

WICKERSHAM HEARS COMPLAINT

Representatives of Omaha and Other Western Cities Are Given a Chance to Explain.

PROTESTANTS WENT IN FORCE

Traffic Men Accompanied by Many Members of Congress.

ATTORNEY GENERAL INTERESTED

Asks Many Questions and Delves Into Details.

McVANN AND OTHERS URGENT

Government Asked to Intervene at Once to Prevent Rise in Rates and Prosecute the Railroad Combination.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The culmination of the action of the shippers' meeting, held in Omaha on May 27, came today when a committee appointed at that meeting, accompanied by many senators and representatives from Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, had a conference with Attorney General Wickersham, at which the committee presented to the head of the Department of Justice an urgent appeal that the machinery of that department be set in motion under the terms of the Sherman act to dissolve the association of railroads known as the Western Trunk Line company and to enforce the railroad laws and their agents in putting in effect and collecting the advances promulgated by the association through its agent, W. H. Hoerner of Chicago.

The appeal of the shippers was presented by Hon. William Duff Hayne of Chicago, counsel for the Illinois Manufacturers' association. He represented that the obvious tariffs were to become effective June 1 and that shippers despaired of getting any action under the interstate commerce law, since that action would necessarily involve complaint, hearing and argument, and consequently long delay. The advances of June 1, he said, would follow numerous other advances that had been made since the Hepburn law took effect, and the unanimous expression of the meeting of shippers at Omaha was to the effect that it would be impossible for the producers, manufacturers and consumers to bear this additional burden.

Urged Wickersham to act. For this reason and for the reason that both houses of congress had refused to exempt railroads from the operation of the Sherman law, the shippers, finding railroads deaf to their appeals, decided to invoke the power conferred on the attorney general by the terms of that statute to prosecute combinations in restraint of trade.

It was urged upon the attorney general that in the famous Transmissoria freight association case the federal courts had previously enjoined all members of that association both from continuing their conspiracy and from entering into any similar conspiracy in future. Inasmuch as a number of defendants, enjoined in that proceeding, are members of the trunk line company, it was strongly represented that if that company was permitted to be in a conspiracy, those roads were in contempt of the federal courts.

By request of the attorney general, the members of the shippers' committee remained after the departure of senators and representatives to confer with him in detail the basis of the complaint he was asked to file and evidence that would be forthcoming in support of the allegations that would necessarily be embodied in such a bill. This discussion was continued for quite two hours.

E. J. McVann, manager of the traffic bureau of the Omaha Commercial club; H. G. Wilson, transportation commissioner of the Kansas City Commercial club; John M. Glenn, secretary of the Illinois Manufacturers' association; W. J. Evans, secretary of the National Association of Import and Export Manufacturers; H. J. Krake, commissioner of the St. Joseph Business Men's league; A. R. Ehl and F. S. Pool of the John Deere Plow company, and Charles Zielke, representing Milwaukee interests, went over in detail the basis of organization, methods of procedure and the objections of the Western Trunk Line committee.

Official deeply interested.

The attorney general was deeply interested in the presentations made by the traffic experts and not content with covering fully the ground on the conspiracy question, drew them out on the reasonableness of the proposed advances, the possible justification of them and the feeling of shipping public with regard to them. The traffic men were unanimous and emphatic in the statement that, based on all their investigations, the records of the railroads themselves, the advances were unjustified and unreasonable, and that they expressed the feeling of all communities they represented.

At the termination of the conference the attorney general expressed himself as being gratified over the information furnished him and stated the appeal of the shippers would be given most careful consideration.

As evidencing the grave importance to Omaha and other communities on Missouri river of the advances already made, Mr. McVann gave the attorney general a brief statement of the packing house situation, showing that in 1909, 110,000 cars of produce from the packing houses on the Missouri river were shipped to Chicago and the east. On this business the advance of 5 cents per hundred weight recently made would have amounted to a minimum of \$10 per car, or considerably over \$1,000,000. No definite figures were given covering other items, but the total represented by them affecting Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs will amount to hundreds of thousands more.

Mr. McVann, who arrived with the commercial days in connection with interstate commerce matters, which require attention.

There were present at the conference, besides the senators and representatives from Nebraska: Brown, Hubbard and Hitchcock, Iowa; Kendall, Hubbard and Clark, Minnesota; Clapp, Miller, Lindberg, Volstead, Davis, Wisconsin; and from Missouri: Warner, Morgan, and others.

