

Clerks and Shopmen At Memphis Out On Strike To-day

Officials of Railroad Clerks Union Confident They Will Gain Recognition from Federation of Employes--Illinois Central Affected.

Officials of Railroad Scoff at Idea of a General Strike and Say Traffic Conditions Will Be Normal To-morrow.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Sept. 26.—The first violence resulting from the strike of clerks of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads here was reported today when H. E. Haines, a non-union clerk, was set upon by a crowd of men, among whom were several strikers. Haines sustained a black eye and a bloody nose. The fight took place near the Illinois Central shed No. 3, where pickets had been stationed.

All Out on Strike.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 26.—With practically every clerk and shopman of the Illinois Central railroad out on strike in this city as a result of the order to quit work issued late yesterday by President J. J. Carrigan, of the railroad clerks' union, the strikers are confident that they will be successful in their endeavor to gain a recognition of the federation of employes.

The railroad officials are equally confident that they will be able to resume the usual traffic late today or tomorrow.

The striking clerks say that a two-day wand in the local yards would produce a congestion that would be difficult to handle.

Road Officials Confident. Chicago, Sept. 26.—Possibility of the Illinois Central railroad clerks' strike extending to Chicago was scouted by officials of the road today who likewise minimized the importance of the strike in the south and indicated that traffic would resume normal conditions by tomorrow.

The clerks in Chicago were under separate agreement with railroad, was the statement given out. "None of the points north of the Ohio river except Mounds, Ill., is affiliated with the federation of railroad clerks and except for that point there is no chance of the strike extending north."

Receive Strike Order. Carlo, Ill., Sept. 26.—Illinois Central clerks at Mounds received an order to strike this morning. The Carlo clerks expect to obtain their charter from the International Union within a few days and will then strike if the trouble between the International Union and the road is not settled.

General Strike Order. All members of the clerks' union employed by the Illinois Central Railroad are ordered to strike today by an or-

der issued last night by J. J. Carrigan, president of the union. While many union clerks in southern cities struck last night, officers of the railroad said they did not fear a general strike of employes although the recent threatened strike of federated shop employes might be revived by way of sympathy.

President of Optimistic. Marcham, an optimistic Illinois Central said that the strike of clerks thus far was of little consequence. "I guess this is just an aftermath of the federated shop employes controversy," said Mr. Marcham. "A few clerks walked without warning at New Orleans, Memphis and Jackson and at Memphis a few shopmen struck in sympathy. That is the only place where shopmen struck. None of the employes in Chicago quit and those in the south issued no warning."

Situation at New Orleans. New Orleans, Sept. 26.—Striking Illinois Central Railroad clerks and railroad officials began taking stock of the situation today. Although the railroads are refusing freight, they assert that they will be in a position tomorrow or next day to resume business and have issued a statement to shippers asking forbearance because of the "temporary interruption."

Railroad officials charge that the clerks quit work without notice. This is vehemently denied by the clerks' spokesmen.

The strikers assert that conditions in the railroad yards will be such within a short time that the road will come to terms without delay. The officials, however, say the strikers' places will be filled by others.

The strikers are still at work and no order for a strike has yet been received by them. Accept Freight in Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 26.—S. S. Morris, superintendent of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad and in charge of the Illinois Central terminals in this city today said that his company was accepting all freight offered; that a good force of clerks were at work and the company was not worried about the local strike. According to Superintendent Morris, the shopmen at Memphis are the only ones of that branch of the service who have quit work.

Women Employed. Jackson, Miss., Sept. 26.—The Illinois Central & Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads at this point are employing young women to take the places of the striking clerks.

Pickets On Duty. Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 26.—Pickets were placed on duty by the striking carmen today at all shop points on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas system.

This action was taken to prevent the resumption of work in the shops following yesterday's announcement by company officials that men would be hired to fill the places of the 1500 strikers who walked out Saturday.

At union headquarters here today it was announced that strikers throughout the system are remaining firm and that a settlement was expected within ten days.

