

BUSINESS SUFFERS, AS RESULT OF STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA, AS NEVER BEFORE

As Result the United Business Men's Association is Making Effort to End Turmoil.

DIVERGENT CLAIMS AS TO STRENGTH OF MOVEMENT

Labor Leaders Insist, However, That 122,000 Men Are Out, While Police Put Number at 20,000.

Philadelphia, March 8.—All Philadelphia hopes that the city-wide movement, begun yesterday by the United Business Men's Association, to bring to a quick end the great labor conflict that has kept the "City of Brotherly Love" in turmoil the past two weeks, will be successful.

There were no important developments in the strike situation this afternoon. No violence was reported, only a normal number of policemen are patrolling the streets.

Although three days have passed since the general strike order became effective, it is yet impossible to accurately estimate the strength of the movement. Divergent claims continue from both sides.

While many mills and other industrial establishments are badly crippled, or closed down because of the trolley strike, the Rapid Transit company is meeting with increased success in operating its cars.

Strike is Condemned. The master builders met late yesterday and adopted resolutions condemning the sympathetic strike and discussed tentatively action against some of the bodies of men who joined the general strike movement.

Resolutions calling upon every man, woman and child in Philadelphia to quit the work were adopted with cheers. As the crowds were leaving the hall there was a grave outbreak of disorder.

Several cars were stoned on Sixth street in front of the strikers' meeting place. The police, of whom there were at least fifty within the radius of a square, charged the crowd which was, however, so dense that it dispersed slowly.

The board of directors of the United Business Men's association appointed a committee of seven to call a convention of the business, commercial and trade bodies, business associations and religious and fraternal organizations to take all just and honorable means to effect a settlement of the street car strike.

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LITTLE PESTS; A GREAT TOLL

Insects Eat a Tenth of Country's Agricultural Products and Fungi Consume an Equal Amount.

ENTOMOLOGIST SANDERSON MAKES THESE ESTIMATES

He Presents Figures to House Committee on Agriculture, in Hearing on Representative Lowden's Bill.

Washington, March 8.—That one-tenth of the agricultural products of the country are lost because of the ravages of insects and another one-tenth from fungous diseases, was the startling estimate given the house committee on interstate commerce today by E. V. Sanderson of the New Hampshire agricultural experiment station, and president of the national association of entomologists.

The committee was granting a hearing on the Lowden bill to prevent the manufacture, sale or transportation of misbranded Paris greens, lead arsenates and other insecticides and fungicides.

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS STANDARD OIL DEFENSE

Brief in Opposition to Government's Suit for Dissolution is Filed.

Washington, March 8.—The Standard Oil company today filed in the United States Supreme court its brief in opposition to the government's attempt to dissolve it, as violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

NATHAN CARTMELL BUSY WITH HIS TRACK TEAM

Baseball Prospects Good at Chapel Hill — A Son at Mr. and Mrs. Winston's.

Correspondence of The Gazette-News. Chapel Hill, March 6.—Nathan Cartmell is busy with the University track team. About 50 men responded to his call and the prospects are bright for a fine team.

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Nicaragua Insurrection Is Ended; Provisional Generals in Flight



GEN. CHAMORRO

Confirmation of Chamorro's Crushing Defeat—Desertions Hourly Thinning Insurgent Ranks.

SOURCE OF MADRIZ' HELP THE MYSTERY OF THE DAY

Where Did He Get Money Enough to Put His Army at a High Point of Efficiency.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, March 8.—Telegrams received from Bluefields confirm the reports of General Chamorro's crushing defeat at Tisma and Tipitapa on February 22.

Commander Shipley has advised Rear Admiral Kimball that the Estrada headquarters now admits that General Chamorro's forces were practically wiped out and that the broken remnants of his army have joined the depleted forces of Generals Mesa and Zelaya and are fleeing toward Bluefields.

It is taken to indicate that the result in favor of General Chamorro had 800 men at Tisma and Tipitapa, and escaped himself by the merest chance.

Desertions are thinning the ranks of General Mesa's forces hourly. Whole companies are said to be dropping out and joining the enemy as the disheartened and crushed insurgents flee through the mountains.

The provisional government now makes no secret of the fact that its cause is lost. Except for the desperate hope that the United States may yet interfere, General Estrada and his lieutenants have nothing now to sustain them.

Washington, March 8.—What officials of the state department and Central American diplomats would particularly like to know at this stage of the Nicaraguan trouble is where Dr. Madriz suddenly got the money to put his military organization at its high point of efficiency.

But the United States government made it clear that it frowned on any financial assistance Mexico might wish to give. Consequently Mexico made no advance at that time, despite the fact that Dr. Madriz was Mexico's choice for president of Nicaragua, and Mexican financiers had interest in seeing that he remained in power.

