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A. B. SMITH DIES WORKING AT DESK FOR "Q" RAILROAD

Apoplexy Takes Veteran Omaha Railroad Man in Service Thirty-eight Years.

FEELING WELL BEFORE DEATH

Remarks Hot Weather, But Says He Doesn't Mind Heat.

WADES INTO LABORERS AS USUAL

Stenographer Thinks Dead Chief Sleeping in His Chair.

TARTS CAREER IN CHICAGO

Wife and Three Children Survive—Children Out of City on Way Here—Daughter Visiting Parents.

Allen B. Smith, aged 55 years, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington in Omaha and for thirty-eight years connected with that company, died of apoplexy shortly after 9:30 Tuesday morning. Death came without any warning and Mr. Smith died sitting at his desk, where a moment before he had been transacting business.

When he came to his office in the morning Mr. Smith was apparently in good health and excellent spirits. He reached there a little before 9 o'clock and as he passed along the corridor he greeted his associates cordially, expressing the opinion that this was going to be a hot day, but that he was not worrying, as he was standing the warm weather remarkably well. He dictated a number of letters to his stenographers and then turned to some matters relative to freight shipments and receipts. While thus engaged, Assistant General Freight Agent Montgomery called and held a conference with him. When Mr. Montgomery left the office Mr. Smith seemed to be feeling well and did not complain.

Dies Suddenly.

A moment later he arose from his chair and walked across the room, remarking to his stenographer that he guessed that he had eaten something that did not agree with him, as his stomach was not feeling just right. After this Mr. Smith sat down in the chair and the stenographer went on with his work. Shortly afterward he looked around and saw Mr. Smith leaning back in his chair, his head thrown back. He paid no attention, thinking his chief was taking a nap. About this time Mr. Montgomery returned to the room to secure some information and noticed Mr. Smith in the reclining position. He thought something wrong and went to the room of Assistant General Freight Agent Johnson and together the two men returned to Mr. Smith's room, spoke to him and tried to arouse him, but he was dead.

Daughter is Here.

Allen B. Smith is survived by his wife and three grown children, two sons and a daughter. One son, Allen, is a resident of Florida, where he is conducting a fruit farm. The second son, W. A. Smith, is a railroad traveling freight agent with headquarters at Davenport, Ia. Both have been notified of the death of their father. The daughter is Mrs. Clarence Richmond Day, wife of Lieutenant Day of Fort Leavenworth. She is in the city, visiting her parents. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until word has been received from the sons.

Mr. Smith's railroad career began with the Illinois Central in Chicago, and as a clerk in the auditor's office. Subsequently he went to the Kansas City & St. Joe line, a part of the Burlington system, and in 1877 came to the Burlington proper, as agent at Falls City, December 8, 1881. He was promoted to agent at Atchison, Kan., and after that his rise was rapid. February 1, 1882, he was appointed traveling freight agent; May 23, 1882, he was appointed agent at Hastings; August 14, 1882, agent at Omaha; September 1, 1883, chief clerk in the general freight office, Omaha; March 15, 1884, second assistant general freight agent, and September 15, first assistant general freight agent, a position that he held at the time of his death.

IOWA WOMAN SENT TO JAIL FOR SHOP LIFTING

CHICAGO, July 23.—Mrs. Sophia Kanzer of Fort Madison, Ia., told Municipal Judge Newcomer today that she could not resist the temptation to take the beautiful things which she saw in a store. She pleaded to go free because of her desire to support her two children, but the court was obdurate after evidence was introduced that it was not a first offense and that she had money in her purse when she was arrested for shop lifting.

"That is all I had to take my children home," said Mrs. Kanzer. She was sentenced to ten days in jail.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled weather with probably local showers; cooler Wednesday and west portion.
For Iowa—Local showers or thunder storms; cooler west portion.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	75
6 a. m.	75
7 a. m.	75
8 a. m.	75
9 a. m.	75
10 a. m.	75
11 a. m.	75
12 m.	75
1 p. m.	75
2 p. m.	75
3 p. m.	75
4 p. m.	75
5 p. m.	75
6 p. m.	75
7 p. m.	75
8 p. m.	75

POPULAR RAILROAD MAN DIES SUDDENLY IN HIS OFFICE



A. B. SMITH.

Perjury Charges May Grow Out of Inquiry Into Boston Strike

BOSTON, July 23.—Having gained what they look upon as a technical victory before the state board of conciliation and arbitration, the striking trolley men of the Boston Elevated Railway company today presented their alleged grievances to the grand jury at the invitation of District Attorney Joseph C. Hellier. The district attorney also summoned before the grand jury the president of the elevated, General William A. Bancroft and two of the directors, James Frendegast and James L. Richards.

