

FEAR THE STRIKERS

Citizens of Marseilles Close Stores and Abandon Many Principal Streets

MOB FIGHTS SOLDIERS WITH STONES

Crowd of Two Thousand People Pelts the Mounted Guards.

GOVERNMENT IS MUCH EMBARRASSED

Each of the Contending Factions Demands the Administration's Support.

PORT IN DANGER OF BEING RUINED

Public Realizes That Immense Damage Is Already Done and More Serious Things Are Threatened.

MARSEILLES, France, March 20.—The situation here is very disquieting owing to the increasingly aggressive attitude of the strikers. During the disasters today the panic spread to the townspeople and stores, cafes and restaurants were quickly closed. The Rue de la Cannebiere and other large thoroughfares of the city were deserted. It was feared that the mob, which was charged by mounted gendarmes and Hussars, would attempt to pillage.

A crowd numbering 2,000 burst through a cordon of infantry along the dock side. The cavalry charged and drove the strikers back. A volley of stones was then thrown in all directions and a brigadier, two gendarmes, a Hussar and several infantrymen were injured. One gendarme was stoned, thrown from his horse and trampled upon by the cavalry. He was removed to a hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

Soldiers Are Inmate.

The soldiers were greatly exasperated, but their officers succeeded in controlling them. The strikers are irritated at the refusal of the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, to receive the socialist mayor of Marseilles, M. Flanieres, who sought to obtain government pressure to force the masters to negotiate, the masters having decided to do so on the ground that the strike was unjustifiable and a breach of a previous agreement.

M. Flanieres threatens that the socialists will make reprisals for this insult from the government and he points out that he stood aloof from the pro-Kruger demonstration at a moment when, as he puts it, by entering Kruger's carriage he might have won a popular triumph.

Nursing Mothers in the Crowd.

Two hundred women, several with babies in arms, took part in today's demonstration, in spite of the rain. With the exception of the socialist organs, the press shows little sympathy with the strikers. The public generally recognizes that the strike has already done an immense amount of injury and may completely ruin the port.

The government is in an extremely embarrassing position, especially M. Millerand, the minister of labor, especially in view of the fact that the foreign element, chiefly Italian, which preponderates among the striking dock laborers, is utterly indifferent to the fate of Marseilles.

The strike committee has informed the prefect that the strikers will resume work if the cooperative system, without contractors, is adopted. As the shipping companies are bound by existing contracts, there is little chance of this proposal being accepted. Mayor Flanieres exhorts the population to be calm.

DIAZ IS AT HOME AND WELL

President of Mexico Returns Investigated and is Warmly Welcomed by His People.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 20.—President Diaz arrived in this city this evening at 6:45, after an absence of nearly three months at Cuernavaca. An immense crowd of people awaited him on the platform of the railroad station. When the presidential train pulled up the president appeared on the rear platform and was greeted with great cheering. The president alighted and was driven to his home. The carriage was escorted by the mounted presidential guard. The streets were lined with people who cheered and waved handkerchiefs as the president passed. The house fronts were gay with bunting and tonight the illuminations give the main thoroughfares a holiday appearance. The president appears in excellent health.

SHOOTS AT FIELD MARSHAL

Former Gendarme Captain of Budapest Tries to Kill the Chief.

BUDAPEST, March 20.—Field Marshal Jablanczy de Centzyorgi, chief of the gendarme department of the ministry of national defense, was shot at in the street this afternoon by a man who offered him a letter, which the field marshal declined to accept. Two passersby seized the would-be assassin, who gave the name of Johna Gal, a former captain of the gendarme department. The prisoner said he had been dismissed for no reason and wished to kill the field marshal out of revenge.

WILL HAVE NO SIGNS THERE

Prussian Diet Wants Government to Start the Movement to Protect Rhine's Beauty.

BERLIN, March 20.—The Prussian Diet today adopted a resolution calling upon the government to prepare a bill directed against disturbing signboards along the Rhine and at all other picturesque points in Prussia.

The grip is increasing in this city. Herr Kirschner, chief mayor of Berlin, being the latest prominent victim.

OBJECT TO TURKISH SPIES

Ambassadors of Powers at Constantinople Protest to the Government.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 20.—Much annoyance is felt in diplomatic circles here at the presence of Turkish spies in the vicinity of each embassy during the last few days. The foreign ambassadors are making representations to the Turkish authorities as to the matter.

SHARP DEBATE IN REICHSTAG

Socialist and Conservative Speakers Clash and Are Called to Order.

