

LOSS NEAR MILLION

MAJOR PORTION FALLS ON THE MANY THOUSANDS OF TEXTILE LABORERS.

NO LETUP IN STRIKE ACTIVITY

Industrial Workers of World Take a Hand in Lawrence, Mass., Trouble and Urge Men to Stand Firm—Loom Fixers to Return to Mills.

Lawrence, Mass.—Feb. 11 marked the beginning of another month in the strike of more than 20,000 mill operatives for an increase in wages, was one of activity. The central labor union officials drew up the demands which are to be made upon agents of each mill, while the Industrial Workers of the World leaders spoke at a number of meetings urging solidarity among the strikers. It is estimated that the financial loss due to the strike, a major portion of which falls upon the strikers, already approaches the \$1,000,000 mark. The mills are said to have protected themselves against great financial loss by having their work performed at their factories elsewhere or on subcontracts by which they receive a share of the profits.

Some mill officials claim that 10,000 operatives are now at work, but the military observers, who are still on duty with their troops at the factory gates, say only 700 or 800 hands go in, where 5,000 are employed.

Leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World assert that this strike is but the beginning of an industrial revolution.

That there will be some accessions to the ranks of workers in the mills is certain. Members of the loom fixers union employed in the Arlington mills have voted to return to work, and their decision has been endorsed by the entire loom fixers' union, which is independent of both the Industrial Workers of the World and the American Federation of Labor.

RIOTING IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Anarchists Attending Funeral of Aernout Clash With Police.

Paris.—Thousands of socialists, revolutionaries and anarchists attended the incineration of the syndic, Aernout, who was prominent during the labor troubles here several years ago, and who died while serving in a disciplinary battalion in Africa. The ceremony took place at Pere Lachaise cemetery and the demonstration was the biggest of the kind since the funeral of Louise Michel, the communist and revolutionary agitator, who died in 1905.

The anarchists, while returning from the cemetery, attacked the police with paving stones and serious rioting continued for more than an hour. Finally a heavy rain proved more effective than the police and the mobs dispersed to seek shelter. A large number of persons on both sides were injured and twenty-five of the rioters were arrested.

Fatal Assault on Prison Warden.

Lincoln, Neb.—Just as the prison chaplain was about to pronounce the benediction at the close of the morning chapel exercises at the state penitentiary, Albert Prince a negro under sentence for assault with intent to kill, attacked and fatally stabbed Deputy Warden E. D. Davis. The warden received six wounds, three of them gashes in the abdomen. He died at 10:45 o'clock that same evening.

Baptized in Ice Cold Water.

Pittsburgh.—With the thermometer registering 4 degrees above zero twenty-seven colored men and women, recent converts to the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal church of Brownsville, near here, were immersed in the icy waters of the Monongahela river. The immersions were witnessed by several thousand persons, who shivered on the bank of the river and huddled close to fires built by small boys.

Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Cattle—Good to choice corn fed steers, \$7.00@8.00; medium to good, \$5.50@7.00; good to choice grass steers, \$4.50@6.50; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.00@6.00; grass cows, \$3.50@5.00; canners and cutters, \$2.75@3.50; bulls, \$4.00@5.50; veals, \$3.75@8.00. Hogs—Prices range from \$5.65@6.12, with a bulk of the sales at \$5.95@6.10. Sheep—Lambs, \$4.25@6.00; yearlings, \$4.50@5.25; wethers, \$3.50@4.25; ewes, \$2.75@3.75.

New Kansas City Church.

Kansas City, Mo.—With impressive services the new Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Kansas City's skyscraper house of worship, was dedicated. Bishop William F. Anderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Rev. Charles Bayard Mitchell, of Chicago, made the principal addresses. The dedicatory ceremonies will continue all week. The new edifice is a wing of a twelve-story office building erected by the congregation and bearing the name of the Grand Avenue temple. The auditorium will seat 1,500

END LORIMER QUIZ

INQUIRY INTO ELECTION OF ILLINOIS SENATOR, BEGUN LAST JUNE, CLOSED.

DICTAGRAPH TEST IS MADE

Opinion is Divided as to Sheridan's Ability as Stenographer—Hines on Witness Stand, Says Girl's Bribe Tale is False.

