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SKIRMISH FOR MEN

Both Parties in Cuban Convention Call Out Full Strength Today.

ABSENTEES BLOCK PROGRESS MONDAY

Conservatives Have to Give Up Plan to Push Report Through.

JUAN GOMEZ IS LOSING PRECEDENCE

Displeasure [illegible] Threaten Revolt from His [illegible]

CISNEROS SLAPS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Says Commissioners Allowed Themselves to Be Kept Too Closely Guarded While Making Washington Visit.

HAVANA, May 20.—The conservatives now claim only a majority of four in the Cuban constitutional convention. When the convention met today it was found that four of the conservatives were absent and the disposition to push things, which had been agreed upon as the program, changed to a movement to block the radicals from coming to a final vote.

The radicals were also weakened by one absentee and a split within their ranks which threatens the leadership of Juan Gualberto Gomez. This politician has posed as an uncompromising radical, opposing any intervention by the United States, and publicly declaring that he would die in grief if the Platt amendment were accepted. Now, however, men who once looked up to him as a leader, repudiate him, asserting that he has accepted a part of the Platt amendment in his minority report and declaring that they will draw up a report of their own, which will have the proper radical ring. Those who take this position are Senores Portuondo, Bravo, Aleman and Eduardo Tamayo.

Wants Rodriguez Ousted.

Today's session was secret and probably sessions will continue during the discussion of the two reports. Senor Cisneros moved that Alejandro Rodriguez's seat in the convention be declared vacant and that his alternate be appointed the regular delegate. Finally, however, it was agreed that Rodriguez did not come under the rule regarding delegates accepting office.

Senor Cisneros took occasion to say that the commissioners who went to Washington did not investigate public feeling in the United States regarding the Platt amendment as they should have done, but they allowed themselves to be "steered" by administration sympathizers, and took no opportunity to hear anything contrary to the amendment. He asserted that he was in receipt of letters from New York advising the convention not to accept the amendment and assuring him that public opinion in the United States would support the convention in rejecting it.

After the minority and majority reports had been read the conservatives made a canvass of the house and, finding their majority doubtful, asked the privilege of tabling both reports for twenty-four hours.

An effort will be made to bring out tomorrow the full strength of the conservatives, who have practically agreed to vote for the majority report as presented.

PRUNE PUBLIC SALARIES

Hawaiian Legislators, in Extra Session, Cut Down Government Expense.

HONOLULU, May 13.—(Via San Francisco, May 20.)—The extra session of the legislature called by Governor Dole for the consideration of appropriation bills is now in session, and the committee work done so far shows the expected general slashing into salaries of government officials. A large number of clerks and other minor officials will probably be left unprovided for altogether, and the heads of all departments are cut.

On the first day of the extra session the home rulers passed a resolution asking the governor about the county government act, which was left in his hands at the end of the regular session, and which fell a victim to a pocket veto. The passage of the resolution to make this inquiry was preceded by a very fiery debate, in which Representative Emmeluth declared that the governor must be removed. In response to the resolution the governor's secretary replied that no action had been taken with regard to the bill.

The executive reply brought forth a resolution of "want of confidence" in Governor Dole. The resolution, introduced as a concurrent resolution by Representative Emmeluth, passed the house by a vote of 32 to 11.

The Hawaiian Bar association has asked President McKinley to appoint another circuit judge for the territory, as provided for by the act passed by the legislature, calling for three judges in the first circuit. The act was passed on account of the overcrowding of the calendar.

Governor Dole has been compelled by illness to retire to the Waimane mountains for rest. He has turned over the business of his office to Secretary Henry E. Cooper, who is now acting governor of the territory.

NASH REACHES SALT LAKE

Ohio Governor and His Party Spend Tuesday There, Going Next to Denver.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 20.—The Ohio special bearing homeward Governor Nash and others, who attended the launching of the battleship Ohio at San Francisco, arrived here tonight. An informal reception was given Governor Nash. The party from Ohio will be guests tomorrow of Governor Wells and other state officials. After drives in the morning there will be an organ recital at the Tabernacle and afterward a trip to Saltair. Governor Nash and party will leave tomorrow evening for Denver.

POINT FOR COPPER COMPANY

Injunction Against the Amalgamated Concern is Dissolved by Court.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Vice Chancellor Pitney in Jersey City today signed the order dissolving the injunction restraining the Amalgamated Copper company from absorbing the Boston and Montana and Butte and Boston companies. The complainants were granted an order that their appeal from the decision of the vice chancellor act as a stay to the consummation of the consolidation of the companies named above until June 19, when the case will be heard.