The financial problem seemed the chief bugaboo of Dr. Madriz's administration until the insurgents were almost at the gates of Managua. Then came a flood of funds. Officials and soldiers were well paid, money was advanced here and there and a sufficient supply of ammunition procured to continue the fight for weeks if necessary.

It is certain that Dr. Madriz did not get any money from Salvador or Guatemala, because these are unfriendly nations and have made a point of keeping out of the fray. Dr. Madriz might have relied on Costa Rica or Honduras for money if either of these nations had had it. But Costa Rica is in default of the interest on her public debt, and Honduras is practically bankrupt and owes more than a hundred million dollars gold.

Dr. Madriz must have borrowed a large sum to have equipped his army as he did. General Lara, who came from Honduras with five hundred men and helped the forces of Dr. Madriz, must have been well supplied to equip his expedition. Money flowed in freely from some source. The question is, From what source did it come?

Managua, Nicaragua, March 8.—President Madriz today liberated several political prisoners. All insurgent prisoners will be released soon. This move on the part of the government is expected to conciliate the Granada conservatives.



AMERICAN SHARPSHOOTERS AT SANTA CLARA DREAM FROM SPECTOR MADE BY HERALD CORRESPONDENT AT THE FRONT



REAR ADMIRAL W. W. KIMBALL

TAKEN TO OSEWEGO FOR BURIAL TODAY

The Body of Former Senator Platt is Laid to Rest—Mae Wood Will Claim Platt Estate.

New York, March 8.—The body of former Senator Thomas C. Platt was taken today to Oswego, his birthplace, for interment. Word came from the west today that Mae C. Wood, indicted for forgery in connection with suits against the former senator, to whom she declared she was wedded, purposed laying claim to Platt's estate as his widow.

GRAIN CROP IN CRIBS LESS THAN LAST MARCH

Quantity of Wheat and Corn on Hand a Little Better Than Ten Years Average.

Washington, March 8.—The quantity of the 1909 wheat crop in farmers' hands March 8 was about 25.5 per cent, equivalent to 173,344,000 bushels, compared with 21.6 per cent, (145,922,000 bushels) of the 1908 crop on hand March 1, 1909, and 23.9 per cent, (152,571,000 bushels), the average for the past ten years, according to the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture.

The quantity of corn is estimated at 37.9 per cent, equivalent to 1,659,365,000 bushels compared with 39.2 per cent, (1,647,763,000 bushels) last year, and 38.1 per cent, equivalent to 2,025,000 bushels the past ten years' average; that of oats is 36.1 per cent, equivalent to 367,153,000 bushels, compared to 23.6 per cent, (238,517,000 bushels) last year and 35.4 per cent, (310,763,000 bushels), the past ten years' average.

Market Reflects Report. Chicago, March 8.—Wheat prices advanced 2 1/8 to 2 7/8 cents today on the flurry created by the government report on farm reserves, which showed considerable shortage in the amount of wheat still on the farms compared with general expectations.

From the low point of 110 1/8 May sold up to 112, while July advanced from 102 3/8 to 105 1/2.

Hearing of Argument Postponed. Washington, March 8.—Justice Wright of the District Supreme court has postponed until next Friday hearing further argument in the mandamus proceeding brought to compel the joint printing committee of congress to re-open bids for paper for public printing.

Chicago, March 8.—An explosion of dry powder in the plant of the American Maize Products company at Iroquois, Ind., probably killed two men, and injured 28 others. The explosion in the wrecked building broke windows in houses five miles away.

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cause, explaining that the experience of most cities has shown prohibition to be a failure. He asserted that he was not in sympathy with the movement.

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GENERAL STAN JOSE ESTRADA

THE DECISION IS AGAINST RAILROADS

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Wins in Case Filed With Commerce Commission.

Washington, March 8.—In a series of cases brought before the interstate commerce commission by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, against the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railways, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern and St. Louis and San Francisco railroads, the commission held that rates of the defendant lines on fertilizer from Memphis, Tenn., to various points in other states were unreasonable. The commission ordered certain reasonable rates established.

"NEGRO" AMENDMENTS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

So Says Resolution Sisson Offers—It Is Added That They Were Never Really Adopted.

Washington, March 8.—That the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States are null and void by the declaration of a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Sisson of Mississippi.

The resolution directs the attorney general of the United States to submit the questions to the Supreme court.

Were Never Adopted. Sisson's resolution recites that the purpose of the senate and house of the thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first congresses show that the two amendments, relating to the enfranchisement of the negro, were not adopted in the two houses by a two-thirds vote, and further, that three-fourths of the several states did not ratify them as required by the constitution.

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Washington, March 8.—The senate yesterday afternoon confirmed the nomination of Major W. W. Rollin as postmaster at Asheville.

