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FRIDAY

FEDERAL FORCE MAY YET BE USED

The President Watching the Threatened Strike

STEPS TO PREVENT ONE

It is believed by those closest to the administration that in the event of a strike the vigorous measures of Cleveland in 1894 will be repeated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 29.—President Roosevelt is determined that there shall be no strike on the western railroads if it can be prevented.

Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill, who constitute the conciliation board under the Erdman act, left at noon for Chicago.

Strong Measures Expected. It is generally believed by those closest to administration views that in case of a strike the national government will repeat the vigorous measures of 1894, if they are necessary, to prevent riot and destruction of property.

The attitude of the employees is indicated by a vigorous telegram which comes from a railroad employee at Des Moines, who declared that the railroad managers are not now entitled to seek protection in the arbitration provisions of the Erdman act.

The previous disposition of the railroads to fight this act has greatly weakened the chances of getting the employees now to arbitrate under it.

Archie Taken Out for a Drive. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 29.—All danger of infection having passed, the quarantine placed upon the room in the white house occupied by Archie Roosevelt during his illness from diphtheria has been raised.

FIRE RAGING AT NEWBERRY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Augusta, Ga., March 29.—A message from Newberry states that the fire raging there threatens to destroy the town, and that the fire-fighting apparatus and water works are insufficient to stay the flames.

SEABOARD MUST REPAIR TRACKS

Order Made in Regard to Carolina Central

MANY PROMISES MADE

Order Made Under and by Virtue of Powers Conferred by Act of Last Legislature—Track Between Wilmington and Hamlet in Fearful Condition—Must Begin at Once.

During the past few years, since the business of the city of Wilmington began to increase to such a great extent, there has been a great deal of complaint in regard to the awful condition of the Seaboard Air Line road between Wilmington and Hamlet.

Whereas numerous complaints were made to the corporation commission during the year 1906 as to the unsafe and dangerous condition of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad from Hamlet to Wilmington; and

Whereas when said complaints were called to the attention of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, they promised to drain and surface in thoroughly good condition early in the year 1907; and

Whereas said promise has not been fulfilled; and

Whereas it appears to the corporation commission that it is necessary to secure the facility, convenience, comfort and safety of the public;

It is, therefore, ordered, under and by virtue of powers conferred by an act of the general assembly of 1907, that the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company repair and put in proper condition all side-tracks, drain said road, surface and tie it, replace the old and worn rails with heavy rails, and put the said road in thoroughly good condition, and that this be done before September 1st, 1907.

It is further ordered that said company report to this commission the progress in this work on the 15th day of each month, beginning May 15th, 1907.

FRANKLIN McNEILL, Chairman.

An order was also made today requiring the Seaboard Air Line to build a freight and passenger station at the town of Allenton, which is between Wilmington and Hamlet, commensurate with the needs and revenue of the said station. The depot is to be completed within ninety days.

HUSBAND FOLLOWED AND SHOT HIS WIFE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Baltimore, Md., March 29.—Mrs. Mary C. Medwick, 24 years old, is in the city hospital with a bullet wound in her neck, and yesterday morning her husband, Lewis H. Medwick, 24 years old, was committed to jail, without bail, by Justice Grannan, of the central district, for a further hearing next Thursday, on the charge of shooting and attempting to kill his wife. Mrs. Medwick's wound is not serious.

GILDED INFAMY COST HIM DEAR

His Widow is Wiping Out His Debts

WHITE BURNED MONEY

But the Friends to Whom He Appealed in His Stress Carried His Stock Gambling Accounts Until a Rising Market Enabled Them to Recoup His Losses.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 29.—It developed today that Stanford White, on June 25, 1906, the day on which he was shot down in his accounts with his firm, McKim, Mead & White, the architects, to the extent of about \$600,000.

In addition to White's indebtedness to the firm, it is stated that he had lost a large sum on Wall Street speculation, but this is not now indebtedness against his estate. According to the statement made by a friend, White lost about \$300,000 in Wall Street a year ago, he appealed to his friends and they agreed to take up the account and carry it until his losses were wiped out, providing he would sign a promise never again to speculate.

Mr. White agreed to this and his losses were taken over by a syndicate which subsequently recovered almost all that had been advanced by a rising market.

To meet White's debts to his firm, however, at the direction of Mrs. White, the proceeds of the sale of the former home of the Whites at No. 212 East 21st Street and the great quantity of art treasures contained are to go to the firm to pay at least in part for the debt of Mr. White.

Also it became known that Mrs. White had given instructions that the amount received from the insurance of her husband's life should be applied to the same account.