HELPS THE SCOTTISH LADS

Carnegie Gives Nearly Ten Million Dollars to Establish Free Education in Universities.

LONDON, May 20.—Andrew Carnegie has given £2,000,000 ($10,000,000) to establish free education in four Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. He stipulates that the beneficiaries be his "Scottish fellow countrymen" only, no English, Irish, colonials or foreigners. The fund will apply to medical as well as to commercial education and will be placed in the hands of trustees, who will pay the expenses of Scottish students benefited under the scheme.

Mr. Carnegie desires that all Scotchmen and Scotchwomen shall enter the universities on an equal footing, hence the money is not given to the students to pay their fees, but to the universities themselves. The system is made perpetually free and will probably be under government auspices. According to the educational authorities, the administration of Mr. Carnegie's gift presents considerable difficulties and for this reason the Scotch papers, for the present, are rather looking the gift horse in the mouth, while the English press is inclined to cavil at the method of Mr. Carnegie's munificence.

Scotchmen Criticise the Gift.

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LONDON, May 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Andrew Carnegie's munificent gift to provide Scotchmen in Scotland with a free university education is $7,500,000, not $10,000,000 as stated. Its object, too, is not merely to provide fees that would otherwise be paid by students, but to endow science and place Scottish universities on an equal footing in that respect with the best in the world. The public here is staggered by the munificence of this benefaction, but there are critics even in Scotland who say the money would have been better expended in advancing secondary and technical education for which there is a more crying want.

SUICIDE OF REV. BABCOCK

Intense Sensation Over Clergyman's Rash End, and His Widow is Prostrated.

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NAPLES, May 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Rev. Malble Davenport Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, New York, who committed suicide here on Sunday, was admitted to the International hospital in April suffering from acute gastritis. He was daily visited by his wife, who was staying at the Hotel Britannique. He had frequent nervous crises of horrible hallucinations and became deeply despondent. He was convinced of the incurability of his disease, but never manifested suicidal intentions. Saturday morning the nurse entered the sick room and found the patient calm and apparently praying. Shortly afterward, reentering the room, she found Mr. Babcock covered with blood. The arteries in his wrists had been severed. The doctors were unable to stop the hemorrhage. Mr. Babcock also swallowed corrosive sublimate and died in ten minutes, fully conscious of his end. The suicide has caused an immense sensation and the widow is prostrated with grief. The body was buried today in the Protestant cemetery.

AMERICAN COAL TRUST

Large Stock of United States Anthracite Basis of Corner in Marseilles.

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LONDON, May 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The London Daily Mail's Marseilles correspondent says in a dispatch printed this morning: "It seems very probable that an American coal trust will be formed in Marseilles, where there is already a very large stock of American coal. The trust will be formed by an important London house. The stock here is over 200,000 tons and other large quantities are coming over.

"There is no truth in the story that a line of American steamers is to be started between Marseilles and New York, but an important English firm has decided to build twenty-two steamers to bring American coal to Marseilles."

HINT OF RUSSIAN DESIGNS

Does Not Intend to Leave Railroad at the Mercy of Wild Hordes.

NEW YORK, May 20.—In the course of a long interview relative to the situation in China, cabled to the Herald from St. Petersburg, a Russian of high rank, presumably Count Lansdorff, the minister of foreign affairs, is quoted as saying in answer to the question, "What About Manchuria?"

"The time to make objection was when the concession was made years ago. Does any one suppose that any country is going to build a railway through such a country and leave it unprotected or to be wrecked wherever wild hordes of brigands choose to operate? Besides, I consider that the Siberian railroad is of the highest importance to the commerce of the world."

"And especially to America?"

"Yes, especially to America. The Americans are a shrewd and clever race. They show it in their policy, which I call sensible policy. The Siberian railway being, so to speak, a belt of the world, is sure to be of great assistance to American commerce, which already flourishes here in a very successful manner."

Liberals Win in Spain.

MADRID, May 20.—Latest reports of the result of the elections to the new Chamber of Deputies, held yesterday, show that the capital returned six ministerialists, one conservative and one member of the national union party. According to El Correo the following are the general results of the election: Liberals, 230; conservatives, 70; dissident conservatives, 15; dissident liberals, 18; supporters of Romero, 10; republicans, 15; Carlists, 6; national unionists, 10; Catalanists, 4; socialists, 4, and independents, 31.

