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DEADLOCK OVER PULLMAN RATES

Offer of Company to Make Reductions Opposed Both by Railroads and Attorney General

WOULD CHEAPEN U. S. BIRTH Decrease in Case of Some for the Lower.

NEITHER SIDE IS S. O. D. Assertions that Cuts Are Too Small and Too Small.

STATES TO STAND ON PETITION

Railways Object to Proposed Action on Allegation that They Must Bear Portion of Burden of Decreases.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—An offer of the Pullman company to reduce the rates charged for upper berths in sleeping cars 20 per cent where lower berths were priced more than \$1.50, to make the price of upper berth \$1.25 as a minimum and reduce some lower berth rates, was opposed here today by the Interstate Commerce commission here today by attorneys general of four states and by two railroads.

Opposition to the plan was offered on the part of the railroads on the allegation that they would have to stand a part of the brunt of the increased prices and by the attorneys general on the claim that the reduction was not sufficient.

"I don't think the 20 per cent reduction represents the difference in service value of an upper and lower berth," said Attorney General James Bingham of Indiana.

"It isn't enough, I state on my petition," said Attorney General John S. Dawson of Kansas.

"Here, too," agreed Attorney Luther Walters, representing Attorney General Norwood of Arkansas.

"It isn't at all satisfactory," concluded Attorney General Charles West of Oklahoma.

Deadlock Results. Commissioners Franklin K. Lane and E. E. Clark, therefore, were confronted by an offer of voluntary reduction of rates for upper and also a number of material reductions on lower berth rates, which the railroads said were too large and the state officials called too small.

The Pullman company's reduction schedule included the following cuts on lower berth rates, upon which, as on remaining existing rates, the 20 per cent charge for upper berths proposed, do not apply.

Chicago to New York..... 4.50 New York to Tampa..... 4.50 Poughkeepsie to New York..... 1.00 Bend, Ind., to Chicago..... 1.00 New York to St. Augustine, Fla., or Savannah, Ga..... 1.00 New York to East St. Louis, Ill..... 1.00

Changes. New rates proposed by the company include these: St. Paul or Minneapolis to Seattle and Pacific coast points..... 11.00 New York to Chicago..... 4.00 Chicago to San Francisco..... 12.00

The former Minnesota-Pacific coast rate was \$12 and from Chicago to San Francisco \$14.

The commission will hear further arguments, and if held advisable, will receive evidence in the specific cases combined in one hearing.

Great Northern Protests. The Great Northern railroad, which owns its own sleeping cars, protested against the proposed reduction in rates on the ground that it, too, would have to stand the reduction and would have to stand the entire loss. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, which also owns its own sleepers, was represented, but no comment was made on the proposal.

G. S. Fernald, assistant general solicitor of the Pullman company, said: "We decided that although the upper berths cost more to build, furnish and maintain than the lower, public discrimination against the upper required a reduction in their price. Where the lower berth is rated at \$1.50 the upper will be \$1.25 and in all instances other than this the upper will cost 50 per cent of the lower."

"Not a rate has been raised by this new schedule, but we are endeavoring to adjust all charges to correspond with the eastern standard of 6 mills a mile. However, the lower berth rate from Chicago to New York is unchanged."

ONE BID FOR BATTLESHIP Newport News Company Offers to Build Vessel Within Six Million Dollar Limit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company submitted the only bid for the construction of the new 7,000-ton battleship authorized to be constructed at a private shipbuilding plant. The bid was opened at the Navy department today.

The other battleship authorized at the last session of congress will be built at the New York navy yard.

The Newport News company will construct the battleship in thirty-six months and guarantee twenty-eight knots speed.

It is generally believed that the Navy department that lack of competition for the battleship contracts was due to the publication in the naval appropriation bill stipulating that the work must be done in accordance with the strictest specifications.

As all the proposals of the Newport News company are under the \$6,000,000 limit prescribed by law, it is generally believed the company will receive the contract.

The two battleships will be the largest and most powerful vessels in the United States navy.

