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HARRIMAN DECLARES THE TESTIMONY OF HYDE WAS FULL OF FALSE CHARGES

Former Associate of Ex-vice President Takes Stand Against Hyde. CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN GOOD FRIEND TO HIM. Odell Will Go on the Stand at Today's Hearing at His Own Request.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—E. H. Harriman, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific railroad, former member of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and connected with many railroads and financial institutions, the former friend of James Hazen Hyde, against whom the latter charged acts of an unfriendly nature in his testimony yesterday, was one of the chief witnesses before the Armstrong committee on insurance investigation today. Mr. Harriman was called immediately after recess, and his testimony was a series of denials of the charges made by Mr. Hyde. Contrary to Mr. Hyde's statement, Mr. Harriman said Mr. Hyde came to him about a year ago and asked him to use his influence to have him appointed ambassador to France. Mr. Harriman said he would speak to President Roosevelt when he saw him, but added that while he did so he did not recommend Mr. Hyde for the post.

Never Did It.
Upon Mr. Hyde's testimony relative to the settlement of the Odell suit being read to him, Mr. Harriman denied that he had suggested to Mr. Hyde and danger of a repeal of the charter of the Mercantile Trust company directly indirectly, and stated that Mr. Hyde came to him and asked him to use his influence with Mr. Odell toward a settlement of the matter.

In reply to inquiries by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Harriman said Governor Odell did not tell him that a bill had been introduced in the legislature to repeal the charter of the Mercantile Trust company and that his first intimation of this came from his counsel today. "Did you say anything to Mr. Hyde in any of these interviews as to the desirability of settling the suit because of the power that might be exercised against the company at Albany?" asked Mr. Hughes. "No, Sir."

"Did you make any mention to Mr. Hyde of any attempts that had been or might be made to repeal the charter of the Mercantile Trust company?" "No, Sir."

Mr. Harriman said that he made no reference to the advantage of a settlement in order to avoid an attack upon the company and that Governor Odell did not request him to use his influence to obtain a settlement of his claim. Governor Odell, Mr. Harriman said, had no interview with him to bring about a settlement, but the request came exclusively from Mr. Hyde.

Another Denial.
A portion of Mr. Hyde's testimony in which he said Mr. Harriman had suggested to him that an effort might be made to repeal the charter of the Mercantile Trust company, was then read to Mr. Harriman, who said that he did not make any such suggestion to Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Harriman also denied having said to Mr. Hyde as Mr. Hyde had testified, that there was a possibility of powerful interests at Albany doing harm to the Mercantile Trust company because of the ship building loss. He also denied saying anything to Mr. Hyde about the repeal of the charter of the Mercantile Trust company, and declared that he did not know of any rumor that a bill was introduced to repeal that charter.

Mr. Harriman explained that he wanted Mr. Hyde's individual signature to the syndicate agreement of the \$50,000,000 Union Pacific pool because syndicate wants a corporation as a member. He justified this because it was difficult to guard confidences when more than one individual represents the same interest. He denied that he

BLOODSHED IS PREVENTED BY A HEAVY SNOW

Another General Strike Is Now in Progress at St. Petersburg.

DECLARED TO BE ONLY A BIG DEMONSTRATION

The Embassies are Growing Frightened and Removal of Women Is Canceled.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 16.—12:37 a. m.—A fierce northeast gizzard and snow which blew down on St. Petersburg tonight, prevented bloodshed in the Russian capital. The latter could by forcing the strikers to remain in doors all night to observe order than all the Cossack cavalry, arming the streets. Heavy military reserves are stationed in all the industrial districts, but up to midnight there was no rioting. There were rumors of collisions in various parts of the city, but upon investigation they turned out to be false.

The Social-Democrats had an impressive response on the part of all organizations of workmen to their summons for a general political strike to demonstrate their solidarity with the strikers of other political confederations, and to protest against the execution of the mutinous sailors at Cronstadt. The men walked out of all the big mills and factories and the employees of the Baltic and Warsaw railroads, the printers and other classes of laborers struck, but the shops in the center of the city were not closed. There were no demonstrations of any kind, and the city was not placed in darkness tonight.