Chinese Are Not Talking About the Boycott Now On

Opinion Prevails in California that Movement is Made to Secure Some Legislative Concessions.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—Local Chinese are reticent concerning the reported organization of a general boycott against American goods. None of the powerful six companies' officials will discuss the movement, but it is learned that it had its origin in China, and not here. The organizers are said to be well-to-do Chinese who either have been refused original admission to this country or have been sent back on attempting to re-enter the United States after previous residence.

Another source of complaint seems to be the rigid system of examinations of Chinese entrants at this port. Wealthy local merchants on re-entrance after visits to China are said to have complained bitterly of these minute physical examinations, particularly the new "tissue test" to determine age and general condition of health.

Spanish Veterans Form New Camp

William L. Geddes Camp No. 5 Organized at Alliance—Memorial Services Are Held.

ALLIANCE, Neb., May 30.—(Special.)—William L. Geddes Camp No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans, was organized and mustered by Department Commander E. H. Phelps of Lincoln here last night with twenty-five charter members.

The soldiers of the Spanish war, in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic, held memorial services in the afternoon at the Phelan Opera house, the oration being delivered by Rev. Mr. Yallow of the Methodist Episcopal church, after which the soldiers' graves in Greenwood cemetery were decorated.

A pleasing feature during the afternoon was the visiting of the homes of two old soldiers, who were sick and unable to attend, and the leaving of flowers with them.

In the evening the camp was formally mustered with the following officers: Commander, Bert Laing; senior vice commander, James F. Hillon; junior vice commander, James F. Hillon; adjutant, Carter E. Ham; sergeant, John J. Jordan; quartermaster, W. S. Wheaton; trustees, Bert Laing, Carter E. Ham and John J. Jordan.

The camp is named for Sergeant William L. Geddes of Company C, First Nebraska, who died on a transport en route to the Philippines, June 21, 1898, and was buried at sea, being the first soldier from the First Nebraska who died in the war.

Crew of Sunken Submarine Dead

Examination of Hull by Divers Proves that All Men Were Drowned.

CALAIS, France, May 30.—Inspection by divers of the sunken French submarine Pluton, which was in a collision with the Cross channel steamer, Pas De Calais last Thursday, shows conclusively that the hull of the submarine was crushed and that all of the members of the crew, which totaled twenty-seven men, were drowned.

The heavy undertow and the great depth at which the wreck lies, are retarding the operations of the divers, who are only able to work two hours each tide.

It has been found impossible to raise the sunken craft to the surface, so the submarine will be attached by chains to pontoons after which, at each high tide, it will be towed in near shore, until shallow water is reached. The work of getting it in shore probably will take ten days.

Roosevelt Guest of Geographers

Former President Takes Lunch with Royal Society and Meets Distinguished Personages.

LONDON, May 30.—The Royal Geographical society entertained Mr. Roosevelt and several other distinguished persons at luncheon today.

Among those invited to meet the former president were Lord Kitchener, Commander Robert E. Peary, Lord Curzon, Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada; Sir Harry Johnston, Sir Francis Younghusband, Frederick C. Selous, the hunter and naturalist and I. A. N. Duxton.

BODY OF KELLNER CHILD IS FOUND

Corpse of Girl Supposed to Have Been Kidnaped Discovered in Cellar of School House.

EVIDENCE POINTS TO A MURDER Little Alma, Eight Years Old, Missing Since December.

REMAINS UNDER FLOOR OF SCHOOL HOUSE Found by a Plumber Working in Basement.

JANITOR WINDLING DISAPPEARS

Suspicion Points to Man Who Has Gone and Police Seek to Ascertain His Whereabouts.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 30.—A body which has been identified as that of Alma Kellner, the 8-year-old daughter of Fred L. Kellner, who disappeared from her home last December, was found in a sub-basement of St. John's Catholic school at Clay and Walnut streets this morning. The condition of the corpse for several months.

The police believe the child was murdered. The body was found wrapped in a piece of carpet, save for one limb, which was found in another part of the basement and investigation showed a crude attempt at burning the body.

The detectives are detaining a woman, who has confessed that several months ago she had washed the clothes of a child without knowing who the child was. The police are hunting for Joseph Windling, the janitor of St. John's school, who disappeared January 22 last.

Wife of the Janitor. The woman is Mrs. Windling, wife of the missing janitor.

Windling, or Wendling as he is sometimes known, is 32 years of age, and his wife is much his senior.

Messages have been sent to the police in all parts of the country to apprehend the janitor.

