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BEVERIDGE ON CHILD LABOR

Senator from Indiana Addresses Nebraska State Teachers' Convention.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN INTRODUCES HIM

Awful Effects of Greed Which Feeds Upon the Lives of Little Children Are Graphically Portrayed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Teachers' association meeting closed tonight with an address by United States Senator Beveridge. The occasion was made more interesting by the fact that W. J. Bryan introduced the speaker. It being remembered that these two exchanged compliments in speeches at Lincoln during the campaign. While making his speech Mr. Bryan managed to get directly in front of Mr. Beveridge. While in this position he said, intending to compliment Mr. Beveridge on his child labor law, "Mr. Beveridge is behind a Bill."

The audience at once began to laugh and cheer. Mr. Bryan stopped, somewhat abashed, and again repeated his statement and renewed laughter. Then he glanced behind him and discovered he was speaking a very evident truth.

The next meeting place of the association will be decided by the new executive committee in February. Senator Beveridge said in part:

Nothing shows how greed forgets humanity as child slavery. There is something wrong with a prosperity which is so immense that it blinds men to the fact that upon the lives of little children, men who make money by working infants are making too much money.

There are, at a low estimate, 500,000 children under 14 at work in cotton mills, glass factories, sweet shops, mines and like industries. Those whom such toil does not kill are being ruined for citizenship.

We are turning out, at a low estimate, 100,000 adult London "boilings" every year; and these become in turn the parents of hundreds of thousands of other degenerate and stupid.

It must be stopped--if not for the sake of these children themselves, then for the sake of the nation. We cannot see the winds today without reaping the whirlwind tomorrow.

If everybody, including the most earnest advocates of "states rights" could agree on a national quarantine law to keep out yellow fever, which does not kill twenty people in twenty years, how much more should we agree on a national child labor law to stop a practice that actually kills thousands of children and irretrievably ruins tens of thousands every year?

To be sure no great industries were maintained upon yellow fever and great industries are maintained upon child labor. Business interests were not advanced by

the bubonic plague, but business interests are advanced by child slavery. But is that an argument? Have we become so commercialized that, while we forget "states rights" when providing against yellow fever and the bubonic plague, we remember "states rights" when providing against the murder and ruin of little children?

However, the theory of "states rights" is not affected by the child labor bill pending in the senate. The bill affects child labor only in factories, mines and sweat shops. This is as far as it should go at present. It does not touch any harmful employment of children anywhere in the republic. It cuts out only the cancer of murderous and debasing child slavery.

Association Endorses Bill.

The association voted unanimously asking Nebraska senators and representatives in congress to support Senator Beveridge's child labor bill, adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the Nebraska State Teachers' association, in our forty-first annual session, over 2,000 strong, unqualifiedly endorse the Beveridge child labor bill, and that we unanimously appeal to our senators and representatives in the national congress to work for and vote for the enactment of said measure into a national law.

INSANE OVER UNREQUITTED LOVE

Farm Hand Near York Creates a Sensation.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Charles Martin, who for some time has been in the employ of M. E. Plank, living near Bradshaw, this county, and a young man who is well known in that locality, became infatuated with Miss Nancy Plank, whom he wished to marry. The young woman and the members of the family would not consent to the marriage, and yesterday Martin went to the Plank residence, entered the house without knocking and walked into Miss Plank's room, where he shut and locked the door and climbed into the bed and pretended to go to sleep.

At the house there were no one but Mrs. Plank and Miss Plank, who at once called Mr. Plank and a brother-in-law in and told them what Mr. Martin had done. They tried to get in the door, which was locked, and were obliged to break the door in. They found Martin in bed with the covers pulled around his chin pretending to be asleep, but with his eyes wide open. He was taken downstairs and entertained until Sheriff Afferbaugh came and brought him to York, where he was placed in the county jail and in a short time he was being plumbed and water pipe loose, causing water to flood the jail and nearly frightened C. Dwinger, an inmate, to death. Sheriff Afferbaugh and Jailer Elginfrith, with the assistance of William Afferbaugh, and yesterday Martin was being taken down so that he could do no more damage.

This morning Martin was brought before the insanity board and Sheriff Afferbaugh took him to Lincoln, where he was placed in the asylum.