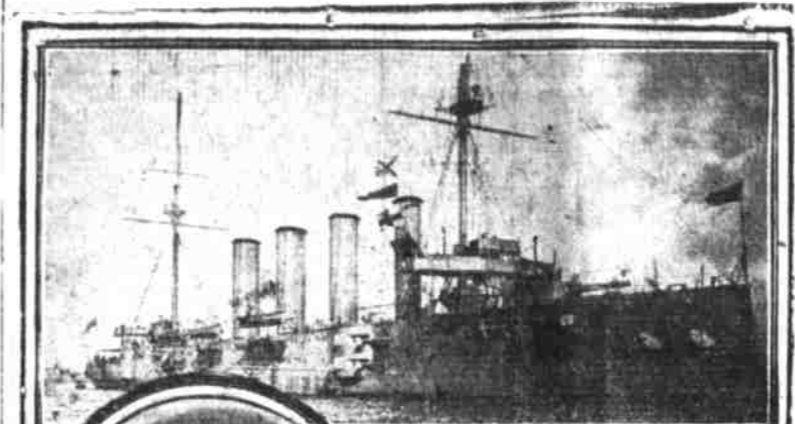
No demonstrators have arrived from the interior, however, to show that the workmen in other cities are responding to the demand for co-operation and discussion has broken out among the leaders, some of whom believe the strike to be hasty and ill-advised and who say that if it does not succeed the result will be loss of prestige.

Just a Demonstration.
At meetings tonight this faction urged the leaders to announce tomorrow that the strike was only intended as a demonstration, but the radicals, whose aim is to keep on the revolutionary agitation at all hazards, refused to listen to such counsels. They insisted that it was vitally necessary for the success of their propaganda among the army and the navy that they should get credit for saving the lives of the mutineers and that if they could force the government to concede from its position regarding Poland they would have it by the throat. At strike headquarters tonight reports were being received and the leaders refused to admit that the question of abandoning the strike had yet been raised.

The situation has caused a renewal of the panicky feeling among the inhabitants whose nerves were already shattered by the events of the last fortnight, and hundreds of persons who had just returned are again leaving for Finland. The foreign residents are becoming more and more alarmed, and many of them are hastily preparing to go abroad for the winter.

Embassies Frightened.
In case the Finnish socialists should join their Russian comrades and tie up the Finnish railroad, the only egress would be by water, and the freezing of the gulf of Finland a fortnight hence would close the last exit. The foreign embassies share the public alarm and the British Embassy is advising the immediate removal of women and children.

Prince Louis and His Flagship



The photograph of Prince Louis of Battenberg, Rear Admiral commanding the British second cruise squadron, who is now visiting America, was taken on board the Prince off England.

Prince Louis is now in America. He is tall, well built and has a black beard in which there are some gray hairs. He has a black and white striped cap. He made a most favorable impression on everyone he met here. He has the title of "Admiral" and when inquiries were being made through Capt. Mark Kern, commanding the Duke, as to what (Mr. Prince) had been told to address his ship as "Admiral." It is in full capacity for service to America.

WILL RETIRE THREE MILLION BALES NOW

Southern Cotton Association Will Have Planters Sign Pledges to Hold for 15 Cents.

POWERS PRESENT AN URGENT DEMAND TO FORFEIT

Refusal is Expected and Preparations Are Being Made to Send a Large Fleet.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 15.—It was ascertained at the foreign office this afternoon that the manufacturers of the powers of Constantinople today presented a joint ultimatum to the Porte. The other powers did not agree to Foreign Secretary Lagowine's proposals that the powers assume judicial as well as financial control of Macedonia and that the control be extended to the Vilayet of Adrianople, which was not included in the original reform scheme. The ultimatum presented in addition to the financial control of Macedonia demands a two-year extension of the term of office of the Austrian and Russian civil agents out of the officers of the European consulates.

The Port has been given 24 hours in which to reply. A refusal is expected and consequently all the powers except Germany will not participate, excepting to dispatch two vessels each to reinforce the Piræus in the course of the coming week.

An Austrian admiral will command the international fleet.

SHOE MEN ASK FOR REVISION OF THE TARIFF

Governor Douglass Heads Delegation That Visits the President.

