

THEY RETURN TO THEIR PLACES IN WILMINGTON

The General Sympathetic Strike in Philadelphia in Process of Disintegration.

MANY WENT BACK TO THEIR PLACES TODAY

The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor Will Keep an Eye on the Ballot Box in the Future.

Philadelphia, March 24.—The disintegration of the general sympathetic strike, called to aid the trolley-men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, continued today.

They Will Strike at Ballot Box. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 24.—After being in session nearly all of yesterday the executive council of the state federation of labor came to the conclusion that it would be inopportune to call a state-wide strike to aid the striking street car men in Philadelphia.

This decision was reached unanimously, and it is said to have been hastened by the action of the textile workers of Philadelphia who went out on a sympathetic strike and Tuesday night voted to return to work.

Instead of appealing to the trade unionists of the state to quit work, the council fell in with the movement started in Philadelphia Tuesday night to form a labor party in the state.

President Greenwalt was very positive in his statement that the only way the working classes in Philadelphia and throughout the state could get justice was through the ballot box. The council decided to give the movement every encouragement.

The council will meet at the call of President Greenwalt shortly, when plans will be formulated to get the new party in working order.

The executive council, after giving out the following statement, adjourned:

"The general strike proposition was given careful consideration and the conclusion reached that such a drastic remedy should not be applied unless as a last resort and inasmuch as there is still hope for a settlement of the strike in Philadelphia, all plans relative to a general industrial strike are held in abeyance.

Notwithstanding this decision, it is the purpose of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor to call a general state-wide strike and it calls on every citizen to drop his usual occupation next election day and strike at the ballot box for clean politics and honest government."

The executive committee also took favorable action on the movement started in Philadelphia to organize a labor party.

FAIRBANKS TO BE GIVEN GREETINGS

They Will Arrive at Indianapolis This Afternoon and Will Be Met by Thousands of Hoosiers.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 24.—The program for the welcome home of former Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, from a world's tour, late this afternoon, includes a greeting at the Union station by a reception committee, numbering thousands of Indiana folks headed by Governor Marshall and Mayor Shank. Prominent men of the city and state were attended by a detachment of troops from Fort Harrison.

NOMINATION OF LUTHER IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

He Will Probably Be Confirmed as Postmaster at Baltimore at an Early Date.

Gazette-News Bureau, Washington, March 24.—The nomination of Byron J. Luther to be postmaster at Baltimore, to succeed Mrs. Fannie J. Reed, was reported favorably from the senate postoffice committee yesterday afternoon.

MISS FANNIE CROSBY IS CELEBRATING HER BIRTHDAY. Bridgeport, Conn., March 24.—Miss Fannie Crosby, the blind poem hymn writer, is celebrating her sixtieth birthday today.

That Made Yesterday in Delaware City Exceeded Anything Ever Recorded in Police Annals.

MURDER AND SUICIDE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

The Most Sensational Occurrence Was That on B. & O. Which Cost Several Lives.

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—It was with feelings of relief that the people of Wilmington, arising this morning, learned that yesterday's carnival of blood and death ended with the setting sun, and that there were no further tragedies on record.

The day had been one without a parallel in the city's history. Never before did the crime annals of Wilmington make such a ghastly showing. Three murders, and violent shooting assaults that may result in three more deaths, half dozen persons slightly injured, and two suicides comprise the startling record.

The most sensational occurrence was the tragedy on the Baltimore & Ohio express, in which J. H. Bethea, contractor, of Dillon, S. C., who shot and killed the porter and conductor, and then was himself riddled with bullets, after a desperate battle with the police, and the armed crowd that tried to capture the crazed man.

Exciting Battle on B. & O. Train. Wilmington, Del., March 24.—An exciting battle in which three men were killed took place on a north-bound Baltimore & Ohio railroad train yesterday afternoon. The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended in this city. Several persons were wounded in the deadly fray, which occurred at the Delaware avenue station here following the arrival of the train at 5:17 o'clock.

The dead are: O. E. Wellman, aged 40, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train. Samuel Williams, aged 59, negro Pullman porter, whose home is said to have been in Jersey City. J. H. Bethea, aged 40, of Dillon, S. C.

The injured are: John O. Wiley, aged 40, a park guard of Wilmington, Del., shot in the hand and leg. Matthew Haley, a citizen of Wilmington, shot in the leg.

Others were grazed by flying bullets. The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger and Williams, the porter in the Pullman parlor car, Mercury.

The car was bound from Washington to Jersey City. Bethea, who had been drinking heavily, shot the porter through the heart, killing him instantly. When Conductor Wellman saw the porter fall he ran to the scene to rearm, but he was shot in the chest by the passenger, who still held the smoking revolver in his hand. Bethea then shot into the negro's body. Then without a word Bethea shot Wellman through the heart.

