MORE PAY FOR RAILWAY MEN

President Ripley Says Employes of Trans-Continental Lines Are to Get Raise.

CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES

Officials of Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Salt Lake Roads Will Meet Committees of Employes Saturday.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13.—Rumor of a general increase in wages on three transcontinental railroads, the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake, were verified to some extent here today by President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe. President Ripley stated that various western railroads had sent representatives to a meeting to be held in this city next Saturday at which the claim of the several unions of railroad employes that are entitled to higher wages will be given consideration.

"There will be some increase in wages on all transcontinental railroads," said Mr. Ripley, "but the various unions will not get all they ask for. I cannot state now just what departments are likely to receive increases or by how much. But the railroads will grant something soon."

No Strike on Eastern Roads.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—There no longer appears to be any danger of a strike of railroad employes in the east, as the situation with reference to the demand of members of certain organizations was considerably cleared today. The New York, New Haven & Hartford and the New York Central railroads came to an agreement with committees representing the firemen of the two roads affecting the status of the men on the new electric locomotives, and the adjustment committee of the Erie locomotive engineers announced late today it had come to an agreement with the officials of that system.

The firemen's committee will confer further with the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford officials concerning the questions of increased wages and shorter hours.

It was stated at the offices of the Erie system late today that there will be no trouble in reaching an agreement with the firemen at the present time, as President Underwood's letter to Chief Harnahan was not a refusal to grant concessions to the dissatisfied men, but simply a request to hold off until settlements could be made with yardmen, switchmen, brakemen and other employes of the company. It was said that when these adjustments shall have been made the demands of the firemen will be taken up and those considered reasonable be granted.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 13.—A committee from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was called into a conference with the master mechanics of the Cleveland division of the Erie road today with the intention, it is said, of offering concessions to the men.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 13.—Four grievance committees representing the entire system of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad between Hoboken and Buffalo are here today. Matters with relation to the firemen, switchmen, trainmen and conductors are serious, but confidence is expressed that all points at issue will be settled without a strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—All of the division superintendents of the Philadelphia & Reading railway system were called here today for a conference with Vice President Voorhees concerning grievances of employes.

MUNGER DELAYS DECISION

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the United States court, but was remanded back to the state courts.

Emmett Cochran of Frontier county was arraigned before Judge Munger Tuesday morning for sentence under his plea of guilty to selling liquor without first paying the special tax required by the government. Cochran asked for the mercy of the court, as he had a wife and three small children dependent upon him for support. The court thought he should have thought of this before getting into trouble and imposed the minimum fine of $100 and thirty days in the jail of Douglas county.

Governor Takes up Coal Question.

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Elrod, having learned of the soft coal shortage at many places in the state, has taken the matter up with the management of both the Northwestern and Milwaukee roads, and has received assurances that the matter will receive immediate attention, as such a shortage at this season might mean severe suffering at any time. The governor requests parties at any place where a shortage exists to at once communicate with him, that it may be remedied as soon as possible.

Gold Found at Yankton.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the finding of gold bearing quartz during the excavating for a building on Walnut and Second streets. Several pieces have been turned up by the scrapers and experts proclaim the quartz very rich. Thirty-five years ago a similar vein was struck, only a little farther west. The owner of the lot, F. W. Schwenck, is now prospecting for gold and building operations have ceased for the present.

Thrown From Horse and Killed.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Nov. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—About 11 o'clock this morning John R. Gossin, assessor of Pawnee county, was thrown from his horse, his head striking the hard street. He sustained a fracture of the skull, causing his death this afternoon at 4:15 without recovering consciousness.

Running Wire to Fort Mackenzie.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Nov. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain Wildman and the signal corps men sent from Fort Omaha to Wyoming during the Ute scare, have returned to Sheridan. Before returning to Fort Omaha they will string a telegraph wire from Sheridan to Fort Mackenzie.