ROOSEVELT CLAIMS HE WAS MISQUOTED

Declares Remarks to Another Delegation Were Twisted by Whitney.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Governor W. L. Douglass of Massachusetts, headed a delegation of boot and shoe and leather manufacturers that called at the White House today, and made the principal address to the president in behalf of the movement to secure a repeal of the duty on hides. The delegation numbered 25 men representing the various industries interested. In addition to the remarks of Governor Douglass, there were addresses by several of the other members of the delegation.

Governor Douglass told the president that the interests they represented would willingly consent to a reasonable reduction of duty of 25 per cent on boots and shoes in order to obtain free hides and cheap leather. Governor Douglass maintained that the duty on hides handicapped the shoe industry, and taxed the people on essential articles, increasing the cost of living. He did not believe the duty on hides protected or benefited cattle raisers. With cheaper leather Governor Douglass said he could make cheaper shoes and increase export business many fold.

Following the presentation of the views and desires of the delegation the president assured them that their interests should surely receive the painstaking attention, both of the executive and Congress. In the course of his remarks he related an experience he had had with a committee from Massachusetts of which Mr. Whitney, recently a candidate for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, was a member. He said that Mr. Whitney had misquoted him, in the campaign which was closed a few days ago, and declared that Mr. Whitney had "deliberately misrepresented what had occurred." With this experience in mind, the president declined to enter upon a discussion of the subject of free hides at this time. The president referred to a letter he had received from Curtis Guild, recently elected governor of Massachusetts, a letter urging in the strongest terms an immediate revision of the tariff, and especially removing the duty from hides.

SEVEN MEN ARE BLOWN INTO ETERNITY BY BIG EXPLOSION OF COAL GAS

GOVERNMENT RESTS IN THE WHISKEY CASE

Famous Nick Williams Trial at Greensboro Drawing to a Close.

REVENUE AGENT SAMS ON WITNESS STAND

Distiller Dinkins of Williams Company Refuses to Incriminate Himself.

(By Associated Press.) GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 15.—District Attorney Holton announced tonight that the government would rest its case in the trial of the Old Nick Williams Distillery company, N. Glenn Williams and D. E. Kennedy, for violations of the internal revenue laws, in federal district court tomorrow morning.

Will White is the only witness for the government that has not been examined and he will go on the stand when court convenes in the morning. Revenue Agent R. B. Sams was on the stand all this afternoon and testified as to the present condition of the distillery and refinery.

Ace Dinkins, another distiller of Williams, N. C., went on the stand and was asked by the district attorney if he had ever had any transactions with the Old Nick Williams company, or any of the defendants. He replied that he had but would not testify with reference to them, as to do so would incriminate himself.

Stood Fast.
The district attorney questioned the witness for some time, but failed to elicit any testimony that would affect the case.

"Did you not tell me," said District Attorney Holton to Ace Dinkins, "that if you were to come here and testify in this case you would do so at the cost of your life?"

"I will not answer that question," the witness said. "That was a private conversation and to repeat all of it would incriminate myself."

Several times during the time he was on the stand he had to be prompted by the court before he would respond to the questions of the district attorney, and he displayed much uneasiness.

AMERICANS ARE BECOMING RESTIVE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—It has been known several months that American residents in the Isle of Pines were becoming restive under Cuban control, but surprise was created at the reported erection of a territorial government on the island, and the selection of important officials to administer the affairs of that government. No advice indicating such action have been received officially.

PALMA DOESN'T KNOW.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, Nov. 15.—President Palma said today that the Cuban government had no definite information about what occurred on the Isle of Pines, and he was not willing to discuss the matter until officially informed.

The fact that the Isle of Pines officials have not reported any movement incites the government officers here to believe the reports are exaggerated.

Terrible Fate Overtakes Coal Miners at Bentleysville, Pa., While at Work.

MEN WERE WARNED OF THE DANGER

Fire Damp It Is Thought Was Cause of the Catastrophe.

