

**STRIKE BEGINS  
AT MIDNIGHT**

Counsel for Philadelphia Carmen  
Reject Scheme for Arbitration  
Offered by Company.

**GENERAL WALKOUT PROCLAIMED**

All Union Men Asked to Cease Work  
Until Strike is Settled.

**STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY**

Offers to Take Back All Men it Has  
Room for to March 7.

**COMMITTEE OF NINE EMPLOYEES**

It Offers to Take Up Grievances with  
This Card—Only Men Who  
Return to Work to Be  
Recognized.

**BULLETIN.**

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Philadelphia Carmen strike today began at midnight. The company's offer for settlement was not acceptable. Hugh Barron, secretary of the car men's local union, later sent a letter to the committee of nine which has the strike in hand, requesting the committee to place the general strike order in effect. The committee of ten then issued a proclamation to the workmen of Philadelphia requesting them to quit work at midnight and to remain away from their employment until the car strike is settled.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, late this afternoon, issued its reply to the strikers' proposition to arbitrate, proposing a committee of nine employees to take up the grievances of the men. The strikers are not recognized unless they return to work. The statement offers to take back the men up to midnight, March 7, that is, those the company has room for. As to arbitration with the strikers under the act of 1903, the statement says that cannot be done, as the relationship between the employees and the employer has been severed.

**How Many Will Strike.**

The number of men that will obey the strike order cannot be approximated at this time. The unions claim an affiliated membership of 10,000. Director of Public Safety Henry Clay declared from an investigation he has made he believes only 20,000 will respond to the leaders. The traction company claims that it has more than 1,000 cars in operation today.

Labor leaders are going ahead with their preparations for the big walkout ordered to take place at midnight tonight. The carpenters and joiners, whose national officers are here, also decided to demand an increase in wages for their men as well as joining in the general sympathetic strike. The leaders on both sides of the controversy are receiving hundreds of telegrams from all over the United States giving them moral support and endorsing their respective attitudes. The strikers are hearing from many labor unions and leaders and the Rapid Transit company is getting letters from associations and employers. The National Association of Manufacturers sent telegrams characterizing its of its well known position on the labor question.

**General Committee Strikers.**

If the general strike goes into effect it will be conducted by a committee of ten, with John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor union, at its head. The committee will meet daily during the continuance of the strike and arrangements have been made to have other union leaders in almost continuous sessions at different halls to take quick action as the situation changes.

The members of the Theatrical Stage Employees' union have been granted a dispensation which provides that they may remain at work until midnight tomorrow. This was done in order that the productions at the various theaters may finish out this week's engagements.

It was reported that the city might be plunged into darkness by a strike of the mechanical forces of the Philadelphia Electric company, which controls all the public and commercial electric lighting business in Philadelphia. An official of the company, however, explained that very few of its employees are connected with unions. The same condition exists relative to employees of the city pumping stations.

The Fresno Painters' union gave notice to its men to quit at 5 o'clock this afternoon and remain away until further notice.

**IOWA OPERA HOUSE BURNED**

Estherville Suffers \$20,000 Loss by  
Early Morning Blaze of Un-  
known Origin.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this morning completely destroyed the opera house here, causing a loss to the Lough estate of \$15,000, with insurance amounting to \$20,000. James S. Cox & Co., publishers, lost \$5,000, covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

**Union Men Restrained.**

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 4.—(Special.)—As a direct result of the recent attack of members of the Terry Peak Miners' union on nonunion men at Terry, the Meigs Mining company has secured in the district court a temporary injunction restraining the union men from in any way interfering with the employees or property of the company. The writ is returnable this month, when the question of whether it will be made permanent will be decided by Judge Rice. This is the first time in many years that an injunction has been resorted to by a Black Hills mining company and was used to prevent further trouble. It is thought that all efforts at violence are at an end, although the smaller companies expect to commence the importation of men like the Homestake, some time this month.

**Lumbermen's Convention Postponed.**

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 4.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the South Dakota Retail Lumbermen's association, which was scheduled to convene in this city this afternoon for sessions lasting until Saturday evening, has been postponed for a period of two weeks. The postponement was due to the death of James W. Parker, a well-known lumberman of Sioux Falls, who was a prominent member of the association.

**Rayner Lashes  
Senator Burkett  
in the Senate**

Maryland Senator Devotes Considerable  
Time to Sarcastic Speech  
Over Postal Bank Measure.