Washington.—Hearing of testimony in the senatorial investigation of Senator Lorimer's election is concluded. Attorney Haney was given permission to file a brief and also present a plea of res adjudica. Final action by the senate is not expected before June, although the preparation of its report will be begun at once by the committee.

The nature of the plea is that Senator Lorimer's seat was placed in jeopardy once before on the same charge and that the senate decided he was entitled to his toga. The defense will plead also that no additional evidence of material importance was brought out at the second investigation, and that the present committee has no jurisdiction.

The investigation just ended began on June 20, 1911. The committee has been in session 122 days and has examined 180 witnesses. It is estimated that the cost of the inquiry so far as the government is concerned is \$101,000.

Three things engaged the attention of the committee on the last day of its inquiry—tests of the ability of J. E. Sheridan, a stenographer employed by the Burns Detective agency, to take down a conversation heard through a dictagraph; an apology from Milton W. Blumenberg, who lost his position when he denounced Sheridan's notes as "manufactured," and Edward Hines' denial of the story told by Miss Severs that he had tried to bribe her.

The dictagraph tests of Sheridan's ability were made under conditions approximating those encountered in Toronto when he made notes of a conversation between Charles McGowan, a Hines-Lorimer witness, and two detectives.

At the conclusion of the tests the opinion was just as much divided as before regarding Sheridan's ability to take down a conversation heard through a dictagraph.

Edward Hines said he started to send a telegram to his company but changed his mind. "I went back to get the message I had given Miss Severs," said Hines, "and while waiting to get her attention I saw a message signed by Bailey. The substance of the message was that the hearing had been postponed. She looked up and asked me if I was interested in the message. I said I was a little. With that she turned the message over.

"She gave me my message, I tore it up and walked away. I had no money in my hand nor did I offer her any."

U. S. AND HONDURAS CLASH

American Marines Are Landed When Congress Declares Valentine Syndicate Contracts Are Cancelled.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras.—A clash has occurred between United States and Honduras authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine to surrender to the government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under lease by the Valentine syndicate.

Seventy-five marines from the United States gunboat Petrel landed and seized the wharf and railroad. Honduran troops then were ordered to stop all trains. The governor has filed a protest.

The congress of Honduras has declared that all contracts made with Valentine are canceled. The congress directs the president of the republic to take possession of all the property immediately on behalf of the government.

VOTES TO CUT DOWN ARMY

House Adopts Amendment Dropping Five Regiments of Cavalry, or 4,000 Enlisted Men.

Washington.—Five regiments of cavalry were dropped from the army list when the house passed an amendment to the Hay military bill.

This means the mustering out of nearly 4,000 enlisted men, the absorption of the officers into other branches of the service, and an annual saving in pay and equipment of more than \$4,500,000.

As the bill now reads that section which provides pay for the enlisted men by an appropriation of more than \$15,000,000 makes the appropriation conditional on the proviso that on July 1, 1912, there shall not be more than ten regiments of cavalry in the United States army.

Big Fire in Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala.—Fire which raged in the heart of the business district entailed a loss of nearly \$100,000 to four firms. The flames originated in an upper story of the building occupied by a furniture company.

Man 86 Dies at Funeral.

Cheboygan, Mich.—Overcome with grief, Michael O'Donnell, eighty-six, dropped dead in church while attending the funeral of a friend. O'Donnell was one of the wealthiest farmers in this section.

"OFF AGAIN! ON AGAIN! FINNEGAN!"



A National Motto for Mexico.

IRISH ONLY HOOT

WINSTON CHURCHILL DEFIES BELFAST RIOTERS AND URGES HOME RULE IN SPEECH.

QUITS BELFAST IN HASTE

Bad Feeling Develops But Meeting Ends Without Violence—Outlines Scope of Government's Bill Providing for Parliament in Ireland.

Belfast, Ireland.—Winston Churchill came here to the heart of the Orangemen's country made an address and left safely for home minus the broken head which his opponents had predicted for him.

The first lord of the admiralty and John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, spoke from the same platform on the home rule bill. Mr. Churchill outlined the intentions of the government with respect to self-government for Ireland and declared no greater boon could come to the empire than the settlement of the long and bitter quarrel between the British government and the Irish people.

