

FEDERATION TO AID SWITCHMEN

President Gompers Announces Organization Will Support Strikers to Extent of Its Powers.

WHAT THIS MAY MEAN

Intimates that Other Unions Will Be Asked to Strike.

PRESIDENT HAWLEY TALKS

He Says Traffic is Delayed and Coal Famine is Imminent.

"THEY CANNOT BEAT US NOW"

Is Sorry that Troup of Business Will Retreat, but Cannot Afford to Consider These Things.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—The American Federation of Labor will support the railroad switchmen who are on strike in the northwest to the extent of its powers.

This announcement was made today by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, after an extended conference with Frank Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America. It is understood to mean that if the railroad officials do not concede the demands of the strikers the federal may spread until it involves other great union organizations in the railway field.

"We will support the switchmen to the extent of our ability both financially and morally," such was the declaration of Mr. Gompers at the close of his conference with Mr. Hawley. The labor leader refused to state whether that after a full investigation he was satisfied the demands of the strikers were just and reasonable, and that they merited and would receive the support of all the unions.

Mr. Hawley was jubilant over the decision of Mr. Gompers. He ridiculed the published assertions of railroad officials that the strike was practically ended and said:

"They cannot beat us now that the American Federation of Labor is behind us."

Coal Supply is Short.

According to Mr. Hawley a shortage in the coal supply in the northwest is imminent on account of the strike. He stated that since the strike was already apparent in Minneapolis, where he said the public schools were already suffering from a lack of coal.

"I am sorry," said the switchmen's chief, "that a tie-up in business must result, but when we are fighting for our rights we cannot afford to consider these things."

Previous to the conference Mr. Gompers in an interview said the switchmen had not been given due consideration by the railroad and he was confident that he would not discuss this phase of the question, but declared he would do all in his power to win the strike for the men now on.

Mr. Gompers said this engagement with Mr. Hawley was not the primary object of his visit here. He came here to try to harmonize differences between the ranks of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which organizations are now holding its convention in this city.

From here he goes to Pittsburgh tonight, where the executive council of the American Federation of Labor will hold a conference tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

This Vice President Harshbarger of the union says that before the national convention of the switchmen in Buffalo will be held on Dec. 15.

Last night about fifty strikebreakers, many of them from New York and Chicago, started to make trouble at the Union station because they were denied to be taken back to the place from which they came. Police were called but no arrests were made. The men were finally shipped to Chicago.

Superintendents Given New Duties

Members of State Board of Agriculture of Iowa Assigned to Work—Game Fees Large.

DES MOINES, Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—In the matter of the reorganization of the superintendents for the Iowa Game, the new members were given place today by the State Board of Agriculture. Charles E. Escher of Shelby county takes charge of the sheep and poultry, while Harold Pike of Montana, gets cattle. Mr. Westworth takes the place of Mr. McDonald, in charge of police regulations.

George A. Lincoln, state game warden, said today that the amount to be realized from licenses to hunters in Iowa this year will amount to about \$100,000. It is probable that the state will establish and maintain a game preserve for the breeding of game birds to be let loose in the state.

Mondell Would Open Coal Land

Many Million Acres are Involved in Bill Offered by Wyoming Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Many million acres of coal land will be opened to use for agricultural purposes if congress should pass a bill introduced today by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, chairman of the house committee on public lands.

The bill, which is said to be in line with the administration views, authorizes entries under the homestead, desert land, Carey or preemption laws of lands classified as coal lands to be valuable for coal, the United States government, however, retaining the right to prospect, mine or dispose of it.

Woman Ready to Die Pays All Social Debts

Mrs. Dodson of Springfield, Mo., Gives Big Party Just Before Surgical Operation Which Ends Fatally.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 9.—Determined that none of her social obligations should remain unpaid when she died, Mrs. Alma Dodson, a social leader and the only woman lawyer in this county, invited all her friends to a farewell card party and reception after being informed by her physician that she must submit to an operation that would probably prove fatal. The party was held the day before the operation was performed. Smiling and cheerful, Mrs. Dodson was an admirable hostess, allowing nothing to disturb the pleasure of her guests in the least. She was very anxious, she gave no evidence of it.

When the party was over and she had bade her guests good-by Mrs. Dodson calmly arranged her personal effects and picked out the clothing she wished to be buried in after death. She then went to the hospital and the operation which was performed there was followed by her death.