Mrs. Stanford White is understood to have been well provided for by her relatives, who are wealthy. She was Miss Beattie Smith, daughter of Judge J. Lawrence Smith of New York, and a descendant of Colonel Richard Smith, the original patentee of Smithton, L. I. The family had been prominent and wealthy for many generations.

JENNIE BURCH WILL BE SENT TO MATTEWAN.

Carmel, N. Y., March 29.—Jennie Burch goes to Mattewan. The jury which since Monday had been trying the young girl for the poisoning of Baby Wilbur Winslip, returned a verdict of "not guilty, by reason of insanity," and Justice Miller at once ordered her committed to the asylum for the criminal insane.

The verdict came to the 15-year-old girl as she sat alone in the courtroom and she broke down and wept bitterly. The mother of the murdered child took the girl in her arms, kissed her and told her that she had forgiven her. The father also forgave her.

MUZZLE IN MOUTH HE PULLS TRIGGER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cincinnati, Ohio, March 29.—William Alexander Proctor, president of the Proctor & Gamble Company, and one of the founders of the great soap manufacturing community at Ivorydale, near here, committed suicide this afternoon at Glendale, a suburb, by shooting himself in the mouth with a heavy caliber revolver. Death was instantaneous, according to the doctors who were sent for and arrived on the scene after the death of the aged multi-millionaire.

No letters or other information were left by Mr. Proctor, who was aged 73 years, to indicate the cause of his act. Mr. Proctor was found dead in a sitting position with the pistol at his feet as it had dropped from his hand. No shot had been heard. The muzzle of the weapon had been in his mouth when the shot was fired. He leaves five children.

HE WOULD CODIFY THE UNWRITTEN LAW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 29.—Moved by the Thaw case and the Culpener, Va. tragedy, Lewis H. Machen of Virginia, announced that he will introduce in the legislature a bill to make the "unwritten law" a written law.

EBBS THROUGH CLOSED DOORS

Thaw on His Mettle Before the Commission

COOL, LOGICAL, KEEN

He Astonishes His Own Counsel by His Tranquil Manner and the Alertness of His Replies to Questions Submitted by the Board—He Impresses Them Favorably.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 29.—While the examination of Harry K. Thaw yesterday was behind closed doors, it was learned positively today that Thaw answered every question in an apparently rational manner; and it was asserted by those who heard him and were willing to talk, that in their opinion he had impressed the commissioners as being sane and therefore fit to advise his counsel in the conduct of his case.

Thaw was alert and confident and was plying with questions as to various phases of the trial, the selection of the jury, objections made by counsel, etc., and his understanding of such matters.

It was apparent that the commission proposed to deal solely with the legal definition of insanity as applied to Thaw, which is different from the medical definition. This was clearly indicated when it was stated today that the commission and practically decided not to subject Thaw to a physical examination.

According to the law, the commission can declare Thaw sane if satisfactorily convinced that he has a thorough understanding of what is going on around him, if he appreciates the importance of various points in his trial and of various measures advocated by his attorneys.

Physicians, however, recognize several forms of insanity—some of them incurable, which permit of all this, but, nevertheless, in their opinion, make the subject a dangerous member of the community if permitted to be outside an insane asylum.

Thaw Astonished All. Thaw astonished even his own counsel by his remarkable alertness and rational manner during the two hours he was closeted with the commission; his own lawyers and the district attorney practically only looking on.

Commissioner McClure, who, by agreement, has been made the chairman of the lunacy board, asked most of the questions of Thaw. Thaw bore himself as well as any expert who has been on the witness stand during the trial itself.

Dr. Leopold Patzel, the medical member of the commission, asked very few questions of Thaw.

Apparently his task was to keep the keenest kind of watch on Thaw himself, his actions and his oddities, if any, on giving his replies.

There was little delay. Chairman McClure at once plunged into the consideration of whether or not Thaw had any knowledge of the proceedings themselves. Then the next step was to take up the letters and notes of Thaw to Delmas and others of his counsel, written during the progress of the trial. These had been embodied in the affidavits submitted by the defense.

Some of the Questions Asked. Thaw had to explain these letters and notes in the minutest detail. He was asked what he meant by these, and that other word, phrase or sentence; why he wanted certain witnesses called; what he understood by certain rulings of Justice Fitzgerald; why he had asked for conferences of counsel, and why he had put Delmas in charge of the case.

Thaw on the stand was a revelation. In the first place, he looked better than he has at any previous time since the trial began. He answered Chairman McClure quickly and intelligently, with only as much nervousness as any acknowledgedly sane man would have done under the same circumstances.

