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STREET CAR STRIKE

Philadelphia Service Having Trouble With Employees.

CARS WERE SET ON FIRE

In Kensington, Philadelphia's Great Mill District, the Most Serious Disturbances Occurred—Cars Attacked by Boys and Strike Sympathizers.

Philadelphia.—Coming when least expected, a strike was declared against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. Two cars were burned, a score more attacked, their crews forced to abandon them, and numerous arrests were made. Except in the central part of the city, where the cars were heavily protected, street car service was almost at a standstill.

Cars Wrecked and Fired.

In Kensington, Philadelphia's great mill district, the most serious disturbances occurred. Here two cars attacked by boys and strike sympathizers, after the crews were compelled to flee, were wrecked and set on fire. The cars were damaged beyond repair before the firemen arrived.

Great crowds collected in this vicinity, and for a time it was feared a riot would follow; when, however, the firemen were ordered to turn their hose on the crowd, the mob quickly scattered.

Along Kensington avenue, lumber and other obstructions were piled on the tracks. The usual big Saturday night crowd, out for fun, was in evidence, but the street was heavily policed, and no further general disorder occurred.

Struck by Missiles.

West Philadelphia, the southern section of the city, Germantown and other parts of Philadelphia also reported attacks on cars, forcing trolley men and passengers to seek safety. Many persons were struck by missiles, but no one was seriously hurt.

Second Strike in Year.

The strike, the second within a year, came so suddenly that thousands of persons were caught away from their homes. The leaders of the union claim that the trouble was started by the company. The corporation replies that the strike was a prearranged affair on the part of the union.

MEMPHIS HAS \$200,000 FIRE.

Plant of Bag Company and Several Warehouses Destroyed.

Memphis, Tenn.—A \$200,000 fire destroyed the plant of the Memphis Bag Company and the warehouses of Mayor E. H. Crump, in which was stored a big stock of burlaps and harness, and H. J. Hasenwinkle Grain Company. The loss on all three is practically covered by insurance. Five box cars loaded with burlaps for the Memphis Bag Company, were also destroyed.

The fire originated on the second floor of the bag company's plant. The blaze quickly spread to all parts of the building, and to the warehouses adjoining. Three firemen were slightly injured by falling walls.

COLLISION ON SEABOARD.

Four Persons Injured in North Carolina, But None Seriously.

Raleigh, N. C.—Four persons were injured, none seriously, in a head-on collision at Aberdeen between train No. 43, of the Seaboard Air Line, and the Pinehurst train, of the Aberdeen and Ashboro Railway.

The collision occurred in the yard at Aberdeen. The Aberdeen and Ashboro train was shifting a Pullman car into position, when the Seaboard, bound south, it is said, came in or fast speed and crashed into the Aberdeen and Ashboro train.

Two Backs.

"That duck was fine," said the enthusiastic patron. "I can't imagine anything more acceptable than a nice little canvasback." "Unless," said the proprietor of the restaurant, "it's a nice big greenback."—Philadelphia Record.

KILLS HIS CHILDREN.

Crazed Father Commits Awful Crime at Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala.—George Stephens, aged 38 years, engineer on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, evidently crazed at the time, shot and killed three of his little children, shot and wounded his old negro nurse and then blew out his brains. He was the son of Robert Stephens, a prominent mine operator of this district.

He entered the room where the old negro nurse had the youngest child, Jamis, 18 months old, on her lap, and pulling a pistol shot the child to death. The bullet went through the little baby's head and struck the nurse in the head, inflicting a dangerous wound.

The crazed father then shot his two little daughters, Mary Elizabeth, aged 7 years, and Blanche, aged 4 years, to death and then shot himself.

A ten-year-old son escaped from the house. A note was left by the father saying: "I'm to blame for it all." About 15 months ago, Stephens' wife died. It is believed the death affected him.

A TRAIN OF COTTON.

Big Shipment of Long Staple, Valued at \$100,000.

Statesboro, Ga.—The largest shipment of cotton ever leaving Statesboro and probably the largest shipment ever received in Georgia by any firm from an individual left here over the Savannah and Statesboro railroad for Savannah. The shipment is R. Simmons, one of the largest buyers in this section. The shipment is 709 bales, every bale of which is sea island cotton, and the whole shipment represents nearly \$100,000 at 30 cents per pound.