**(From a Staff Correspondent.)**

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—In bitter invective, in which the constitution, its prerogatives and its application to the pending postal savings bank bill were entirely forgotten, Senator Rayner, replying today to Senator Burkett's remarks of recent utterance, gave the Nebraska senator a sarcastic, vituperative tongue-lashing for nearly half an hour. It was a great surprise to his colleagues, many of whom characterized it as an exhibition rarely heard in the senate chamber. Without attempting dignified argument against the propositions advanced by Senator Burkett, Senator Rayner relieved his feelings, which it was evident had been sorely tried by Senator Burkett's address. Senator Burkett was a silent listener, and it is not believed he will make any further reply. Senator Brown today made a favorable report from the Indian affairs committee on Senator Burkett's bill allowing Omaha Indians to submit to the court of claims their claims against the United States. The bill has been favorably passed upon by the Indian office and concurred in by the interior department.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank P. Eastman, deputy commissary general, will proceed to Valentine, Neb., to inspect subsistence supplies.

Carrier carriers appointed are: Nebraska—Kearney, Route 4, C. J. Stewart, carrier; no substitute. Iowa—Hinton, Route 4, David E. March, carrier; no substitute.

**Thirty-Three  
Miners Killed  
By Explosion**

Bodies of Ten More Men Are Found  
in Mexican Shaft of Treadwell  
Mines.

**JUNEAU, Alaska, March 4.—Thirty-**

three miners are dead as a result of Wednesday night's powder magazine explosion in the Mexican shaft of the Treadwell gold mines. It was announced today. Twenty-three bodies were taken out soon after the explosion, eight others were found in a later search, and two died in a hospital. Five other men in the hospital are badly injured. It is supposed the carelessness of a miner caused the explosion. The dead men are mostly foreigners, all copper miners. Stope Boss Nels Rustgard is among the dead.

**FINAL DECREE FOR MRS. ASTOR**

Rumored She Gets \$50,000 a Year  
from Millionaire—Laffer Gives  
a Big Bill.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The interlocutory decree of divorce of Mrs. Astor from her husband, Colonel John W. Astor, was made final today in Justice Miller's court in White Plains. Neither of the parties to the suit appeared in court. Mrs. Astor is now in Europe.

After the decree was signed Mrs. Astor's counsel hurriedly caught a train, leaving an inquiring crowd of reporters at a vain quest to obtain information concerning the alimony settlement and the disposition of the two Astor children. Report has it that Mrs. Astor will receive \$50,000 a year alimony.

Mrs. Astor brought suit against Colonel Astor last year for a divorce on statutory grounds.

Colonel Astor gave a ball last night in his newly remodeled mansion on Fifth avenue.

**SANTA FE TRAIN IS DERAILED**

Several Passengers Injured in Wreck  
Twenty Miles West of  
Pueblo.

PUEBLO, Colo., March 4.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 68, which left here at 1:30 p. m. for La Junta, was wrecked twenty miles west of here this afternoon by spreading rails. Several passengers were injured. The train was made up of a baggage car and two coaches and all the cars left the track and overturned. The most seriously injured were taken to La Junta. It is not believed that any of the injured will die. Among the injured was J. A. Vincent of Washington, D. C.

**Children Burn to Death.**

GRAHAM, Mo., March 4.—Bruce Donaldson, aged 5 years and Margaret Canacker, aged 4, were burned to death this afternoon as the result of a gasoline explosion in a stove house at the Canacker home, where the children were playing. It is possible the children set fire to the gasoline with matches.

**High School Boys and Girls  
Bunch Up for Big Colleges****Where shall the Omaha high school girls go to college?**

Once this was a question to be settled by official papers and doing mamma. Now the girls of the high school are banded into a "college club," where they, after mature deliberation and weighty councils, will, in the vastness of their wisdom, determine the worthy and proper institution to be graced by their attendance. Maybe there is the least wee bit of a possibility that certain schools which might not exactly claim Omaha as territory tributary to their fashionable eastern college halls, might take an altruistic interest in the "college club."

An educational kidnappers' trust? Oh, horrors, no! How could one believe that educational institutions founded for the great human uplift could be mercenary? Perish the thought!

Of course it is easier for the college solicitor to get them in bunches or clubs. The "college club" meeting is in session Miss Madylene Blanche, distinguished and well-gowned graduate of Most Any Proper college on the Hudson, is holding forth advising the shouting ideas where to go to bloom.

"Of course, it is not because it is my alma mater, not but that there are other perfectly good schools that would do it we did not have 'ours,' but it is because I am so interested in your welfare."

**SENATE AGAIN  
TAKES RECESS**

Postal Savings Bank Bill is Debated  
by Upper House for  
Hour

**NO VOTE YET IN SIGHT**

Seven or Eight Other Senators Want  
to Make Speeches.

**CUMMINS AMENDMENT FACTOR**

It Seeks to Limit Federal Use of Funds  
to War Time.

**ACRID EXCHANGES OF VIEWS**

Senators Root and Carter Dwell Upon  
Necessity of Protecting the  
Credit of the United  
States.

