

Mills In England Are At A Standstill; Fight To A Finish

Refusal of One Man And Two Women to Join Labor Union Caused a Lockout of 160,000 Weavers in England.

By Associated Press. Manchester, Eng., Dec. 28.—Both sides in the cotton war brought about by the refusal of one man and two women to join a trades union and which has caused the lockout of 160,000 weavers and the placing of half time of an equal number of spinners, are determined to fight to a finish. The mills in a score of towns in the north and northwestern districts of the country of Lancashire are at a standstill. The operatives seem quite firm in their resolution to demand recognition of the union. The dispute spread today to the county of Cheshire. The mills at Marbury owned by the Calico Printers Company locked out their hands this morning and similar action is expected in other Cheshire centers. The cotton waste spinners federation resolved today to close the mills belonging to its members on January 10, unless the dispute between the employers and the workers in Lancashire is not settled in the interim. The next move appears to be with George Askwith, of the board of directors, who has acted successfully in so many other labor disputes.

Schooner Driven On The Ledges

By Associated Press. Block Island, R. I., Dec. 28.—The Northwest gale hurled an unidentified wrecked schooner on the ledges off the west side of Block Island early today. The schooner filled so rapidly that the crew were driven to the eastward. Two life saving crews had been unable to reach them at 9 a. m. The wind was blowing 60 miles an hour when the schooner struck. Crew Rescued. Later the crew of ten men was rescued by the Block Island life saving crew. The rescue was spectacular and was accomplished only after the life men had tried repeatedly to reach the straggler craft. The Randall was bound from Norfolk, Va. for New London, Conn.

TO INCREASE BAPTIST FUND.

Grand Hopes to Raise Million for Disabled Soldiers. New York, Dec. 28.—The newly formed fund of \$250,000 for disabled Baptist ministers and missionaries, their widows and dependent children, will be increased to at least \$1,000,000, according to plans announced this afternoon by the Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, of Elizabeth, N. J., executive secretary of the board in charge of the fund.

THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE DROWNED.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 28.—More than a thousand head of cattle have been drowned in Cameron parish during the past few days because of floods and submerged land, according to Morris Rosenthal, a Lake Charles, La. hide dealer. He said last night that C. F. Henry, one of Cameron's largest cattlemen, had lost nearly one thousand head and that other stockmen had lost large herds.

BRYAN'S FRIEND KILLED HIMSELF WITH A RAZOR

Painfield, N. J., Dec. 28.—William Patterson, of Lincoln, Neb., close friend of William J. Bryan, who disappeared from his daughter's home on Sunday morning last, was found dead yesterday with his throat cut near a quarry in North Plainfield. A bloody razor lay by his side and the police say that it is a case of suicide. Mr. Patterson left his wife and two children in Lincoln several weeks ago to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter here, Mrs. LeRoy Gates.

COACHES LEFT RAILS; ENGINEER DUNN KILLED.

By Associated Press. Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 28.—When the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad's crack train No. 10 left the rails at McKendree, W. Va., today, the locomotive derailed down an embankment and a number of coaches left the rails. Engineer William Dunn, of Elfton, W. Va., was killed and fireman Lay Terrell was fatally crushed. A number of passengers were hurt.

Wholesale Arrests For Attacks on Ruman Troops

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Appointment of a Russian governor and chief of police at Tabriz in Persia and assumption by municipal affairs there to control of the institution of exclusively Russian courts is foreshadowed today in the semi-official Novos Verma.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE CONTINUES SPEECH-MAKING

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—The second day schedule of Senator LaFollette's Ohio campaign called for two speeches, one at Norwalk at noon and one at Toledo tonight. The senator was expected to touch on the tariff at Norwalk and he will continue his exposition of what the so-called progressive movement means.

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BEEF TRUST JURY. The jury that is trying the "Beef Trust" Barons in Chicago. From left to right (bottom row) Jay E. Harve, E. J. Ryan, Asa Bannister, H. T. Bucklin, A. Myers and W. J. Thom-as. Top row (left to right) C. H. Nare, H. O. Bates, J. H. Edwards, O. J. Gleim, Adam Clow and Thomas A. Scott.