The senate judiciary committee has favorably reported the nominations of W. K. Logan and Claudius Dockery as United States marshals for the western and eastern districts of North Carolina, respectively, and they will be confirmed probably today. No opposition has yet reached here to the confirmation of B. J. Luther's nomination as postmaster at Elizabethton.

Clifford Shaw, the Tar Heel who was deposed as law officer of the forestry bureau with Gifford Pinchot, will probably go on the witness stand Thursday as a witness in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. It is said that President Taft has thought better of his action, and will reimburse Mr. Shaw as a practicing attorney in the interior department.

MAKING SETTLEMENT WITH THE WIDOWS

St. Paul Mining Company Making Settlement With Claimants on Basis of \$1,800 in Each Case.

Chicago, March 8.—With fifty claims of widows and other relatives of the Cherry mine disaster, settled by payments ranging between eight and twelve hundred dollars, the St. Paul Mining company has entered into negotiations in one hundred additional cases to settle with the victims' widows at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars in each case.

THE INITIATIVE IN DES MOINES

It is Invoked by the People in the Matter of Street Car System.

Des Moines, March 8.—For the first time under the Des Moines plan of commission government the initiative was invoked, and as a result a proposition for the municipal ownership of the street car system will be submitted to voters at the city election, March 28.

Conductor Mobbied and Injured, Pistol Shots Exchanged—The Men Non-Union Workmen.

Corinth, N. Y., March 8.—A carload of 100 hundred non-union men, who were coming here to take the place of strikers in the International Paper company mill, was dynamited en route. Pistol shots were exchanged. Conductor Bartholomew of the train was mobbed and injured and a railroad bridge was burned.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN SESSION

Nashville, March 8.—The seventh general convention of the religious educational association assembled today with delegates from every part of the country.

Aged Omaha Woman Dead. Omaha, March 8.—Mrs. Mary Svacina, aged one hundred and one, died last night.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m., Wednesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Wednesday, with moderate temperature.

Ice Fields Less Extensive. Detroit, March 8.—Reports to the weather bureau indicate less extensive ice fields around the lakes than last year.

Having Received Many Threatening Letters He Remained Barred Today in His Apartments.

THE LETTERS DEMAND OF THE SINGER \$15,000

Two Arrests Were Made Last Week but the Blackhand Messages Continue to Arrive, It is Said.

New York, March 8.—More carefully guarded than was President Taft on his recent visit here, Enrico Caruso, the tenor, who recently received black hand letters demanding \$15,000, remained barred in his apartments today. The singer is said to have received additional letters, threatening his life.

Two men were arrested last week on the charge of sending black hand letters to Caruso, but the letters continue to come, and he is much disturbed. The fear is that friends of the men arrested may attempt to do him some bodily harm.

"AN INFANT INDUSTRY IN NEED OF PROTECTION"

So Senator Bankhead of Alabama Recorders to Hydro-Electric Power Development.

Washington, March 8.—The development of water power is infant industry and needs protection," declared United States Senator Bankhead of Alabama, in a speech delivered in the senate today.

Urging the promulgation of a definite policy for power development, Senator Bankhead suggested the establishment of a government bureau as a permanent requirement in connection with a law for the control of hydro-electric power enterprises. Senator Bankhead contended that congress had no control of the waters of navigable rivers, except for purposes of interstate and foreign commerce; that the state controls and is entitled to the unrestricted use of waters for all other purposes.

Committee Tackles Big Job. The senate committee today began its investigation into the causes of the higher cost of the necessities of life. Senator Simmons of North Carolina was the only one of the democratic members present this morning, and took an active part in the cross-examination of witnesses.

A committee to represent the Farmers' Educational Co-operative union appeared before the house immigration committee, voicing opposition into this country.

The postal savings bank bill, which passed the senate Saturday, reached the house today, and was referred to the committee on postoffice and postroads.

Postoffice Bill Passes House. Th postoffice bill, carrying appropriations aggregating two hundred and forty-one million, dollars, or six million, three hundred thousand more than that of the current year, passed the house today.

DR. HYDE WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY

Charged with Murder and Attempts to Commit Murder in the Swope Family.

Kansas City, March 8.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with murder and attempts to commit murder as the result of the deaths and illness in the Swope family, was arraigned in the criminal court today on eleven indictments.

Dr. Hyde was released from the county jail today, after furnishing bond in the sum of \$100,000.

P. C. KNOX, JR., IS WEDDED. Son of Secretary of State Has Married Department Store Clerk of Providence, R. I.

Burlington, Vt., March 8.—The marriage of Philander C. Knox, son of the secretary of state, to Miss May Baker, a department store clerk of Providence, was confirmed today, by the filing of the marriage certificate.

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