**WASHINGTON, March 4.—After labor-**

ing today for almost six hours in atmosphere surcharged with the electricity generated by sharp conflict of opinion the senate again failed to reach a vote on the postal savings bank bill and once more took a recess until the following day. The result of this action is that the legislative day of March 3 is continued until tomorrow. There is some uncertainty as to whether final action even then will be reached.

When the recess was taken Senator Carter stated seven or eight senators had expressed a wish to be delivered and he did not want to guess how many other speeches these might provoke.

**Six Hours of Oratory.**

Not during the several weeks that the postal bill has been before the senate has there been a day of debate approaching in any degree the proceedings of today. Beginning at 11:30 o'clock today the story continued without interruption until after 6 o'clock, when in utter despair of reaching the end Mr. Carter moved a recess until 11:45 a. m. tomorrow, when the linguistic exercises will be resumed.

During the day there were speeches by Senator Root, Senator Cummins, Senator Clapp, Senator Clark, Newlands and a number of others representing almost as many views as there were speakers.

The Cummins amendment to the Smoot amendment, limiting to times of war the exigencies in which the postal funds may be withdrawn from the banks in which they are deposited, was the technical subject of discussion during the entire sitting and during that time there were many rather acrid exchanges of views.

**Root and Carter Speak.**

Senator Root dwelt especially upon the necessity of protecting the credit of the country and he appealed strongly to the patriotism of senators that interested. Mr. Carter strongly seconded this appeal and drew even a more vivid picture of the possibility of an unexpected national demand for funds than was presented by the New York senator.

Both Senators Clay and Cummins charged Mr. Smoot with defeatism in originally presenting an amendment prohibiting the withdrawal of the postal funds from the local banks and following that up with another provision authorizing such withdrawal in the contingency of need for the funds by the government.

Mr. Smoot defended his course as due to the fact that he had been convinced of the unconstitutionality of the proposed law without some provision justifying it under the borrowing clause of the constitution. Senator Carter stated frankly that his change of position was due to the parliamentary necessity of putting the bill in such shape as to insure a majority vote for it.

**BASIN TO HAVE NEW JAIL**

County Commissioners Order One  
Built and Will Have New  
Bridges.

BASIN, Wyo., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The county commissioners of Big Horn county have ordered a new county jail and an office for the sheriff to be erected upon the site of the present jail. The old court house, which has been condemned as unsafe and which has been vacated, will by this action now be raised and materially partly used in the construction of the new buildings. Bidders upon the structures to be built must furnish their own working plans and specifications at their own cost. Bids for this work will now be received and opened on April 2, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 percent of the amount of the estimated cost. The Board of Commissioners also ordered new bridges built over Clark Fork river near the mouth of Pat O'Hara, Creek river and Gray Bull river, near Meeteetse.

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News Note—Several Fifteenth Century Historical Frescoes Have Been Found Near Deruta, Italy, Under Several Coats of Whitewash.

**LIVE STOCK MOVEMENT LIGHT**

Government Report Shows Falling  
Off in Receipts.

**HOG SHIPMENTS ARE WAY DOWN**

Grain Receipts Show Decided  
Increase Over Corresponding Pe-  
riod Last Year—Coal Is  
Also Up.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Internal commerce movements for the month of January, 1910, according to statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, showed heavy movements of coal and coke in the east, increased grain receipts at the interior markets, light movements of live stock in the middle west and of cotton in the south.

At seven primary interior markets live stock receipts during the month totaled 6,064,392 head, compared with 2,704,892 and 4,329,338 head received during January, 1909 and 1908. Receipts of hogs were 31 per cent below January, 1909, and 45 per cent below the January, 1908, totals. All the cities sharing in the decline.

Shipments for the month of packing house products from Chicago aggregated 147,390,123 pounds, compared with 139,834,534 and 123,263,423 pounds shipped during January, 1909 and 1908.

Grain receipts during the month at fourteen primary interior markets totaled 65,220,007, compared with 51,223,172 and 66,440,727 bushels in the same month of 1909 and 1908.

The eastward trunk line movement of grain from Chicago and Chicago Junction points during the four weeks in January, 1910, 10,714,000 bushels, showed a decided decline from corresponding figures in 1909 and 1908, when 15,115,000 and 13,497,000 bushels, respectively, were reported.

Sight receipts of cotton during the five months of the present crop season ending in January totaled 8,037,723, as against 10,145,527 bales in January, 1909.

The monthly movement of bituminous coal over seven leading eastern coal carrying railroads, 7,626,741 tons, showed a large increase over the shipments in January, 1909, which amounted to 5,831,365 tons. The estimated coal production at Conneville during five weeks ending January 23 was 2,304,222 tons, compared with 1,312,679 tons in January, 1909.

The largest bequests of the property located here were made to the unmarried children of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, sister-in-law of Colonel Swope, each of whom was given \$100,000.

Mrs. Frances Hyde, wife of Dr. B. C. Hyde, was given \$25,000.