The evidences were sought in connection with the institution of charges of coercion and perjury made against some of the road's division superintendents.

In its report issued last night, the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration held that the strikers were justified in believing that the discharge of more than 200 of their fellows was due to the activity of the men in connection with the forming of a union. The division superintendents in their testimony before the board denied that the discharges were because of union activity.

Mr. Hellier said that the grand jury hearing was held under a statute which prohibits the coercion of any employee from joining a labor union. The investigation is expected to continue for several days.

Supposed Burglar Uses the Name of George A. Kimmel

DECATUR, Ill., July 23.—The police are investigating the finding of a grip and personal effects addressed to George A. Kimmel, Niles, Mich. In the hope of tracing a burglar who last Saturday night robbed a store in Fossiland, a small town in Champagne county, Ill. The grip was seized at the office of an express company at Decatur. It contained a number of letters and papers, together with a black stocking cap and a stick of grease paint.

The Fossiland store was robbed of watches, chains and silverware valued at \$500, and the police expected to find some of these articles in the grip, as they had been informed that a man calling himself Kimmel was in Fossiland Saturday.

Friends of Kimmel in Chicago declared that he had not left the city since an operation was performed on his head some months ago. They asserted that some one masquerading under his name was responsible for the grip and contents.

George A. Kimmel figured in the disputed identity case involving some \$35,000 of insurance money which was claimed by his mother and sister, who declared him to be dead.

Oklahoma Woman Murdered in Home

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., July 23.—Mrs. Minnie Ralstin was found dead in her home near Helena, Okl., today, her throat cut and her skull crushed. She was the wife of Meek Ralstin, a prosperous farmer.

Ralstin and his son were away from home at the time. Early this morning Meek Ralstin, Jr., 18 years old, a stepson of Mrs. Ralstin, went to the home of a neighbor and said his stepmother had been murdered. He was in his night clothes. He said he heard her groan and then heard two men talking. One of them said: "Let's get the rest of them."

Young Ralstin said he jumped from a window and today search for the persons Ralstin described has been fruitless.

DIXON BEGINS WORK ON MOOSE PLATFORM

Senator Says It Will Be a Declaration of Principles That Will Stir the Country.

WILL SOLVE GREAT PROBLEM Specific Solution to Be Provided for Each Issue.

ROOSEVELT FOR NEW PARTY Colonel Makes First Address Since Chicago Convention.

HE INVITES ALL PROGRESSIVES Says Ex-Democrats and Ex-Republicans Can Meet on Exact Equality Without Regard to the Past.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's campaign manager, discussed with leaders of the third party movement today the platform to be drafted for submission to the national convention in Chicago on August 5.

"Upon that platform the new party will stake its right to existence," said Senator Dixon. "But it will be a platform that will stir the country. It will provide specifically for the solutions of the great problems."

Opponents of the third party ticket in Illinois, which is said to have been assured by Governor Deneen's announcement that he would not support Colonel Roosevelt, sent an open letter to the Roosevelt headquarters today, asserting that a third ticket "meant defeat for the republican candidates for state office."

The letter was sent by Morton D. Hull, a member of the legislature. It was announced that all applications for press seats at the national convention must be sent to Medill McCormick by Monday, July 23.

Colonel Roosevelt's first address. NEW YORK, July 23.—In his first speech since returning from Chicago, Colonel Roosevelt today set forth his reasons for leading in the formation of a new party. His address was delivered at a meeting of the New York State County chairmen of the national progressive party. Colonel Roosevelt did not intend to speak, he declared, but the chairmen would not be denied.