Prune Growers Successful.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—The prune growers of California will receive $2,555,000 more for their crop of 1906 than was obtained by them for the year 1905. This is the estimate of the leading dealer in the local market. The total estimated amount due to the prune growers for this year's crop is $4,050,000, representing 180,000,000 pounds of prunes. In 1905 the total prune production of California was 60,000,000 pounds. This showing makes the crop of 1906 exceed that of 1905 by 120,000,000 pounds. As all the stocks are practically cleared up the estimate for 1906 is supposed to be fairly accurate.

DIRECTOR CORNERS PROXIES

One Official of Grain Exchange Proposes to Dictate the Election.

OTHERS PROPOSE TO PREVENT THIS

Do Not Care to Have Affairs of the Exchange Turned Over to One Man for Domination.

Charging that one director of the Omaha Grain exchange has secured sixty proxies by which he means to elect men of his own choice to the directorate and thus control the exchange for his personal interests the new organization of active grain men will wage a fight this forenoon to have these proxies recalled. They aver that if this man's plans are carried out he will absolutely control the board of directors. They intend to block his game.

G. W. Wattles, whose term of office as director and president expires today, is said to be one man slated for election by this holder of proxies. Who the others are the insurgents do not know. They have no complaint to make against Mr. Wattles and in fact have placed his name on their own ticket.

They do hold that no man would make a campaign for proxies unless he had his personal interests at stake. The directory who has made such a campaign is in the grain business on about the largest scale of any local firm and recently bought a long line of elevators.

The men who are protesting met yesterday and named a ticket, placing on it the three retiring directors, G. W. Wattles, F. P. Kirkendall and S. A. McWhorter and three actual grain dealers, C. F. Davis, J. H. Hamilton and C. Vincent. Three are to be elected.

Request for Recall of Proxies.

The election is to be held between 11 o'clock and 4 today. The plan will be to ask the stockholders to recall their proxies before 11 o'clock and cast their own vote. If they canont place themselve in communication with the men holding the proxies by that time, they can cast their own vote by getting to the polls in the Grain exchange before the proxies are voted.

Though the names of the retiring directors have been placed on the grain men's ticket, it is the sentiment that all members of the board of directors should be actually engaged in the business, and for that reason the vote of the dealers will be for Vincent, Davis and Hamilton. They have, however, only thirty votes out of 163, the majority of stockholders of the exchange being business men who have no connection with the grain trade. There are nine men on the board and at present only three are grain dealers. Of these three only one represents interests outside of the elevators.

The complainants read hope in the fact that a number of proxies were recalled yesterday after it became known that a grain man's ticket would be placed in the field.

Vincent Disgusted with It.

C. Vincent, manager of the Farmers' Grain company and a candidate for election, said on the situation:

"It is hard to believe that Omaha business men who started the Grain exchange to promote the best interests of the city and state will lend themselves to a few self-chosen guardians of the exchange by handing their proxies to persons who seek to control or to their friends. All interest should be represented on the board, and it seems not unreasonable that active, practical grain men will serve all interests as well or better than men whose time is fully occupied in other lines of business and who are unfamiliar with the needs of the exchange. In asking for the active grain men a larger representation on the board the purpose is not to censure present members, but gratefully to relieve some of them of duties that must be onerous.

"It is to be hoped that business men who are stockholders will cancel their proxies and come to the exchange at 11 o'clock to vote their own shares as they choose after looking into the situation."

SYRIANS CAPTURE A BURGLAR

Bound Hand and Foot, They Deliver Him to Council Bluffs Police.

John McCarthy made a fatal error when he tried to dispose of some stolen property to a gang of Syrian railroad laborers near Council Bluffs. The Syrians suspected something wrong and surrounding McCarthy they tied him hand and foot and sent for the police. It was found that the goods had been stolen Sunday night from Clark's general store at Valley and McCarthy is now in the Douglas county jail charged with the burglary. Deputy Sheriff Hase went to Council Bluffs Tuesday afternoon and got him and his plunder.