Doxy Inquiry Proceeds Slowly

Grand Jury Will Not Be Ready to Report Until Next Week—Mass of Indirect Evidence.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—Because of its slowness in examining witnesses the grand jury which is considering the case of Mrs. Dora E. Doxy, held in jail on a charge of an information charging she poisoned her alleged husband, William J. Erder, will not report before Monday or Tuesday. Dr. L. B. Doxy has not been allowed to see his wife, but an attorney is their go-between. The names of many witnesses before the grand jury have been suppressed.

The circuit attorney's force continued their policy of silence and the police had no new clues or information to announce. There is evident a sense of depression among the officials actively engaged in the case. They declare that they have been furnished with a vast amount of suspicious circumstances and some competent circumstantial evidence.

Of direct testimony, they claim to have nothing and they assert that many gaps have been left in the foundation upon which the state must build its case, if Mrs. Doxy is ever brought to trial.

That it is certain that none of the medicines prescribed for William J. Erder contained arsenic, the poison which Mrs. Doxy is accused of having administered to him, was announced at the circuit attorney's office today.

Analysis of the contents of eight bottles found in the ash pit of the flat which Mrs. Doxy is accused of poisoning, was made by Dr. Thomas Buckland, city chemist. The labels on the vials showed that they held medicine prescribed for Erder. None of the medicine contained arsenic.

Dr. Buckland reported this result of his investigations today and was at once summoned to appear before the grand jury.

Cantonwine Case Begins at Sioux Falls

Former Business Man at Armour, S. D., Must Explain Story of Alleged Robbery.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of J. C. Cantonwine, formerly a prominent business man of Armour, who is under indictment in the federal court on perjury and other charges, was begun in the United States court here this afternoon, and it promises to be several days before the case goes to the jury. The charges against Cantonwine are an outgrowth of his claim in September of last year that Hives had stolen his place of business at Armour and abstracted from his safe the sum of \$5,000 in cash, which he alleges he had placed there, and testimony given by him since that time in hearings before a referee in bankruptcy in reference to the loss of the money and other transactions.

The work of securing a jury had not been concluded when court adjourned this evening and it may be necessary to order a special panel of jurors in order to fill out the jury box.

BIG MANSION IS DESTROYED

Valuable Battle Phillips Home at Sioux Falls Totally Destroyed by Fire.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this afternoon practically destroyed the magnificent home of the late Battle Phillips mansion situated in the northwestern section of Sioux Falls and which cost \$5,000 to \$5,000. It was this mansion which was offered the Odd Fellows of the state as an Odd Fellows' home, but Dan Rapids finally was selected as the place for the home.

Democrats Get Ready for Their Annual Goat Banquet

The annual goat festival of the Eighth Ward Democratic club will be held Saturday evening at Twenty-Erst and Cumming in the club headquarters. Charles Shabana, of the street commissioner's department, being now the leader of the eighth ward democracy, as was printed in the paper, will entertain himself on this occasion.

The paschal animal was fed on a high diet of cans stewed with labels, empty perfume bottles, old safety razor blades, fish scales and circus posters. He is now in pickle, having been sent to the butcher last Thursday.

"You see," said Shabana, "an animal of such rich flavor will be the thing to signer at the feast Saturday evening. The real test of a goat is how well he can eat on this kind of food, and the best of the sort but that require special treatment in the ordinary kitchen. Now, if we were preparing a ha-a-a-a, or kid, the problem would be quite simple, but tirus himself is a little that occasions even such an experienced goat chef as myself some worry. However, we found a butcher who knows his business, and the prime dish for this year's feast will be set up in a way to strengthen all who eat for next year's campaign."

"A year ago on Thanksgiving Mayor Dahlman asked for a second helping, passing up even roast goose, and you know what happened when he got in the race. It was intimated by some that since Joe Butler left us the goat feast would not come off, but that is a mistake. We will lead off with a goat milk cocktail, or soddy, a la white, or a proper name, and wind up with speeches in various languages. Stewed goat is the thing to signer, but for those who love bitter offerings there will be roast goat, with the skin on, served very much as the household of England. Mayor Dahlman has promised to attend again, and we anticipate a great occasion."

ICE COMBINE IS FOUND GUILTY

Big Corporation is Convicted of Violating Anti-Monopoly Law of New York.

MAXIMUM PENALTY ASSESSED

Supreme Court Decision in Case of American Ice Company.