The coroner's investigation disclosed that the girl's skull was crushed and practically severed from the body and broken and charred. The coroner said it was evident that the body had been broken and dismembered and then packed in a stove or grate, but this means of disposition having perhaps been interrupted quicklime had been used to aid in the disintegration.

The body was not in the fire long, it is thought, for the covers were only partly charred and some of the flesh still adhered, but crumbled to the touch.

"The scene of the find is only five blocks from the Kellner home. From the day Alma Kellner left her home on December 8 to attend the service at St. John's church, no trace has been found of her before today.

Found by Plumber. The body was found by a plumber, the cellar in which the body was discovered, is six feet wide by ten feet long, and is reached by two entrances, one a trap door inside of the school house, which has not been opened for several months, and the other an outer door. This cellar was searched four days after the girl's disappearance, but nothing was found.

One hundred children, convened in several rooms on the first and second floors, were hurriedly dismissed from their classes and sent home when the find was reported to them in charge of the school.

Frank Fehr, the millionaire brewer and uncle of the girl, made a hasty examination and stated that the body was that of Alma, for whom he had been searching for months.

A ring on the child's finger was identified. The body was badly decomposed and had probably been in the basement for several months. By noon, several thousand persons were excitedly discussing the case near the school building, where the discovery was made.

Former Governor Mickey is Dying

He Has Been in Comatose Condition Since Sunday Noon and Will Live but Few Hours.

OSCEOLA, Neb., May 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-Governor J. H. Mickey has been in a comatose condition since Sunday noon and it is believed can hardly live out the day. The doctors were summoned last night and have been in constant attendance since.

FIGHT NEAR BLUEFIELDS

Revolutionists Take Two Hundred Prisoners in Battle Fought Monday Morning.



From the Minneapolis Journal.

LONG LIVE THE KING!

ERDMAN AT DYNAMITE HOUSE

Workmen of Louisville Quarry Testify to Seeing Him.

DISCUSSED USE OF EXPLOSIVE

Suspect There Inquired About Properties of Substance—Witnesses Trace Movements of the Accused Man.

His course traced in connection with the actual placing of the Dennison bomb, Frank Erdman is now declared to have been seen in a retirement of dynamite shacks at Louisville, Neb., and to have obtained the charge for the infernal machine there.

Witnesses are expected to appear at the station Monday evening and tell of Erdman's visits in Louisville three days before the Dennison affair occurred.

Mr. Dennison Monday morning told how persons in Louisville testified against the prisoner. It was stated that five or six shanties in that town which contain the only dynamite of the highly explosive variety to be obtained this side of Chicago, were spied upon by the suspect.

One workman at the dynamite plant says that Erdman leaned against the wall of a shanty in which was stored the dynamite and questioned him closely about it. The explosive, he was informed, was to be had from a half dozen receptacles which were kept uncovered about the camp, free to the hands of any who chose to take it. It was used daily by the many workmen in the contract excavating and no suspicion attached to the taking of it.

Bearing this information out, the police are able to show, it is said, that another man occupied Erdman's room for the three days preceding the dynamite attempt.

It is also announced that witnesses are at hand to trace Erdman from the post-office, on a street car and by foot to within sixty feet of the Dennison home at the time the infernal machine is known to have been placed.

The network of evidence against the prisoner includes every essential detail to be considered. Detectives say that the man made threats to them directly against Dennison and Billy Nesbitt. It is recounted that on May 23 he made these threats and that when they were repeated to Mr. Dennison, the latter purchased a revolver and prepared to resist a personal attack.

Since his imprisonment, Erdman has freely declared his animus and violent feelings, swearing to wreak vengeance on his enemies when he shall be released.

Mrs. A. W. Raymond reported having seen a man she thought might have been Erdman, passing through an alley toward the Dennison home, Monday afternoon, she saw at the time of the bomb attempt.

Forty Injured by Collision of Trolley Cars

Excursionists from Oakland, Cal., Enroute to Picnic Grounds Meet with Accident.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 30.—Two cars of the California Electric Railway and Leona Heights lines collided today and about forty persons were hurt, some fatally. The cars were filled with excursionists enroute to picnic grounds.

The motorman on one of the cars suffered the loss of both legs. The injured on both cars are mostly women and children. It is reported that two women had their legs amputated. The scene of the accident is about nine miles from the center of Oakland.

A car containing twelve persons returning from the picnic grounds, failed to take the switch and crashed into an oncoming car crowded with picnickers. The front ends of both cars were practically demolished. The brakes on the outgoing car refused to work, after the accident, and the car, loaded with dying and injured ran away for a mile from the scene of the accident before it could be stopped.

