

DELEGATES DAZED BY COURT'S ACTION IN CONTEMPT CASE

Summons of Leaders For Sentence Will Interrupt Convention at Toronto

PROPOSED THAT ALL GO TO WASHINGTON

Delegates do Not Favor Suggestion of Two Weeks Strike to Disapprove Decree

TORONTO, Nov. 15.—Just as the convention of the American Federation of Labor was about to adjourn for the day, a telegram was received from Washington announcing that the stay for the attorneys for President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison in the proceedings against them for contempt of court had been denied by the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. President Gompers was plainly surprised and as he read the message to the convention the delegates sat in silence as though dazed by the court's action.

"That means that the resources of the lawyers have been exhausted, doesn't it?" asked one of the delegates. "The chair is not in a position to state," replied President Gompers. Then, as he read the message stating "the mandate goes down Saturday morning" the faces of himself and his fellow officers betrayed the anxiety under which they were laboring.

A telegram signed by the three defendants was at once dispatched to their counsel in Washington asking when it would be necessary for them to put in an appearance in order to avoid forfeiting their bail bonds, which amount to \$12,000, and stating that they would like to remain in Toronto until the close of the convention Saturday evening.

"I am not certain whether under the laws of the District of Columbia we can appeal," said Mr. Gompers after adjournment. "But if we do go, the convention must stay here and carry on its proceedings in a dignified and orderly manner."

"We'll charter a train and all go down with you" volunteered one of the delegates. "And even the speakers will join you," added J. J. (Continued on page four.)

NEITHER LIVING NOR DEAD FOUND IN WRECKED MINE

Attempts to Explore Shaft Frustrated by Rekindling of Flames, And Again Miners Are Sealed up as in a Tomb of Fire.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 15.—The three hundred or more miners who were entombed in the St. Paul coal mine by last Saturday's fire are dead. Some of the bodies lie buried beneath thousands of tons of earth which caved in upon them, and it is doubtful whether many of the bodies can ever be recovered.

This was the opinion expressed tonight when rescue work was temporarily abandoned. Fires in the mine which broke out with renewed fierceness early today made further descents by rescuers impossible. Fans employed in an effort to carry fresh air and life down to the imprisoned men served only to enliven some embers which sprang into flames. Soon the heat and smoke became so dense that it was necessary to again seal the mouth of the hoisting shaft and tonight the men down there, whatever their condition, are locked in as effectively as in a dungeon.

As a result of the disaster, there are in this town of only a few hundred inhabitants, at least 1,000 orphans and two hundred widows. These are the figures of Duncan McDonald, president of district No. 12, United Mine Workers, who instituted a roll call of the families of the entombed miners.

President Earlring of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, declined to say more than that the men are just as safe now as they were yesterday at this time. "The mine is too big and has too many ramifications to be filled with smoke yet. Besides, the smoke is not carried downward by any air currents. If the men were alive yesterday, every man may be alive now."

Mr. Earlring caused a house to be made for the miners to be made. This showed 256 miners missing, but some of the families were not at home and it is believed when a complete list is obtained the number of entombed miners will exceed three hundred.

The morning dawned hopefully. At an early hour the main shaft, which had been sealed since Saturday, was opened and determined efforts began by the volunteers to drag the bodies from the wreckage.

The Bird Season Is On.



CAPT. SHIPP FIRST TO GO TO JAIL FOR CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT

Must Serve Ninety Days In Federal Prison for Failing to Protect Negro, a United States' Prisoner From Lynching at Hands of Mob.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—For the first time in American history, six men are in prison tonight for contempt of the Supreme court of the United States. For the first time, too, the federal government has placed men behind the bars as an outcome of the lynching of a negro.

At the United States jail in this city, Captain Joseph E. Shipp, former sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jeremiah Gibson, his jailer; and Luther Williams, Nick Nolan, Henry Padgett and William Mayes of the same city, this afternoon began serving terms of imprisonment imposed a few hours before by the Supreme court of the United States.

Shipp and Gibson had been found guilty of failing to protect from a mob Ed Johnson, whose legal execution for rape had been stayed by the Supreme court until it could review the case. The others had been found guilty of participation in the lynching of a federal prisoner, Shipp, Williams and Nolan were given sentences of ninety days imprisonment each, while Gibson, Padgett and Mayes received sixty days each.