COMPANY TO BE DISSOLVED

It Has Capital Stock of Forty Millions and Eight Million Customers.

PLANTS IN MANY CITIES

Controls Companies in Maine and Along Hudson River and Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The American Ice company, one of the great corporations which lives by dealing in the necessities of life, was found guilty today in the state supreme court of restricting competition in and attempting to create a monopoly of the sale of ice. The jury was out one hour and forty minutes and when the foreman announced the verdict, the court immediately imposed sentence of \$5,000 fine, under the provision of the law. Donnelly anti-monopoly law of this state.

The conviction is the first under the new law and will probably be fought to the highest court in the state.

The significance of the verdict lies not so much in the relatively trivial amount of the fine imposed as in the intimation made by John B. Stanfield, of counsel for the defense that a finding against the company, which he said, supplies 3,000,000 customers, will mark the first step in its ultimate dissolution. The American Ice company, although tried under the laws of New York, was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey for \$50,000,000 and later taken over by the American Ice securities company of the same state, after a drastic reorganization.

The company has plants in New York, Washington, D. C., Baltimore and Philadelphia, and has smaller smaller companies along the Hudson river and in the Maine ice fields. Before Wesley N. Oler was elected president of the company, Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, was active in its affairs.

Towne May Appear for Guaranty Law

Speaker Pool's Paper Authority that He Has Been Engaged by State as Counsel in Washington.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—According to the Republican Tribune, published by Speaker Pool of the Nebraska legislature, and issued today, ex-Speaker Charles R. Towne, former running mate of Mr. Bryan for the vice presidency, will be retained by the state of Nebraska to defend the Nebraska bank guaranty law in its final stages in court and appeal to the supreme court at Washington. Mr. Pool was recently in conference with Governor Schallenberger and it is believed the announcement is the outcome of the conference. Attorney General Thompson and John L. Webster, who is here attending the state supreme court, know nothing of Mr. Towne's engagement and if it is a fact, the governor has not yet expressed his desire in the matter. Mr. Pool was on the committee that drafted the bank bill. Mr. Towne is now a corporation lawyer in New York.

The guaranty law was knocked out in the United States circuit court at Lincoln by Judge Vandewater and T. C. Munger. Appeal would lie to the court of appeals and then to the United States supreme court.

Zelaya's Son is Sued by Woman

Breach of Promise Action for \$100,000 Brought Against Son of Nicaragua President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Dr. Anabel Zelaya, second son of the president of Nicaragua and a graduate of the medical school of Columbia university, appeared in the supreme court here today to defend a suit against him for \$100,000 brought by Elizabeth Juliet Hero, who claims that young Zelaya courted her while he was a student at college and that he promised to marry her.

The papers allege that after the young woman's mother gave a dinner at which the engagement was formally announced, President Zelaya forbade the marriage, calling it a misalliance on the part of his son.

Miss Hero's mother states that she has more than 200 letters from Anabel Zelaya indicating his affection for her daughter. It is expected the trial will be reached in a few days.



From the Washington Star.

RED CLOUD ANSWERS CALL

Death Takes Famous Sioux Warrior to Happy Hunting Grounds.

NEARLY NINETY YEARS OF AGE

For Quarter Century Had Lived on Pine Ridge Agency—Engaged in Many Lively Conflicts in Platte River Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Red Cloud, the famous old Sioux Indian chief, is dead. The information was received today by Superintendent Brennan of the Pine Ridge Indian agency, who is in Washington attending the meeting of those interested in the education of the Indian.

Red Cloud was 88 years of age, and for the last twenty-five years had lived at the Pine Ridge agency.

Warrior Early on Scene.

The first appearance of Chief Red Cloud on the scene of Indian warfare in the northwest was in the summer of 1865. He was at that time a sub-chief of the Brule Sioux tribe and was then about 42 or 43 years of age. His tribal territory extended from the North Platte river to the Black Horn mountains and west of the Black Hills.

He was always hostile and caused no end of trouble in that section in his forays against the sparsely settled military posts, running off government stock and attacking emigrant and freighting trains enroute through to Montana. He was the commander of such chiefs as Spotted Tail, Standing Elk, American Horse, Man-Afraid-of-His-Horses and Big Rib.

In the early part of 1866 Red Cloud succeeded in depositing Big Rib, his head chief, who was at the time head chief of the Ogallala Sioux. Red Cloud succeeded to the chieftainship of the Ogallala and Brule and represented these tribes at the treaty held at Fort Laramie in June, 1866.