When Mr. Churchill, with his wife, arrived at the Central station his party was given a somewhat mixed reception. A number of Orangemen who had gathered at the station greeted them with groans and boos, but these were drowned in the hearty cheers of the large crowd of Liberals and Nationalists.

The presence in Belfast of the largest military force ever gathered to preserve peace among the Irish factions and a drenching rain combined to check the bellicose ardor of the anti-home rulers, whose hostility was vented mainly by booing and hooting.

The essential feature of the Liberal government's home rule bill to be introduced into the British parliament were set forth by Mr. Churchill.

The bill is to contain provisions for a fair representation in the two houses of the Irish parliament of all classes of the Irish people and restrictions will be placed on the passing of laws or the imposition of taxes which might be unjust to any party, while religious freedom is to be secured.

GRAND JURY INDICTS 33

True Bills Are Returned Against Labor Men by Dynamite Probers at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis.—Thirty-three indictments were returned before Judge Anderson by the federal grand jury which has been investigating the dynamite outrages of the past six years. Summonses are being prepared for the arrest of forty or fifty labor leaders scattered throughout eighteen states.

March 12 was set as arraignment day and clerks began the work of making certified copies of the indictment and preparing summonses. An effort will be made to arrest every man named at the same hour and nearly every defendant is now known to be under surveillance in different parts of the country.

Many of the indictments center around the activities of Ortle McManigal, confessed dynamiter, and those who went to Detroit in June, 1907, and induced him to become a member of the ravaging band have been indicted.

Wrecked; Row 300 Miles.

Victoria, B. C.—The first mate and nine men of the crew of the Norwegian ship Askoy, which was wrecked December 27 on Elizabeth reef, rowed 300 miles in an open boat to the Australian coast, according to news brought here by the steamer Marama.

Ban on Paris Handbills.

Paris.—As a result of M. Lepine's new regulations against the throwing down of handbills in the street, the appearance of the city is cleaner than has been for years.

BANDITS LOOT TRAIN

FIVE MEN HOLD UP ROCK ISLAND PASSENGER. Mail and Express Cars Are Cut From Coaches Near Hurlburt, Ky., and \$75,000 Secured.

Memphis, Tenn.—Five train robbers looted the mail and express cars of the Rock Island train No. 43, near Hurlburt, Ark., and got away with from \$60,000 to \$75,000 consigned to a bank in Oklahoma.

The money was taken from the safe of the Wells-Fargo Express company and the robbers escaped with their booty long before an alarm was spread.

The train left Memphis about midnight. After it cleared the western terminus of the Mississippi river bridge it was boarded by two masked men. They climbed over the tender, covered the engine crew with guns, then the train was halted. The engineer was bound and gagged, then kicked off into a ditch. The fireman ran the train on several miles until it was signaled to a halt at a campfire alongside the track, where three other bandits waited.

The engine with the two cars meanwhile proceeded to a point a mile east of Hurlburt, Ark. Then the robbers ransacked the postal car, blew open the safe in the Wells-Fargo express car, gathered their plunder and made off in the darkness.

ARRANGE A NEW ARMISTICE

Chinese Empress Dowager Makes Various Demands in Interest of Imperial Family.

Peking.—A complete armistice has been arranged, but bargaining between Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the republican leaders is likely to continue for several weeks before the court finally retires.

Chinese papers publish the terms laid down by the empress dowager, which include the perpetuation of the titles of the entire court, retention by the imperial family of the palaces in Peking, continuation of the imperial guard at the expense of the republic, and the right of the court to exact regal homage from the nation. It is believed that the republicans will not accept some of these terms.

GEN. JAMES B. WEAVER DEAD

Former Congressman and Twice Nominated for President Succumbs to Heart Failure at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia.—Gen. James B. Weaver, veteran of the Civil war, former member of congress, twice nominated for the office of president of the United States and pioneer of political reform, is dead at the age of seventy-nine years.

Death was due to heart failure following an attack of acute indigestion.

COURT RULES AGAINST LEWIS

Overrules Demurrer to Indictment of Banker Accused of Misuse of the Mails.

St. Louis.—Judge Amidon, in the federal court, overruled a demurrer to the indictment against E. G. Lewis, accused of misuse of the mails in connection with the People's United States bank. Shepard Barclay, attorney for Lewis, contended that the grand jury which returned the bill was not properly constituted.