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**Bad River Gorge  
Resists Effort  
to Break it Up**

Few More Warm Days on Dakota  
Prairies Will Start Thaw that  
Will Make Flood.

PIERRE, S. D., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The thaw at the mouth of the Bad River is yet holding, this evening, against the fact that dynamite has been used on it all day. The water is in the lower section of Fort Pierre and a number of families have been moving out today. Gorges are holding at Philip and Cappa, keeping the water back up to the present very little snow has melted on the prairie, but a warm day will start it and every possible effort is being made at Fort Pierre to break the gorge before this additional flood water can come down stream. Up to the present no great damage has been done, but the situation is full of possibilities for heavy loss.

YANKTON, S. D., March 4.—(Special.)—The weather has been very warm here of late and there is every likelihood of the Missouri river going out any minute. The pontoon bridge has been removed to a place of safety to prevent loss.

KEARNY, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The Standard Bridge company of Omaha has finished its work on the Platte river bridge south of town and the bridge was opened again for traffic Thursday morning. Much danger now arises by the ice breaking up in the river. Already the river has risen to great heights and it is feared that it will be out of its banks should the thawing weather continue as it has the last few days. Farmers fear that their fields along the bottoms will be under water as the river is still rising rapidly.

**SWOPE WEALTH FOUR MILLION**

Largest Bequests by Kansas City Phil-  
anthropist Were to Mrs. Logan  
O. Swope's Children.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4.—Colonel Thomas H. Swope owned property in this county valued at \$3,437,790, according to his will, which was probated here today. Property he owned in Tennessee, Kentucky and other states increased the total value of the estate to almost \$4,000,000.

The largest bequests of the property located here were made to the unmarried children of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, sister-in-law of Colonel Swope, each of whom was given \$100,000.

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**PINCHOT AND  
LAWYER CLASH**

Former Forester and Attorney for  
Secretary Ballinger Wrangle  
Over Meaning of Questions.

**LETTERS READ INTO RECORD**

Witness Says it is Hard to Explain  
Forestry Affairs to Some Men.

**HE REITERATES HIS CHARGES**

Again Accuses Secretary of Deceiving  
President Taft.

**SENDING RANGERS TO SCHOOL**

Lawyer Attempts to Show that Gar-  
field and Pinchot Were in Habit  
of Disregarding Limitations  
of the Law.

**WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Ballinger-**

Pinchot investigation dragged slowly along through two sessions today. Mr. Vretees, counsel for Secretary Ballinger, continued his cross-examination of Gifford Pinchot. He elicited some interesting facts from the former forester, but for the most part the day was taken up largely with wrangles between the counsel of the witness and sometimes between Mr. Vretees and counsel for the other side. Mr. Pinchot complained to the committee that it was difficult to explain forest service matters to a man so little informed on the subject as Mr. Vretees appeared to be. The members of the committee showed considerable impatience during the course of the session and Senator Flint repeatedly urged counsel to stop wrangling and try to get down to facts.

Many of Mr. Vretees' questions were based upon documentary evidence and he read copiously from the record of the case. Senator Flint declared the one letter had been placed in the record at least twenty different times.

**Charges Are Reiterated.**

Mr. Pinchot admitted his first hand knowledge of Mr. Ballinger's acts was very limited, but he reiterated that the secretary of the interior had deceived the president regarding the Cunningham coal cases and had made a statement to the president which was "obviously untrue."

Mr. Vretees at the afternoon session questioned Mr. Pinchot closely regarding the sending of forest rangers to agricultural colleges and brought out the fact that Mr. Pinchot was under the impression he had informed the secretary of agriculture of what he was doing, but was not willing to swear to it. The attorney sought to show that Mr. Pinchot and former Secretary of the Interior Garfield were in the habit of doing what they thought best regardless of the law and that their antagonism to Mr. Ballinger was brought about by his determination to proceed wholly within the law.

**Wrangles Over Questions.**

Mr. Vretees, counsel for Secretary Ballinger, and Mr. Pinchot got into long wrangles as to the meaning of some of the lawyer's questions. They also argued almost continuously as to inferences to be drawn from documentary evidence.

Mr. Vretees did draw from the witness the fact that in the Cunningham case he had said as reflecting upon Mr. Ballinger in connection with the Cunningham case was based on the letter sent by Mr. Ballinger to President Taft on November 15.

With reference to his claim that Mr. Ballinger had deceived the president concerning a decision by the controller of the treasury, Mr. Pinchot admitted that Mr. Ballinger's written statement to the president was a fair one and the documents that he submitted were all that properly bore on the case. He insisted, however, that there was the "unavoidable inference" that Mr. Ballinger had communicated in some other way with the president.

Mr. Vretees also brought out that the co-operative agreement with the forest service, which Mr. Ballinger discontinued, was not the usual