Insurgents Attack Soldiers.

MANILA, May 20.—It is unofficially reported that a body of insurgents, under Angelus, has attacked a body of American troops, supposed to be of the Twenty-seventh regiment, near Pasacao, in South Cararines province, killing two soldiers and one native scout and taking one soldier prisoner. The insurgents are still in possession of the mining town of Paracole, North Cararines. The nearest troops are at Indian, thirty miles away.

Strike Ended at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The strike here is crushed. A very large number of arrests have been made, 250 persons having been taken into custody at one factory alone. Over thirty and possibly a hundred persons were wounded in a street fight when the mob stoned the police. Several deaths are reported at Knanthenscated as a result of the strike riots. The agitation among the students is unquestionably partly responsible for the troubles.

PASSES A GOOD AFTERNOON

Mrs. McKinley's Improvement Continues Without Interruption.

RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, NOT CANTON

Earlier Reports Contradicted Since Her Strength Seems to Justify Going Directly to the National Capital.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—9 p. m.—Secretary Cortelyou gives out the following statement: "Drs. Hirschfelder and Gibbons met Dr. Rixey at 8:30 p. m. They find that Mrs. McKinley's improvement continued through the day and her condition tonight is excellent. Drs. Hirschfelder, Gibbons and Cushing will meet Dr. Rixey at 11:30 tomorrow morning."

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Mrs. McKinley passed a good afternoon and the president is cheerful over her improved condition.

This announcement was made at the Scott residence tonight. While Mrs. McKinley did not leave her bed today she passed considerable time propped up and rested well. While no definite date has been set for the president's departure, the present arrangements are to go direct to Washington and not to Canton as had been unofficially stated. During the remainder of his stay in this city the president will participate in as many public gatherings as the condition of Mrs. McKinley will warrant, but only in an impromptu and informal way. Weather permitting, the president tomorrow will review the school children of the city and visit the Presidio.

In spite of the stormy weather today the president did not remain indoors. Carriages were summoned at 9 a. m. and the president drove to the residence of his uncle, Benjamin J. McKinley, on Bush street, where he spent about ten minutes visiting with the family. He then drove to the home of his niece, Mrs. George Morse. His visit was wholly unexpected by Mrs. Morse, who had left the house some time previously to go to the Scott residence. The president returned directly to the Scott house for luncheon. Among the callers on the president today was Richard J. Carson, jr., the young member of the army signal corps who has been appointed to West Point in recognition of his gallantry in saving the lives of several men in the Philippines. He called to thank the president for his appointment.

The president has promised to talk to the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth infantry regiments, United States volunteers, who have just returned from the Philippines and are now in camp at the Presidio. The day has not yet been set, but the president has promised that he will notify General Shafter the night before he intends to make the promised speech. He will go out to the Presidio and the corps will assemble in camp before him.

GREATER MISSOURI PACIFIC

Directors Meet Today to Act on Consolidation of Southwestern Lines.

NEW YORK, May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Much interest will be taken tomorrow in the meeting of the Missouri Pacific directors, both by stockholders and by financial and railroad men. There are many important matters coming up for settlement. Chief of these will be action on the consolidation of southwestern lines. George Gould's scheme for a greater Missouri Pacific system has come to pass and it only remains for the directors to accept his plans. But according to a semi-official statement tonight an attempt will be made to sidetrack this question. Whether Mr. Gould will submit to this, remains to be seen.

It is also known that no action will be taken on the matter of a dividend. It has been decided that until the consolidation of the southwestern lines no dividend will be paid any insiders. That will come, as a shock to Wall street and as a surprise to everyone. The earnings of the second week in May are $567,000, an increase of $56,000. Since January 1 the earnings show an increase of $1,624,962. These figures and the fact that the company's 5 per cent bonds are selling along with the stock are interesting in view of the action tomorrow.

SWALLOWS LINSEED COMPANY

Union Lead and Oil Company Acquires the American Linseed Oil Corporation Soon.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The Post says: It developed today that the American Linseed Oil company is to be merged into the Union Lead and Oil company. An arrangement has been effected for an exchange of linseed stock for shares in the Union Lead and Oil company. Each share of the preferred stock of the American Linseed company is to receive $48 in the stock of the Union Lead and Oil company, and each share of Linseed common will receive $18. The capital stock of the Union Lead and Oil company, including that necessary to acquire all the capital stock of the American Linseed company on the terms mentioned, is fixed at $17,000,000, and all this will be common stock. Stockholders of the American Linseed company will be asked to deposit their stock in trust with certain designated depositories on or before June 5.

