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DECIDES TO SETTLE STRIKE

Lisbon, Jan. 12.—President Braga of the republic of Portugal, took personal charge of the strike situation today in an attempt to prevent the national labor troubles from passing beyond a crisis to a political climax.

With the whole of the republic stagnated and traffic demoralized and with business and traffic at a standstill from the strike of railroad employees, President Braga ordered the trains on state owned railroads manned by soldiers for the transportation of troops.

Despite the orders of the strike leaders that property shall not be destroyed, rioting broke out in this city in Oporto and at other points.

LOOK OUT FOR No. 1

Never lose sight of the fact that you have your own way to make in the world and that no one feels disposed to help a man who does not help himself.

It is very pleasant to be a "good fellow" and spend money freely, but you will find many more people willing to accept your generosity than willing to help you when you need money.

Don't forget your own interests. Own your home. I have four residences for sale at very reasonable prices, which will yield a good rate of interest on the investment, also rapidly advance in value.

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The wild man of Barneo has not yet arrived here. He is scheduled at Geneva tomorrow. What next?

NEW CONSTITUTION

Bill Reported Favorably by House Committee

REDEMPTION OF BONDS

Graham Introduces Bill to Provide for Appropriations of the Session. The "White Slave Law" is Passed. Protest Against the Justice of Peace Bill.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The committee on constitutional amendments reported favorably Mr. Stubbs bill providing for a constitutional convention to be called after an election to be held in 1912.

The measure was set as a special order for Wednesday, January 25.

A protest was registered by Mr. Dougherty of Alleghany and Mr. Taylor of Brunswick, against the flood of bills appointing justices of the peace, which were being offered. Mr. Taylor pointed out that these appointments would all be taken care of in the omnibus bill and that these individual bills only lumbered up the calendar and caused the state additional expense.

Reports of Committees. The following house bills were reported favorably.

To fix salaries of officers in Beaufort county.

Bills introduced.

Roos of Cumberland: To amend law relating to terms of court.

Also to validate probate of certain deeds.

Also to provide for registration of plots of deeds.

Kirkland of Guilford (by request): To prevent deprecation of domestic fowls.

Carr of Durham: To fix salaries of officers in Durham county.

Bill of Edgewood: Relating to registration of automobiles. Carr of Durham: To regulate passenger rates in state, also to regulate O. O. pensions.

Taylor of Vance: To safeguard state agricultural buildings. McArthur of Robeson: Regulate practice of veterinary surgery in state.

The Senate.

The most important bill yet introduced in the general assembly, and probably the most important bill for the entire session was introduced today by Senator Graham of Orange. It provides for the payment of all appropriations and the redemption of bonds falling due January 1, 1912.

Senator Graham's bill authorizes the state treasurer, upon the approval of the council of state, to borrow whatever money is sufficient to cover the difference between the amount appropriated and the revenue received, or if loans cannot be made he is authorized to issue 40-year 4 per cent bonds, not to exceed \$1,000,000. The senate ordered 250 copies of the bill printed.

Senator Graham's bill establishing standard time in the state passed the senate and was ordered sent to the house.

Introduction of Bills.

Graham of Orange: To provide for the payment of all appropriations during the session and for the redemption of bonds falling due January 1, 1912.

Lammond of Union: To amend the law relative to escapes. Revisal.

Reinhardt of Lincoln: To conserve the state supply of the state. Propositions and grievances.

Parham of Warren: Relative to the speed of automobiles and penalty for violation. Propositions and grievances.

Cobb of Robeson: Changing the name of the Indiana known as Croxtans to Cherokee and providing for separate apartments for the insane in the asylum at Raleigh. Judiciary committee.

A report was received from the commission of labor and printing (Continued on Fourth Page.)

MANY GIRLS KILLED

Gas Explosion and Fire in Five and Ten Cent Store.

ABOUT FORTY MISSING

Twenty-five or Thirty Girls and Several Men Working in the Store, as well as Several Shopkeepers Missing—Other Towns Called on for Help Due to the Fire.

Counsellville, Pa., Jan. 12.—A terrific explosion and a fire which followed destroyed McCrory's Five and Ten Cent Store here today and it is believed that 25 or 30 persons, mostly girls, who were working in the store, were killed. Several shoppers are also missing. The explosion occurred at 10 o'clock and the fire which immediately broke out soon spread to the adjoining buildings.

The local department found that it was unable to cope with the flames for, by 11 o'clock the fire had spread into adjoining buildings and was threatening to wipe out the entire block.

Aid was asked from the neighboring towns to check the rush of the fire.

The store was located upon North Pittsburg street.

An hour and a half after the explosion the police declared that the death list might go so forty. Among the missing are several men employed in the store.

Six persons, badly injured were carried from the building before the fire made it impossible to enter the blazing structure.