Not long ago some of the Syrians got into trouble with the Council Bluffs police for buying stolen property and when McCarthy appeared with his grip full of goods their suspicions were aroused. Not intending to be caught again they held him and notified the police.

In the grip he had were eleven pairs of shoes, about 156 pocket knives, a couple dozen razors, a lot of underwear, socks, suspenders and other articles of men's wear, all taken from the Valley store.

Official Notice of Shafter's Death.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Official notice of the death of Major General Shafter reached the War department today from Major General MacArthur, commanding the Pacific division, who will take charge of the funeral arrangements if desired by the family without any orders from the department.

Currency Committees Busy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The currency committees of the New York Chamber of Commerce and the American Bankers' association, which are at work on a measure providing for the issue of emergency currency in times of financial stringency, continued their work today. The meetings are secret.

DIVORCE CONGRESS AT WORK

Greater Portion of Proposed Uniform Law is Gone Over and Approved.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—The national congress on uniform divorce laws, in session in this city today, adopted about one-third of the proposed uniform bill as drafted by the committee appointed at the meeting held in Washington nine months ago. The portions adopted include seven causes under which annulment of marriage may be obtained and six causes for absolute divorce.

Delegates from twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia and representatives of all protestant denominations who attended the international conference on marriage, together with the Catholic prelate, Bishop Shanley of North Dakota, attended the sessions, which were presided over by Governor Pennypacker.

The important changes in the bill are the striking out of all references to proceedings and practice, leaving the question for the various legislative bodies to pass upon. The committee decided that so long as open hearings are held and the laws provide for direct service on the respondent and fix a punishment for collusion the measure need not conform to any fixed rule.

Causes for Divorce.

The causes for which divorce can be granted are infidelity, felony, bigamy, desertion, habitual drunkenness and intolerable cruelty, and in the discussions of the various sections there was little opposition to any of these provisions, but in the list of causes for annulment of marriage opposition was presented against several.

Governor Pennypacker took exceptions to the clausew hich provides that if either party unknown to the other was insane at the time of marriage, it should be annulled. The governor held that the clause not only gave the sane party the right to begin suit, but also to a commission for the lunatic. This would give a commission appointed by the court a right to begin a suit in the name of an insane party, even if the person not insane did not want divorce. He argued that marriage was a personal relation and a third person had no rights in the contract.

Seneca N. Taylor of St. Louis and C. La Rue Munson of Williamsport, Pa., clashed with the governor on the subject. Mr. Taylor said the third party is the public and it has a right to forbid the propagation of children from the insane. The question of property rights he also held was involved.

Mr. Munson said the clause was the only protection for an insane person against a designing man or woman. He cited a case where relatives and friends were helpless to protect an imbecile who had married a designing woman. The clause was adopted.

Age for Marriage.

There was also opposition to the clause annulling the marriage of a girl under the age of 16 and a youth under 18. Ernest Merten of Wisconsin held that a girl under 18 years was incapable of making a proper marriage contract, and Frank H. Kerr of Ohio favored the law of his state, which makes the marriage of a boy under 21 and a girl under 18 void. Miss Rachel Siegel of Utah, the only woman speaker, held that 16 years for the girl was all right. She said: "We women ought to know." The clause was adopted.

Though personally opposed to divorce, Bishop Shanley voted for the sections in behalf of his state because the other delegates were not present.

TWENTY YEARS' CHURCH LIFE

Members of Calvary Baptist Fittingly Observe the Anniversary.

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its existence as a church the members of Calvary Baptist church and their friends met in the church edifice Tuesday night for a social gathering and to listen to the story of the struggle of the church as told by some of its first members.

Calvary church was first organized twenty years ago and the first place of worship was a small frame building on Twenty-fourth street, one block north of Cuming street. A lot was then bought and a new church built at Twenty-sixth and Seward streets, which was the home of the parish until the present structure was built five years ago at Twenty-fifth and Hamilton streets. The church is now free from debt on its large church building, but owes a small debt on a mission which was built some years ago at a cost of $2,100, and this will soon be cleared of debt.