FIVE HUNDRED FOR A KISS Young Widow at Sharepoint Given Judgment Against Man Old Enough to Know Better.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 1.—In the court yesterday Judge A. J. Murfit held that the kiss of a young widow was worth \$500. The decision was rendered in the case of Mrs. Grace Hunter against J. K. Norman, former postmaster at Oil City, this parish. It was at the office that the alleged offense was committed. She sued for \$500. Judge Murfit admonished Norman that he looked old enough to know better.

Oil and Live Stock Interests Have Their Inning at Hearing

Evidence in Eastern Case is Completed and Agreement Reached for Arguments to Begin January 9.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—As the final chapter of the testimony in the eastern trunk line freight advance case, witnesses testified before the Interstate Commerce commission today that the increase was seriously handicap the independent oil and live stock industries. G. W. Bolts, traffic manager of the National Petroleum company, contended that instead of an increase a reduction in the freight rates was imperative if the independents were to be permitted to exist.

William W. Rorer of Philadelphia, a certified public accountant, who has been examining the accounts of the Union Petroleum company, testified that the company's total volume of sales was \$2,000,000 annually, that its plant and equipment was valued at \$300,000, and that the net annual profit was \$100,000, from which must be deducted \$20,000 for depreciation of property.

E. H. Cowan of Fort Worth, Texas, counsel for the Cattle Raisers' association and the American Live Stock association, said the advance spelled injustice to his interests, the increased schedule ranging from 10 to 15 per cent.

James I. Whitfield of Kansas City, traffic manager of the Burnham-Hanna-Munger company, stated that the increase carried an additional cost to them of \$16,000 a year. This closed the testimony.

Counsel for both sides in conference reached an agreement that Frank Lyon for the shippers should open oral arguments on January 9, when the eastern trunk line territory case would be taken up. The arguments in the western case, it was agreed, would begin on January 16.

Express Employes Accept Settlement Drivers and Helpers Are Given an Increase of Five to Eight Cents an Hour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Final settlement of the strike among express company employes which tied up the express business of the big transcontinental companies in this city for several weeks recently was effected early today, when a meeting of the drivers and helpers voted to accept the terms offered by their employers. The men returned to work some time ago on the understanding that an adjustment as to wages and hours would be reached by December 1. The agreement now reached goes into effect today.

An advance of from 5 to 8 per cent in wages was agreed to by the majority of the companies. It was understood that there will be further negotiations with the Adams Express company officials, the men of that company not being entirely satisfied with the terms offered, but accepting the new schedule tentatively. The delivery hour day will run for all the men and work on Sundays and holidays will not be required. The new agreement establishes the open shop.

The dragging of the negotiations through the last several days had caused fears of a possible Christmas holiday matter, but these were dispelled by the agreement reached today.

Pennsylvania Gains Twenty-One Per Cent Population of Keystone State is More Than Seven and a Half Millions—Figures for West Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The population of the state of Pennsylvania is 7,655,111, according to statistics of the census made public today. This is an increase of 1,208,206, or 21.8 per cent over 5,202,115 in 1904. The increase from 1900 to 1904 was 1,044,104, or 19.9 per cent.

The counties of Pennsylvania having more than 100,000 population are: Allegheny..... 1,018,441 Lehigh..... 115,852 Berks..... 138,121 Luzerne..... 242,136 Blair..... 104,828 Montgomery..... 109,500 Chester..... 194,211 Northampton..... 127,067 Columbia..... 138,121 Lancaster..... 111,430 Dauphin..... 112,500 Philadelphia..... 1,549,093 Erie..... 118,117 Schuylkill..... 124,093 Fayette..... 147,468 Washington..... 143,569 Lackawanna..... 238,570 Westmoreland..... 231,304 Lancaster..... 167,028 York..... 124,093

The population of the state of West Virginia is 1,231,113, according to statistics of the thirteenth census made public today. This is an increase of 252,819, or 27.4 per cent over 958,294 in 1900. The increase from 1900 to 1904 was 196,056, or 20.7 per cent.

Ranchman Barricades Himself After Fight John H. Dunbar Shoots H. H. Miller and Then Fortifies Himself in His House.