BERLIN, March 20.—During the debate today in the Reichstag over the home office estimates there arose a heated passage at arms between the socialist and other social democrats on one side and Herr Stoeker, conservative, and other members on the other side. The speakers were called to order. Herr Bebel's attack was occasioned by criticism yesterday of the part of Dr. Stoeker. The discussion continued for several hours and was very heated and uproarious. Dr. Stoeker, in referring to Herr Bebel's attack, said the moment when his professional honor had been impugned he had risen up his post at court chaplain, whereas Herr Singer had continued his business in spite of the dishonorable conduct of his associate, Herr Rosenthal, and had even become president of his party. The social democratic party, therefore, could no longer call itself a party of order. These remarks, which were cheered by the rightists, evoked violent protests from the social democrats. Dr. Stoeker was also called to order.

Altogether the sitting was the liveliest of the whole session, members being called to order by the score. This was not only the case during the long tussle between Dr. Stoeker and the socialists, but also when the question of armor plate was again discussed. Count von Kardoff asserted that the steamer work had never furnished American armor plate. Herr Krupp, he admitted, did sell cheaper to the United States than to Germany, but only because the United States ordered 7,500 tons, as against 2,700 ordered by Germany. Moreover, it was possible that the plates were inferior.

Herr Singer charged Count von Kardoff with being a Krupp agent and went so far as to suggest that the count might be netting 4 per cent.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF CZAR

Story Comes from Berlin of Two Plots to Take Life of Russian Ruler.

BERLIN, March 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tageblatt says he has learned of two separate conspiracies to assassinate the czar. The first attempt was planned to be made on the occasion of the jubilee ball of the naval cadet corps, which the czar had promised to attend. His majesty was to start and was awaiting his carriage when Governor General Kleigels arrived at the palace and informed him that he must not go, several suspicious persons belonging to the revolutionary party having been arrested at the Nikolaev bridge with arms and forged passports. He informed his majesty that the prisoners probably were emissaries of the central nihilist committee of Zurich. The visit was accordingly abandoned.

The second affair occurred in the middle of January, when the czar, accompanied by his mother, visited the ceramic exhibition. When entering one of the rooms the members of the committee which was escorting the imperial party suddenly noticed an unknown man hurriedly slipping the czar. As the public had been excluded and those authorized to attend had been carefully selected, the presence of the stranger excited suspicion.

Several of the czar's party hastened to meet the person, but he disappeared. The man suspiciously thrust his hand in a pocket. He was instantly seized. When he was searched a bomb was found in his pocket.

DUKE OF CORNWALL IS SAFE

Steamer on Which the Heir to England's Throne Sails Weathered the Storm.

GIBRALTAR, March 20.—The steamship Ophir, on which the duke and duchess of Cornwall and York sailed from Portsmouth, March 15, on a tour of the world, was sighted at 7 o'clock this morning.

All the ships in port had previously been dressed and the royal yacht approached the Ophir, which was hailed by the British guards of honor and bands paraded amidst salvos of guns, the firing of a royal salute and the strains of the national anthem. The Ophir entered inside the mole and the royal party landed at the dockyard at noon. They were received by general Sir George White, the governor. The duke and duchess then drove to the Chamber of Commerce, where they were presented with an address of welcome. The duke replied that he was deeply grateful for the kindly welcome extended by the British royal city, at which he had first landed twenty-two years ago.

"We regard," said the duke, "this hearty greeting at our first place of landing as a happy augury for that great mission with which we have been entrusted by our father—the king—in fulfillment of the wishes of our late beloved sovereign, whose loss the whole world mourns."

GET HIGH-HANDED IN COREA

Russia's Proceedings There Reported to Have Become Openly Aggressive.

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Date of Danish Election.

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TO DISFRANCHISE VOTERS

Bill Passed by Maryland Legislature Cuts Out Illiterate Citizens.

EFFECT OF MEASURE CONJECTURAL

Democrats Expect It to Benefit Them by Eliminating Forty Thousand Recalcitrant Voters, Including Both Whites and Negroes.

ANNAPOLIS, March 20.—The election bill having for its object practical disfranchisement of most of the 50,000 illiterate voters of Maryland, passed the senate shortly after midnight. It was immediately sent to the house, where all the amendments made by the senate were concurred in, and the bill passed. It is now ready for the governor's signature.

The most important change in existing methods accomplished by the enactment of the new law lies in depriving illiterate voters of the assistance of ballot clerks in preparing their ballots. Under the previous practice these clerks accompanied such voters into the booths and marked their ballots or showed them how to do it. The democrats claim that this practice utterly destroyed the secrecy of the ballot and made it possible for corrupt politicians to learn whether bargains made with corrupt voters had been carried out.