Then the lunacy board went to Thaw as to his memory, as to what has taken place at the trial, going back to the time of selecting the jury, and asking why he had indicated certain talesmen to be chosen and certain others to be rejected. He gave lucid explanations. Even the impressions he had formed of the proceedings, it is said, were perfectly clear.

DEATH WAITED AT OPEN SWITCH

Twenty-Six or More Killed in Wreck

A HUNDRED INJURED

Horrible Disaster on the Southern Pacific—A Number of Bodies Recovered Are Those of Italian Laborers—All in Confusion at the Scene of the Wreck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Colton, Cal., March 29.—Not less than twenty-six people are known to have been killed outright near here yesterday afternoon when the west-bound Southern Pacific train, from New Orleans to San Francisco, was derailed.

In the confusion that has followed the disaster, there is little to be learned of the actual cause of the wreck, or the names of the victims, although it has been found that some of the bodies recovered are those of Italian laborers.

There are no less than a hundred injured, and many of these may die. Many are eastern tourists who were going to spend the spring in California.

Ten of the fourteen coaches on the train ran into an open switch, and all of them left the tracks and jumped into a ditch, where they were piled up in a mass of wreckage. Four of them were smashed to pieces, not a stick being left to give semblance to what had been heavy passenger coaches.

Many of the bodies that can be seen have not been located, and it is believed probable the death list will total more than twenty-six.

George L. Sharp, of Muncie, Ind., a wealthy manufacturer, was one of the victims. He was dead when taken from the wreckage.

The engineer, Clarence Worthington, and the fireman, Victor Crabb, were both horribly scalded by escaping steam. The baggage man was one of the killed.

All in confusion throughout the hospitals here, all of them being filled with the injured, many of whom died after being removed from the debris.

Only a miracle saved the members of the Florence Roberts Theatrical Company from death. They were in a special car attached to the train, and it was thrown from the track, both ends were splintered by the crash, and only two members of the company were injured.

BURGLARS BLOW BANK TO WRECK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Jackson, Mich., March 29.—Robbers blew open the safe in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Hanover at 2 o'clock this morning and escaped with \$3,000.

Six charges of explosives were used by the robbers. The concussion burst out the front windows and so badly cracked the walls that the bank property is practically ruined.

Jackson officers are on the watch for the safe crackers.

THE DISPENSARY IS VOTED IN BY DUNN

(Special to The Evening Times.) Dunn, N. C., March 29.—The dispensary was carried here yesterday by ten majority. There were 374 votes cast. The election was orderly. The battle between the two forces was hard fought but on a high plane. Without ceasing, every church bell in the town was rung from five o'clock in the morning. Great crowds of little girls and boys were banners on which were written, "Father, save your boy and girl."

The dispensary will be given a fair trial here for the next two years, and if it does not improve present conditions or should prove a curse, it will be voted out two years hence.

REVELATION OF DOUBLE CRIME

Violation and Possibly Murder are Shown

SHOT IN A CEMETERY

Few Inclined to Accept the Suicide Theory—Intense Anger Aroused Against Ack Hale, Who is Suspected of the Murder of Lillie Davis—Wedding Dress Her Shroud

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Bristol, Va., March 29.—At the inquest yesterday upon the body of Lillie Davis, the Bristol girl who was shot in East Hill Cemetery Wednesday while in company with Ack Hale, physicians testified that positive evidence of criminal assault shortly previous to the girl's death was discovered by them.

The inquest also developed the fact that there were no powder burns upon the girl's clothing, such as probably would have been the case had she committed suicide, as Hale alleged and as it was at first reported she had confessed.

The result of the inquest has aroused intense feeling against Hale, and as a precaution against violence he is kept under close guard in the jail here instead of being transferred to the Tennessee side of the city.

Mrs. Mary Davis, the mother of Lillie Davis, declared yesterday that the girl was to have appeared as a witness against Roy Hale, a brother of Ack Hale, in the case in which Roy Hale is charged with the murder of Irby Davis, a brother of the dead girl, at Johnson City, Tenn., only a few weeks ago.

Witnesses have been found who state that they will testify that they heard Ack Hale using abusive language toward Lillie Davis Wednesday, preceding the shooting, and that he fired his pistol twice while in the buggy in which they were riding, and also that Hale forced the girl to drink whiskey, getting her intoxicated. Hale probably will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow. Lillie Davis will be buried in the gown in which she was to have been married next Sunday. Her fiancée was Dolas McRoberts, who is employed in Wise county, and who was to have arrived here Saturday to conclude arrangements for the marriage. McRoberts was informed of the tragedy today.