"No man knows better than I," said Colonel Roosevelt, "that enthusiasm and high principles cannot be effective without organization and work. A great responsibility rests on you men here, who are undertaking the organization of a new party which is to stand four-squared to democracy, which is to be literally the party of the people. It will fight on live issues and not dead ones. It will embody a protest against the corruption in both of the old party machines. It will be a party into which ex-democrats and ex-republicans without regard to their political past are to come in on an exact equality and to have each the same share in the party management."

Party of the People. "When we get this started, it will be a party not only representing the people at election time, but will represent them in party management. We are going to see to it that it is organized so that it will be impossible for fifty-three men chosen four years before by politicians to stand superior to all the voters of a great state like California, and that if that state has not shaped its laws according to a given call of fifty-three private men, the state shall not be disfranchised."

"My own judgment is that Messrs. Barnes, Penrose, Guggenheim and company made a poor swap when they took two stolen delegates from California in place of the electoral vote of California. They were not contented with that. They swapped the electoral vote of Massachusetts for the vote of two delegates. I think it was about as expensive a swap as was ever made by political managers."

Third Ticket in New Jersey. ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 23.—New Jersey progressives in a mass convention today determined to put in the field for the November election a complete progressive ticket, but are still undecided as to the method by which this ticket should be nominated.

The executive committee of the Roosevelt state organization met before the organization assembled. A minority that opposed an absolute break from the old republican organization prevailed so far that the committee decided against any declaration for the immediate establishment.

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Percy Favors British Position on Tolls for the Panama Canal

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Senator Percy in a speech in which he opposed free Panama canal tolls today declared the United States undoubtedly made a "hard bargain" in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but that the sense of national responsibility should prevent this country from breaking its contract.

Mr. Percy said that Great Britain had given up certain rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and that without such action the United States would have been unable to build the canal.

Tickets Now on Sale



From the Minneapolis Journal.

TAFT WILL FAVOR REPEAL OF CANADIAN RECIPROcity

President to State His Position on Canadian Reciprocity. STILL ADVOCATES PRINCIPLE Executive Believes United States Should Not Continue to Offer that Which Canada Refuses to Accept.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President Taft has indicated to several western senators who were active opponents of Canadian reciprocity that he would favor a repeal of the act.

Some of those with whom the president has talked think he may send messages to congress on the subject or will state his position in his speech of acceptance when a committee of the Chicago convention notifies him on August 1 of his nomination. Senate leaders say that so far the president has had no direct communication with the finance committee on the subject nor sent any communication to the committee saying he favors a repeal of the law.

Mr. Taft will not withdraw his own support of Canadian reciprocity as a principle, it is understood, but will take the position that the United States should not continue an offer that Canada refuses to accept. The reciprocity law continues in effect in the United States notwithstanding Canada's refusal to endorse it.

Senators McCumber, Heyburn, Gronna and others have urged a repeal and an amendment was put on the steel tariff bill recently passed by congress and now in conference providing for such action.

It is asserted among western senators that if any tariff measure is passed in the senate this week an amendment also will be incorporated for the repeal of the reciprocity law. In case any of the reciprocity law is expected he will make clear in his veto message the fact that he would approve a measure to repeal the reciprocity law.

WILSON IS WRITING SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 23.—Governor Wilson today began to write his speech of acceptance, which will be delivered August 1. He is at the home of a friend, where he will deny himself to all callers until the speech is completed. He expects to spend today and tomorrow at the task and perhaps a portion of Thursday.

"I expect to make the speech as short as I can," he said, "although brevity will not be my principal aim."

Farmer Boy Killed by Lightning. JACKSON, Neb., July 23.—Henry Sullivan, an 8-year-old farmer boy, was killed by lightning near here today while riding a horse to the field with a coat to protect his father from the rain. The horse was also killed.

The National Capital

Tuesday, July 23, 1912.

The Senate. Convened at 11 a. m. Postoffice appropriation bill, embracing a parcels post system, was reported. Senator Gardner spoke on parcels post system.

The House. Convened at noon. Resumed consideration of seaman's efficiency bill.

California Sugar Combine Attacked by J. D. Spreckles

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Application was made to the superior court here today for the dissolution of the California Sugar Refining company, known as the western branch of the Sugar trust. The petition was filed by John D. Spreckles, president and A. D. Spreckles as vice president.