The effect of the law is, of course, largely a matter of conjecture, and one upon which the party leaders widely differ. The democrats expect that it will disfranchise about 32,000 negroes and perhaps 16,000 white voters. Of these it is claimed that the negroes and about 50 per cent of the white vote the republican ticket. With these out of the way it is held the state would be safely democratic for many years to come and the immediate result would be the election of a democratic legislature next fall and of a democrat to succeed United States Senator Wellington in 1902.

SUES MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

English Firm Objects to Being Called Gambler, Swindler and Slanderer.

LONDON, March 20.—R. A. Hawkeley, in behalf of Werbor, Belt & Co., has brought suit for slander against Arthur B. Markham, M. P., who, at the House of Commons during the discussion of the composition of the Transvaal concessions' commission yesterday, asserted that the commission was made up of persons affiliated with several of the great South African companies and characterized Mr. Belt's firm as "nothing more or less than a gang of common thieves and swindlers."

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GLOOMY VIEW OF SITUATION

London Paper Fears Situation in China May Force Back-down in Africa.

LONDON, March 20.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon makes pessimistic comment on General Botha's refusal to accept the peace terms offered by Lord Kitchener, and connects this refusal with the situation in China. The Gazette says the powers are at sixes and sevens in the far east, and that any day may see the commencement of a struggle from which the Boers may recover their position.

FLOOD HOLDS COLUMN BACK

Campbell's Detachment Sent to Bring Evacuated Vrede Garrison Unable to Return.

DURBAN, March 21.—Owing to the Klip River being flooded, General Campbell's column has been unable to return to Standerton, from which the House of Commons during the discussion of the composition of the Transvaal concessions' commission yesterday, asserted that the commission was made up of persons affiliated with several of the great South African companies and characterized Mr. Belt's firm as "nothing more or less than a gang of common thieves and swindlers."

IS NOT FOR LORD KITCHENER

King Edward Approves Appointment of Palmer as Commander's Post in India.

LONDON, March 21.—King Edward has approved the appointment of General Sir Arthur Palmer as commander-in-chief of the forces in India. The post has been provisional commander-in-chief for a year. This disposed of the rumors pointing to Lord Kitchener or the duke of Connaught for the post.

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RED ROCK WOULD HANG HIM

Oklahoma Town is Unhealthy Place for Man Whom Sheriff Has Captured.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 20.—A special to the Times from Perry, Okla., says: Sheriff Foster and deputies returned today from eighteen miles away, having in their custody a wounded man giving his name as Charles Johnson, and three horses. From all indications the man was Ben Craven's companion in the Red Rock murder and robbery last Monday night, in which the man was killed. The bookkeeper of Swartz & Co., was killed.

Johnson has a bullet hole in his wrist, the ball lodging in the upper arm under the shoulder, and another wound in the head. He says he was held up Monday night in the Otter reservation and was shot with a load of buckshot by two men who robbed him, taking his coat and horse. It is the general opinion here that Johnson is the robber that was dressed in woman's attire at the killing at Red Rock and received a volley of bullets from the posse, the bookkeeper who was killed in the raid.

The Perry militia has been called out to guard the jail as it is feared that an attempt will be made to lynch the prisoner by enraged citizens of Red Rock who may come here upon learning of the capture. After the Red Rock murder, Sheriff Foster traced the bandits to the home of a man named Cunningham, near Pawnee, and the house was surrounded. A demand was made for the surrender of the men and in reply a volley of bullets was fired into the posse. Deputy Sheriff Johnson was mortally wounded, and in the melee the bandits again escaped in the timber and made for the reservation.

TO GIVE FIVE MILLIONS MORE

Reported That Carnegie Will Make Another Gift, This Time to Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The World says tomorrow. Another magnificent gift from Andrew Carnegie will be announced within a few days. It became known yesterday that Mr. Carnegie had offered \$5,000,000 to another American city for the purpose of building libraries.

Philadelphia, it is understood, will be the next recipient of the ironmaster's bounty. It is believed that Mr. Carnegie has offered to build libraries aggregating \$5,000,000 in value on conditions similar to those which accompany his offer to New York. It is also understood that the official announcement of the proposition will be made within a few weeks.