Mr. Simmons has been holding his long staple cotton since the season opened, notwithstanding the fact that at one time the price of the staple went down considerably. All the while it was going down he advised the farmers to hold for better prices, expressing his confidence in the price going up again.

DIED TO SAVE OTHERS.

Watchman Was Caught in Machinery of Drawbridge and Crushed.

Fort Motte, S. C.—Sacrificing his life to save the lives of others, Thomas Jefferson, for 30 years night watchman for the Southern Railway at Congaree river bridge, met with a horrible death at his post, being caught in the machinery of the drawbridge and crushed to death.

The steamer City of Columbia arrived at the bridge and the watchman opened the draw for it to pass, but as train No. 15 was due he hastened up the track to place a signal to save the passenger train from crashing into the waters of the Congaree. Coming back to close the draw, the watchman fell into the aperture used for oiling the machinery of the bridge. Shortly afterwards the train crew closed the draw and crushed the life out of the unconscious man.

FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Wife Found Body of Her Husband Dangling From Rafter.

Scottsboro, Ala.—M. L. Bryant, a well-to-do farmer, committed suicide in an outhouse on his farm near Fackler, in Jackson county, by hanging himself with a rope.

Bryant's wife, missing him at the supper hour, instituted a search and found the body hanging from a rafter.

Snow Five Feet Deep.

Franklin, Pa.—Country roads about here are impassable because of heavy snows. Farmers using coal for fuel are unable to reach the mines. Between Flyberg and Luchnda farmers are cutting up their fences for fuel. A food famine is threatened. In some part of Venango county the snow is over five feet deep.

Actor Burgess Dead.

New York.—Neil Burgess, the actor who starred for many years in "The County Fair," died at his home, 177 West Ninety-fifth street. He was born in Boston 63 years ago. He will be buried at his country home at Highland.

WOMEN LED IN RIOT

Frankfort-on-Main Scene of Serious Disturbances.

THE ELECTION REFORM

Most Determined and Active Manifestants Said to Have Been Women—Thought Present Chancellor May Be Forced to Resign.—Many Arrests.

Berlin.—Hand-to-hand fighting between the Social Democrats and the police at Frankfort-on-Main marked the riot over the election reforms. Dispatches received placed the number of injured at least 100.

Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg, alarmed by the situation, held a long conference with his advisers, at which every phase of franchise reform and the disorders that have been brought about by the government's stand on that subject, were discussed.

The belief is growing daily that the chancellor will be swept from power by this crisis. Only real reform—an alteration of the three classes of voters and the complete concession of the secret ballot, such as is used in the United States—can check the Socialists, and such changes would alienate the conservatives from the chancellor.

Details of the fighting at Frankfort show the struggle was the most bitter and serious of all that have arisen from the electoral question. The police were unable to cope with it and had to call on the troops for aid.

Women Lead Rioters.

Again and again the police and military charged the mobs in the face of storms of missiles and the blows of cudgels. Showers of pepper were hurled in the faces of the troops and from the tops of buildings manifestants cast bricks and everything else they could lay hands on into the ranks.

The most ferocious fighters of the radicals were the women. One girl, waving a red flag, stood at the forefront of a gathering of rioters who fought back a detachment of police for half an hour at one of the city's principal corners.

Wholesale arrests were made after the disorders and the jails are crowded.

A STRANGE FATALITY.

Such Seems to Have Pursued Those in Alleged Capitol Scandal.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The strange fatality that has pursued some of the principal figures in the capitol scandal was again brought to the public mind when John E. Scott, one of the chief witnesses in the celebrated case, was found dead in the bathroom of the house where he made his home while in Harrisburg. He is the sixth man in the case to die. His death was due to heart trouble.

Scott was secretary to the board of public grounds and buildings which let many of the contracts for furnishing the capitol that brought more than a dozen men to the bar of justice. He was a witness in two trials, already held, and was to take the stand in the case of Joseph M. Huston, architect of the capitol, whose trial will come up next month.

Two of the six men who died were under a two years' sentence, one was awaiting trial and two were important witnesses. Besides these, one of the many men under indictment has been confined in an insane asylum.

EARTHQUAKE IN CRETE.

Island Shaken by Seismic Shocks—People Panic Stricken.