As the big barred doors of the jail swung open to receive the prisoners this afternoon, immediately after sentence had been imposed, Warden McKee stood before them.

"At least we are in the hands of a soldier," exclaimed Captain Shipp, who had been in many a fight for the Confederacy as he espied a G. A. R. button in the lapel of Warden McKee's coat. Then turning to his five fellow prisoners, he said: "Boys, it will be all right."

PROBING OF SUGAR TRUST MAY REVEAL GRAVER SCANDAL

Is Thought to Foreshadow Extensive Inquiry Into Its Operations Elsewhere

LOEB GIVES ALL THE CREDIT TO ROOSEVELT

Treasury Official Open to Criticism in Charges Made by Subordinate

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—While the legal machinery of the government moves slowly, the air of uncertainty which surrounds the so-called sugar fraud cases is interpreted by those who have followed the progress of corporation investigation in this country to foreshadow an inquiry which may rank with the insurance upheaval of 1905.

Boston and Philadelphia were brought within the scope of the investigation today with the report that the government probably would attempt to obtain back duties due on sugar in those cities, while the investigation went on in New York with repeated rumors of reaching the "men higher up."

William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, also while "informed" to be retiring, but he repeated that it was through the determination and influence of Theodore Roosevelt that the investigation and prosecution of the sugar frauds was undertaken.

With the denial from Washington today by James B. Reynolds, former assistant secretary of the treasury that he had in any way opposed the investigation while in office, came the announcement in New York by Richard Parr, through whose statements Mr. Reynolds' actions and motives were placed open to criticism, that he had been misquoted and misunderstood.

Parr's statement. Parr, who is still engaged at the customs house, issued the following statement: "In regard to the statement that Mr. J. B. Reynolds, the former assistant secretary of the treasury department ordered special agent Parr first to Cuba and then to San Francisco for the purpose of preventing Parr from pursuing the sugar investigation further, Mr. Parr stated that there was a misapprehension; that he did not charge Mr. Reynolds with ordering him to Cuba or to San Francisco for any purpose, and that the reporters had misunderstood his statement."

One of the few outward developments in the situation in New York today was the transfer of one of the most important cases set for trial from federal jurisdiction in Brooklyn to Manhattan. Accordingly, James F. Hendon, former general superintendent of the American Sugar Refining company in Williamsburg, will plead tomorrow in the United States District court in New York proper.

AMOUNT OF WARRINER'S EMBEZZLEMENTS WILL NEVER BE ASCERTAINED

Books Prior to Five Years Ago Have all Been Destroyed it is Found \$322,000 MISSING

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 15.—Charles L. Warriner, formerly local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, was indicted today on charges of grand larceny and embezzlement in the amount of \$5,000 on each count. While \$443,000 is known to have been stolen from the railroad it developed today that the company's cash books prior to 1905 have disappeared and that it will never be possible to tell the full amount of the defalcation.

The comparatively small amount on which Warriner was indicted represents the latest known theft. Amazing figures were presented today, showing the progress of the thefts for the last five years. The shortage thus estimated amounts to something more than \$58,000 for 1905, 1906 and 1907 and to \$62,000 in 1908, and \$83,000 in 1909. The total for five years reaches \$322,000.

Of this sum Warriner says he paid \$400 a month to each of two persons in the form of blackmail. The rest, he alleges, he lost in speculation, trying to replace his thefts.

WOMAN DIED, MAN LIVES TO RELATE WEIRD TALE OF A SUICIDE COMPACT

Had Known Each Other But Two Weeks But Pact Held Good MAY BE EMBEZZLER.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 15.—The gruesome tale of a suicide pact which in its fulfillment cost the life of Blanche Ferguson, of Washington and nearly that of her companion, Fred J. Reid, of Cleveland, was told today by a hearing before the chief of police. Though the couple had known each other only two weeks they had made two attempts to die, according to Reid. The night of their arrival here they drank the contents of a phial of morphine. This being without the desired effect, Reid had the bottle refilled and the couple spent their last money in decorating their death chamber with white flowers. Then they drank the mixture and lay down to sleep what they hoped would be their last sleep. The girl never awoke. Reid was saved by prompt medical attention.