Western Shippers at Washington

Committee Sees Senators and Representatives and Will Call on Attorney General.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Representatives of western railway shipping interests opposed to the increased freight rates on western trunk railroads, to become effective June 1, arrived here today prepared to meet Attorney General Wickersham. They will ask that he proceed against the Sherman anti-trust law and sue for injunction to prevent the proposed advance in the rates going into effect at midnight tomorrow.

A conference of the representatives of the shippers was held before the committee visited the Department of Justice. Among the representatives of the shippers in the conference were, E. J. McVann, manager of the traffic bureau of the Commercial club of Omaha; Albert E. Clark, counsel of the Minneapolis Traffic association, and others.

The conference was visited by Senator Clapp of Minnesota, Senator Warren of Missouri, and a number of western congressmen.

TAFT REVIEWS VETERANS

Presence of President is Feature of Memorial Day in New York.

OLD GUARD ACTS AS ESCORT

Generals Sickles, Stahl, McCook, Porter, Day and Hubbard and Other Notable Men in the Reviewing Stand.

NEW YORK, May 30.—New York today observed Memorial day not with traditional ceremony, but with the unusual honor of the presence of the president of the United States to review the parade of the veterans. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. Enormous crowds were drawn to the streets and avenues lining ranks about the stand at the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, where President Taft watched the Grand Army men and kindred organizations pass in a review.

As usual, the day was kept as a general holiday, and after the morning's impressive ceremonial was over, the city's throngs gave themselves up to recreation in the city.

President Taft arrived early from Washington and was driven to the residence of his brother, Henry W. Taft. Breakfast was followed by a meeting with the other members of the reviewing party and a brief reception at the Sherman Square hotel.

The trip to the reviewing stand was in order, with the old guard as the honor, comprising the veterans' corps, artillery, military society of the war of 1812. The distinguished party invited to surround Mr. Taft on the reviewing stand comprised Major General Daniel E. Sickles and Major General Julius H. Stahl, Brigadier Generals Anson G. Cook, Horace Porter, Nicholas W. Day, Walter Howe, John T. Lickman and Thomas H. Hubbard, together with a number of congressmen and other notables.

A detachment of regular army men headed the marchers, whose route was shortened so that the aging veterans would not be too greatly fatigued by their tramp. Followed by sailors and marines from the battleships Connecticut and Rhode Island, the head of the parade moved up Westend Riverside drive and on past the stand at the monument. The state troops, including the Seventh, Twelfth, Seventy-first and Sixty-ninth regiments, marched next and then came the veterans.

Numerous other ceremonies of a patriotic nature featured the day in the city. These included services at Grant's tomb, on Riverside drive, by Ulysses S. Grant post and decoration of graves of veterans in the cemeteries, while grand army exercises

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A new feature for business people, "Talks for people who sell things," on the editorial page.

These "talks" about salesmanship and advertising are helpful and suggestive.

Business men will find new ideas.

Salesmen and saleswomen of every degree will gain by reading them from day to day.

Two Hundred Men Building Church in a Single Day

PEORIA, Ill., May 30.—To start the construction of a church and finishing it in ten hours is one of the features of Memorial day here today. The work was started at 7 o'clock this morning and was in charge of Earl Stout of the Carpenters' Union, who has seventy-five men under his direction.

There will be no labor troubles, because 125 members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Central Christian church will work shoulder to shoulder with the union carpenters. Rev. W. F. Turner, pastor of the mission, who has just returned from a two months' leave of absence, took off his coat and marched the Men's Brotherhood to the site of a strenuous day's work under the slogan of "A Man's Work in a Man's Way. We'll Build a Church in a Single Day."

The climax will come at 6 o'clock this evening, when a praise meeting will be held from the fact that it will be clear of all indebtedness.

SAVIDGE HITS THE HIGH MARK

In His Thirty Years in the Ministry He Has Married Two Thousand Couples.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge reached the 2000 mark in his long career as a marrying man, Sunday, when he married Miss Emma Hingst, daughter of Henry F. Hingst, of Emerson, Neb., and Mr. Julius A. Filas, at his residence at 526. They were accompanied by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Filas, and his sister, Miss Alpha Filas.

OMAHA HONORS DEAD PATRIOTS

Loving Hands Strew Flowers on the Graves of Veterans of Civil and Spanish Wars.

CONFEDERATES NOT FORGOTTEN

Old and Young Survivors of Campaigns Join in Parade.

RANKS ARE STEADILY THINNING

Former Senator Allen Delivers a Memorial Address.

