.

Miss Mildred Cummins is spending the day in Omaha, having gone to that city this morning on the early train.

W. Parker and family are spending the day in Omaha, having gone to the metropolis this morning on the early train.

Mrs. John Murray is visiting with her daughters today in Omaha, going to that city this morning on the early Burlington train.

Mrs. F. C. Caldwell is visiting over Sunday in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauble, coming over from Glenwood this morning on No. 15.

T. H. Pollock, manager of the Plattsburgh Telephone company, is spending today in Ashland looking after business matters in connection with his telephone company.

Mrs. Stone and children of Union, who have been visiting with relatives at Charlton, Ia., returned to their home this morning, transferring to the south bound M. P. train at this point.

Adam Kaffenberger is one of the good farmers from the county who took advantage of the Schuyler train this morning and came to the city, this being preferable to trying to drive in. He returned home this afternoon by the same route.

A. J. Hunter, who has been living in the city since the death of his wife, who accidentally shot herself recently near Murray, was in Omaha today attending to business matters, being a passenger for that city this morning on the early Burlington train.

Mrs. Margaret Harrison and daughter, Misses Grace and Margaret departed this morning for Lincoln, where they will make their future home. The ladies have been residents of this city but a short time but during their stay here they have made many friends who regret exceedingly to have them leave the city.

P. H. Meisinger came in from Cedar Creek this morning, traveling by rail from that place rather than punish his horses by trying to drive them in over the bad roads. He had business which required his attendance in the city and will return this afternoon on the Schuyler train.

A sale of the Todd farm east of Union is being conducted this afternoon at the south door of the court house, there being a large number of interested bidders present. The farm is a desirable piece of property and the price will like range pretty high for the successful bidder. D. O. Dwyer is attorney for the estate.

Cam. N. Seybert, now one of Louisville's best citizens, came down this morning from that city on the Schuyler to meet with old friends and look after business matters. Cam called at the Journal office and was warmly welcomed as he always is. He is one of the best men the county affords and the Journal is always pleased to number him among its callers. He returned to his home this afternoon on the Schuyler.

Mark White drove up this morning from his home at Rock Bluffs, taking some three hours and a half to make the journey. It usually takes him about one hour and a half. He reports the roads as being the worst in his experience and that the freeze last night made them worse than ever. The horses have a terrible time in drawing a buggy over them and their feet is constantly injured by the sharp ice which they encounter. In the opinion of Mr. White the freeze has done a world of damage to the roads and to animals. He departed for his home early this afternoon as the trip promised to be a long and hard one and he hoped to get it over and done before nightfall.



Illustration of Santa Claus and a woman, likely Mrs. Maurer, for the Christmas advertisement.

## CHRISTMAS AND SANTA CLAUS

are only three weeks ahead of us. Time now to begin your shopping. The early shoppers get the best selections and miss the jam and crush.

You will find this store, as always, the most popular place for Christmas buyers. We have even surpassed former efforts in preparing for Christmas trade. Let us offer you a few suggestions:

1. **HOLEPROOF** hose for men, women and children.
2. **HOLEPROOF** hose certificate—the new way.
3. **SUSPENDERS** in boxes—very handsome 50c, 75c and \$1.
4. **HANDKERCHIEFS**—silk and linen in both plain and initial.
5. **HANDKERCHIEF** leather cases, something new, \$1.25.
6. **NECKWEAR** of every kind from 50c to \$1.50.
7. **CHANGESTONE** set—a tie pin with 7 different stones; one for every day. In box \$1.
8. **COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES**—elegantly silk lined \$1 to \$3.

These are only a few of the many things we have for you. Watch this space for practical solutions to your Christmas problems.

# C. E. Wescott's Sons

THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

## JAP YOUNG HAS TOO MUCH MONEY

### R. F. D. Carrier Called Upon to Reimburse to the Government for Overpay.

The postmaster at Mynard has received notice from the postal department at Washington that Mail Carrier J. M. Young, who has a route out of that place, has been overpaid the sum of \$210 during the time he has been carrying that route, some twenty-one months and demanding that he reimburse the government for the excess. In addition the department claims that his rate of pay was \$10 per month too high and wants to cut it down. Mr. Young has a route 21.5 miles in length and has been receiving pay at the rate of \$900 per year which the department claims is \$120 too much. Congress sometime since raised the pay of the rural carriers \$10 per month and Mr. Young has received this amount the same as other carriers. It is claimed now by the department that his route is not long enough to entitle him to the increase, although they have paid it to him for the past twenty-one months, so they want \$210 returned to them and for him to do the work in the future for \$780 per year. Mr. Young declares he cannot do the work at that price and that he will resign before he tries it. It seems an injustice is being done Mr. Young who is one of the most faithful carriers in the service and it is to be hoped some way can be advised to allow him to retain the sum paid and also to receive the same amount in the future. He has taken the matter up with Senator Burkett and hopes for action for his relief.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF MURDOCK

CHARTER NO. 678  
Of Murdock, Neb., Incorporated in the State of Nebraska at the close of business November 16, 1909

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 4,251.32
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	487.44
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	3,000.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	14,528.52
Due from national, state and private banks	13,700.83
Checks and items of exchange	547.31
Currency	3,345.00
Gold coin	185.00
Silver, nickels and cents	453.11-18,221.22
Total	\$120,226.42
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	700.00
Undivided profits	15,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	25,791.20
Time certificates of deposits	63,415.43
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,329.43-94,476.16
Total	\$120,226.42

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
I, H. E. Neitzel, cashier of the above named bank, do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.

H. E. Neitzel, cashier.  
Attest:  
Henry A. Tool, director,  
F. Wolf, director.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Dec. 1909.  
P. B. CHASE,  
Notary Public.  
[SEAL] My commission expires July 20, 1911.

### Surprise Miss Maurer.

The Loyal Sons and Daughters of the Christian church gathered at N. C. McMaken's office last evening and after all members of the two classes had arrived, went to the home of Miss Lena Maurer in South Park and gave her a very pleasant surprise.

The usual amusements were had such as games, music and the like and the pleasant affair closed with a delightful luncheon, which the assembled guests could not fail to do full justice.

Miss Maurer was very much surprised when the guests came in on her but soon recovered and gave them a very pleasant evening.