Railway officials would make no statement. The car shops are idle.

Rice Crop of South Carolina. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 26.—According to a statement this afternoon by former Heyward, who is a large planter of the cereal, the rice crop in Tidewater, S. C., amounts to only 25,000 pockets against about 90,000 a year ago. The shortage is due to the recent hurricane.

Pittifully Small Response to Roll Call of Ill-Fated French Battleship Liberte

By Associated Press. London, France, Sept. 26.—An official statement giving the casualties in the loss of the Liberte places the dead at 235 and the injured at 88 with one man missing.

Toulon, France, Sept. 26.—Only a ship's thin company was drawn up on the deck of the battleship Suffren this morning to roll call of the crew of the ill-fated French battleship Liberte, which was destroyed by an explosion and fire 24 hours earlier.

Survivors of the disaster, with the exception of those in the hospital are temporarily quartered on the sister ship. When the name of an absent one was called, some one of his comrades responded "Dead," "Hospital" or "Missing."

The official estimate this afternoon places the number of the dead, wounded and missing at between 350 and 400. It is difficult to determine the actual fate of the missing as many bodies were mutilated or burned.

vessel which remained exposed when the hull sank. These men had been pinned in the ruins from 16 to 24 hours. Most of them were insensible from pain and their rescuers lacked the assistance that their cries otherwise would have given in locating their exact position.

Lieutenant Aubert, son of Vice Admiral Aubert, commander of the fleet, described the admirable discipline on board the Liberte.

The lieutenant, who is serving on another ship, was sent with a party to help extinguish the fire on the Liberte. He found Senior Lieutenant Garnier in command of the imperiled battleship in the absence of Captain Jaures and the second officer in command, who were ashore.

A petty officer approached Lieutenant Garnier and said: "The fire, sir, is near the magazine. Isn't there danger of an explosion?" "Attend to your orders," the officer replied. "The petty officer saluted and withdrew further question returned to his post."



WELL KNOWN CONSERVATIONISTS

At the top, on the left, is Henry Wallace, president of the National Conservation Congress. On his right is Gifford Pinchot, former chief of reforestation, who opposes President Taft's conservation policies. At the bottom from left to right are: Prof. Liberty Hyde Bailey, member of executive committee of the National Conservation Congress; James R. Garfield, also member of the executive committee; and the Hon. J. B. White, chairman of the executive committee.

Census Bureau Report On Supply And Distribution Of Cotton

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—There was an increase of more than 12 per cent in the supply of raw cotton in the United States during the cotton year which ended August 31, 1911, according to the census bureau's preliminary report on the supply and distribution of cotton issued today. The supply amounted to 13,655,479 bales compared with 12,188,021 bales for the previous year when there was a decrease of twenty per cent from that available in 1909.

Notwithstanding the increase in the total supply, the consumption of cotton in the United States showed a decrease of slightly more than two per cent over last year and was the smallest consumption during the past three years, it being 4,696,316 bales.

It was said semi-officially that the high price of raw cotton during the year was principally the cause of the decreased consumption. This consumption was larger in the cotton growing states than the previous year, while in all other states it was smaller.

During the cotton year the exports were 22 per cent greater than due in 1910, the amount being 7,781,414 bales compared with 6,339,028 bales a year ago.

This year was the fourth largest in the history of the export trade. The net imports increased more than 52 per cent, the total amount, 231,191 bales, being greater than any year in the history of the industry.

Supply and Distribution. Washington, Sept. 26.—The supply and distribution of cotton in the United States in running bales, including linters, for the cotton year which ended August 31, 1911, with comparisons for previous years, were announced today by the Director of the Census, E. Dana Durand as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Quantity. Includes Supply (13,655,479), Consumption (4,696,316), Exports (7,781,414), and Imports (231,191).

GENERAL STRIKE IN ITALY IS PROBABLE.

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 26.—Reports from Rome say a general strike throughout Italy will be declared within 24 hours. The socialists have arranged for the movement as a protest against the occupation of Tripoli. It is expected the strike will be rigidly enforced in all the principal cities.

