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STRIKE MAY YET BE ARBITRATED

A General Walk-Out May be Averted if Transit Company and Car Men Come to Terms at Conference To-Day—Sympathetic Strike is Remote.

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 4.—The board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company met this morning to consider the offer of the car men made last night for the appointment of arbitrators to settle the differences existing between the men and the company. Labor men say the acquiescence of the transit directors in the proposed arbitration will mean the calling off of the general strike ordered to go into effect at midnight to-night and the return of the striking trolley men to the cars. The order of the Union men was made through their attorneys, J. Edgar Kelly in a letter addressed to President Kruger of the Rapid Transit Company, following the declaration of Mayor Reubyn that an assembly provided a means of arbitration. The communication calls for a meeting at noon to-day. Although President Kruger stated that the company will obey the law, he has refused to comment on the subject of Attorney Daly's letter. George E. Earle, one of the city's representatives on the board of directors and prominent lawyer, said yesterday that he believed the act to be unconstitutional. Labor leaders are going ahead with their preparations for the big walk-out order to take effect at midnight to-night. The carpenters and joiners who wish to find some means to decide to demand an increase in wages as well as joining in the general sympathetic strike. A board of arbitration composed of master and journeymen bricklayers met to-day at the request of the latter to discuss the question of participating in the sympathetic strike without endangering an agreement with the employers. Good feeling exists between the master and journeymen in their trade. The bricklayers organization is unfamiliar with the Central Labor Union and is one of the few labor bodies incorporated under State law. The Union Brewery workers, numbering 2,000 men, have referred to a sympathetic strike without the sanction of the national organization. The leaders on both sides of the big labor contest are receiving hundreds of telegrams from all over the United States giving moral support and endorsement.

WHO WILL GET PLUM AT BRISTOL, VA.-TENN.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 4.—The horns of a dilemma is a comfortable perch in comparison with what President Taft is occupying just now, as he seeks to reconcile warring factions and decide who is to be postmaster of Bristol, Va.-Tenn. Bristol is a town of 20,000 population, so remarkably situated that the main street lies along the divided line between the two States. It chanced that the postoffice building was on the Tennessee side of the street. For this reason it has for many years been regarded as a part of the patronage of the Tennessee Congressman from that district. Representative Slem, however, who represents the Virginia district which embraces the eastern half of Bristol, maintains that there is no reason why he should not have a chance to nominate the postmaster now and then. There was every indication that Mr. Slem would be successful when he induced the President to send to the Senate the nomination of G. E. Goodell. A decided element of doubt was introduced though when Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee district, marshalled his forces and had the confirmation held up. The President promises that all parties at interest shall be heard.

PINCHOT HOLDS THE STAGE NOW

Deposed Forester's Testimony is Most Sensational That Has Yet Been Given—Crowds Throng the Room. (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 4.—While interest in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation had already been attested by large crowds at each session, the rush to get in since Gifford Pinchot took the stand has been such that the handling of newspaper copy out of the room has been at times made impossible. Louis R. Glavis was the hero of the throng while he was on the stand according to Secretary Ballinger, but he has gone into eclipse now that Mr. Pinchot, the deposed forester and friend of conservation, is holding the centre of the stage. The Pinchot family has long been prominent in the exclusive social circles of the capital and since Mr. Pinchot took the stand many of the leaders of this set have been present. Mrs. Pinchot, the mother of the former forester, has been at the hearings almost daily. She is usually surrounded by half a score of friends. When the committee adjourned Tuesday afternoon last, the cross-examination of Mr. Pinchot had just been started by Attorney John J. Vertrees, representing Mr. Ballinger, and the other accused officials of the Interior Department. Upon the resumption of the hearing this morning there was every indication that Mr. Pinchot would be on the stand all day.

EXPRESS MAY CARRY MAIL

(By Associated Press) ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—An opinion rendered here yesterday in the Federal Court of Appeals holds that express companies may carry packages of less than four pounds and yet be immune from the law prohibiting corporations from carrying letters or packages in competition with the United States mails. It was intended to be a test case and originated in the western district of Arkansas. Nathan B. Williams, a resident of Fayetteville, Ark., sued the Wells-Fargo Express Company for a penalty for alleged violation of the postal law for carrying a one pound package from Chicago to Fayetteville. The court sustained a demurrer setting forth that the suit should have been instituted by the government. This was affirmed.