Building of Union Pacific.

The question at issue in this particular treaty was the building of the Union Pacific railroad through the Sioux territory along the Platte and westward between the North and South Platte to the mouth of the Missouri river. Red Cloud and his band of nearly 3,000 hostile Sioux, agreed to the proposition that the Union Pacific route be outlined, but bitterly opposed the opening of the "Horseshoe Trail," which extended northwestward from Fort Laramie and which was the route of the Union Pacific.

This route extended from Fort Laramie westward along the North Platte to Bridge Creek, at the mouth of Horseshoe creek, and thence northwest to Powder river, crossing at old Fort Reno, and thence westward to the Big Horn mountains and along the base of these mountains into Bozeman, Mont. This section was the

Corn Exposition visitors will find The Bee advertising pages a handy guide for their shopping while in the city.

Do not overlook the advertisements on the want ad pages under the classification of "Christmas Hints". Our Omaha merchants are offering many suggestions to help you with the problem of what to buy. You will always find something worth while if you read the want ad pages of The Bee.

Have you read the want ads, yet, today?

D. A. R. Employee is Defaulter for Large Sum

Clerk Whose Name is Withheld Has Stolen Thousands of Dollars from Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Defalcations amounting to several thousand dollars from the Daughters of the American Revolution by a clerk employed in the national headquarters of the society, here, were made known from information which leaked out quietly. The officers of the society have decided not to prosecute the woman who confessed to the peculation, which covers a period of at least three years.

The clerk, however, was dismissed and her name withheld.

What has become of the money taken is a matter which is puzzling the society's officers. The woman who confessed the embezzlement was possessed of an income sufficient to make her independent. It is said, aside from an ample salary she drew from the office. She lived quietly and without any outward display of even such luxury as she could afford with her salary and income.

Since the meeting two months ago of the board of management of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 157 new members have been added to the organization, 77 of them this month, according to a report made yesterday to the board of management by the register general.

PRESSURE BROUGHT ON GOVERNOR FOR EXTRA SESSION

Attempt Being Made to Force Executive to Call an Extra Meeting of Nebraska Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—In this week's issue of Speaker Pool's paper, the Republican Tribune, is a statement that the last session of the democratic state convention made a demand upon Governor Schallenberger to call an extra session of the legislature to adopt the constitutional amendment with regard to the income tax. The paper calls upon the governor to fulfill the desire of the party in this regard.

The governor has avoided the call so far and has intimated the time is not ripe for it.

EARTHQUAKE IN GUAM

Hospital Badly Wrecked, but No One is Injured, Says Cablegram.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake occurred in Guam at 9 a. m. today, causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram received at the Navy department. The Women's and Children's hospital was wrecked. There were no casualties.

SMITH PUTS IN SWAMP BILL

Iowa Congressman Has Plan for Relief of His State.

TWO NEW HAWKEYE BUILDINGS

Measures for Structures at Fort Madison and Cedar Falls—Omaha Postal Receipts Grow.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Walter I. Smith today introduced a bill for the relief of the state of Iowa in relation to swamp lands. The bill states that under an act of congress of March 3, 1865, certain swamp indemnity land certificates numbered respectively 26, 27, 28 and 29, and aggregating about 12,777 acres, were assumed by the state of Iowa after due proof that the said overflowed lands in said state were in fact patented to individuals by the United States under scrip locations, but said swamp indemnity land certificates were limited to location within said state, and before the swamp indemnity certificates could be located there were no public lands remaining in Iowa and subject to entry under the certificates and thereby benefits purported to be conferred by the act above mentioned and by said swamp indemnity certificates would be lost to Iowa unless some relief could be granted.

The necessary relief is sought by the passage of a bill providing that only vacant public lands of the United States, non-mineral in character and wherever situated, whether in or without Iowa, but not in excess of the acreage called for thereby, may be selected or located by representatives of said state at such time and in such amounts as they may see fit under said swamp indemnity certificates, namely: No. 26, for lands in Marion county, Iowa, 125 acres; No. 27, for lands in Chickasaw county, Iowa, 109 acres; No. 28, for lands in Greens county, Iowa, 10,000 acres; No. 29, for lands in Guthrie county, Iowa, 1,549 acres.

Bills for New Buildings.