Gives Himself Up for Killing in 1904.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Moses N. Gatliff of Mount Vernon, Ky., asked the chief of police to lock him up, saying that he had killed Robert Rigby of Mount Vernon, Ky., September 27, 1904. A telegram from Kentucky confirmed the confession.

Earl Spencer Resigns Post.

London.—Earl Spencer resigned his office as lord chamberlain. His action is attributed to the widespread criticism recently of his conduct of the office of censor of plays.

SAYS TRUST IS CRUEL

INVESTIGATOR CHARGES STEEL COMPANY FLOGS CONVICTS.

Declares Men Are Stripped and Unmercifully Whipped When They Fail of Their Tasks.

Washington.—S. M. Harrison, a magazine writer, caused a sensation before the senate finance committee at a hearing on steel tariff revision here. He said the United States Steel corporation was to blame for flogging of convicts in labor camps in Alabama.

He said he had seen a prisoner flogged with a three-ply leather strap and had seen black and blue marks on one convict's back. Failure to do the required tasks was punishable by flogging, solitary confinement and by other methods, he said.

He said convict laborers were forced to lie flat on their faces to be flogged.

"Flogged with a thong as big as a wagon trace or tug?" suggested Mr. Stanley.

"By a strap five feet long."

"Ever see this instrument of torture?"

"Yes."

"What's the usual punishment?"

"Fifteen lashes."

Representative Bartlett of Georgia, a member of the committee observed that the whole system of convict labor was wrong.

"I don't think there is any difference in committee as to that," added Representative Gardner of Massachusetts.

"No difference of opinion as to that with us," interjected Attorney Reed for the Steel corporation, "and we are getting out of it as soon as possible."

MEXICAN REVOLT IS FEARED

Loyalty of Gen. Orozco Is Questioned—United States Prepared to Act in Emergency.

Washington.—Another uprising in Mexico is impending, according to official dispatches which cast grave doubts on the loyalty of General Orozco to President Madero and intimate that Orozco is about to begin a new rebellion and declare the independence of the state of Chihuahua.

As Chihuahua borders on Texas, its separation from Mexico would be a matter of deep concern to the United States.

So complete are the military preparations that it is said nothing remains to be done but to send one message to every department army headquarters in the country to insure the prompt assemblage of a sufficient number of troops on the Mexican border to prepare the United States for any emergency that might arise there.

H. W. TAFT'S WIFE CATHOLIC

President's Sister-in-Law Abandons the Protestant Episcopal Faith, According to the Times.

New York.—Mrs. Henry W. Taft, wife of the president's brother, has become a convert to the Roman Catholic faith, says the Times. She renounced the Episcopal faith and was received into the Catholic church last Friday, in the chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola church. Father Vaughan, the English Jesuit priest, who long has been a friend of Mrs. Taft, received her formal confession of faith.

From childhood Mrs. Taft was a devoted member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Taft and his brother, President Taft, are Unitarians.

GEM FORTUNE IS STOLEN

Thief Gets Away With Two Sample Cases Containing \$20,000 Worth of Jewels.

Chicago.—Tired of carrying sample cases filled with gems for jewelry salesmen, a young man, formerly known as a "trustworthy carrier of jewel-laden grips," decided, it is alleged, to start in business for himself, and walked out of the display room of Spaulding & Co. with more than \$20,000 worth of gems.

The jewels are the property of Sloan & Co., New York, and were left in the Spaulding display room by Clement A. Hobbins, salesman.

BILL TO PROTECT EMPLOYES

Measure Introduced in Congress Seeks to Prevent Coercion During Presidential Elections.

Washington.—A bill to prevent any employer of labor from intimidating his employees in presidential elections was introduced in the house by Representative Payer, an Iowa Democrat. The bill makes it unlawful for any employer to post notices or to distribute circulars threatening a reduction in salary or the closing down of any business in the event of the election of a certain presidential ticket.

German Socialists Lose.

Berlin, Germany.—Dr. Peter Spahn, the leader of the Clerical center party, was elected president of the reichstag, defeating August Bebel, the leader of the Social Democratic party, by 196 votes to 175.

Explosion Kills Twelve Men.