A NEW DEAL IN MEAT BOYCOTT

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, La., March 4.—Launching a campaign against the so-called "beef trust" retail butchers of New Orleans last night decided to form a stock company for the purpose of directly importing cattle with the proposed elimination of commission expenses and charges by commission merchants. Furthermore the butchers decided to launch a campaign "to educate the public how to buy meat, setting forth the advantages of purchasing by the pound instead of by the cut or piece."

KILLED THREE MEN IS ARRESTED

Lawrence Odum Confesses to Killing of His Friend—His Wife and Nine Children. (By Associated Press) MOBILE, Ala., March 4.—Lawrence Odum, alias Darby Odum, the white man who yesterday shot and killed Charles Golden, Davis Gortman and Joseph Stokes, at Citronelle, this county, was landed in the county jail here early this morning after a night ride through the country. The prisoner has a wife and nine children, confessed to the killing. Deputy Sheriff Byrd at midnight made an investigation of the killing and says that he found Golden lying dead in front of Odum's gate. By the side of Golden's body was a 22-calibre rifle unloaded, and no empty shells were to be found either in the chamber of the rifle or on the ground. They examined the body and found Golden shot in the neck and breast with buckshot. The sheriff went from Odum's home to that of Jeff Gortman. Dave Gortman, Jeff Gortman's son, was found lying flat on his face in the front yard shot in the right shoulder. The buckshot entered the lung after having torn their way through the shoulder. The sheriff went to Joseph Stokes' place and found Stokes dead, lying out in his field, having apparently been killed while plowing. Stokes was shot in the breast with one load of buckshot, and another load entered under the right ear. The bodies were found as Odum told the officers he had left them.

MANY PRIVATE EXCHANGES HERE

A Feature of the Telephone System in Charlotte That Indicates Large and Important and Busy Business Establishments—A Dozen Private Branch Exchanges Have Total of Nearly 500 Stations. That Charlotte is becoming more and more a city of large and complex business establishments is indicated in nothing more than in the number of private branch telephone exchanges that have been installed recently. Only a few years ago there was not one of these private branches in operation. To-day there are about a dozen and others are contemplated. These exchanges are made necessary by the multiplicity of offices or departments in several establishments in the city. Through them communication is given between each office or department and also, through the central exchange, with any telephone station in the city, the private branches being connected by one or more lines with the exchange of the Bell Telephone Company. The private exchanges in the city at present have a total of nearly 500 stations, which, added to the 3,094 stations of the Bell Telephone Company would give Charlotte nearly 3,600 telephone stations. The private branch exchanges are as follows: Selwyn Hotel 146. Stonevale Hotel 112. Central Hotel 108. Southern Power Company 20. General Fire Extinguisher Company 12. Wadsworth's Sons 8. Southern Cotton Oil Company 10. S. W. Cramer 6. International Harvester Company 7. South Atlantic Waste Company 6. Charlotte National Bank 12. Sacco & Pettus 5. The new home of the Southern Manufacturers' Club will be equipped with an exchange with about 40 stations.

CHARLOTTE MEN ON PROGRAMME

Mr. A. E. McCausland and Prof. J. G. Baird to Deliver Addresses at Big Meeting of Eleventh District Pythians at Ellenboro To-Morrow Evening. Several prominent Charlotte Pythians are on the official programme for the eleventh district meeting at Ellenboro, to be held on March 5, Saturday, in the lodge room at Ellenboro, at 8 o'clock in the evening. The exercises will be in charge of Mr. G. B. Pruet, canceller commandant, and the district meeting will be called to order by Mr. J. S. P. Carpenter, deputy grand chancellor. Following the reports from the lodges in the eleventh district will be special addresses by prominent Pythians, including the following subjects to be discussed by Charlotte members of the order: "The Good of the Order," by Mr. A. E. McCausland, of Charlotte, grand vice chancellor. "The Future of Pythianism in North Carolina," by Prof. J. G. Baird, of Charlotte. There will also be an address on "The Insurance Department," by Mr. G. H. Royster, of Greensboro, and on "Our Orphans' Home," by Mr. G. B. Pruet. The meeting will close with a banquet at the hotel when oysters will be served and a happy ending to the occasion celebrated. John H. Cullen, teller in the Union Institution for savings at Boston, was arrested at his home in Dorchester early to-day, charged with a shortage in accounts. Cullen was suspended three days ago. The case against him before Bank Examiner Chapin, who immediately transferred it to the State police.