Representative Pickett today introduced a bill appropriating \$15,000 to buy a site and erect public building at Cedar Falls, Ia., also a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a site and the erection of a postoffice building at Iowa Falls, Ia.

Congressman Kennedy of Iowa today introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the erection of a public building at Fort Madison, Ia.

Representative Martin today introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to place upon the rolls of the Sioux Indians at Pine Ridge agency, the names of all white men on the reservation, who prior to March 1, 1889, had carried Indian scrip lands, and the names of those who were residing on the reservation at the signing of the agreement between the Foster-Warner-Crook commission and the Sioux Indians and who signed as Indians, were listed and counted as Indians and that they shall

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PRIZE GRAIN IS SOLD AT AUCTION

World's Best Ten Ears of Corn Sold to Farm Magazine for \$335.

EXHIBIT WORTH WEIGHT IN GOLD

Corn is Purchased at Low Figure of \$2,345 Per Bushel.

HILL MAN IS SPIRITED BIDDER

Loses Half Peck of Wheat, However, that Brings \$104.

BOYS AND GIRLS BIG EXHIBITORS

Superintendent Davidson of Omaha Schools Presides Over Program and Gives Address—Juveniles Represent Many States.

Nebraska University Day.

10:00 a. m.—E. C. Hall.

"Corn, Better Quality," Prof. E. G. Montgomery of Nebraska.

"Corn, More Bushels per Acre," Prof. M. L. Bowman of Iowa.

1:00 p. m.—Music Hall. Concert by Mexican National Band.

2:00 p. m.—Dean E. A. Burnett of Nebraska, presiding.

"University and the State," Chancellor Samuel Avery.

"Fertility of Nebraska Soil," W. G. Cotnam, member of Board of Regents.

4:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National Band and Corn Busters' Glee Club.

The ticker in the Omaha Grain exchange registered an advance of 1 1/2 cents on corn yesterday afternoon, but corn went higher than that at the auction of prize winners at the National Corn exposition.

The best ten ears in the world, raised by J. R. Overstreet of Franklin Ind., sold for the record price of \$335, to E. E. Paville, owner of "Successful Farming," Des Moines, Ia.

"We'll see what we can do in Iowa in the way of raising some world-beating corn next year," remarked Mr. Paville. "I would have paid up to \$50 for that corn if they had forced me to do it."

At the rate at which Mr. Paville paid for his ten ears, corn would sell at \$23.7 a bushel, a price that would make hoecake prohibitive.

There was some spirited bidding took place, when E. C. Leedy, representing James J. Hill of the Great Northern, ran up the price of the world's best half peck of wheat, raised at Elvader, Wis., by H. E. Kruger, to the sum who finally got it. This half peck of his own wheat cost Mr. Kruger just \$184.

Wheat Takes Silver Rodeo.

"I'll just put that into the ground to see what can be done with it for another year," said Kruger, picking up that little sack which cost him more than its weight in the silver money he paid for it.

The Hill bids on the best wheat were prompted by a design to have the grain milled and tested out in flour to prove whether it is really better than the Hill wheat from North Dakota. The Hill bids ran up the price of the wheat for a time, and the North Dakota growers, fired with enthusiasm, gave Mr. Kruger a run for his grain.

The best bushel of corn was sold to the Topleka Capital for \$230. This corn was raised by G. L. Kerlin of Franklin, Ind., and it will go down into the state of southwestern and addresses to improve the crop and swell Secretary Coburn's reports.

Yesterday was the big day for the junior, the young folk of the farms who entered exhibits at the show. On the official program it was designated as educational day.

Dr. William M. Davidson, superintendent of the public school system of Omaha, presided over the educational program and delivered a far-reaching opening speech.

Urges Change in Methods.

"We have reached the stage in our educational system now where we must eliminate a lot of nonessentials from the course offered and retain the vital things. In the long course of the history of this system we have been holding on to all those things which the earlier course involved, and at the same time adding all that was new."

"The time for a change has come."

Mr. Davidson traced the history of the present day educational systems from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the present day, taking a decade at a time.

"In the first decade of the nineteenth century," said the speaker, "the colleges offered about thirteen courses; today they are offering something like 125 highly specialized courses. This same history has been repeated in the secondary school until today we have grown from the original 'three R's' to high school courses of from thirty-five to fifty-two courses. We have forty in the Omaha High school. In modern days we have added much until now the pupil, by the completion of the secondary school courses, has come in contact with, practically, universal knowledge.