

STREET CARS STOPPED AT NOON; STRIKE ORDER

First Section of Motormen And Conductors Took Cars In at 11:45, Others at 12

PAY CONTROVERSY CAUSE OF ACTION

Several Cars Manned by Members of Company's Office Force, Were Soon in Operation.

This afternoon cars are running on all lines of Asheville Power and Light company except East street. These are manned by employees of the company not affected by the strike.

At 11:45 o'clock today, the employees of the Asheville Power and Light company who run the cars went on a strike and a few minutes after 12 every car was in the barn and most of the street cars were on the streets. From statements made both by the company and by the men, the strike is about a question of wages; and no prediction can be made at this time as to whether there is any likelihood of settlement or when the company will be able to maintain a regular schedule.

The men are not being paid according to the scale in other places; that the amount in dispute will amount to only \$3000 per year, which the men have reason to believe that the company is amply able to pay. He stated that the company proposed to make a small increase but that it was too small even to be considered.

The wage controversy is of long standing. For about two years, it is stated, the men have been asking for higher pay. The men met with Mr. Keenan several days ago when it was decided to approach the company for the increase desired and a committee was sent to Mr. Plummer. Nothing was done at this time but another meeting was arranged. At this meeting no agreement could be reached.

CANAL DISPUTE IS CALLED PEACE TEST

Hannis Taylor Pleads for Caution in Realizing with Panama Question.

Washington, April 26.—The Panama canal tolls controversy between Great Britain and the United States furnishes a test in a century old peace between the two countries in the opinion of Hannis Taylor, former minister to Spain, who spoke at today's meeting of the American society of International law.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AGAIN APPEARS IN MANILLA

Reappearance of the Scourge in the Philippines Arouses Health Officers.

Washington, April 26.—Alarmed at the reappearance of the bubonic plague in Manila, five victims of the scourge having died in that city this year, the Manila board of health has employed 50 additional rat catchers to rid the city of disease-spreading rodents, according to reports received today by the United States public health service.

ALABAMA INDICTMENT STOPS SMITH'S RETURN

Governor O'Neal Wires that He Cannot Allow Banker's Extradition.

Raleigh, April 26.—A telegram received from Governor O'Neal of Alabama stated that E. H. Smith, wanted here for violating the banking laws had been indicted for embezzlement in that state and placed under a \$5000 bond. He cannot be returned to North Carolina until the case there is disposed of. Smith has resisted so strenuously extradition that this leads to the suggestion that his friends might have "framed up" this prosecution to prevent his return.

INCOME TAXING IS DEFENDED

Author of the Provision Replies to Criticism that Measure Is Class Legislation.

SAYS MASSES BEAR BURDEN AT PRESENT

Will Help Relieve Victims of "Intangible and Invisible Tariff Taxes" He Asserts.

Washington, April 26.—A comprehensive analysis of the income tax by its author, Representative Hull of Tennessee, returned today's general debate on the tariff in the house. Mr. Hull replied today to numerous comments on the provisions of the income tax. To the suggestion that it is class legislation and a distinction between citizens of large means and those without particular means, he answered that its purpose was to reach for taxation those who have escaped taxes and who are most able to bear them.

HE ASKS FOR RULING ON POSTMASTERS TERMS

How About Those Who Have Served without Commission? Mr. Fields Wants to Know.

Washington, April 26.—Postoffice patronage was taken up with Postmaster General Burleson today in a letter by Representative Fields of Kentucky, who called attention to the policy of allowing present holders of postmasterhips to serve until the expiration of their commissions. He pointed out that in many instances these postmasters were appointed or reappointed and allowed to serve several months and in some cases for years without receiving a commission. He asks a ruling that will hold that postmaster terms expire four years from the date they entered the service, or four years from the time their last commission expired.

STORM CAPITOL FOR SUFFRAGE

Advocates of Votes for Women Again Plead with Senators for the Right to Ballot.

MANY PROMINENT WOMEN ARE PRESENT

Wives of Senators and Representatives Among Speakers—Say No Radical Change Result.