VEEEDER CONTINUES HIS STORY IN PACKERS TRIAL

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Lord Penmore Gordon, an English promoter, first suggested the merger of packing corporations in the United States at a conference of \$823,000,000, according to Albert H. Veeder, who today continued his testimony in the trial of the 10 Chicago packers. The English financier visited the United States early in 1902 and after directing the merger of several American industries, called on Gustavus Swift and suggested a consolidation of the packing companies. Several months later at a conference of Chicago packers, parliamentary plans for the merger were filed. This meeting was attended by Gustavus F. Swift, J. Ogden Armour, Edward Morris and others. It was the third day of testimony by Veeder, who is attorney for Swift & Co.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A. H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co. continued his absorbing story of the inside workings of the Chicago meat packers today when the trial of the ten indicted men was resumed before United States District Judge George A. Carpenter. Counsel for the government expect to complete the direct examination of the witness before the close of the day. It is believed that the cross-examination of the witness will be exceedingly brief as he has been an unwilling witness during his three days' occupancy of the stand because of his close personal relations with the defendants. The next witness to be called by the prosecution is Henry Veeder, son of A. H. Veeder, who acted as secretary of the old packers pool in 1900, 1901 and 1902.

He will be questioned regarding the business transacted at the Tuesday afternoon meetings of the old packers' pool, known by the name of "post office box No. 247" at which sessions the government contends the prices of meat were fixed. "Was the final report of the appraisers and expert accountants on the value of the tangible property of the pool, the motor of the big merger ever made?" asked Special Counsel Butler, resuming the direct examination of A. H. Veeder. "The reports were not completed until after the big merger had failed and each member received a report of its own business," replied Mr. Veeder. "Where were the meetings held at which plans for the big merger were discussed?"

"Mostly at my office, but at times we met at the homes of the principals." "Who attended these meetings?" "Various representatives of the packing interests. J. Ogden Armour was represented by Arthur Meeker, P. A. Valentine or Attorney L. C. Krauthoff. Gustavus F. Swift, Louis F. Swift and Edward F. Swift represented Swift & Co.; Michael and Edward Cudahy appeared for the Cudahy interests and Ira Morris represented Morris & Co.," replied Mr. Veeder. "When was the subject of the big packing merger first suggested?"

"Early in 1902. Gustavus F. Swift first mentioned it to me. Lord Penmore Gordon had met F. F. Swift and suggested that the packing companies in the country be combined. His suggestion was that the stock of Chicago packers be bought at 200 and paid for in stock of the new company. Mr. Swift was impressed with the general idea of consolidating and a meeting was called in May 1902, at which the subject was considered. "All the packing interests were represented at that meeting. "Was there no agreement made by the Chicago packers for a merger prior to May 31, 1902?" asked Attorney Butler.

"Not to my knowledge said Mr. Veeder. The witness then described the negotiations which led to the purchase by the combination of several packing companies.

EXTRADITION OF GOMEZ WILL BE ASKED FOR

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Dec. 28.—It is rumored that the Mexican government is about to ask for extradition of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, former minister of the interior, from the United States. It is generally believed Gomez is heading a revolutionary party. According to the latest information he was in San Antonio.

Fifty Deaths From Plomaine Poisoning

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 28.—Over 50 deaths from plomaine poisoning have occurred since the night of December 26th at the municipal shelter for the homeless. Another 15 of the destitute male inmates died during last night and this forenoon, while 60 or 70 others are seriously ill at various hospitals in the city. New cases are being rushed to the hospitals at such a rate that statistics can not keep up with them. Doubts are now expressed as to whether the deaths were due as at first believed, to the eating of decayed smoked herring which the homeless people had brought with them to the shelter to eat on the scanty diet provided there. A considerable number of cases have been reported from another municipal shelter and from the jail. The authorities, however, still adhere to the original theory. Hopes that the later cases would prove less than those reported at first have vanished, many of the victims today as well as yesterday, succumbing in 30 or 35 minutes after they were attacked. Symptoms of the poisoning are fainting, followed by violent vomiting and death. The asylum superintendent expresses the opinion based on one of the post mortem examinations, that the deaths have not been due to fish but to deliberate poisoning. In spite of rumors among destitute classes that there has been a deliberate plot against the inmates, the various shelters scattered about the city were last night even more crowded than before. Over 4,500 men took refuge in the main institution and a crowd of physicians were present during the night receiving reports of additional poisoning cases. Many of those who have been stricken have, it is said, been victims of suggestion. They display the critical symptoms but on examination prove not to have been poisoned. The police investigating the poisonings thus far have developed little.