WHETHER HE'S DEAD OR ALIVE

Renewal of Insurance Suit in Which Sallie Hillman's Husband's Whereabouts Figure.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The United States supreme court today granted the petition of the Connecticut Life Insurance company for a writ of certiorari to the United States circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit to bring the celebrated suit against that company by Mrs. Sallie E. Hillman to this court for review. This involves the payment of an insurance policy of $5,000 upon the life of the husband of Mrs. Hillman. The payment of the insurance has been resisted for many years on the ground that the man is not dead. The case has been in the supreme court two or three times.

OPENING CROWD AT BUFFALO

Fair's Official Existence Begins with an Attendance Record of 101,687 Admissions.

BUFFALO, May 20.—Today's total admissions from 8 a. m. until 11 p. m. were 101,687. This does not include several thousand persons who came in through the Lincoln Parkway entrance with the parade.

Boers Dynamite a Train.

LONDON, May 20.—Lord Kitchener reports to the War office, under date of Pretoria, May 18, as follows:

An armored train has been dynamited south of American Siding. Major Heath of the South Lancashires was killed.

DISMISSED BY SUPREME COURT

No Jurisdiction in Case of Grand Island and Wyoming Central Railway Against Thomas Sweeney.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court of the United States today dismissed for want of jurisdiction the case of the Grand Island & Wyoming Central Railway Company et al against Thomas Sweeney, appealed from the United States circuit court of appeals for the Eighth district.

Rural free delivery service will be established July 1 in Nebraska as follows:

Papillion, Sarpy county, route embraces thirty-six square miles, containing a population of 600, J. M. Robinson appointed carrier; Valley, Douglas county, route covers thirty-five square miles, containing a population of 615, J. L. Yeager appointed carrier.

Postmasters appointed:

Iowa—Mrs. Ella Shea, Incline, Boone county.

South Dakota—A. G. Wolf, Castalia, Charles Mix county.

The abstract of the condition of the Omaha national banks at the close of business April 24 shows: Loans and discounts, $14,364,684; gold coin, $753,115; total specie, $1,439,764; lawful money reserve, $2,640,884; individual deposits, $14,968,589; average reserve held, 30.23 per cent.

The Western National bank of New York has been approved as reserve agent for the Wayne National bank of Wayne, Neb.

Dr. S. N. Jenks is appointed pension examining surgeon at Madison, S. D.

The salaries of the postmasters at Albion and Ashland, Neb., have been increased $100, and at Alma and Arapahoe decreased $100.

M. E. Harlan of Henderson and Frank M. Hurka of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were appointed railway mail clerks.

R. L. Staples of Ord, Neb., Franklin Reynor of Epworth and Percival Knowles of Webster City, Ia., were admitted to practice before the Interior department.

SHE ADMITS KILLING AYRES

Mrs. J. I. Bonine, Formerly of Kansas, Arrested After Describing Sensational Washington Shooting.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The mystery attending the killing of James Seymour Ayres, a census office clerk in the Fenmore hotel, early last Wednesday morning, and which, because of the peculiar circumstances surrounding it has aroused Washington more than any tragedy in several years, was solved today by a voluntary confession from Mrs. Lulu I. Bonnie, a married woman and a guest at the house, that she had fired the three shots which ended Ayres' life.

Mrs. Bonine's confession was entirely voluntary. At a few minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon she telephoned for Major Sylvester, chief of police, saying that she was coming to his office, and she appeared there a few minutes afterward.

She stated that Ayres had drawn a pistol upon her for the purpose of making her respond to an improper proposal which he had made to her, and that she immediately grasped the revolver and in the struggle which ensued it was discharged three different times, striking him at each discharge, the last shot proving fatal. She says that the cries for help which Miss Minas heard were all from her, as were also the sobbing which Miss Minas described.

Mrs. Bonine says that after the shooting she passed through the window of Ayres room onto and down the fire-escape ladder and entering the parlor window of the second floor passed through the parlor and back up the stairway of the hotel to her own room on the fourth floor. She then washed her hands, undressed and retired.