The walls which were weakened by the explosion, fell upon the debris and making it doubtful whether any of those buried beneath could be rescued alive.

Electric wires and telephone wires

PLEASANT EVENING AT THE ARMORY

At the armory last night there was a subscription dance given by Miss Elizabeth Hill's dancing school. The music was furnished by the Forbes Orchestra. The occasion was much enjoyed. Those dancing were:

Miss Elizabeth Hill with Mr. John Smith.

Miss Mattie Childs of Norfolk, with Mr. Dick Cox.

Miss Mary Clyde Hassell with Mr. D. D. M. Carter, Jr.

Miss May Belle Small with Mr. Will He Knight.

Miss Lindsay Warren with Miss Isabelle Carter.

Miss Bess Conoley with Mr. John Bonner.

Miss Nettie Pugh, Baltimore, with Mr. W. R. Kear, Jr.

Miss Caddie Fowle with Mr. Walter Godard.

Miss Annie Plummer Nicholson with Mr. W. F. Rhyne.

Miss Mary Carter with Mr. Henry Moore.

Stags: Messrs. Robert Fowle and Edmund Harding. Chaperones: Messdames Hill and McIlhenny.

were carried down by the crash of the building, forming a dangerous network in the streets which hindered the women.

The wires also prevented the work of rescue and many of the police and firemen had narrow escapes from electrocution.

The flames ate their way towards the Citizens National Bank and this structure began to blaze near the roof. Frenzied calls were being made in the meantime to nearby towns for fire apparatus.

Arrangements were made to remove the money from the vaults of the bank.

Despite the efforts of the firemen the conflagration continued to spread within short time adjoining building occupied by Graham's Drug store and three residences were in flames.

At this time it was believed that it would be necessary to use dynamite to stop the path of the flames.

As many firemen as possible were spared to play water upon the ruins so that the rescue parties could begin search for the buried bodies.

The entire police force was called to the scene to help the firemen but so great was the crowd that collected the police had to drop the fire fighting apparatus and drive back to the mob.

The families of the missing ones pressed forward with cries of grief and fought with the authorities to get near the roaring, seething site of the store.

The flames were meanwhile eating their way in all directions from the original site and a wind carried embers to other parts of the city. The weather was very cold, hindering the fire-fighters in their labors.

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THE SCHENK TRIAL

Two Thousand Five Hundred Plead Admission

WOMAN HURT THURSDAY

The Famous trial draws a crowd. They Gather for Hours Before the Court. Time of Trial—Witness Admits That Mrs. Schenk called for a Nurse.

Wheeling, W. Va., January 12.—While the crowd that yesterday besieged the Ohio county courthouse after the luncheon recess of the Schenk trial almost staggered the court officials and attached, this morning there was but little falling off in attendance of the sensation seeker and the morbidly curious.

The scenes yesterday morning and again in the afternoon when the women had to be beaten back by the police, the stampede in which one woman was so badly hurt that she had to be taken to a hospital, and the noisy demonstrations in the courtroom when certain bits of testimony were heard astounded and shocked Judge L. S. Jordan, who insists that order be kept.

His admonition to the spectators yesterday that it would be more becoming in them to stay at home and appease their curiosity by reading the reports in the newspapers, was not taken seriously apparently, for the crowd that assembled about the courthouse doors this morning outnumbered that of yesterday.

As early as 5 o'clock, four hours before the doors were thrown open, there was a knot of the curious assembled and with each passing minute it grew until there was fully 2,500 persons with whom the police struggled to deal.

Many of them, disappointed in gaining admission to the courtroom, brought lunches in baskets, boxes and in paper packages. As the crowd grew the police guard was increased and today there are double the patrolmen on duty at the courthouse.

Dr. Frank L. Moynie Hupp, on the stand when court closed yesterday, was again called by Prosecutor Handlan when the trial was resumed.

Prosecutor Handlan elicited little from Dr. Hupp on direct examination but Mr. O'Brien, for the defense, kept the doctor busy answering ques-

tions. The doctor admitted that the symptoms which he had declared were those of lead poisoning might have been from some other cause, and at first he believed that Schenk was suffering from the bite of a mosquito. Schenk was confined to his bed for three days. He also said Mrs. Schenk was the first to call a nurse.

The morning session closed with Dr. Hupp still on the stand.

There was a pathetic incident in connection with the case today when the Schenk children, Virginia, aged 12 and Rob. 7, discovered the window in their mother's cell in the courthouse with their father and while he was in one of the offices they climbed out of the automobile and hastened to the tower.

"Throw kisses, Bob, it's mamma's window," said the little girl, as the window in the tower was raised a little, and waving their hands and shouting in glee the little ones fairly bombarded the jail with tokens of affection.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS

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Washington Electric Plant.

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