The program last night consisted of short reminiscences by L. D. Holmes, Mrs. Almi. I. W. Carpenter and Mrs. C. E. Lathrop. Miss De Graf furnished the music and the pastor, Rev. E. R. Curry, used as the subject of a few remarks, "A Look Into the Future."

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Fred Segar.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Amy Kearns Segar, aged 20 years, died in an Omaha hospital and the funeral occurred here yesterday. She was born and raised near Modale, was a graduate of the Woodbine Normal school and married Fred Segar two years ago. A daughter 7 months old survives.

Bookmaker on Trial.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—William Davis was put on trial before a jury in criminal court today on a charge of operating a racing book at the Bennings race track. The action is in the nature of a test case to determine the legal status of the betting operations at Bennings.

Senator Cullom Ill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Senator Cullom suffered a slight attack of indigestion and nausea, while at the Navy department today requiring the attention of a physician. He is resting easily and it is believed soon will be completely recovered.

Light Catch of Whalebone.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Nov. 13.—The fall catch of whalebone will not exceed 20,000 pounds, according to advices received from the Arctic fleet. The latest arrival from the Arctic is the steamer Belvedere of this port, Captain Cottle, which brought down to San Francisco only one whale. Eight vessels are still to be heard from, but the local ship owners express little hope that their luck has been any better than that of their predecessors. Up to date the fall catch amounts to only nine whales among six ships.

New Armor Plate Factory.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 13.—The Alan Wood, Iron and Steel company of Conshocken has decided to enter the armor plate field and bid for armor plate contracts against the other companies now furnishing the material to the navies of the world. The company has purchased the realty of the Conshocken Quarry company, including the village of Connaughton, and will erect an armor plate mill on the newly acquired land.

Notables at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—On board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, which arrived today from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, were Dr. W. H. Solf, German governor of Samoa; Geraldine Farrar, Enrico Caruso and Anton Van Rooy, the opera singers, and Fred Taral, the jockey.

Auditor Funst Dead.

POPLAR BLUFF, Nov. 13.—Following pistol shots in his room at the Quinn hotel, Thomas A. Houston, secretary of the American Audit company of Cincinnati, was found dead last night with a bullet wound in his temple and another near his heart. Houston is believed to have committed suicide, but no reason for the act is known. He came here two weeks ago to inspect some books.

Funston Assumes Command

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 13.—Brigadier General Frederick Funston today formally took command of the Southwestern division of the United States army headquarters, which have been moved to St. Louis from Oklahoma. The headquarters of the northern division of the United States army have been transferred to Chicago and General A. W. Greely and his staff department forces go today.

Fox Hunters in Kentucky.

BEARDSTOWN, Ky., Nov. 13.—The greatest gathering of members of the National Fox Hunters' association ever assembled on a similar occasion are here for the big chase, which began early today and which will be followed by many festivities during the week. Scenting conditions for the chase were not the best, the weather being cold, clear and dry

Bank Robbers in Missouri.

WALKER, Mo., Nov. 13.—Three robbers here early today escaped with the contents of the safe of the Bank of Walker. The amount secured is not known. The safe and front portion of the bank building were wrecked by the explosion of a heavy charge of dynamite.

Insurance Commissioners Busy.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The conference of insurance commissioners was today turned into an executive session, which was scheduled to last until evening. It was announced before the session opened that it was improbable that any specific action would be taken before tomorrow.

Farmer's Wife Assaulted.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 13.—Mrs. J. N. Camp, a farmer's wife, was bound with a leather strap and assaulted by a negro at her home near the city today. An armed party is seeking the negro.

Taft Goes to Texas.

FORT SILL, Okl., Nov. 13.—Secretary of War Taft and party left Fort Sill this morning in a special car for Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

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