Mrs. Bonine was entirely self-possessed when she made her confession and did not exhibit any evidence of either present or past unusual excitement. She is apparently about 32 years old and says she was born in Macon, Mo. She then moved to Hamilton, in the same state, and afterwards to Richmond, Kan., where her husband was engaged in the drug business. Subsequently she went to Brunswick, Ga., and then to Florida, where her husband was engaged in orange growing. She says that it was at her husband's solicitation that she practiced with a revolver and that he had made the suggestion that she should learn this art of self-defense against possible assaults. She said she had twice in her life fired a revolver to frighten burglars and that she had brought a bulldog revolver with her to Washington, but had given it away to a negro man.

After she had concluded her statement the woman was placed under arrest and sent to the house of detention.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LYMAN GAGE

After Services at Washington Body is Placed on Train for Chicago.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage were held today at the secretary's residence on Massachusetts avenue. Rev. Dr. N. D. Hillis of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, conducted the services, which were exceedingly simple. Among those present were Senator and Mrs. Cullom, Attorney General Knox, ex-Postmaster General Gary, wife and daughter; Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart and son, the British ambassador, the German ambassador, the Chinese minister, the Japanese minister and other members of the diplomatic corps, together with a number of officials of the Treasury department.

At 10 o'clock the body was placed on the Pennsylvania limited train for transportation to Chicago, where it will be buried in Rose Hill cemetery on Wednesday. Secretary Gage, his daughter, Miss Pierce and Mrs. Gage's sister, Mrs. Henry of Yonkers, N. Y., accompanied the remains. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, among them being a wreath of pink orchids, sent by the president.

UNION PACIFIC BOND ISSUE

Wall Street Hears Unverified Rumor of Forthcoming Convertible Four Per Cents.

NEW YORK, May 20.—It is rumored in Wall street today that the Union Pacific Railroad company proposed to issue an additional $60,000,000 of convertible 4 per cent bonds to finance recent purchases of stocks of other companies. This report could not be confirmed at the office of the company, nor by the dominant interests in the management of the road.

The committee on stock lists of the New York stock exchange was in session until a late hour today, and it was understood that the application of the Union Pacific railroad was under consideration. The result of the meeting could not be ascertained, as the committee is required to submit its recommendations to the governing committee for approval before formal action is taken on any application.

The regular meeting of the governing committee occurs on Wednesday, May 22. At this meeting publication is looked for regarding the results of the meeting of the subcommittee today.

PORTER ADMITS THE CHARGE

Suspected of Villifying Edholm, He Owns Having Written the Circular.

UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES MOVE

Investigation Brings to Light Conclusive Evidence of Authorship and Leads to the Arrest of the Writer.

Authorship of scurrilous and anonymous circulars and publications containing charges against Albert Edholm, a well known Omaha jeweler, has been traced to G. C. Porter, an attache of the editorial department of the World-Herald.

Porter has admitted having written the anonymous attacks upon Mr. Edholm.

After a fierce gun play, in which Porter attempted to shoot two policemen, he was arrested at midnight Sunday. The police captured Porter on the charge of carrying concealed weapons—a temporary movement to hold him until information is filed by the federal authorities, charging improper use of the mails. A warrant on the latter charge was issued for his arrest Monday afternoon, but at a late hour last night the deputy marshal had not succeeded in finding him.

A 2 o'clock Monday afternoon Porter appeared in the police court, accompanied by Frank Ransom. Judge Gordon dismissed the charge against Porter and ordered his revolver restored. As soon as he secured his revolver Porter left the station.

Draws Gun on Inspectors.

Leading up to the sensational arrest of Porter Sunday night was a lively scene Saturday in the office of the postal inspectors in the government building. The authorities had Porter in the "sweat box" and made it plain to him that he had been detected in his infamous and dastardly work against Mr. Edholm. It is said that Porter became enraged and threatened violence. He was disarmed, but allowed to go free. No explanation is forthcoming as to why he was not at that time taken into custody, other than that the postoffice inspectors were not quite ready to take him on the government charge and that they had no authority to arrest him for brandishing firearms. No attempt was made to call a policeman for that purpose, and Porter walked away.

Ramifications are Numerous.

This story of Porter and his attacks upon Mr. Edholm has countless ramifications and chapters of it have been written at intervals for two years or more.

Briefly summed up, Porter has tried bodily violence on Mr. Edholm—one assault being a matter of record and another assault for which he stands strongly suspected—and the postal authorities assert that they have conclusive proof that Porter is the author of the Edholm circulars, and also of a somewhat similar publication which appeared in the South Omaha Sun of last Friday.