John O. Knox Dead. WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—John O. Knox, organizer and treasurer of the Knox Express company died here tonight of intestinal trouble. He was sixty-four years old and was born in Bedgrade, Maine. Mr. Knox also organized and headed the company that built and operated the Congress hotel, which is situated close to the capitol and is well known to public men throughout the United States.

MERGER OF ALL COPPER INTERESTS SEEMS TO BE NEXT ON THE PROGRAM

Trading in Stocks is Response of Wall Street to Rumor. PRICES ADVANCED

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—More detailed reports regarding impending merger or agreement among the great copper producers today sent copper stocks to new high records for the year. There were denials and plenty of rumors that the merger negotiations had gone beyond the tentative stage, but it was generally admitted that certain interests are trying to bring about an adjustment among the producers to regulate output and thereby prevent overproduction and the consequent depreciation in price from which the trade has been suffering for the past two or three years.

The capitalization of the combine according to best reports probably will be close to the billion dollar figure of the United States steel corporations, although the arrangements have not yet proceeded far enough to establish any definite figures. A report from Boston to the effect that a corporation with a definite billion dollar capitalization was to be formed, with the firm of J. P. Morgan and company in charge of the financing was said by a member of the Morgan firm to be untrue. Similar guarded denials from the offices of several of the independent copper concerns indicated that the negotiations are still merely tentative.

STORM IN JAMAICA COST FIFTY LIVES AND MILLION

Impossible Yet to Estimate Full Extent of Damage in Outlying Districts

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 15.—While it is yet impossible to give an accurate statement of the loss of life and damage to property as the result of the storm, it is variously estimated that about fifty persons were drowned by the floods and that the material damage will not be less than \$1,250,000. The principal loss was to the banana plantations on the northside of the island, and few shipments will be possible before January. The southside of the island was practically uninjured and the situation here is not serious.

ANDERSON TRACTION CO. IS SOLD BY RECEIVERS

Bought by Syndicate Who Will Improve and Extend to Spartanburg.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 15.—The Anderson Traction company was sold in Greenville, S. C. today to a syndicate composed of L. W. Parker, W. J. Thackston and H. J. Haynsworth, of Greenville, S. C. and J. B. and H. N. Duke of the American Tobacco company. The purchase was made from E. W. Robertson of Columbia, who bought the company at receivers' auction recently. The line will be extended to Greenville and Spartanburg at once and the name of the company will be changed to the Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg Traction company. The line at present extends from Anderson to Belton, a distance of about eighteen miles. Papers of incorporation will be applied for at once. The amount involved in the transfer of the property has not been made public. A survey for the extension of the line will be made at an early date. The distance from Anderson to Spartanburg, the proposed terminal is about seventy-five miles.

NOTHING IN TREATIES TO CAUSE ANY FRICTION

State Department Declares Japan Has Observed Letter of Open Door Policy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The recent treaties entered into by China and Japan as to the operation of coal mines along the South Manchurian railway and the Antung-Mukden railway do not create monopolies and hence are not violations of the "open door" or the "equal opportunities" principles to the observance of which all of the leading powers represented granted. This is the conclusion reached by the state department after a long and careful investigation of the question involved.

FAIR COTTON POURING IN. BOSTON, Nov. 15.—To help move the immense quantity of cotton now being brought from the South the addition of three sailings per week from Savannah was announced today by the Ocean Steamship company. Under the new schedule the company will bring North about 26,000 bales of cotton weekly.

ROUND UP OF ITALIAN COUNTERFEITERS MADE

Police Think They Have Uncarved Nest of Green Goods Men. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—By the arrest of thirteen Italians today, United States secret service men and the Italian squad of the New York police think they have rounded up the leaders of a band which has trafficked for at least a year in a large amount of counterfeit money made in Palermo, Italy, and circulated in America. The prisoners who were taken in raids upon several Italian shops and homes include Giuseppe Morello in whose lodgings were found seven alleged black hand letters, written by him to merchants in New Orleans and returned, the police believe, by merchants who met the demands for money. Pasquale Vasi, another of the men, had in his possession, 1,200 counterfeit two dollar bills.