INSPECTING ARIZONA MINES.

By Associated Press. Duluth, Minn., Sept. 26.—Copper magnates of England and America are making an inspection tour of the Arizona mines. It is stated on excellent authority that a merger is in progress of the various copper companies of the country. Edmond Louis Delestre, vice president of the American Mining Congress and a well known engineering expert, said: "I might as well admit that it is true. A great merger of all the important copper interests on the American continent I believe is about to be formed."

It has been intended to have W. E. Corey act as the head of the consolidation, but owing to the attitude of the United States government toward so-called "trusts" as evidenced by the recent investigation of the Steel Corporation, it was deemed wiser to have the company formed in London with Baron Rothschild at the head.

SPARTANBURG CAR STRIKE COMES TO END

By Associated Press. Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 26.—Accepting the proposition made by the street-railway company, the locked out carmen today are submitting applications for their former positions, which will be stored to them. The company agreed to reemploy the men as individuals and consented to their being assigned to as many "societies" as they pleased.

WOMEN JOIN IN WORK OF CONSERVATION

They Discussed, at To-day's Session, The Improvement of Rural Conditions — Plan to Organize Community Clubs Throughout Country.

Would Check Movement From Farm Homes to City—Hope to Improve Educational and Religious Conditions of Country.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26.—Women had an important part in the program of the third National Conservation Congress here today. They discussed the improvement of conditions of rural life. Plans for the organization of community clubs and to improve the educational and religious facilities in the country districts were put forward by leaders in the movement to check the tendency of country boys and girls to leave their farm homes for large cities.

Mrs. Phillip Moore, of St. Louis, president of the general federation of women's clubs, spoke on the subject "The Community Club" and "The Farmer's Wife" was discussed by Mrs. Harriet Wallace, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. J. M. Lewis, of Kinsley, Kan., discussed plans for making country life more attractive.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is scheduled to deliver one of the important speeches of the congress tonight. His subject will be "The Health of the People."

Supreme Court Will Decide Several Notable Cases

sons on the farms to till the soil it will produce enough to support the demand of the consumers in the cities, the high prices will continue. I don't look for this condition to come soon."

PUBLICITY MAY HURT SISTERS WEDDING PLANS

By Associated Press. Denver, Colo., Sept. 26.—How publicity growing out of the killing of her husband, Charles A. Patterson may affect the wedding plans of her sister who is to marry a wealthy St. Louis man Thanksgiving Day appeared to be the greatest worry of Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson today as she walked jauntily into the matron's room at the jail.

TRIAL OF ONE OF DISPENSARY GRAFT CASES

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Sept. 26.—In Columbia today in general session's court there began the trial of one of the celebrated state dispensary graft cases which have been on the docket for several years. The indictment is against L. W. Boykin, of Kershaw county, and John Bell Towill, of Lexington county, both members of the former state dispensary board of control. W. O. Tatum of Orangeburg county, formerly commissioner of the state dispensary; M. A. Goodman, a whiskey salesman and Dennis Weiskopf of Cincinnati, a business man of that city. It is alleged that Boykin Towill and Tatum, representing the state dispensary, through Goodman and Weiskopf, purchased from Nivision-Weiskopf Company of Cincinnati, on May 31, 1905, a supply of labels for the dispensary for which the charge made was \$35,000, of which amount it is alleged that \$22,000 was "graft" that was returned to the representatives of the state for their personal use. The technical charge is conspiracy to defraud the state. The large supply of labels, it was alleged, was sufficient to last the state dispensary for ten years, but the state dispensary system was abolished by the legislature in 1907. The prosecution of the case is being conducted by Attorney General J. Frazier Lyon, who was instrumental in unearthing the case. The defendants are represented by a distinguished array of attorneys.

