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STRIKE OUTLOOK UNCHANGED

Commissioner of Labor Will Arrive from Washington This Morning.

PASSENGER TRAINS RUNNING ON TIME

Railway Officials Say Nearly All Freight Trains Are Also Running and That Business is Being Cared For.

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 25.—

Pending the arrival of Commissioner of Labor C. E. E. Neill, who is en route from Washington to this city under instructions from Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission, to offer his friendly offices in reaching a settlement between the Southern Pacific and its striking locomotive firemen and engineers, members of the firemen's brotherhood, there have been no changes in the strike situation today. Mr. Neill is expected to reach here Thursday, when he will offer his services to the contending parties.

Vice President Thornwell Fay of the Louisiana and Texas lines of the Southern Pacific authorized the following statement to the Associated Press in connection with the strike:

A large percentage of the firemen belonging to the brotherhood discontinued work at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Since the strike occurred we have moved promptly every passenger train on our lines. A number of them were run in several sections and all practically made their scheduled time.

Anticipating the possibility of adding to the congestion which is general on all the lines in this section at this time we gave notice to connecting lines that temporarily we would discontinue receiving freight from them in carload lots and also discontinue the receipt of live stock and perishable freight on our lines. We have, however, been moving a large percentage of our freight trains, giving preference to the movement of local freight so as to minimize the inconvenience to local communities. The situation is exceedingly favorable and hourly growing better.

The trouble was caused entirely by the feeling and controversy between the two organizations running locomotives, and no question of wages, hours or any individual grievance is at issue.

STRIKEBREAKERS QUIT WORK

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Many of the men who took the places of the striking firemen on the San Antonio division of the Southern Pacific system have been induced by the strikers to stop work and their places are being filled with imported men. It is understood here tonight that the Brotherhood of Firemen is contemplating calling out all union firemen on the Harlingen line.

The local Southern Pacific officials say they are moving all the trains, passenger and freight, they desire to on this division.

HIS NERVE SAVED HIS LIFE

Quick Wit and Wise Decision of a Kansas Boy in Desperate Emergency.

Johnny Cleavinger, the little son of a prominent farmer of the Lowmont neighborhood, near Leavenworth, Kan., had a thrilling escape from death.

The boy was crossing a long trestle on the Santa Fe track near Lowmont when he suddenly caught sight of the "hell-wagon" train bearing down upon him. He was in the center of the trestle when he first saw the train, and it was so close to him that he knew it would be impossible for him to run to either end of the bridge and escape, and it meant death or serious injury if he jumped to the creek bed, which was a distance of about twenty feet.

A thought quickly came to the boy that if he would spread himself flat on the trestle between the rails the train would pass over him and he would escape with- out injury. Like a shot he dropped, and almost the instant he was down the heavy train came thundering over him. The engine stopped the train as quickly as possible, but the last car had passed over the boy before the trainmen reached him. He was not injured in the least, and, to the surprise of everybody, he did not seem to be badly frightened by his experience.

The boy is about 12 years of age. The men who had charge of the train are willing to wager that there is not another boy of 12 years in the whole world with more nerve.—Leavenworth Times.

MINERS AND GUARDS FIGHT

Three Men Killed and Four Fatally Wounded in Battle in Kentucky.

STRIKE IN PROGRESS FOR A YEAR

Trouble Starts in Downtown Street and About Twenty-Five Shots Are Exchanged—Outbreak Long Expected.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 25.—

Three men were killed and four fatally wounded in a battle late last night between guards employed by the West Kentucky company at Sturgis, Union county, and the striking miners at that place. The dead are: C. J. DOUGHERTY, mine guard; BILLY MALLOY, miner; WILL GRAY, miner.

The wounded are: L. I. Moore, mine guard, four wounds; Sam Barney, miner, three wounds; William Goch, miner, shot in the arm; Henry Deane, miner, shot in the arm.

The fight occurred in a downtown street about one mile from the mine, but just what precipitated the fight is not known. About twenty-five shots were exchanged.

The members of the Miners' union have been on strike for the last year. The coal company has been working nonunion men under guards almost constantly and serious trouble has been long expected. The fight occurred in front of a billiard parlor. A panic ensued and a reign of terror existed for nearly an hour. There is only one officer in town, but the sheriff of Union county and deputies have arrived at Sturgis.

SWINDLERS MADE \$200 A DAY

Violent Hands Laid on Clever Get-Rich-Quick Scheme of Endless Chain Variety.

A profit of \$200 a day is what the government secret service agents at Portland, Ore., accuse N. C. Hullin and a woman passing as his wife of fraudulently making off the public.

The plan was to send out postal cards from one of the two offices which the schemer maintained, telling the recipient of a "valuable, unique and pleasant method of obtaining money." The card set forth that for a 50-cent consideration Hullin will send full directions.