Fort Francis, Ont.—A premature explosion on Jorstone & Carey's construction work on the Canadian Northern railway, near here, killed twelve men and seriously injured eight others.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA.

Quarrel Ends in a Killing.

Nance County.—Joe Milcheseck is in custody for the killing of Sancho Palmero. While the two were returning from a dance they got into a quarrel, both being considerably under the influence of liquor. Milcheseck came on into town and Palmero followed him threatening and calling him names. When Milcheseck went into his home Palmero tried to follow him and Milcheseck grabbed a shotgun and fired through the door with fatal results.

Quicker work than was anticipated is being done in tearing down and removing the old Merrick county court house and clearing the site preparatory to commencing work on the new \$90,000 structure contracted for. After the roof had been taken off and the interior woodwork pretty well out the walls were pulled down to the top of the first story.

The residence and office of Dr. B. B. Andrews of Nemaha was completely destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire was a defective flue.

The largest and most successful sale of pure bred hogs ever held in Central City occurred when R. B. Baird offered for sale forty-five head of Poland China sows from his herd. The hogs averaged \$46.71 per head, the highest price being paid for a tried sow, Dave Hinkle of St. Edward paying \$155 for the animal. F. R. Riggis of Archer paid the next highest price, \$150 for a tried sow.

Coal Find in Dodge County.

Dodge County.—Property owners along Logan creek in the northeastern part of Dodge county, are of the opinion that the discovery of coal on Eph Johnson's farm is going to be a big thing for that section. In spite of the cold weather and inadequate tools and equipment, Mr. Johnson has continued his prospecting in other places along the creek with very satisfactory results, and other farmers have turned prospectors. The same formation extends a distance of several miles.

Big Deal in Land.

Clay County.—At the referee sale at Clay County, Thursday, January 31, the land formerly belonging to Charles Von Nordheim's estate was sold and brought prices that show the value of Clay county lands, as the sales were for cash. The home farm, 280 acres, sold for \$127.50 an acre and two different farms near Glenville brought \$18,000 cash and a lagoon of eighty acres sold for \$4,400. Two of the buy-acres for \$21,000 cash, making the total selling for the day \$121,000.

Doctor Committed Suicide.

Cuming County.—Dr. M. K. Schemel, who committed suicide at Hoskins by drinking carbolic acid was formerly a resident of West Point where he practiced medicine for some years. The doctor was a highly cultured German physician and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community.

Will Submit Bond Issue.

Adams County.—The urgent need of increased public school facilities in order to keep pace with the rapid growth of Hastings was so thoroughly impressed upon the members of the school board that it was unanimously decided that a \$65,000 bond issue should be submitted to the public at the spring election.

Burlington Agent Robbed.

Johnson County.—A. R. Allgeier, night agent of the Burlington at Tecumseh, was held up and robbed of \$8 in money and a gold watch and \$18 of company money was taken from the drawer. The robbers escaped.

Stephens Sends Word.

Dan Stephens of Fremont, present congressman from the Third district, made it known to the secretary of state that he desired his name placed on the primary ballot as a democratic candidate for the place he now holds.

Bridge Construction.

Bids will be opened at the county clerk's office in Bridgeport, February 20, for the construction of two bridges across the North Platte river, one at Bridgeport and the other at Bayard, Cheyenne county.

Plans to Educate Voters.

Cuming County.—Rev. Ivan Ruesing of West Point, in conjunction with Mrs. F. N. Cole of Omaha and J. E. Miller of Lincoln is actively engaged in formulating plans to place before the voters of the state the facts and reasons why the proposed constitutional amendment to establish a board of control of state institutions, to be voted upon at the next state election, should be supported.

Socialists Are Active.

Douglas County.—The socialists of the state, pursuant to their announced plan to wage an energetic campaign in this state during the coming year, are arranging for a series of meetings in Omaha previous to the state convention which is to be held at York February 29.

Want County Legislative League.

Nemaha County.—Steps are being taken to effect a county organization of members of the legislature past and present, who reside in Nemaha county.

Farmer Captured Several Wolves.

Gage County.—John Gronwald, a farmer living near Pickrell, was in Beatrice with two wolf pups, the result of captures. The wolves in the Pickrell vicinity are getting bold and are carrying off chickens and occasionally a pig or two.