Washington, April 26.—Suffragists for the second time in a week again stormed the capitol to argue why women should have the ballot and be admitted to suffrage on the same plane as men through the adoption of a constitutional amendment. Chief among those present to plead for universal suffrage was Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Women Suffrage association. She was ably seconded by Miss Helen Varick Rosewell, president of the Woman's National Republican association; Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the former pure food advocate; Mrs. William Kent, wife of a representative from California, and several others. Two senators, Snafroth of Colorado and Brady of Idaho, and the wives of two members of the upper house of congress were also ready to advance arguments for the "cause."

UNIFORM LABOR HOURS ALL OVER UNITED STATES

Constitutional Amendment to This Effect Proposed by Curley of Massachusetts.

Washington, April 26.—An amendment to the constitution which would give congress the power to make uniform the hours of labor throughout the United States is proposed in a resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Curley of Massachusetts. Representative Curley contends that the difference in the hours of labor in many states, varying from 24 hours a week in Massachusetts to 66 hours in southern states, creates an "unwarranted discrimination" in favor of manufacturers located in states where the long hours prevail. It was for the purpose of eliminating this discrimination that the resolution was offered.

MODELS OF COLUMBUS' VESSELS FOR THE CANAL

Cayo Puga Decides to Send the Three Designs to America at His Own Expense.

Madrid, April 26.—Cayo Puga, designer of reproductions of the three vessels in which Columbus crossed the Atlantic, which were exhibited at the Columbian exposition at Chicago in 1893, has received a request from Harvard university students for the designs. It is understood a plan is afoot at Harvard to construct a similar caravan to send through the Panama canal when it is opened. It is proposed that the ships shall go to San Francisco afterwards. Senator Puga has decided to send the designs to America at his own expense.

TO PROSECUTE INSURANCE COS.

GITE BANKER ON CONTEMPT CHARGE

House Committee Recommends that Speaker Take Action Against Glover.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 26.—The special house committee, which investigated the assault by Charles C. Glover, a local banker, on Representative Sims of Tennessee, reported today it had found Glover in contempt of the house and recommended that the speaker issue a warrant for his arrest to answer that charge.

MISS BORDEN LOCATED AT HOTEL IN BOSTON

Father of Heiress Reported in Conference with Her or Companions.

Boston, April 26.—The search for Romona Borden, 17 years old daughter of a New York millionaire, was transferred to this city today, after receipt of information that the girl, with two women companions, had been located at a Back Bay hotel. Miss Borden's father, Gail Borden, arrived from New York at 7 o'clock this morning and went at once to a hotel where he registered as "G. Borden, Los Angeles."

MOORE OPPOSES INDEFINITE EXTENSION

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CHARGES TRANSPORTATION MONOPOLY

Washington, April 26.—Representative Cary of Wisconsin wants the house interstate commerce committee to investigate the management of Mount Vernon. A resolution by him referred today to the rules committee says there is a monopoly in transportation at exorbitant rates from the national capital to Washington's tomb, in which the Mount Vernon Ladies' association, which manages the historic spot, shares profits.

Missouri's Attorney General Institutes Quo Warranto Proceedings to Keep Them in State.

CLAIMS AGREEMENT TO QUIT STATE ILLEGAL

Official Intimates He Will Seek Indictment Against Officials of Many Insurance Companies.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 26.—Attorney General Barker filed in the Supreme court today quo warranto proceedings against a number of fire insurance companies on a charge of violating the anti-trust law in combining to withdraw from the state. The attorney general asked that the companies be fined. The proceedings were directed against 103 companies belonging to the Western Insurance union. The information charges that the companies have entered into an unlawful combination to refuse to write insurance in Missouri, thus leaving the people of the state without adequate insurance protection and to cancel policies heretofore written, which would cause a financial calamity.

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COBB MAY PLAY TOMORROW

Chicago, April 26.—Tyus Cobb is to play with the Detroit team of the American league tomorrow, according to information given out at the office of E. B. Johnson, president of the American league here today. It was said that Cobb had been reinstated by Johnson, pending the outcome of his application for reinstatement, which the national commission is to consider at a meeting in Chicago next week. Johnson left his office "for the day" without making any definite announcement in the case.

BYRAN DECLINES SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Sacramento, Cal., April 26.—"I appreciate your invitation, but I am coming to confer with the governor and the legislature and do not deem it proper to make engagements to speak, I shall return as soon as possible." Secretary of State Byran thus replied to an invitation wired him by the Sacramento chamber of commerce to make a public speech here during his visit in connection with the proposed anti-trust legislation.