The publication in the South Omaha paper proved to be a rebounding boomerang, a trap, into which Porter fell and was exposed as the author of the circulars which were given widespread circulation last fall.

Works Under Cover of Night.

Two distinct sets of circulars were distributed, one by mail and one, it is said, by Porter himself, each, however, containing the same reading matter. The only difference was that those which went through the mail were printed on white paper, while the others were blue. The envelopes carrying the slanderous documents were plain, not even a watermark being visible. They were postmarked Omaha, November 29. Some of them were hurried through by special delivery stamps. One of the most dastardly features of the work, was the fact that Mrs. Edholm—a bride of a few weeks—was aroused from her sleeping apartments in the Millard hotel at midnight to receive one of them.

Too Vile for Publication.

The contents of the written attacks upon Mr. Edholm cannot be repeated in a reputable newspaper. The word "warning" appeared at the top of the circulars in bold, black type and the signature was "Business Men's Committee."

The circulation of the unclean circular was widespread, the author evidently having copied the names of the Ak-Sar-Ben membership, which includes almost every business man in Omaha. Rewards aggregating $900 were offered by Mr. Edholm and others for his apprehension, but found no taker.

The extent of the South Omaha publication was not so general, of course, but care was taken to see that Mrs. Edholm received a copy, one having been sent to her under special delivery seal.

As to the origin of Porter's enmity for Mr. Edholm, accounts differ, but that there is a feudal vindictiveness on the part of Porter is proved by the persistency with which he has pursued his victim.

Saturday morning Postoffice Inspectors Swift and Sinclair, accompanied by Mr. Edholm, went to South Omaha and had a private interview with the editor of the Sun, A. L. Dennett. They gave him to understand that by the publication of such an article he had made himself liable to prosecution for the abuse of the mails, and finally wrung from him a confession that G. C. Porter of Omaha had written the article. It was also learned that Porter had given Dennett a written "guaranty of immunity," in which Porter agreed to assume all responsibility for the publication of the diatribe. Having secured this "certificate" and the original "copy" of the article, the trio returned to Omaha.

Defies Postoffice Inspector.

Postoffice Inspectors Sinclair and Swift and Mr. Edholm returned from South Omah about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, where they had made an investigation, and at once sent for Porter, requesting him to meet them in the office of the inspectors. He appeared a few minutes later, excited and defiant. Mr. Sinclair told him briefly of the evidence that had been secured connecting him with the circular and the article in the Sun, whereupon Porter leaped to his feet, drew his pistol and backed against the door.

"Now, you —— ——!" he shouted, "if I'm in for it, as you say, I'm prepared to defend myself! Suppose I did write the circular—what are you going to do about it?"

He waved his revolver about, pointing it first at one, then at another of the three men present.

Inspector Sinclair watched his opportunity to draw his own revolver and in a moment had Porter covered with it. At this juncture Inspector Swift took a hand in the proceeding and a brief struggle ensued, in which Porter was disarmed.

Porter Makes Admissions.

From this point forward the scene was less spectacular, Porter consenting to answer most of the questions put to him and there were no further acts of violence.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warmer Tuesday; Wednesday Probably Fair; Southeasterly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	55	1 p. m.	69
6 a. m.	56	2 p. m.	68
7 a. m.	58	3 p. m.	70
8 a. m.	60	4 p. m.	71
9 a. m.	61	5 p. m.	70
10 a. m.	63	6 p. m.	69
11 a. m.	66	7 p. m.	68
12 m.	67	8 p. m.	66
		9 p. m.	65

ASK HER ABOUT PHILLIPS

New York Police Sweat the Auburn-Haired Woman Thought to Be Mrs. Stanley.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Interest in the tragic death of Father Phillips of Hazleton, which had by no means subsided, was made more acute today by the bringing to the West Forty-seventh street police station of a woman with auburn hair, who answered the description of the woman whom the police have been looking for and who has been referred to as "Dr. Stanley's wife." She was closeted with Captain Donahue for over two hours and he took her to lunch and the two then went back to the station.