In return for the 50 cents twenty-five cards, bearing about the same information that Hullin had on his postal card, were sent. With the cards which were to be sent to other prospective persons seeking an easy road to wealth was the information that if the receiver did not know a sufficient number of persons to whom cards could be sent, a list of names would be furnished by the Pacific Letter bureau, which Hullin maintained, at the nominal charge of 50 cents a hundred of \$4.50 a thousand.

After the person had received the cards and a list of names he was supposed to be on the road to prosperity. All he had to do was to send out the postal cards, receive answers accompanied by 50-cent pieces, and return the same information that he received from Hullin. The scheme was one of the endless chain variety and Hullin's victims number thousands.—Portland Oregonian.

If you have anything to trade secretly it is the For Exchange column of The Bee Want Ad page.

HAS A REFINED WHEELBARROW

Another Evidence that Human Intellect is Able to Overcome Difficulties.

One would suppose that there was nothing new to be discovered in regard to wheelbarrows. People seem to have always had wheelbarrows; that plain, unpretentious and useful "Irish wagon." Even in China there are wheelbarrows, and, for that matter, they are the prevailing style of carriage there.

It is out in the little town of Slickton, some four miles from here, there lives a mechanical genius of the name of Siever Spellacy, who has invented and patented a most remarkable improvement in wheelbarrows, doing away with a defect that has existed more prominently in them since the day when the first one was made and which has given sorrow and trouble to everyone who ever used a wheelbarrow for work or pleasure.

The constitutional defect and difficulty which Mr. Spellacy has met, grappled with and overcome lies, as it has always lain, in the legs of the wheelbarrow, those useful but obnoxious members of its anatomy.

Everyone knows how the legs of a wheelbarrow act. When a wheelbarrow is loaded up the person holding it always stacks up the burden on the theory that as it is stacked so it must ride, and there was never a proposition laid down more baseless than this, for the exact opposite is the only means of truth.

The load is all right as long as the barrow is standing still, but when we lift up the legs so that we can trundle it away we must, of necessity, tip the barrow far enough forward so that the troublesome legs will clear the ground and let us proceed, and the moment we do so the carefully piled load, distributed as to its situation in regard to the horizon, falls forward off the front side of the wheelbarrow onto the ground in front of the wheel and must be loaded on again; that is, all that part of it that will go and not fall off again, for the second time we so pile that load on we have remembered the characteristics of the wheelbarrow and leave quite a large part of the load off.

Now, the invention of Mr. Spellacy does away with all this.

The legs of his wheelbarrow are hinged to the body of the barrow and capable of being turned forward and up against the under side of the body, out of the way, so that the barrow can be trundled along with entire disregard of its legs, and on the same level that it stood on when the load was piled up, with the result that we are not taken in and deceived and can regulate to an exact nicety how large a pile of freight the barrow will stand without tipping part of it off on the journey.

The springs are set ready for action, and there is a connection running from the springs to the handles of the wheelbarrow and ending with some buttons, or thumb pieces, and with a cheerful snap the springs do their work and snap the legs of the barrow up against the lower side of the body, entirely out of the way, and then, again, when you are ready to set the barrow down, either because you want to rest, or because you have reached the end of your journey, there is just enough power left in the springs so that when you touch the buttons again with the end of your

MEXICO'S ODD TREASURE TOWN

City Built with Bricks of Gold and Silver Goes to a Smelter.

One reads of romantic castles of silver and palaces of gold, but they are the dreams of fiction—now they have discovered something as strange on the map of Mexico. The buildings of a whole town have been bought at so much per ton, based on assays from the adobe walls which give gold and silver values. This town is Guanajuato's suburb, Tepetapa, a village of about 200 houses, estimated at a value of about \$200,000, Mexican currency.

The value of this little town was revealed when the Mexican Central decided to build a station there, running into the heart of the town, instead of touching only at Marfil, some kilometers distant. It was found necessary to tear down about 300 buildings which have been built of the almes produced by the grinding of ores from the numerous mines of the district. Straw was mixed with the almes and in this way the adobe bricks were made. When it became known that the Central would have to tear down those houses an enterprising ore-buying company asked for permission to assay ore taken from the buildings. This was granted and samples were picked from the walls at various heights and on various sides of the buildings, the assays running in value from \$1 to \$25 per ton in gold and silver. The values average about \$5 gold per ton.

As the buildings were built in various bonanza epochs, it was found that the values varied to a large extent. For instance, a wall on one side of a house would assay a low value, whereas a wall on the other side, built at an earlier or later time, would assay a high value. A man's kitchen might assay 50 cents per ton and his parlor \$50, or the window where the girl's face is seen may have been opened for the pleasing pastime, presented at a considerable loss to that side of the house.

That the walls are found to contain more gold than silver value is due to the fact that the old patio process of treating the ores was more effective in extracting silver than gold values, and the almes left were richer in gold than silver. It will be harder to build such a town in the future, as the camp is now fitted out with modern appliances for treating ores. Hence the houses now built of adobe lack the genuine wealth of the earlier houses. A man may no longer build his home of gold and silver bricks.