The conductor fell dead in his tracks. When the desperado fired, the conductor threw up his right arm to protect himself. The bullet struck his arm and continuing, ploughed through his body and lodged in his heart.

Before the passengers could interfere the double murderer barricaded himself in the toilet room of the Pullman car and threatened to kill the first person who approached.

Meanwhile the train reached Wilmington. When it came into the station a hurry call was sent to the police station. A squad of patrolmen, headed by Police Captains Kane and Evans and reinforced by park guards and a posse of citizens and trainmen, ran to the scene.

The police called upon Bethea to surrender. As an answer he opened the door of the toilet room and opened fire on the police and crowd with an automatic revolver.

Betha is believed to have had at least 100 rounds of ammunition, for he succeeded in holding the posse at bay and also held up the train from 5:17 until 6:35.

During this time many shots were fired on both sides until finally all the windows of the car were riddled. Travel over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was also tied up. When the battle had lasted about an hour the police realized that they would be unable to drive the man from cover. A call was sent to a local fire company nearby. The firemen responded with their engine. Attaching a high pressure hose to a fire plug and with the firemen barricaded behind trucks and boards a stream of water was played upon the windows of the toilet room. The desperado fired a number of shots at the firemen, but they were not injured. Subsequently Bethea, drenched with water, staggered to the platform and the police once more called upon him to surrender. His reply was several shots in quick order from his revolver.

Several of the policemen had armed themselves with shotguns and just as Bethea fired the last shot Police Captain Evans fired a load of shot into his face. Notwithstanding this injury he kept on blasting away. (Continued on Page Five.)

Has But One Chip. In speaking of the situation today and in confirming the rumor that Mr. Grant is at work to persuade him not to ask for the nomination a friend and supporter of his said: (Continued on page 5)



HERE I AM AGAIN! JUST BACK FROM ELBA, BLESS ME!

WILL MR. GRANT REMOVE HIMSELF?

A Number of Congressman's Friends Think it Inexpedient for Him Again to Make the Race.

HAS THE CONGRESSMAN ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED?

Denial Is Made of Report That Swain County Gave Divided Instructions to Delegates.

Special to The Gazette-News. Bryson City, N. C., March 24.—The Swain republican delegates are unimpaired. Some are Pearson, some are Grant men.

From more than one advised source the information came today that something like a concerted movement had been inaugurated by friends and supporters of Congressman Grant to make plain to him the congressional situation.

There has been rumors hereabouts for several weeks to the effect that Mr. Grant's friends were uneasy over the situation; that they felt Mr. Grant had made mistakes in the district which would result disastrously should he again be named to make the fight, and that in the interest not alone of Mr. Grant but of the party in the district it would be well for him to step aside for another, probably Hon. Rich.

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THE CARMAN RACE HORSES TAKEN BACK TO NEW YORK. New York, March 24.—Twenty-eight race horses, owned by R. F. Carman, arrived today from Tampa, and will be unloaded at Belmont Park, and will be under racing in Florida Carman has been racing in Florida all winter. Magazine will be his best representative at Aqueduct and Jamaica.

Twenty Passengers Injured. Chicago, March 24.—Twenty persons, passengers on an Illinois Central train, were injured this afternoon when the train ran into a string of "empty" cars. The injuries consisted chiefly of cuts and bruises.

Trouble Brewing. Washington, March 24.—Trouble is brewing between Chili and Peru. The charge d'affaires of Peru left Santiago yesterday, having previously deposited the archives of his office with the American legation.

Hart Wins Ten Mile Race. Daytona, Fla., March 24.—In the automobile races today the ten mile stock chassis was won by Pete Hart with a Buick. Altman in a Hudson was second; time, 12 minutes, 55 seconds.

NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO THE NEW TAX

Ruling is Announced With Reference to Tobacco Removed from Factories Prior to July.

Washington, March 24.—Tobacco, snuff, cigars, and cigarettes, in the hands of jobbers and retailers, removed from factories prior to July 1, next, will not be subject to the increase in the tax of from six to eight cents per pound, provided for in the Payne tariff law.

This announcement was made today by the internal revenue commissioner Cabell.

CAIRO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT COL. ROOSEVELT

Big Demonstrations Given in Honor of the Hunter Upon His Arrival There.

Cairo, Egypt, March 24.—This was Roosevelt day in Cairo. Large throngs greeted Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermitt and Ethel, upon their arrival here from Luxor. The city was decked in stars and stripes. There was great enthusiasm in honor of the distinguished visitor.