Stabbing at Battle Creek

BATTLE CREEK, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A stabbing affair took place in the Kerbe saloon here last night. Christ Hundt, a young German farmer, while drunk, stabbed Herman Aucher, the bartender, twice in the face for refusing him more liquor. The first blow struck the jaw bone, breaking the knife blade, part of which remained in the wound, which is serious, but not dangerous. The second blow did not make a severe cut. Today Hundt was arrested and fined for being drunk and disorderly. Later he was rearrested for disturbing the peace and is now in jail in default of \$500 bail.

Farmer Killed in Runaway

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Jasper Kipling, a farmer residing about nine miles southwest of this place, met a tragic death on his way home last night. He fell from his wagon, loaded with lumber, and the wagon wheel passed across his neck and head, breaking the neck and killing him almost instantly. Kipling had been in town all day and was badly under the influence of liquor when he left town. On the road home George Mayer overtook him and, seeing that he was badly under the influence of liquor, Mayer tied the horse he was riding to the wagon and persuaded Kipling to get out and walk to

sober up, Mayer driving his team. It was Mayer's intention to go home with him, but after walking about two miles Kipling seemed quite sober and said he was able to drive home and got upon the wagon. Mayer, thinking he was able to get home, got off the wagon and left him. However, before Mayer reached home he heard Kipling's team running and telephoned to a neighbor on the road to stop the team. About a quarter of a mile back he found Kipling breathing his last. Kipling was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and several small children.

Have Hope for Coal Entries

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Fremont men whose coal land entries were cancelled and their entry fees returned by order of the department in October last, are looking for a favorable action and the reinstatement of their filings. Mr. Gibson, who made the filings under power of attorney and who has been here looking after the interests of the entrymen, says that the matter of reinstating the entries is now before the department and that in the opinion of their attorney the development and operation of the claims by a company, in which all of the entrymen have an equal interest, is not in violation of law and that they are confident of eventually settling the executive order. Gibson is so sure of favorable action that he offers to refund the \$100 to any dissatisfied entryman.

News of Nebraska

BEATRICE—The poultry show is being largely attended. M. S. Fife of Oklahoma City is engaged in scoring the birds.

BEATRICE—Mr. Harvey Colvin and Miss Emma Head, both of this city, were united in marriage by Judge Spafford yesterday.

BEATRICE—Harry Schultz leaves Monday for Alaska, where he will be employed by his uncle, William Schroeder, who is here on a visit and who owns several valuable mines.

BEATRICE—Foster Green, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Green, received a painful burn about the head and face by falling against the cook stove while in a faint.

HUMBOLDT—Omer Roach and Miss Caroline Jasha, two well known young people of the Dry Branch neighborhood south of the city, were united in marriage Thursday by Rev. Leber, pastor of the German church at that place.

CLAY CENTER—Henry Llewellyn, a resident of Glenview, this county, was adjudged an idiot by the county court today and was sentenced to a term of two years, or until he is cured, in the Nebraska hospital at Lincoln.

COLUMBUS—The fire department of Columbus has elected the following delegates to the state convention of the firemen's association of next month: Ralph Coudige, Otto Schrober, Anton J. Rothelmer, Erbert Krumpholtz and Fred G. Beyer.

COLUMBUS—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Warner was held at the residence of Mrs. Susan Watkins, in South Columbus, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Warner was one of the oldest settlers of Columbus and was aged 82 years. Her husband died here several years ago.

NEBRASKA CITY—Lewis C. Burnett, a long-time and most respected resident of this community, died Wednesday night at his home two miles south of this city, following an operation for abscess of the lungs. Mr. Burnett was 58 years of age and had resided here since 1878.

HUMBOLDT—August Mitchell, for many years a resident of this place, but recently at the surplus store of the state baggage department at Wynote, came down and claimed as a bride Miss Sadie L. Gray of Fairbairn, Minn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. D. Lindenmeyer of the latter city.

HUMBOLDT—Will E. Kentner, landlord at the Park hotel of this city, was united in marriage to Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Meadville, Pa., by Justice J. H. Smith, who officiated. The affair was a quiet one and the couple will make their future home here. Mr. Kentner is well known in business circles of southwestern Nebraska.

YORK—Relatives and friends of Hon. N. V. Harlan, United States attorney for Alaska, located at Fairbanks, received Christmas greetings by telegraph, which is the only means of communication Mr. Harlan has with the outside world. Fairbanks is hundreds of miles inland and for five months they have no other communication than by telegraph.