(By Associated Press.) MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa., Nov. 15.—Undoubtedly killed and probably blown to pieces, seven men are lying in the depths of the new shaft of the Braswell coal company on the outskirts of Bentleysville, while another outside the mine is dead as the result of the gas explosion today. The Braswell Coal company has been sinking the new shaft since last summer. Two weeks ago it was learned that a pocket of gas had been formed in the bottom of the mine, which is 185 feet deep. Orders were given for all the men to work with safety lamps, and this has been done.

Three shifts of men were employed by Contractor and General Superintendent Busso. Late today Day Boss Farragut and his six men without thought of danger stepped into the cage and descended into the mine. They were building a concrete water ring, or ditch, fifty feet down the shaft in order to catch dripping water. About five minutes after the men descended a terrific explosion occurred which blew high pieces of timber out of the mine like sky-rockets as high as 150 feet in the air. The timbers and all the mine rigging were torn down and debris scattered in heaps all around. A shovel which lay at the top of the shaft, was hurled with such violence that it sank four inches into a plank.

It is believed that the men were instantly killed and fell to the bottom of the shaft. John McCatey, on the outside, was killed by the falling timbers, and others were seriously, though not fatally hurt. Mine Inspector Loulet gave as his opinion that the explosion was caused by fire damp. But as it would have been practically impossible for safety lamps in working order to ignite the gas there must have been some kind of open light used. An ordinary miner's torch badly battered, which was found near the mouth of the shaft, tends to indicate that some one disobeyed orders and carried a lighted torch into the shaft.

ASHEVILLE MAN HAS FOOT CRUSHED OFF

(Special to The Citizen.) SPENCER, N. C., Nov. 15.—J. C. Hemmett, of Asheville, who was a brakeman on the Southern Railway run between Spencer and Asheville, lost a foot on the Spencer yards this afternoon by being run over by an engine.

The young man was standing on the platform of the locomotive when his foot slipped causing him to fall beneath the moving wheels. His leg was frightfully mashed, making it necessary to amputate the mangled foot.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

(By Associated Press.) JAMAICA, L. I., Nov. 15.—Woodville Fleming, a prominent New York lawyer, was killed by a train here today. Mr. Fleming was widely known throughout the country for his successful work on the affairs of several large insurance, building and loan associations in this State. He was a Confederate colonel during the civil war, being in command of the Sixth North Carolina regiment.

GETS A CALL.

(By Associated Press.) MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The First Congregational church here tonight extended a call to Dr. Charles P. Allen, professor-elect of Hebrew and Old Testament literature, in Atlanta University of Georgia.

LUMBERMEN OF THREE STATES COMBINE TO CONTROL OUTPUT IN THIS SECTION

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 14.—At a joint meeting of the North Carolina, Pine association and the South Carolina Lumber association held here today the two bodies, as heretofore arranged, were merged into the former. The new association will practically control the lumber industry in the two Carolinas, Virginia and a part of Maryland. Its combined capital will represent \$20,000,000, and its annual output will amount to about one billion feet of lumber.