VALENTINE, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram).—John H. Dunbar, a ranchman, shot and dangerously wounded Homer H. Miller, also a ranchman, at a place twenty miles southwest of Cody. They were having trouble over Miller's sheep. Dunbar is now barricaded in his house and Sheriff Rossler has left with a posse to arrest him. It is thought he will make a fight and will resist arrest.

Negro Holds Up Train Passengers and is Shot

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Jack Thomas, negro, of Blytheville, Ark., turned bandit tonight, terrorized and robbed passengers on a westbound St. Louis and San Francisco fast train and in the end was shot to death by A. B. Walton, railroad watchman.

The train had just started across the bridge over the Mississippi on the outskirts of Memphis, when Thomas, revolver in hand, emerged through the doorway which separated the white and negro smoking compartments.

In true frontier style the negro commanded "hands up" and without further ceremony a score of hands went up. Then he passed his victims along into the negro section of the car, emptying their pockets as they went along. Four had been divested of their purses and trinkets when Walton appeared on the scene, summoned from the rear platform by a fare collector, who had escaped the eyes of the negro.

Walton fired as he entered the coach, the bullet striking the negro just above the heart. He staggered and attempted to aim his weapon, but Walton continued his fire. Two other bullets lodging in the negro's body. Thomas toppled over when the last bullet struck him and was already dead when the watchman made his way through the now panic-stricken passengers. One of Walton's bullets went wild, striking an unidentified negro and inflicting a slight wound.

BALFOUR'S COUP ONLY BOOMERANG?

Leaders Assert Opponents Changed Policy in Last Effort to Catch Votes at Any Cost.

TARIFF REFORMERS LUKEWARM More Ardent Speakers Not So Ready to Endorse Pledge.

UNIONISTS MUCH ENCOURAGED House-to-House Canvass Continues in Spite of Weather.

LIBERALS NOT DISHEARTENED They See in Attempt to Change Issue an Effort to Regain Power at the Sacrifice of Principles.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The ultimate effect of the opposition's attempt to unload the tariff reform issue for the purpose of the present campaign is still in doubt. While the unionists were greatly encouraged by Mr. Balfour's sudden and surprising announcement that he would not object to the submission of the question to a referendum, the leader's bold stroke has far from disheartened the liberals, who find therein good ammunition and are accusing their opponents of changing their policy daily in a desperate effort to catch votes and so secure power at any cost.

Moreover, the more ardent tariff reformers, who yesterday congratulated Mr. Balfour on his skillful maneuvering, were not so ready today to endorse his pledge.

Speaking at Manchester, Andrew Bonar Law, unionist member for Dulwich division of Camberwell, refused to "eat my words," adding that if the unionists obtained an adequate majority at the polls they would be bound to enact a tariff reform measure. The first members returned to the new Parliament will be unionists. In many constituencies nominations will be made tomorrow and in at least nine instances there will be no contests. These included the city of London seats and those held by Joseph Chamberlain and Jesse Collings of Birmingham and George Wyndham of Dover.

House to House Canvass. The weather for the campaign severely could be worse. Outdoor meetings planned at many places necessarily have been abandoned. The house-to-house canvassing, however, continues and there is no letup in the usual indoor demonstrations. The leaders are keeping hard at it. Home Secretary Churchill is leading the van of the government forces, addressing two or three meetings every evening, besides making brief speeches during the day while traveling from one end of the country to the other.

Frederick E. Smith, a barrister and writer for the Walton division of Liverpool, is running a good second to the secretary, while Chancellor, Lord George, John Burns and other effective speakers from both sides are keeping busy.

Lord Lansdowne is showing great energy in support of his proposals for the reform of the House of Lords. Today he addressed a big meeting at Portsmouth in the interests of Lord Bessborough, whose seat for Portsmouth is seriously threatened by the liberalist. Sir Edward Grey has arranged to reply to Lansdowne.

The weather has incapacitated many candidates and speakers, among the number being Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, and Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty.

The women, as usual in England, are taking a prominent part in the campaign, and residents of the east end, where the working class communities live, are frequently diverted by the appearance of motor cars filled with fur-clad women.

COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST EXECUTOR OF YERKES' WILL

Widow Alleges that Louis Owsley is Misapplying Funds and Asks for His Removal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Alleging on information and belief that Louis Owsley has "wasted and improperly applied" the funds of the estate of Charles T. Yerkes and that he turned over to the Chicago Railway company \$4,000,000 per value bonds at a price that gave a heavy loss to the estate, Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of the traction magnate, today applied to the surrogate's court for his removal as ancillary executor of the Yerkes will. Owsley lives in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Similar action in opposition to Louis Owsley's executorship of the Charles T. Yerkes estate as that taken in New York is in the probate court here. Mrs. Yerkes questions Owsley's offer to sell \$4,000,000 in bonds for 30 per cent of their par value. She asks the sale be forbidden.

KANSAS CITY MAN'S APPEAL

W. B. Clarke Says Government of Alberta Wrongfully Cancelled Contract with Him.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 1.—W. B. Clarke, president of the Alberta & Great Waterways Railroad company, has appealed to the United States government authorities for protection from a loss he says he will suffer as a result of what he claims is the arbitrary action of the government of another country in cancelling a contract with him for a railway to be built to the north. Clarke is a resident of Kansas City.

Dare He Do It?



From the Minneapolis Journal.

MISS TAFT MAKES HER DEBUT

Daughter of President Greeted by Society of Washington.

THIRD DEBUTANTE IN TEN YEARS Executive and Mrs. Taft Present Gracious Young Woman at Brilliant Reception to Official Circles of Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram).—Washington society today for the third time in less than a decade welcomed a White House debutante in the person of Miss Helen Taft, who made her debut this afternoon in one of the most brilliant social functions of the season.

The daughter of President and Mrs. Taft was presented at a reception given between 5 and 7 o'clock, members of the diplomatic corps and official circles, as well as other residents of the capital attending.

Miss Taft may be described as the attractive type of the old-fashioned girl as contrasted with the modern young woman whose staying at home long enough to meet the friends of the family for a debut reception is really regarded as a queerly conceited. Miss Taft has been a good student and most of her holiday pleasures have been with her home circle. She has traveled and her ideas have been formed from a personal view as well as from books. She is just as fond of the pleasures suitable to her age as any girl she knows, but she can also subordinate their number when other uses for her time are suggested.

Like Miss Roosevelt. In some ways Miss Taft is not unlike the last White House debutante, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, as both mothers have had similar ideas as to the bringing up of their daughters and desired as little publicity as possible to attend their movements. Assisting her mother, however, and sometimes, it is expected, taking her place at White House formal functions, Miss Taft will have a more striking position than has ever before been enjoyed by so young a girl. Her friends say that she has the poise and confidence and a regard for what is due to others that will stand her well in this regard, if she is called upon to assume more than the enjoyments of her own home and of those of her friends. Everybody wants to entertain in her honor, and a number are already able to announce the dates on which they may invite their friends to meet her. A long list of dinners, parties, cotillions, luncheons, etc., will occur.

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President Taft's Message Before Cabinet Meeting

Document Considered for Two Hours and Several Slight Changes Made—Special Message Comes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—After having been revised three times, President Taft's message to congress was submitted to a special cabinet conference today. Consideration of the document occupied more than two hours and it is said that several slight changes were made. According to the latest report the message will be ready for distribution Friday night or early Saturday.

Following his regular message President Taft will send a special message to congress, embodying the report of the board of engineers appointed to consider the reclamation projects in the west under the \$20,000,000 appropriation made at the last session of congress.

The engineers have reported on a number of projects and it is said they have recommended some for completion and the abandonment of others.

Ethel Leneve Not on Board the Majestic

Dr. Crippen's Former Companion Reported to Have Taken Passage, but Search Fails.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Though the officers of the steamship Majestic declared on its arrival in quarantine last night that Miss Ethel Leneve was not on board, immigration officials and others made a careful search of the vessel today when it docked to see if the woman companion of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, who was hanged for killing his wife, Belle Elmore, was a passenger. Not a trace of Miss Leneve could be found.