ALEXANDER J. CASSATT DEAD

Head of Pennsylvania Railroad Company Expires Suddenly of Heart Disease

IN ILL HEALTH FOR NEARLY A YEAR

He Was Much Better and He Resumed Work at Office and His Death Was Entirely Unexpected.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Alexander Johnston Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and one of the foremost railroad men and financiers in the country, died suddenly at his residence in this city today of heart disease. He was a victim of an attack known professionally as the "Stokes-Adams syncope." Mr. Cassatt was 67 years old.

Though Mr. Cassatt's death was unexpected, he had been in ill health for nearly a year. His condition was aggravated by an attack of whooping cough which he contracted from his grand children while at Bar Harbor in September. He never entirely recovered from this attack, and when he returned to Philadelphia he remained for several weeks at his country home in Haverford.

He was much improved by the rest and early in October began going regularly to his office. Shortly afterward he was again stricken, having contracted a heavy cold. At that time it was denied that his condition was serious and there was no intimation that he was suffering from any heart affection. During November he was sufficiently recovered to resume his work and he continued attending to important matters until his birthday, December 8. Again it was reported that he was seriously ill, but this was denied.

Mr. Cassatt spent much of his time driving and was out as late as Monday. Subsequently he was known to have been confined to his bed, but even then his condition was not regarded as alarming. While not feeling entirely well, Mr. Cassatt arose from his bed this morning, but remained in his room. He seemed in good spirits and his family was not alarmed about his condition and had no thought of his death. Shortly before 1 o'clock he suffered an acute heart attack and became unconscious.

His wife and his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lunnett Stewart, were with him and a physician was summoned, but he was dead when the physician arrived. The latter said that death had been almost instantaneous.

Prominent Scientists Present.

The news of Mr. Cassatt's death was at once telephoned to Broad Street station and was flashed to the financial and business sections of the city. The effect upon the local stock market was not as great as might have been expected. Pennsylvania was quoted at 133 1/2 when the news was reached and the stock dropped only three-fourths.

In the executive offices of the railroad for a time business was practically suspended. His condition had not been thought such as to suggest any definite arrangements for the succession to the presidency, and the Board of Directors will not meet until after the funeral, for which arrangements have not been announced.

Some months ago Mr. Cassatt made a change in the organization of the company, which put new duties on some of the higher officials. Among these was Samuel Rea, the third vice president, and it was suggested at the time that the act was equivalent to placing Mr. Rea in line for promotion. Pending the election of a successor First Vice President Green will succeed to the office of the railroad company.

The operation of the railroad in the last year is said to have had much to do with the breaking of Mr. Cassatt's health. He was in Europe when sensational developments in the Interstate Commerce commission investigation of rebates brought him home. Deprived of his rest abroad,

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VENEZUELAN OFFICER TAKEN

General Barret de Nazaris is Charged by United States with Counterfeiting.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 28.—The report that General Barret de Nazaris of Venezuela, was arrested here early in the week at the instance of Acting Governor Post and on the request of United States District Attorney Simpson of New York, is confirmed. The general who is charged with counterfeiting and conspiracy was subsequently released on \$5,000 bail and will be taken to New York, when the papers in his case are received.

General De Nazaris, who is well known in San Domingo, is a relative of President Castro and claims he knows nothing of the charge brought against him.

FIRE RECORD.

Merchandise at Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The general merchandise store of W. H. Carsh on the north side of the park had a narrow escape from destruction by fire about midnight, but the fire boys were so promptly and managed to extinguish the blaze, leaving the stock, however, almost a total loss from the smoke and water. The owner estimates the value of the stock at \$10,000, with insurance of \$7,000, in two companies. How the fire originated is a matter of speculation, as the proprietor had closed up and gone home but an hour before, but as it was mostly confined to a case of cotton bales it is thought a spark from the stove or falling from the chimney started the fire.

Philadelphia Mill.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The plant of the Quaker City Flour Mills company in this city was damaged by fire today to the extent of about \$86,000.

General Litvinoff Assassinated.

OMSK, Asiatic Russia, Dec. 28.—General Litvinoff, governor of the province of Kirovograd, was assassinated in the street close to his office today by two unknown men.

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