Taking of depositions in the federal anti-trust suit against the American Sugar Refining company began here today before Wilson E. Pierce, special examiner. These witnesses have been summoned:

William H. Hannon, Adolph B. Spreckles and Horace P. Howard of the Western Sugar Refining company; Charles B. Jennings, sugar broker; Robert Hithel and George M. Rolph of the California and Hawaii Sugar Refining company; Donald Y. Campbell, attorney; Joseph L. Howard, Alameda Sugar company; Charles Suro, banker; John A. Buck of the Honolulu Plantation company; Barlow Ferguson and Louis Saroni, confectioners; Harvey D. Loveland, state railroad commissioner, and Robert Orndarr, American Beet Sugar company.

Assistant United States District Attorney G. H. Derr of New York is conducting the inquiry.

Marked Rise in Oats, Wheat and Corn on Black Rust Reports

CHICAGO, July 23.—There was a sensational bulge in grain prices today, closing figures showing net advances of as much as 2 1/2 cents for wheat, 2 1/2 cents for corn and 4 1/2 cents for oats.

The rise was especially marked in the July options of corn and oats, in which there was a flurry as to a possible squeeze against traders who were short. Wheat was mainly affected through uneasiness over a multiplicity of reports concerning a spread of black rust.

"Notwithstanding that fluctuations were unusually wide, the total amount of trading did not reach more than a moderate total. Speculative interest in corn and oats had some time ago been mainly transferred to deferred deliveries. As for wheat, although some damage from rust was conceded to be probable, the majority of traders appeared to hold to the view that the crop as a whole was safe."

Kansas City Girl Kills Father Who Attacked Mother

KANSAS CITY, July 23.—Edith Gamble, 24 years old, shot and killed her father, Charles Gamble, here today when he broke into their residence, to which he had been denied admittance, and attempted to attack his wife and daughter. Mrs. Gamble recently sued her husband for divorce. She and her daughter were taken to a police station, where they are being held.

Twelve Women Burn to Death in London

LONDON, July 23.—Twelve women were burned to death and several others injured by fire this afternoon in Moor Lane, the center of the danger zone of the city of London. The fire occurred in a building occupied by a number of clothing manufacturers and Christmas card makers. The women tried to escape by the roof, but the flames on the floor below cut off any possibility of assistance by the firemen.

REPORTS PARCELS POST BILL

Senate Committee Strikes Out Good Roads Section. CHARGES ARE ON ZONE BASIS Parcels System to Apply to Fourth-Class Matter Only—Carrying Magazines by Freight to Be Discontinued.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The postoffice appropriation bill, shorn of the good roads provision proposed by the house and embracing a revised parcels post system with charges based on zones of distance, was reported to the senate today by the postoffice committee.

The total appropriations proposed by the bill are above those of the house measure, which carried approximately \$380,000,000. One of the principal increases is in the pay of railroads for transporting the mails, the senate committee adding more than \$2,500,000.

In striking out the Shackleford good roads feature, which provided for federal improvement of highways, the committee recommended an investigation by a special congressional commission and provides for no highway improvements until this commission has reported.

The Barnhardt amendment in the house bill for the regular publication of the names of stockholders of newspapers and periodicals is changed to provide for publication once a year.

The parcels post section in the house bill provided a flat rate of postage for all distances. The senate provision is that of the Bourne recommendation that third and fourth class mail matter be combined for the parcels post service, but the bill makes the parcels post apply only to fourth class matter.

The abolition of the present system of carrying second class mail by fast freight under what is known as the "blue tag" system, is provided for.

A special commission is also proposed to investigate the subject of pneumatic tube service, and whether the government should purchase that now in use in various cities.

Union Provision Dropped. The senate committee struck out of the house bill the provision giving to postal employees the right to combine in trade unions and the right to petition congress for redress of their grievances.

Steel cars for railway mail service, which were required by the house bill to be in universal use by American railroads by 1917 are also required by the senate bill. The house bill required the railroads to replace 20 per cent of its wooden mail cars every year, while the senate bill would give the roads one year of grace and then require them to replace 25 per cent of their cars each year for four years.