THE BLUE AND GRAY UNITED

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, La., March 4.—Before his departure from New Orleans last night for Houston, Texas, General L. R. Van Sant, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic was given a rousing ovation by Confederate organizations here. "Comrades" declared General Van Sant "never braver men were uniform than the Southern soldiers." The old veterans broke forth into a spontaneous "rebel yell" which was followed with a stirring eulogy of the Confederate soldier by the Grand Army Commander, Commander J. A. Brookshire, of the Louisiana-Mississippi division of the Grand Army of the Republic supplemented; "On declaration day let us plant a flower on every soldier's grave, not because he wore the gray, but because he was an American soldier."

VESSLS DAMAGED IN SUNDAY FIRE

Special to The Chronicle. WILMINGTON, March 4.—A board of survey yesterday afternoon examined the Norwegian steamer Herman Wedel Jarlsberg, which was damaged in the Seaboard fire Sunday night, and decided to recommend that the vessel go to some northern port and receive permanent repairs. The damage to the vessel is between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

HENRY SPIVEY IS REPRIEVED

Bladen County Negro May Not Yet be Hanged—Pressure Being Brought to Bear on Walter Morrison Case. CHRONICLE BUREAU, RALEIGH, March 4. North Carolina's last hanging before the passing of capital punishment to give place to electrocution did not take place to-day owing to the reprieve granted last evening to Henry Spivey, of Bladen county, by Governor Kitchin in compliance with an urgent telegram from counsel for the prisoner appealing to him to grant a reprieve of sufficient time for them to appear before Judge Adams and urge him to join in a recommendation for commutation. The reprieve is to March 11. Governor Kitchin makes this statement regarding the reprieve: "Telegrams received from McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor and McLean, McLean & Snow, counsel for Spivey, saying that the trial judge had promised to hear them and asking for a reprieve of sufficient time to have such hearing, and I having declined to commute Spivey's sentence, stating among other things that neither the judge, the jury nor the solicitor had recommended clemency (whose recommendations I give great weight in such matters) and deeming it a matter of sufficient importance to extend additional opportunity to the prisoner to get expressions from them, I reprieve Spivey to Friday, March 11." Want Morrison's Life Saved. For some weeks there have been expressions from one and another quarter that Walter Morrison, the Robeson county negro, under sentence to be electrocuted for criminal assault on a Croatian Indian woman, should have a commutation to life imprisonment on the ground that he has suffered the tortures of death repeatedly through the repeated postponement of electrocution on account of the failure of the State prison authorities to get the death chamber fully equipped for the execution. Now there is a plea from the governor a formal application for the commutation, this being made by T. N. McDermind, of Lumberton, counsel for the negro. The electrocution is now set for March 18. Appeal for Johnston Murderer. John Atkinson, of Johnston county, is also scheduled for electrocution at the same time for the murder of a man who, it is alleged, ruined his home. There is also an application filed by his counsel, Mr. Alfred de Selma, for the commutation of the sentence. The evidence and pleadings on both cases are yet to be filed, but it is expected that action as to both cases will be taken before the date now set for the double electrocution.

CUP TO THE N. C. NATIONAL GUARD

Handsome Trophy Presented to Adjutant General J. F. Armfield to be Competed for by Teams from Companies in the Tar Heel Militia. The Dupont Powder Company has placed in the hands of Adjutant General Armfield and of the North Carolina National Guard, a very handsome and attractive silver cup to be offered as a prize to the organization in the National Guard in this State that makes the best record at target shooting indoors, the trophy being open to the local members of the State guard together with the other companies in the State who may wish to compete. General Armfield has issued the following rules to govern the contest for the cup: One team from each of the different companies. Teams to consist of five officers and men. Number of shots for each man 7, standing and 7 prone. Two sighting shots will be allowed each man off shoulder, no sighting shots prone. Distance 50 feet. Kind of target used, X. Competition to be held annually prior to the first of May, the trophy to be awarded to the team making the highest aggregate score. The trophy to remain in competition indefinitely. The first competition will be held at the home station of companies on April 11th 1910 under the supervision of the company commander, who will forward not later than the 12th of April 1910, a certified record of the score made by the team, giving each man's name and score, together with the target used attached.

