



The recent controversy between the employes of the Wabash railroad and the officials of that system at St. Louis was amicably settled on April 4, the men getting a substantial increase in wages as well as some other concessions. These concessions are regarded as a great victory for organized labor.

An Associated press dispatch from Chicago, Ill., on April 4 says that a conference between attorneys for William Lorimer on one hand and the election commissioners on the other it was decided to refer the Lorimer-Durborrow election controversy to the supreme court for adjudication on two legal propositions. The questions upon which the court will be asked to pass are: First, the right of the election commissioners to produce and open the ballots under the subpoena issued by Notary Smilery; and, second, the power and jurisdiction of the circuit court to issue an injunction to restrain the commissioner from obeying the subpoena.

Serious rioting occurred in Madrid, Spain, on April 4 and during the struggle that followed fourteen students and six policemen were wounded seriously. It is said that all the universities of Spain will hold memorial services for the students killed at Salamanca.

John D. Washburn, United States minister to Switzerland under President Harrison, from 1889 to 1892, died at his home at Worcester, Mass., April 4.

April 6 twenty-one monuments to Indiana's dead on the old Shiloh battlefield were dedicated, an elaborate program being rendered. The governor, together with five hundred veterans from that state, attended the services.

One of the notable results of the municipal elections held in the state of Ohio on April 6 was the re-election of Tom Johnson mayor of the city of Cleveland by an increased majority. It is conceded that this victory will contribute to make Mayor Johnson a formidable candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

Carter H. Harrison was elected mayor of Chicago on April 7 for the fourth time. He was opposed by Graeme Stewart, republican, and won by a majority of 6,948. The campaign has been a hard fought one, the chief issue being the traction question, and the victory is regarded as one for the municipal ownership.

It was reported from Frankfort, Ky., on April 7 that the Goebel monument commission had selected a design for a \$15,000 monument to be erected in the state cemetery here over the grave of the late governor, William Goebel. Signor Morretti of New York will execute a bronze figure of Goebel for the monument. The money was collected by popular subscription.

Mrs. Horace Porter, wife of the American ambassador at Paris, died in that city on April 6. The funeral took place on April 9 in the American church in Paris.

A dispatch received at the navy department in Washington on April 7 from Key West announced the death of Rear Admiral George E. Belknap,

U. S. N., retired, at that city. Admiral Belknap was in Key West engaged in the execution of certain plans proposed by the naval board for establishing a naval base.

It was announced from Pekin, China, on April 7 that a report has been on foot for some time past that France is preparing to intervene and suppress the insurrection in Kwang Si province, which borders the French colony of Tonkin, and where 100,000 rebels are said to be in arms.

It was announced from Toronto on April 8 that the greater portion of the wheat that has been shipped from Canada through the ports of New York and Boston will be carried through Canada and shipped from Montreal and Quebec hereafter. This change has been made possible since the Canadian Pacific railway has secured its own line of Atlantic steamers.

The municipal elections recently held in some of the states developed some interesting results. In Columbus, O., Mayor J. N. Hinkle, democrat, was succeeded by H. K. Jeffrey, republican, with a plurality of at least 1,500. In Toledo, O., Samuel M. Jones was elected as an independent for the fourth time as mayor of that city. In Cincinnati the contest resulted in the victory of Mayor Julius Fleischman, republican, over Melvin E. Ingalls, the fusionist candidate for the office, by a majority of 14,000. In the state of Michigan the republicans elected their state ticket by a large majority, a justice of the supreme court and regents of the state university being elected. In the city of Detroit, a police justice and eight school inspectors were the only municipal officers to be chosen and the result was largely in favor of the republicans. Election returns from the city of St. Louis show that the city went democratic by a plurality of over 18,000, and this victory is regarded as a sweeping one for better city government. In the state of Kansas the liquor question was an issue in several of the larger cities and the state as a whole showed large republican gains; Kansas City electing T. B. Gilbert, republican, mayor. In Springfield, Ill., a democratic mayor was elected after an exciting contest. In Wisconsin, Minnesota and Texas little interest was aroused in the elections, they being mostly of a local character.

At the election on April 8 at Havana of officers of the house of representatives, Senor Portuendo, nationalist, was elected president of the house, defeating Senor Garcia, republican. It is reported that at the present time both the house and senate are republican.

On April 8 at Springfield, Ill., the house passed the bill appropriating \$9,000 for the placing of a statue of Frances E. Willard in statuary hall at Washington.

On April 8 it was made known that by the eruption of the old volcano Del Tierna Firma in Colombia, S. A., a village was destroyed and from sixty to 100 persons were killed and wounded.

State Attorney General Webb of California on April 8 rendered an official opinion declaring the use of the Bible in the public schools unconstitutional. Not only may teachers not teach the scriptures as a text book,

but even reading from them, as is the custom frequently at the opening exercises, is barred.

It was reported from Milton, Mass., on April 8 that Henry Van Brunt, well known as an architect and designer of the electricity building at the Chicago World's fair, died today at his home here.

Labor disturbances that occurred on April 7 at a large factory near Nishna Vovgorod, Russia, resulted in the death of thirty persons and the wounding of 100 more.

The legislature of the state of Nebraska adjourned on April 9. This legislature has passed 174 bills, of which 125 have been signed by the governor, the rest awaiting his approval. The total appropriations made reached the sum of \$3,649,341.14.

A 12-inch gun on the battleship Iowa burst on April 9 while the vessel was at target practice near Pensacola, Fla., and caused the death of three seamen and the injury of five others.

According to advices from England, Great Britain is negotiating with the United States in order to obtain certain privileges for British commerce

through the Panama canal when it shall be built. The Birmingham Post says the concessions include shops for repairing and coaling ships and privileges helpful to the British squadron in North Atlantic and West Indian waters in return for facilities to be granted to the United States navy.

The Illinois house of representatives on April 9 adopted the senate joint resolution favoring a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, on a viva voce vote without debate.

Our Polygamous "Subject."

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: Mormon Smoot from Utah was seated in the United States senate without any opposition. And why not? He is a Mormon, but not a polygamist. But suppose he were? Is not polygamy sanctioned and supported by the United States government, as administered by the republican party, in "our possessions" in the Philippines? Besides, it is an open question whether Smoot as a polygamist would not be more entitled to a seat in congress than some of those who are there now. In the language of an exchange: "From an ethical standpoint he has a better right than some who 'plead guilty' to one wife, but who pay grocery and dry goods bills for two or more."

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