Col. Roosevelt was received formally by Major Stack, the British agent in the Sudan. This afternoon, with former president, in company with American Consul General Hildings, made a call upon the khedive of Egypt. Later the khedive returned the visit.

The Roosevelts are to remain here one week, sightseeing.

GEN. BELL'S CONDITION REPORTED AS FAVORABLE

No Internal Injuries of a Serious Nature Were Sustained in Accident of Yesterday.

Washington, March 24.—Major General J. Frank Bell, chief of staff of the army, who was injured yesterday in the automobile accident in which Mrs. H. J. Slocum lost her life, was pronounced today to be recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TO HEAR CATTLE RAISERS

Having Heard Retailers and Packers, Committee Will Examine Producers of Meat.

HE TALKS ABOUT RUMORS OF WAR

John W. Foster Says That What Japan Particularly Needs Is an Era of Peace.

New York, March 24.—John W. Foster, secretary of state under President Harrison, in a lengthy statement declares that the "renewed talk of impending war between Japan and the United States is worse than nonsense; it is wicked." Foster asserted: "Japan could hope for no adequate compensation as a result of a conflict with us. She knows war would be suicidal mania. The great need of Japan is a long era of peace for commercial up-building."

CAPT. CHAS. FOX ASSIGNED TO CHARLESTON STATION

A Court Martial Appointed to Try Lieutenant Berry of Marine Corps at Port Royal.

Washington, March 24.—Captain Charles E. Fox, recently in command of the receiving ship Lancaster, at the Philadelphia navy yard, has been ordered to assume command of the naval station at Charleston, S. C.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer has appointed a court martial to meet at Port Royal, S. C., April 4, for the trial of First Lieutenant Benjamin S. Berry, United States marine corps, on duty there, on a charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

THE STRICKEN VIRGINIAN PASSED A SATISFACTORY NIGHT, IS REPORTED FROM HIS BEDSIDE.

Washington, March 24.—Having heard the retailers and packers of meat in an effort to fix responsibility for prevailing high prices, the senate investigating committee will next hear the cattle raisers.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair and warm weather tonight and Friday.

FOREST RESERVE BILL REPORTED

Now That Mr. Cannon No Longer Owns House This Measure Is Considered Favorably.

CONGRESSMAN GRANT HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

He Says That Mr. Pearson Has All the While Been "Running" for the Congressional Nomination.

Gazette-News Bureau, 46 Post Building, Washington, March 24.

The house committee on agriculture today reported favorably the Appalachian and White Mountain forest reserve bill, carrying an eleven million dollar appropriation. The vote was ten to seven.

This is the first time the bill has even been reported out of committee into the house, and friends now believe that it will pass. Cannon no longer dominates the rules committee and the chance is good for getting the bill before the house, where it will pass if members are permitted to vote on it.

Congressman Grant, when asked what he had to say of Hon. Richmond Pearson's interview with reference to the congressional nomination, said: "That's nothing new; he has been running all the time."

KING MENELIK IS SAID TO BE DYING

Dispatches Are to the Effect That the Capital Is Tranquil and Safety of Foreigners Assured.

Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, March 24.—King Menelik is said this afternoon to be dying. Ras Tassama, regent, with the approval of the principal chiefs, took over the reins of the government. The capital is tranquil, and the safety of foreigners is assured.

DR. W. H. AXTELL HAS LETTER FROM MRS. COOK

Wife of Alleged Explorer Says He Is Broken in Health and Is Unable to Continue His Fight.

Bellingham, Wash., March 24.—Dr. William H. Axtell, a personal friend of Frederick A. Cook, has received a letter from Mrs. Cook, dated Valparaiso, Chile, in which she says the explorer is broken in health, without funds and unable to continue his fight to establish his claim that he discovered the pole. Dr. Axtell said:

"Mrs. Cook tells me in her letter that Dr. Cook made a considerable money out of his trip when he first arrived in New York, but that he spent it in defending himself against bitter attacks from his enemies before the Copenhagen decision was made public.

"Cook left New York later to escape contempt, says Mrs. Cook and to go before the board of inquiry at Copenhagen as his own representative. Then Mrs. Cook followed him, met him in England, found him a nervous wreck and very ill.

"She writes that it was her fault the time he was unfavorably reported on. She says she took him to Holland, France, Italy, and then to Spain where they embarked for Buenos Ayres.

"From Buenos Ayres they went around Cape Horn to Chile. Cook is still very ill and will be in no condition to take up his fight for the honors which he still insists should have been his."

Dr. Axtell added that according to the letter the explorer and his family will arrive quietly in New York and will settle down for a quiet life.

SENATOR DANIEL'S CONDITION CONTINUES SATISFACTORY

The Stricken Virginian Passed a Satisfactory Night, Is Reported from His Bedside.