Another Noted Case. That likely to be the hardest fought is the so-called "Stracey coal land case." The United States has appealed to the court to reverse the action of the United States circuit court for western Washington in quashing an indictment against Charles F. Munday and Archie W. Shields, charged with others with a conspiracy to defraud the United States of approximately 5,000 acres of coal land in Alaska by means of false and fictitious location maps and entries, ostensibly for the benefit of the persons respectively in whose names the entries were to be made, but in fact for the benefit of two corporations. The lower court held that the coal land laws of the United States applicable to Alaska did not prohibit the acquisition of coal lands by the means granted in the indictment.

Another Noted Case. The court has advanced also the appeal of Frederick A. Hyde and J. H. Schneider from the conviction in the District of Columbia courts on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States out of large tracts of public lands along the Pacific slope. Hyde was sentenced to two years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000, and Schneider to imprisonment for one year and two months and a fine of \$1,000.

Indian Land Case. Another land case in which the government, however, does not set forth any attempt to defraud it, concerns the five civilized tribes of Indians of their allotted lands in Oklahoma to investors.

The government will urge its alleged right to bring suit for the cancellation of these reputed deeds. In all 25,000 transfers are at stake and the title to about 5,000,000 acres of land is involved.

The government claims that as guardian of the Indian it has a right to bring suit to prevent transfer of his land in violation of restrictions it has placed on such transfer. The lower court upheld the exercise of such a right.

Bank of Egypt Suspends Payment

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 26.—The bank of Egypt, limited, suspended payment today in a notice to depositors the directors say that advices from Egypt make it apparent that the bank can not provide cash to meet current obligations and the company will file a liquidation petition. It is expected that the institution will be able to meet its liabilities.

The Bank of Egypt Company was incorporated in 1856 and registered as limited in 1887. The authorized capital is 1,500,000 pounds sterling. R. L. Barlow is chairman of the board of directors which includes Lord Grenfell and Lord Rathmore. From 1899 to 1909 inclusive the bank paid annual dividends of from 12 to 18 per cent.

In July 1910, four per cent was paid on the account of that year.

Tenth Infantry Off to Panama

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 26.—The tenth infantry left Fort Sam Houston early today for Galveston, where the regiment will take ship for the Isthmus of Panama, to be stationed in the Panama canal zone. The 900 officers and men boarded two special trains on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad and will arrive in Galveston at 3 o'clock this afternoon, expecting to sail on the transport Kilpatrick two hours later.

Case of Andrew Plyler, of Waxhaw, Alleged to Have Forged Name to Voucher of Recommendation, Will Be Heard.

Several Big Land Cases, in Which Government Charges Efforts Were Made to Defraud, will be Decided—Much Land Involved.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—The federal government will mark the opening of the coming term of the supreme court of the United States by appealing for punishment of several instances of alleged attempts to defraud the United States. These have been advanced for early hearing.

Case From This State. A unique case in which the government claims an attempt was made to defraud the United States is that against Andrew Plyler. It is charged that Plyler was ambitious to be rural mail carrier on route No. 3, Waxhaw, Union county, North Carolina, and that in connection with his application for the job he forged a name to a voucher of recommendation and another name to a medical certificate. The United States district court for western North Carolina held that such was not a fraud against the government and dismissed the indictment, but the government insists upon the validity of the indictment.

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AMERICAN TEAM CHOSEN.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Maurice E. McLaughlin and Beals Wright who, of William Larned, the national champion, fails to go will compose the American team in the international tennis matches for the Davis cup in Australia, will sail from Vancouver November 1.

A message from Larned stated he would try to make the trip but that he was doubtful whether he could.

NEW CANADIAN CABINET

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 26.—Hon. Robert Rollers, manager of public works in Manitoba has been invited to enter the new Canadian cabinet and left today to meet R. L. Borden, at Ottawa, to decide on which portfolio he will accept. It will likely be that of minister of the interior as that usually goes to a westerner.

TABLET TO STONEWALL JACKSON.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 26.—A bronze tablet marking the birthplace of General Stonewall Jackson was unveiled here today. Dr. James Power Smith, only surviving officer of General Jackson's staff, made the dedicatory address.