The World yesterday interviewed several of Mr. Carnegie's closest friends in this country and they all agreed in saying that the \$5,000,000 donation is soon to be made public. "I am not positive that Philadelphia is to be the beneficiary," said one of the gentlemen, "but from the trend of Mr. Carnegie's remarks during the last few weeks I am inclined to believe that something handsome for that city. You are safe in saying that very soon a gift of \$5,000,000 from Mr. Carnegie to some American city will be announced; the money is to be used for building libraries and that the city will probably be Philadelphia."

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SEVERAL CLARKS ARE IN IT

Incorporation Papers Filed in Utah for the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railways.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 20.—Incorporation papers of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake City railway were filed with the secretary of state today. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$25,000,000. The officers of the company are: President, Senator William A. Clark; first vice president, R. C. Kerens, St. Louis; second vice president, J. Ross Clark, Butte; third vice president, T. E. Gibson, Los Angeles; secretary, F. Miller, Los Angeles; treasurer, F. K. Rule, Los Angeles.

In addition to the above officers, with the exception of treasurer, the following are directors: G. B. Leighton, St. Louis; Perry S. Heath, Washington; Senator Thomas Kearns, W. S. McCormick, Reed Smoot and Charles W. Clark, all of Salt Lake City, and E. C. Clark, all of Butte.

Of the capital stock of the company \$2,500,000 has been paid up. The first meeting of the directors will be held tomorrow to adopt bylaws and elect a general manager and chief engineer. Construction will be started at once from the Los Angeles end, and surveys will be sent at once from Salt Lake City to locate this end of the line.

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FOUR AGAINST AMENDMENT

Secretary of Cuban Committee Says Platt Plan Will Be Rejected.

COURT OF CLAIMS IS CONSIDERED

Governor General Wood Proposes to Provide for Settling Disputes Arising from Spanish Contracts.

HAVANA, March 20.—The committee on foreign relations today decided to hold a meeting tomorrow when the report on the Platt amendment will be finally discussed. Senator Juan Alberto Gomez, who drew up the report, asserts that four of the five members of the committee will recommend the constitutional convention not to accept the amendment, but to leave the whole question to the future republic. He says he is confident that the convention, which will meet Friday, will adopt the report.

Governor General Wood and the cabinet secretaries today discussed the advisability of establishing a court of claims, to which could be referred claims against municipalities arising out of old Spanish contracts. A number of these are pending throughout the island and it is expected that indemnity on the city loan contract will be the first before the court.

Senator Carlos Roloff, the newly appointed treasurer of Cuba, whose term begins April 1, will qualify with a bond of \$200,000.

MILWAUKEE IS TAKING WATER

Wisconsin Reciprocally Drenched with a Liquid that Didn't Make It Famous.

MILWAUKEE, March 20.—Territory more than a mile square in the Mesgomette valley in this city is under five to six feet of water today, as a result of the storm of the last thirty-six hours. The shops of the Milwaukee road at West Milwaukee and the shops of the Falk Manufacturing company were flooded and all work suspended. A portion of the grade of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, built across the valley, was washed out. The water is receding this afternoon.

OSHKOSH, Wis., March 20.—The sleet storm of last night and the snow storm of today have practically isolated Oshkosh from the rest of the world, as far as communication is concerned. Street car traffic was suspended for several hours. A driving blizzard now prevails and bids fair to last all night.

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St. Paul Reports That Rain and Sleet Storm is Well Distributed There.

ST. PAUL, March 20.—The fierce storm of rain, sleet and wind which has raged in this city for the last three days was one of the worst in years, severely hampering street car and railway service. The outlook for fair weather tomorrow is favorable. The storm covered the whole of the northwest, and most of the trains coming into St. Paul have been delayed.

ONE OF THOSE FUNNEL CLOUDS

That's What They Had at Rock Falls, Illinois, and It Swept Things.

ROCK FALLS, Ill., March 20.—A large, black funnel-shaped cloud passed rapidly over this city last night, coming from the southwest. It destroyed the African Methodist Episcopal church, the Woodmen hall and many barns south of town.

Extensive Tie-Up of Trains.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 20.—All trains on the Grand Rapids & Indiana, Pere Marquette and Michigan Central railroads north of Cadillac to the Straits of Mackinac are again at a complete standstill because of the sleet storm and heavy wind which prevailed in that territory yesterday and last night. The wires are all down and the general offices here have no knowledge of any of their trains, though they are many hours past due. The officials say the tie-up is the worst of the winter.

Train Service Crippled.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 20.—Train service on all railways between here and Chicago was badly crippled today as the result of a blizzard south and east of Sioux City. The wind attained a velocity of fifty miles an hour. There was practically no snow here.