Athens.—A terrific earthquake has shaken Crete. A village was destroyed, according to advices received here, and the population of the entire island is in panic. The extent of the loss of life is not known, but is believed to have been heavy.

Seismic disturbances are pervading the entire trough of the Mediterranean. A shock was felt at Malta, and Messina has also been shaken.

The inhabitants of towns and villages are fleeing to the country. Hundreds have left Canea, the chief port, and Candia, the capital. The village demolished was Varpetro. Canea suffered heavily.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Solemn Ceremony of Swearing in for Perhaps Last Time.

London.—The swearing in of members of what may be the last house of lords and what is almost certainly the last as it is now constituted, began with all the medieval pomp of governmental machinery. A great crowd was in the chamber of the hereditary house and the galleries were thronged, some of the most famous beauties and society women of Great Britain being in the ladies' gallery. The belief that never again would the upper house be convened with the same authority as that it now holds added a somber dignity to the historic show which all the trappings and ceremonies could not lend.

Enthusiasm made itself apparent frequently, and there were many echoes of the past struggle and fore-runners of the coming battle for the curbing of the lords' powers.

One of the most interesting figures in the new house of lords is Herbert Gladstone, son of the Grand Old Man, who accepted a peerage in spite of his former connection with the ministry and its bitter fight on the hereditary house.

The royal commissioners, designated to attend to the opening formalities in the place of the king, had a busy time of it.

ROBBER HAD HIS NERVE.

Looted Drug Store While Crowds Were Passing From Theater.

Pittsburg.—A robber held up a drug store proprietor here, got all the cash from the drawer, and escaped, although the theatre crowds were passing at the time and the street was brilliantly lighted.

The robbery was most daring, as the vicinety was brilliantly lighted and the streets were thronged. In full view of the crowds the highwayman entered the drug store, walked up to the counter, drew a large revolver from his pocket and commanded the proprietor to throw up his hands. The druggist laughed at the man who announced: "I mean business."

Still covering the doctor, the robber walked around the counter, opened the cash register and put all the cash in his pockets. While he was doing this, a negro entered, and when the gun was pointed at her she fainted.

HONOR GIRLS AT VASSAR.

Southern Girls Receive Red Roses From Faculty in Token.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—The names of the honor girls at Vassar college have been announced. The announcement is one of the most important of the college year. Each honor student has received a red rose from the faculty in token of the award.

Among them are: Charlotte Moffett Gaylor, Memphis, Tenn.; Mary Margaret Shelly, Louisville, Ky.; Constance Elizabeth Plant, Cincinnati, and Helen Wilmina Young, Hutchinson, Kans.

G. A. R. Men Are Puzzled.

Warren, Pa.—Charles R. Keck, supposed to be dead, created a sensation by cheerfully greeting his old G. A. R. friends who thought that they had officiated at his funeral two years ago. He now lives at Sherman, N. Y. The G. A. R. men are wondering who they buried.

Articles Signed for Fight.

San Francisco.—Cyclone Johnny Thompson's manager has secured the signature of Battling Nelson to articles to a 45-round fight to be held on May 30 before the club offering the best inducements. The men are to weigh 133 pounds ringside.

Capture Marshal; Loot Bank.

Bloomington, Ill.—After capturing and gagging the night marshal, four men blew open the safe in the bank at Chatsworth, 30 miles east of here, securing \$8,500.

Yeggmen Blow Safes.

Maxeys, Ga.—Unknown yeggmen, believed to be experts, blasted the safes in the postoffices here and at Stephens with nitroglycerine and secured a lot of stamps amounting to \$500. The office here was robbed of \$100 in stamps, while \$400 in stamps was taken from the office at Stephens.

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No. Daily	Eastern Standard Time	No. Daily
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8 30	Pisgah Forest	5 10
15 40	Brevard, Lv.	3 05
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8 10	Rosman	9 35
16 25	Quebec	7 30
16 33	Reid's	5 25
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Entry No. 2558.

North Carolina—Transylvania County. C. W. Hunt enters and claims 100 acres of land more or less lying in Dunn's Rock Township, adjoining the lands of Ed Batson and others. Beginning on a black oak on the north side of Wolf Pen Mountain, in the old Candler line, marked corner, and runs various courses and distances, so as to take all the vacant land. Entered Dec. 21st, 1909. B. A. GILLESPIE, Entry Taker.

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