SOLD TAINTED LOUISVILLE MEAT

Live Stock Inspector Makes a Sensational Report—Diseased Meat Sold With Pure Product. (By Associated Press) LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 4.—That diseased meat in many cases has been sold in the markets of Louisville and has been slaughtered along with wholesome, pure meat, was the substance of a report made to the lower board of health here last night by Deputy Live Stock Inspector J. A. Rogers. It is charged in the report that on various occasions sick pigs, sick cows and diseased steers have been tagged to be held for further investigation and a post mortem and have been sold in the markets. Specific dates and instances are mentioned, together with the names of witnesses and in some cases the complete full name of the firms charged with handling the meat are given. In other instances only the initials of firms are used. An effort probably will be made to bring the matter to the attention of the grand jury.

BORED HOLE IN LINCOLN PENNY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 4.—Patrick Peterson, of Buxton, La., bored a hole in a new Lincoln penny and was sorry about it after he realized that he had mutilated a "coin of the realm" that he wrote the following letter of apology to President Taft: "President Taft, Washington: Please find one cent which I bored a hole in and feel very sorry for it, hoping you will forgive me. Yours truly, "Patrick Peterson, Buxton, La. "P. S.—Hoping to hear from you."

BIG CROWDS ATTENDING THE MOBLEY SALE.

One of the largest crowds seen on the streets to-day was gathered in front of 39 East Trade street, where the big bankrupt sale is being conducted by Mr. J. W. Mobley. Mr. Mobley purchased the entire stock of the Miller Dry Goods Company to close out at most any old price in order to turn the building over to carpenters to overhaul for the new firm of Wallis-Lawrence Company, which will occupy the store. All day yesterday and to-day the store has been packed to the door and sometimes the street with bargain hunters, money in hand and calling for the goods. The sale will continue for about one week. The time is short and a full house will probably be in evidence every day.

NORMAL SCHOOLS AND HEALTH

Dr. Gulick Gives Some Interesting Facts and Figures by Way of Comparison. (By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 4.—That normal schools are making much better provision for developing and conserving the physical soundness of their students than high schools do, is one of the conclusions in the report on the status of instruction in hygienic American institutions. The report was made to-day by Dr. Luther H. Gulick, director of the department of child hygiene of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, and was presented at the session of the American School Hygiene Association held in connection with the meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Educational Association. Dr. Gulick's information was gathered from replies to circulars sent to all American normal schools and high schools by the United States Bureau of Education. It was found that more than half the normal schools have regular departments of physical education, but only one high school in twenty has such a department. Regular instruction in hygiene is given in three out of four normal schools and only one high school out of each six. About the same proportion held with respect to work in gymnastics and athletics. Swimming is taught in about one normal school in ten, but is a regular subject in only one high school in 400. One normal school in ten has military drill as contrasted with one high school in each hundred. About half of the normal schools have athletic fields and about one high school in five has one. Developments in respect to the status of hygiene teaching in the high schools of the different sections of the country showed a remarkable preponderance of favorable conditions in the West.

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WEATHER FORECAST

CHARLOTTE, March 4. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Saturday. For Charlotte and vicinity—Fair and pleasant to-night and Saturday. For North Carolina—Fair to-night and Saturday, not much change in temperature. WEATHER CONDITIONS. Delightful weather conditions continue in nearly all sections of the United States. It is cloudy at Atlantic coast stations and at scattered points elsewhere, rainfall for the past 24 hours has been confined to light showers in South Atlantic regions and the far Northwest. A moderate high pressure area overlies the States east of the Mississippi. Temperatures are slightly lower in the middle Atlantic States, but the weather is practically all parts of the country, the lower 8 a. m. temperature to-day being 29 degrees. A slight barometric depression exists in the Northwest, centered at Havre and another is central at Phoenix. The present arrangement of conditions indicates a continuation of present favorable weather for the next few days. W. V. MARTIN, Observer.

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