The police took extraordinary means to keep the identity of the woman secret. They even went to the extent of denying that she had anything to do with the case of Father Phillips. Late in the afternoon, however, Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who has charge of the case for the district attorney's office, was sent for and talked with the mysterious woman for an hour and a half. When he had finished the interview he said that the woman was the one Stanley had introduced as his wife and that she might be held as a witness in the case, but he would not say so positively. He also said:

"I am satisfied that this woman has nothing to do with the case. I shall not give her name because she comes from a very respectable family. I want to shield her because I believe in my heart that she had nothing to do with the case whatever. I questioned her closely and am satisfied that she does not know anything about it."

PITTSTON, Pa., May 20.—Father Edward S. Phillips, who met death in New York so mysteriously, was buried in the Catholic cemetery in this city today with impressive ceremony. Thousands participated in the services.

GUILTY OF BARNES' MURDER

His Wife and William Ferguson Held Since Coroner's Jury Made Its Report.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 20.—The coroner's jury impaneled to inquire into the death of Dr. Joseph L. Barnes of Monticello, Ill., who died suddenly at the Central Hospital for Insane at Jacksonville, tonight brought in a verdict that Barnes came to his death by strychnine poison administered by William Webb Ferguson, alias William Winn, and that Mrs. Mamie Barnes, widow of the deceased, was an accessory before the fact. The jury recommends that both be held in custody. Prominent men in Springfield and Quincy have been mentioned in connection with the case. Ferguson was positively identified as the negro who called on Barnes at the Central Hospital for Insane on the afternoon of Barnes' suspicious death. The letter purporting to have been written by Mrs. M. E. Hill of Monticello, now Mrs. Dale Kelley, Barnes' sister, by which Ferguson obtained admittance to the hospital, proves to be a forgery.

DAM AT PIKE'S PEAK BURSTS

Wall of Water Rushes Down the Mountain, Causing Wreckage and Damage.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 20.—Four towns in the Cripple Creek district are threatened with a water famine by the bursting of the dam at the Victor reservoir at Pike's Peak. They are Victor, Goldfield, Altman and Anaconda. Mining operations are affected. The Portland mine depended on this reservoir for 100,000 gallons of water a day. Had the mine not closed down last week this disaster would have closed it. Other mines may be forced to shut down.

The big trestle over West Beaver creek on the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District railroad was swept away. Traffic over the road is entirely suspended.

The dam contained 65,000,000 gallons of water and when it collapsed a raging current twenty feet deep and at places 500 feet wide burst down the mountain, carrying wreck and devastation down West Beaver valley to the Arkansas.

No loss of life is reported.

PRESIDENT SIEGEL ARRESTED

Receiver of Siegel-Sanders Commission Firm Swears Out Warrant for Deposed Executive.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 20.—Frank Siegel, late president of the Siegel-Sanders Live Stock Commission company, was arrested today, charged with embezzling $5,000. He was released on a $2,000 bond. The warrant for Siegel was sworn out by Utley Wedge, receiver of the company. Frank Rockefeller, who owns a controlling interest in the stock of the company, last week filed a suit in the circuit court here, which resulted in the appointment of a receiver. In his petition, Mr. Rockefeller alleged that the company had suffered a loss of $100,000, as the result of Siegel's peculations and mismanagement of the company's affairs.

At midnight tonight Siegel was arrested again, three new warrants having been sworn out against him by Receiver Wedge. One of the warrants charges Siegel with embezzling $8,000, another $5,000 and another $2,000.

BIENNIAL CASE IS BEGUN

Proceedings Taken to Test the Constitutionality of Kansas Election Law.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 20.—Proceedings were begun in the supreme court this morning to test the constitutionality of the biennial election law. The test case is brought by A. H. Wilson, party nominee for judge in the Thirty-third judicial district. Secretary of State Clark refused to file the paper and a mandamus to compel Clark to act was filed and a hearing set for June 8.

GIVES LEADVILLE POSSESSION

Supreme Court Decision Accords City Mineral Rights Under Land Secured for Streets.

DENVER, Colo., May 20.—The state supreme court decided today that the city of Leadville owns the mineral rights under land transferred to the city for streets and alleys. The decision, it is expected, will give the city possession of some valuable mines.

FIFTY THOUSAND OUT

Machinists Begin Their Struggle for Fewer Hours and More Pay.

MANY CONCERNS MAKE CONCESSIONS

President O'Connell Says First Day Shows Something Gained.

EXPECTS LITTLE STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Thinks Larger Firms Will Come to Term This Week.