ENGAGEMENT WAS CANCELLED.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 28.—Anticipating strong opposition by German and Irish-American citizens of this city to a resolution to be introduced at the conclusion of the address of Col. Henry Watterston endorsing the proposed treaties between the United States, England and France, friends of the Kentucky editor decided to cancel the speaking engagement scheduled for this evening. Although a committee composed of Germans and Irish-Americans had not decided upon a report recommending what action to take if such resolution was offered, the undercurrent of opposition to the treaties was such that friends of Col. Watterston thought it best to eliminate Charleston from the list of cities in which he is to speak. It was explained that there was no antagonism to Col. Watterston personally. Col. Watterston left Savannah today for Charlotte, N. C.

ASK FOR REMOVAL OF DR. ALVAH H. DOTY.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Governor Dix has asked for the immediate resignation of Dr. Alvah H. Doty, as health officer of the port of New York, a position he has held since 1895. Mr. Doty's term expired last January. His removal was recommended recently by Charles N. Gulgen, the commissioner appointed by the governor to investigate the management and affairs of the office. In his letter to Dr. Doty the governor reviews the report of Commissioner Bulger who declared that the history of the business administration of the state's quarantine "is replete with evidence of gross incompetency and inexcusable negligence." The governor says the evidence shows a condition of squalor and uncleanness in the rooms where immigrants were kept that shocks one's sense of decency and make one ashamed of his country.

FORMER BANK OFFICIALS UNDER ARREST

By Associated Press. Magnolia, Miss., Dec. 28.—L. S. Atkinson, president, and Woodson Atkinson, cashier, of the Peoples Bank of Summit, which recently made a general assignment in favor of its creditors were arrested yesterday on warrant charging misapplication of funds. They were released on \$5,000 bail each. The warrant was sworn to by J. W. Evans, an Amite farmer, who alleges he had \$22,000 on deposit in the bank.

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Amount of Building In City Last Year Over Million Dollars

The building done in Charlotte in 1911 passed the million dollar mark. Buildings amounting to \$1,095,000 were built within the city limits this year. This is the first time in the history of the city that the value of buildings put up in one year has touched the million dollar mark. Building inspector R. P. Connelly records an increase in building for this year over last year of \$50,000.

Number of Permits.

The number of permits issued in 1909 was 334 and the cost of buildings erected was \$315,723. In 1910, 398 permits were issued at a cost of \$955,821, while in 1911, 356 permits have been issued with a building cost of \$1,095,000. The largest number of permits issued in any one month was 56, issued in March. Inspector Connelly wishes to call attention of the public to the fact that they are called for a fine of \$50 on any builder who erects a building in the city without first having obtained a permit. Several buildings have been erected recently and permits not asked for until the buildings were completed or partially completed.

WOMAN KILLED NEAR GREENVILLE, S. C.

Horrible Crime in Brandon Mill Village—Husband Held on Charge. Greenville, Dec. 28.—In one of the mill villages of Greenville the coroner is holding an inquest into the death of a woman who was found in her bed at daybreak with her head split open with an axe and her 2-year-old child immersed in a pool of blood by her side. The woman's husband is locked in a cell at the county jail, and fingers are bearing blood stains increased by water used in erasing other traces of the foul crime point at him as the guilty man. At 6:30 o'clock this morning Sheriff Poole received a call from Brandon mill, and in responding discovered one of the most hideous crimes that has stained the pages of Greenville's criminal history in some years. In their three-room apartment the sheriff discovered Mrs. Alice Campbell, wife of Lafayette Campbell, grovelling in her bed in a pool of blood. Her head had been mutilated some time during the night with some instrument, a huge gash laying open the skull over the temple. A horrible cruse on one cheek and other wounds about the face and throat, but her identity the woman was not dead, and by her side lay her babe, unharmed. Physicians were called to tend the woman, but after removing sections of her skull and a major portion of brain, she died yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock.