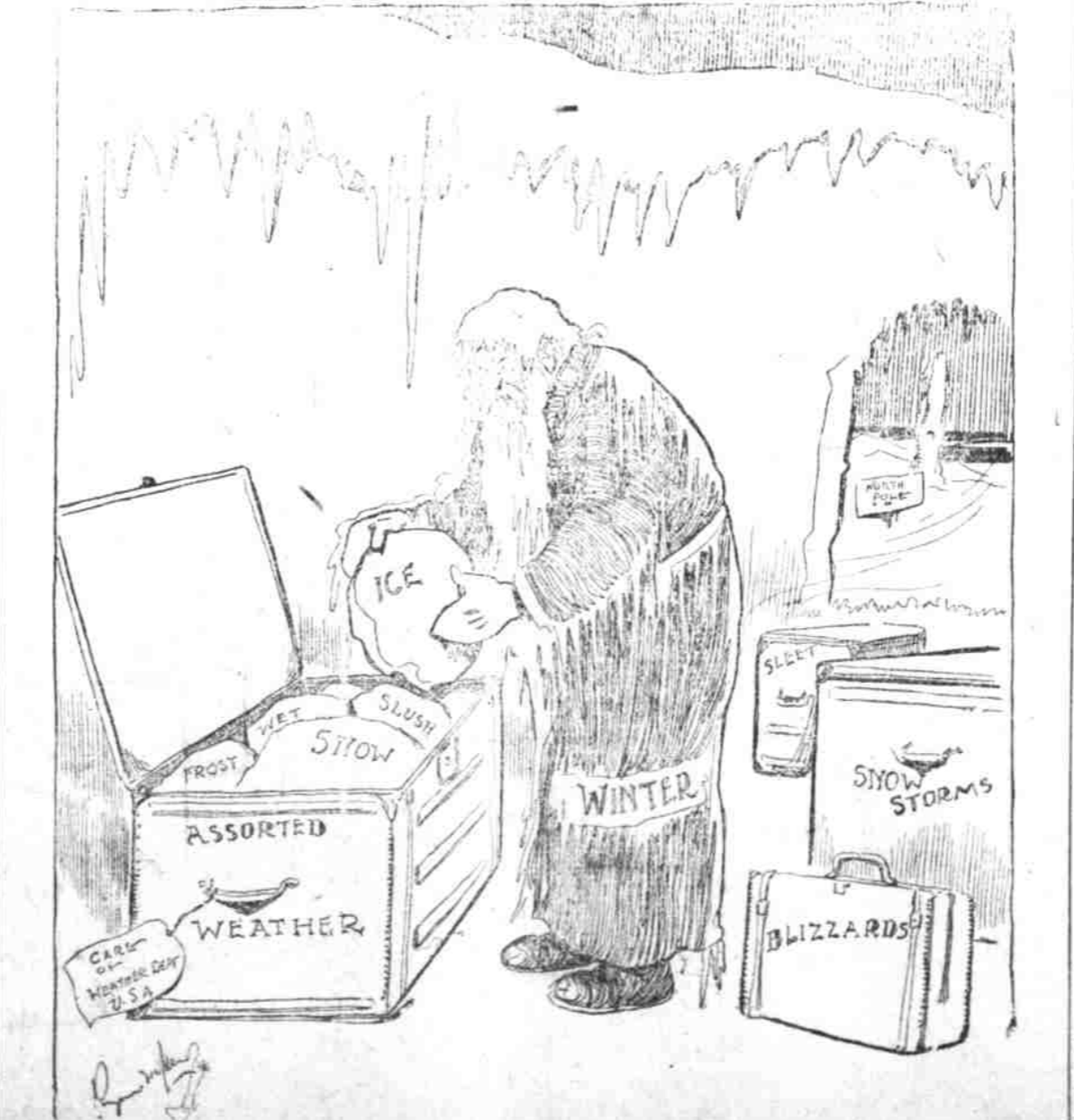
T. C. Foshburgh of Norfolk, Va., was elected president. These vice-presidents were chosen: South Carolina—D. T. McKeithan, Lumber; North Carolina—John A. Wilkinson, Belhaven; Virginia—J. R. Camp, of Norfolk.

After discussion it was decided to accept the price list of the South Carolina association, on long leaf pine. The association also discussed methods of expediting transportation. Between 50 and 60 delegates were present at the sessions and the meeting was conducted with a banquet in Craven Hall tonight.

NORWEGIAN BOAT SUNK IN SCHUYLKILL IN COLLISION WITH BRITISH STEAMER

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Earnford from Philadelphia for Philadelphia, was sunk today at the mouth of the Schuylkill river in a collision with the British steamship Carthagenian, which was bound from Philadelphia for St. John and Glasgow. The crew of the Earnford was saved.

The Earnford, which was laden with pyrites ore, was just entering the mouth of the Schuylkill river, about four miles below the city, as the Carthagenian was proceeding down the Delaware. The channel at this point is narrow and the current very swift. Before the helm of the Carthagenian could be thrown over the big vessel had crashed into the Earnford, tearing a hole in the latter's side a few inches below the water-line. The Earnford sank in a few minutes. The crew were taken off by the Carthagenian and the latter returned to this city for repairs. The raling and pilot house of the Earnford are above water and the vessel may possibly be saved.



OLD MAN WINTER—"It's soon be time that I was packed up and off—for it's coming my busy season."