OMAHA NOT AMONG CITIES AFFECTED

All Differences Between Employes and Employers Here Were Settled Before the General Order Was Posted.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Mr. O'Connell said tonight that up to 5 o'clock reports show that 904 firms employing approximately 30,000 men had signed the agreements for the nine-hour day or made satisfactory arrangements with the local organizations.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Approximately 50,000 machinists throughout the country struck today for a nine-hour day, a scale of wages equal to the present ten-hour per day scale, and other demands. This is the rough estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, based on the telegraphic advices that have reached him today from the machinists headquarters in various cities.

The strike thus far has not extended to the allied trades, save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, Pa., where men in a part of the allied trades are out. No machinists engaged in government work are affected. This is due to the fact that on such work an eight-hour a day scale already prevails. Railroad machinists as a rule are not involved in the strike, though the men on several roads are out.

The Central Vermont shop machinists at St. Albans, numbering probably 200, have struck. The Lehigh Valley railroad machinists at Buffalo, Sayre, Wilkesbarre and Elmira are out, aggregating 500 all told. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western men at Buffalo, Scranton, Wilkesbarre and intermediate points also are out. The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe men also are out. The strike order, however, does not apply to the railroads generally. It is explained at headquarters that there is no competition between the railroads and the private work and that work among the private establishments is to be adjusted first.

President O'Connell's Summary.

The situation this afternoon was summarized by President O'Connell in the following statement to the Associated Press:

"We are demanding a nine-hour day universally throughout the trade, with an increase of wages sufficient to overcome the loss of the hour in time; regulation of the apprenticeship system and the number that shall be employed, in accordance with the number of journeymen machinists employed; agreements as to arbitration of all disputes that may arise in the future, the right of the machinists to be represented by a committee, and agreements that there shall be absolutely no discrimination against machinists because of their membership in the union.

"From the present indications and the statements issued from headquarters at the various points the orders are being generally obeyed, and in larger numbers than was anticipated. In certain cases where only a few hundred were expected to be involved, the expectations are the numbers would be increased 50 per cent. The number of firms signing indicates that in localities where the agreements are being made the strike will not last over a few days. In other localities where a larger number of men are being involved. I look forward to an adjustment being reached within the present week."

In Various Cities.

Following is a statement of the number of men out of important points: Hartford, Conn., 1,000; Ansonia and Derby, Conn., 500; Hamilton, Ohio, 1,000; Buffalo, 1,200; Scranton, 2,500; Cincinnati, completely tied up and 3,000 men out; Connersville, Ind., 200; Palestine, Texas, 200; York, Pa., 300; East Orange, N. J., 300; Oswego, N. Y., 300; Norfolk, Va., all shops out, 500 men.

Word from other large cities is tardy in reaching here. Telegraphic reports to Mr. O'Connell show the following as the number of firms which signed the agreement today: Kenosha, Wis., all; Milwaukee, Wis., 5; Wilmington, Del., 2; Toledo, O., 1; Auburn, N. Y., all firms; Anaconda, Mont., all; Denver, Colo., all; St. Louis, all; New Orleans, all; Danbury, Conn., all; Pittsburg, Pa., 90 per cent; Franklin, Pa., all; Youngstown, O., all; Cleveland, O., 15; Rochester, New York, 90 per cent; Buffalo, 50 per cent; Niagara Falls, all; Tonawanda, all; Trenton, N. J., 75 per cent; Baltimore, 11; Philadelphia, 25; New Haven, 8. These establishments having conceded the demands their men are at work as usual.

WOODMEN BAR LIQUOR MEN

Sovereign Camp Decides that Members Engaging in the Business Must Be Expelled.

COLUMBUS, O., May 20.—The sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World, today decided that in the future if a member engage in the liquor business he shall be expelled and camps refusing to take this action shall have their charters revoked.

Heretofore the executive committee has been empowered to revoke the actions of the sovereign camp, but it was today decided that in the future their acts be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the sovereign body in such cases.

The convention voted this afternoon to reduce the number of members of the sovereign board of managers from seven to five. The number was increased from five to seven at the last biennial session.

FOR AN AUTOMOBILE RECORD

Alexander Winton Starts on Run from San Francisco to New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Alexander Winton, accompanied by Charles B. Shanks, left this city today in an automobile in an endeavor to establish an automobile record between this city and New York. Winton will carry a packet from General Shafter to General Miles. The route selected follows the line of the Central and Union Pacific to Omaha, thence by the Chicago & Northwestern to Chicago. Further than this course has not been determined. Winton is confident that he will succeed.