The spot where the shooting occurred is six feet south of the Virginia-Tennessee state line, and as the arrest had been made by Virginia officers the whole official transaction had to be repeated by the Tennessee authorities.

The Norfolk & Western freight and passenger depot was in danger, and all of the freight was removed from the depot to box cars.

Only by hard work the fire was kept confined to the southside of Main street. Early last night the Durham, N. C. fire department was telegraphed for, but had just prepared to leave when notified that their services were not needed.

It is said that the loss is covered by about three-fourth insurance. South Boston is one of the largest tobacco markets in the country. The big plant of the American Tobacco Company is reported to have been saved. Early last summer a fire in the heart of the town caused a loss of nearly half a million dollars.

SON OF EMPEROR TO ENTER HARVARD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., March 29.—Prince Oscar V., son of the German emperor, is likely to enter Harvard as a student next fall.

A letter received in Cambridge quotes Frida, the German playgirl, as declaring that the Kaiser has announced that purpose.

At the college times it is admitted that rumors to that effect have been heard.

SERMON BY FELON ON THE SCAFFOLD

(By The Associated Press.) Spartanburg, S. C., March 29.—Thos. Harris, formerly a Baptist preacher, was hanged today at Gaffney, S. C., for the murder of Mrs. Horace Morgan, an aged white woman. Before the black cap was adjusted Harris preached his own funeral sermon.

THE LOSS MAY APPROXIMATE A MILLION DOLLARS

The R. J. Reynolds Company, in Whose Tobacco Warehouse the Fire Broke Out, Will be Perhaps the Heaviest Loser—A List of the Other Buildings Destroyed.

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(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Danville, Va., March 29.—For the second time during the past twelve months the town of South Boston, located thirty miles north of Danville, was visited by a disastrous fire yesterday afternoon and last night. At 9:30 o'clock the fire was reported to be under control, but only after entailing a loss that is estimated at between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. Almost the entire tobacco section of the town and a considerable portion of the business section was destroyed. The heaviest losers from the fire will probably be the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, in whose plant it originated.

The fire broke out at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the steam tobacco factory of the Reynolds Company, and was caused by some mishap to one of the drying machines. In a short time the building, a four-story brick structure, was in flames. The loss of the building and machinery is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The fire then extended to the storage warehouse of the Reynolds Company, a three-story building in which was stored hundreds of hogsheads of tobacco, valued at \$100,000 or more. The building was worth \$5,000.

From the Reynolds factories the fire then spread to the storage warehouse of A. H. Thomas Lumber Company, then to the factory of George A. Lee & Company, of Danville, and to the storage warehouse of John A. Johnson Company, tobaccoists, who was a heavy loser in the first summer. The building occupied by Lee & Company was valued at about \$10,000 and the stock of tobacco between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

In the Johnson factory was stored tobacco valued at fully \$50,000. The following other buildings and most of their contents were destroyed: Stebbins, Spragg & Lawson, wholesale grocers; Easley Grocery Company, wholesale grocers; Easley tobacco warehouse; Virginia Bottling Company, D. B. Patterson's saloon; Turner's saloon, Griffin's harness factory, Bank of South Boston, in which building the telephone exchange was located and burned; Johnson & Lloyd's dry goods establishment; Perry Grocery Company, Flag warehouse, Star warehouse, J. W. Elliott, grocer; J. L. Neal, dry goods; J. G. Patterson's saloon, and Collins' livery stable.

Many Small Houses Go. In addition to the above a large number of small houses, including cottages in the negro settlement in the vicinity of the tobacco district, were burned. No one sustained any injuries in the fire and no railroad property was destroyed.

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STOCK GAMBLERS BROILED AGAIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 29.—Andrew Carnegie extolled the joys of the poor man's life today, told of his unbounded joy when his salary was raised from \$11.25 to \$13.50 and mercilessly roasted the stock gamblers of Wall street in a remarkable speech he made as a guest of the United States military telegraph corps at its reunion and dinner at the Hotel Manhattan.

"Gentlemen," he said, among other things, it is a good day for this country when the stock gamblers come to grief, and I wish I could invent a system whereby both parties to stock gambling would suffer.

"Wall street is not America. There are some places outside of Wall street, even in New York city, the stock gambler is a parasite who feeds on values and creates none. It is time that we should rise and decline to do business with those who make money without giving any value in return for it.

"The best indication of today is this battle in Wall street. It is an eruption that is coming out instead of sinking in. Let us hope that tomorrow things will be lively and that stocks will go down, for what has gone up must always come down. The market wants a letting down, down—until values come to their level. Then such is human nature, they will go up, again and you cannot prevent it."

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