WANTS FEDERAL CONTROL OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

DES MOINES, Ia., July 23.—President F. M. Mitchell of Waterloo, in opening the second annual convention of the master painters and decorators of Iowa here today, declared there should be a law providing for federal control of labor unions the same as corporations are controlled. He said the restrictions of the Sherman anti-trust laws should be made to apply with equal force to the labor unions.

JURY FIXES BLAME FOR WRECK WHICH KILLED THIRTEEN

Verdict Says Railroad Officials and Employees Are Responsible for Collision Near Chicago.

SIGNALS ARE NOT ADEQUATE Trains Cannot be Safely Run in Fog With Present Appliances.

CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED Distance Signal is Suggested for Each Tower Station.

MRS. WILCOX IS CENSURED Operator Obedied All Rules of Company, But Used Poor Judgment—All Signal Operators Should Be Men.

CHICAGO, July 23.—A verdict censuring both employees and officials of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was returned today by a coroner's jury which heard evidence in the inquest into the cause of the death of the thirteen persons killed in the wreck at Western Springs on July 14.

Chief among the recommendations in the verdict was one that men instead of women be employed in the signal towers of the block system, and another that distance signals be maintained at all towers to supplement the regular block signals. The jury was out more than four hours.

Mrs. Julia A. Wilcox, signal operator at Western Springs the morning of the wreck, was criticised by the jury for not having shown good judgment in permitting the mail train to pass Hinsdale, the station west of her tower, before the passenger train was in a place of safety. The verdict, however, noted that Mrs. Wilcox had not violated any rule of the company in her manipulation of the signals.

Recognition of a public demand for rapid operation of trains was included in the verdict, which declared that trains could not be safely run at the high speed demanded by the time schedules in foggy weather with the present signal system.

Engineer E. H. Brownson reversed his engine and stuck to his post when he heard the warning torpedoes. This was the substance of the testimony of Fireman Hugh O. Crane of the mail train, who told his story to Coroner Hoffman at the inquest today.

The fireman declared that the mail train ran from Burlington to Chicago at a maximum of seventy-five miles an hour. The train was going close to seventy-five miles an hour, he said, shortly before the wreck, but its speed was much reduced before the crash.

Coroner Hoffman asked if the rules requiring special care in foggy weather were generally observed by engineers. "I have seen engineers who observe it and others who do not," answered the witness.

Mitchell Sentenced to Jail for 9 Months; Files Appeal Bond

WASHINGTON, July 23.—John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, today was sentenced in the District of Columbia supreme court to nine months imprisonment for contempt of court, growing out of the Rucks' Stove and Range company case. An appeal was taken and \$4,000 bail furnished to abide by the decision of the upper court. In the same case President Samuel Gompers recently was sentenced to one year and Secretary Frank Morrison to six months.

Mr. Mitchell was not in court, but sent a written statement waiving his right to be present. He was to have been sentenced last week, but Justice Wright then declined to pass sentence because he objected to the form of waiver submitted for Mr. Mitchell.

British Consols Sink to New Low Record

LONDON, July 23.—Consols sank this morning to the low figure of 73% on the stock exchange. The increased expenditure forehadowed in the speech on the supplementary appropriation for the British navy made by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, yesterday in the House of Commons was the immediate cause of the fall, but consols at present have very few friends, and any attempt to put on the market even a small block is the signal for a decline in the price.

SWEDISH SINGERS' UNION MAY MEET IN OMAHA

DULUTH, Minn., July 23.—Members of the American Union of Swedish singers are in possession of the city. Over 600 visiting members from various parts of the United States are attending the seventh biennial sangerfest. Among the organizations represented are: Orpheus Singing society of Denver, Colo.; Bethany Male chorus of Lindborg, Kan.; Svea, Svea Male and Olive Male choruses of Moline, Ill.; Svea Singing society of Omaha, Neb.; and Swedish Singers and Svea sons of Rockford, Ill.

Omaha is spoken of as the probable place for the meeting four years hence.

PATRICK DUNNE IS NOT UNDER ARREST IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Patrick Dunne of Jersey City, N. J., reported arrested by Mexican authorities and sentenced to death in enjoying his freedom in the town of Baristlan. The State department, at the request of Representative Kinkaid, found Dunne never had been under arrest nor in danger of his life.