FREDERICK C. HOWE ON PLANNING AMERICAN CITIES

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The planning of American cities by "land speculators" was condemned by Frederick C. Howe, of New York, in an address before the American Civic Alliance today. He said Germany served as a good model for the United States, in that the growth and development of a city is controlled by the municipality and not by those who seek profit from the development of certain sections.

Pirates Attack British Steamer.

By Associated Press. Hong Kong, China, Dec. 28.—Sixty west river pirates attacked the British steamer Szeyp yesterday and carried off supplies worth \$20,000. None of the crew of the Szeyp was harmed.

IMPERIAL FAMILY, SAYS DISPATCH, LEAVE TIEN TSIN

Peking, Dec. 28, 6:17 p. m.—The throne has agreed to premier Yuan Shi Kai's suggestion to refer the question of the future government of China to a national conference and to abide by its decision, whatever it may be.

Delegates From All Parts Being Called Together to Decide on The Form of The New Government.

The Dowager Empress, Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Manchu prince of the imperial clan debated throughout the entire morning the scheme for calling together a convention of delegates from all parts of the empire to decide on the form of government. Prince Ching, former premier and minister of foreign affairs, urged the acceptance of the proposal. Prince Yu Lang, member of the grand council, and Prince Tsai Tao, former minister of war and brother of the present prince regent, on the other hand strenuously opposed the scheme. Those among the Manchu princes present who were in favor of the acceptance of the proposal finally prevailed and the decision was reached to leave the settlement of the future form of government in the hands of the delegates selected by the nation. The cabinet has been instructed to draw up the regulations which shall govern the national convention. In view of the activities of the Shanghai revolutionaries, imperial government officials consider it to be doubtful whether the rebels will agree to the long delay inseparable from the calling of a national convention. The act of the throne leaves no room for doubt that the advisors of the regent and the emperor are prepared for abdication should that course prove to be the only way of settlement. The Russian government's action was taken in consequence of the proclamation in independence by Mongolia and reports that the dependency of Turkestan would be cut off from China at the same moment. Inability of China to assert her authority in Mongolia leaves the way open, according to opinion here, for the extension of Russian influence and possibility of ultimate annexation. It is suggested that a Russo-Japanese alliance may result from the action of Mongolia, as this brings Russia and Mongolia, as this brings Russia and Japanese spheres of influence in Mongolia and Manchuria side by side. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Russian foreign office denies the report that Russian troops have entered Mongolia. The Mea of extending the Russian protectorate over Mongolia exists in certain circles here but Russian diplomacy so far has been inactive and has adhered to its policy of non-interference in Chinese affairs. No Surprise at Washington. Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Intention of local authorities in Mongolia and Turkestan to declare themselves independent of the Peking rule was no surprise to state department officials here today. With the exception of these two divisions and Chai, it was pointed out, practically all of the Chinese provinces have declared their independence to rid themselves of monarchical machinery that has ruled them for 300 years. The state department has confidence in pledges given by the five powers interested in China's reconstruction that they would act as a unit and attempt no individual advantage of any revolutionary development.

Will Not Stand for Re-Election, Panama, Dec. 28.—It is reported here today that President Arosemena now intends to waive his candidacy for re-election in favor of Ricardo Arias, minister to the United States. Arias leaves tomorrow to take charge of the Washington legation.

GOLDEN CITY, ONT., FIRE-SWEPT TODAY.

By Associated Press. Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 28.—Fire swept the business district of Golden City today, wiping out nearly all the buildings that survived the destructive conflagration of last July. The burned section included about a dozen stores, a hotel and several saloons.

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