There are now operating in Guanajuato, or in course of a house would assay, and in six months there will be more ore worked than in any town in the republic. Immense bodies of low grade ore, untouched by the ancients, are being worked by cyanation. It appears that Guanajuato will change from a silver to a gold camp, because from 40 to 60 per cent of the values left by the ancients are in gold. Due to their primitive processes, Guanajuato is the only town in the world in which the houses are built of gold and silver bricks—the only town without pure, unadulterated dirt.—Mexican Herald.

SPORTS OF A DAY.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Molesley Wins the California Handicap at Ascot.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—An immense crowd turned out at Ascot today. It was a classic bunch that faced the starter in the chief event, the California handicap, valued at \$2,000. Molesley, at 6 to 1, was off badly, but made up ground and in a hard stretch drive outgamed Colonel Jack, the favorite. Colonel Jack ran a good race, but could not get up when the pinch came. Interest was added to the California handicap because of the fact that these horses will be the contestants for the Ascot derby to be run on Washington's birthday. The weather was cloudy and the track fast.

Results: First race, six furlongs: Beautiful and Best won, Bologna second, Bauble third. Time: 1:15. Second race, mile: Chantilly won, Toupee second, Helvot third. Time: 1:45. Third race, mile and a sixteenth: Gorgaleite won, Supreme Court second, Celio third. Time: 1:45. Fourth race, mile, California handicap: Molesley won, Colonel Jack second, Milshora third. Time: 1:44.

Fourth race, seven furlongs: Critic won, Avontellus second, Roman Boy third. Time: 1:28. Sixth race, five and a half furlongs: Edwyn T. Friar won, Ray Eggon second, Bandida third. Time: 1:38.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Results at Emeryville: First race, seven and a half furlongs: El Chihualco won, Jim Pendergast second, Exapo third. Time: 1:58. Second race, mile and a sixteenth: Governor Davis won, Salable second, Inflammable third. Time: 1:54. Third race, five furlongs, selling: Marion Rose won, David Roland second, Laura P. M. third. Time: 1:30.

Fourth race, mile and a quarter, Christmas handicap: Dr. Leggo won, Proper second, Raus third. Time: 2:08. Fifth race, six furlongs: Van Ness won, Bursleigh second, Nonie Lucille third. Time: 1:15. Sixth race, six furlongs: Ocean Shore won, Plausible second, Grace St. Clair third. Time: 1:25.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—Results at the fair grounds: First race, six furlongs: Posing won, Tsara second, Fancy Dress third. Time: 1:18. Second race, five and a half furlongs: Colloguoy won, Tudor second, Fantastic third. Time: 1:26.

Third race, six furlongs: Lady Esther won, Juggler second, Orbicular third. Time: 1:25. Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, Christmas handicap, \$1,500 added: Allowmaise won, St. Valentine second, Gld third. Time: 1:47. Fifth race, one mile: Rather Royal won.

Harmakis second, Pride of Woodstock third. Time: 1:40.

Sixth race, one mile and three-sixteenths: Colonel Barret won, Flavigny second, Huntington third. Time: 2:08.

International Base Ball Match.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—A special from Stanford says that Captain Presley of the university base ball team has received notice from Manager Iso Abe of Waseda university accepting the challenge of Stanford for an international base ball contest to be played in Tokio some time in May. It is in the nature of a return match for the orientals who played Stanford last year.

Foot Ball Game in Seattle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The Chicago North Division High School foot ball team left here tonight for Seattle, Wash., there they will play the Seattle High school eleven New Year's day. The thirteen players who will make the journey to the Pacific coast are in the best of condition and prepared to play the game of their lives.

Lawyer Indicted for Fencing Loot.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 25.—Ted Brady, a prominent Great Falls lawyer, has been indicted by the federal grand jury in this city on the charge of having illegally fenced \$107 across of public land in Yellowstone county. Brady gave bonds for his appearance. It is said that other prominent persons are involved.

Priest Drops Dead in Church.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 25.—Rev. T. J. Crowley of St. Patrick's church, while putting on his vestments to celebrate high mass, dropped dead today. He had been a priest here for fifteen years. He was state chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Two Men Killed by Train.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 25.—The bodies of Edward Laidridge and Albert Curumby were found along the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad tracks at Clark's Summit today. The bodies were badly mangled. It is supposed they were struck by a train.

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IF YOU ARE NERVOUS, irritable and dependent, subject to fits of gloom and depression, have misgivings about the future, if you have lost confidence in yourself and feel suspicious that everyone knows your weakness, if you have headache and are tired all the time, lack energy and vitality, cannot remember and concentrate your thoughts, have poor appetite, why not come and see us today and tell us your trouble in confidence and let us explain your condition to you? You will be under no obligations to us and we will be glad to show you our elaborate offices and explain our methods. HEALTH IS OF THE FIRST IMPORTANCE AND IT IS WORTH YOUR WHILE TO KNOW YOUR CONDITION.

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