UNITED STATES AS PEACEMAKER

Because of Its Inexhaustible Resources, This Nation Can Impress Its Ideas on All the Powers of Earth.

Their ranks are thinning, but the Grand Army veterans still march with pride and purpose. In their showing on the streets of Omaha yesterday their steady front and dignified march did not lose anything even by contrast with the spry swing of the naval reserves, the regular tramp of the militia and the care-free rhythm of the cadets, except as to speed.

Old warriors who might well claim the privilege of riding, sturdily clustered about the shimmering flags that long ago won their love and devotion. Some were inclined to totter even, while many of them stepped carefully and slow; but all along the line that comprised the members of the four Omaha posts the port of the aging marchers was good to see. And there be those among them who, despite the flight of years that have witnessed a generation come and go, still bear all the appearance of being able to stand again the shock of war's alarms.

Following the heavy rain of Sunday night Monday offered ideal weather conditions for the program to be carried out under the plans of the Grand Army men, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army. The sun came out early and helped to brighten the day, while the dust was well laid and a sprightly breeze made the atmosphere that long ago won their love and devotion.

The veterans and their other organizations that marched with them began to gather in the streets around the postoffice building at 2 o'clock. Again the old flags they have marched under for many years were brought out and some new ones also flouted their folds in the breeze.

Old drums and fifes that have taken on all the attributes of companionship to the men who use them and sweet mellowness to those who hear them on each recurring Memorial day were fondled lovingly and carefully tested by their owners before the parade began to move. And ancient cronies of the war days, arriving at the rendezvous, greeted each other with sprightly salutation and merry jest. Earlier in the day most of them had assisted in the ceremonies to decorate with sweet flowers the resting places of the old-time marchers who have gone on ahead. Now they were in a mood to take joy to the full from the touch of hand and kindly exchanges of greeting.

From the sidewalks friends and relatives, old and young, viewed the veterans with the interest that never dies, and the patriotic glow of the colors and uniforms was reflected in kindling eyes. The spectators were thoroughly entertained with the columns forming before their view, and they let the fact be known.

Judge W. W. Eastman, the fife, and his drummers, as usual, livened the crowds by martial airs while the parade was forming.

Order of Parade. Elijah Dunn, marshal of the day, and his aides, Jonathan Edwards, Charles W. Allen and Perry Miller, led a goodly contingent of elements of the parade shod up on time and it moved in the following order:

- Platoon of Police.
- Elijah Dunn, Marshal of the Day.
- Sixteenth Infantry Band.
- FIRST DIVISION. Charles W. Allen, Assistant Marshal. Naval Reserves. National Guard.
- SECOND DIVISION. Jonathan Edwards, Assistant Marshal. High School Cadets. Grand Army of the Republic and Other Civil War Veterans.
- THIRD DIVISION. Perry Miller, Assistant Marshal. Spanish War Veterans. Carriages.

Some in Carriages. In the carriages rode the members of the city council, the Board of Education, Dr. S. K. Spalding, chairman of the day, former Senator W. V. Allen, orator of the day, and a score or more of veterans and their wives too feeble to join the march.

Roaring Greeting for Paraders. When the head of the parade reached the auditorium way was made for the fife and drum group, and the little band came thundering in as if they were a score instead of only three or four. Cheers greeted them, and the Sixteenth infantry band, which had gone in ahead and was waiting, made the air rattle with the strains of "The Girl I Left Behind Me." "John Brown's Body" and "Tixie." Volleys of cheers greeted the medley.

Special seats had been arranged on the arena floor for the old and young veterans and for the militiamen, cadets and naval reserves. The boxes were filled with the women's auxiliary to the posts and camps, and the balcony had a goodly sprinkling of interested citizens, men, women and children.

The auditorium exercises opened with the singing of "America" by the Young Men's Christian association quartet, many of the audience joining in. Then Rev. Edwin H. Jenks made the invocation and Comrade S. B. Jones read off the names of those who have died during the last year. After "Taps" had been impressively rendered by a bugler of the naval reserves the band played a dirge and Rev. T. J. Mackay read with fine effect Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

In his introductory remarks, before presenting Senator Allen, Dr. Spalding took occasion to say that when treason is elevated to the hall of fame it puts the blood mark on every man who fought to resist the encroachments of rebellion.

Allen Reviews Grant Conflict. In opening his address, which was rather brief, Senator Allen traced the cause of the civil war and then entered on the consequences thereof. The sun blinding flow from the great struggle he held to be

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