As interesting figure. One of the interesting figures at the meeting in Gannett Bradford of Boston, who was accorded the honor of addressing the body, even though it was pressed for time. Naturally, the governors liked his speech, advocating more power for the chief executive and curbing of legislatures. He bears a remarkable resemblance to Speaker Cannon and came from Boston on his own initiative to preach a doctrine which he thinks will materially aid the states and crystallize the movement for a yearly conference of governors that will bring benefits to the people.

New Jersey had great advantage over other states in laying its claims for the next meeting of the governors. It is the only state represented by a governor and a governor-elect and the place they asked the conference to convene is remote from those social activities that the visitors have partaken of here. The theory is advanced that more real work will be done at any state capital where the residents naturally would want to shower entertainment upon such a distinguished assemblage. Other states wanted the next conference, but two talking for New Jersey said the added inducements of Spring Lake over a capital won and Woodrow Wilson was made the host.

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GOVERNORS HAVE GOOD TIME

Number of Speeches Prepared for Conference Are Not Delivered.

TOO MANY SOCIAL FEATURES Next Session Will Be Held at Spring Lake, N. J.—Governor Woodrow Wilson Will Be the Host.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 1.—Some of the governors attending the third annual conference here will leave with carefully prepared discourses on intricate subjects tucked away for future reference. The social feature of the conference has been paramount and has taken so much time that little business has been transacted.

At the session this morning general discussion of Governor Hadley's address of yesterday was taken up. He spoke on "Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation." Various ideas were given, but each was to the effect that our laws on these subjects were inadequate and that the states should carefully revise them. The appalling death rate on railroads and in mines of this country were compared with the lower rate in European countries in discussing the vast difference in laws of foreign nations and ours regarding the liability of employers.

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FLEGE TRIAL ON; CALL WITNESSES

Taking of Testimony Against Farmer, Charged with Murder of Sister, is Commenced.

NEIGHBORS TAKE THE STAND Members of Hendricks' Family Talk of Fatal Day.

DEFENDANT SHOWS REVOLVER Accused Man Seen with New Weapon Before Tragedy.

HIS ACTIONS ARE QUESTIONED Says Suspect Betrayed Unusual Anxieties in Manic—Coroner and Sheriff Tell of Finding the Body.

PONCA, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram).—Taking of evidence against William Flege, charged with the murder of his sister Louise on June 30, began this afternoon with the testimony of witnesses early on the scene of the murder. Nineteen witnesses have been sworn by the state. Evidence thus far introduced relates to the finding of the girl's body near the home, the arrival of neighbors on the scene, the coroner's investigation and the purchase of a revolver by the man on trial.

The jury was completed at 10:30 o'clock this morning after ninety venison had been examined. All challenges were exhausted by both the prosecution and the defense.

The opening statement occupied the session after the completion of the jury until noon. The prosecution early raised objection to the argumentative nature of the presentation of the case by the defendant's counsel. The controversy over this point often grew heated.

Witnesses for the state were sworn at the opening of the afternoon session. Henry Lesser, assistant coroner of the state of the defendant's father, first to arrive on the scene after the rumor of murder had spread over the countryside, told of the finding of the body. Lesser was the first witness called by the state.

Body lying at Gate. The body of Louise Flege was lying near the gate inside the yard on her back, with hands extended and limbs straight, according to the witness. There was a bullet hole near the center of the left cheek and one over the right breast. The clothes were burned around the wound and the sunbonnet was nearly burned up. There was blood on the dress from below the knee to the bottom.

Dr. Williams of Wayne, Dr. J. R. Graham of Allen, coroner of Dixon county, County Attorney Kingsbury and Sheriff Maxwell were called. They arrived at 1 o'clock the morning of July 1.

Henry Hendrick, Sr., testified that June 30 William Flege was at his home and came into the field where he and his boys were plowing corn. The witness said Flege went home and later came back, saying his sister Louise had been shot. Hendrick and his son, Henry, went to the Flege home and saw the body lying in the yard. Dr. Graham testified that a post mortem was held after midnight and the wound in the cheek was found to extend through the head to behind the right ear. The bullet could not be found. The wound in the