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METCALF STABS A WAR PHANTOM

No Recommendation to Rush Battleships

SAYS REPORT'S UNTRUE

It Had Been Given Out That the Navy Board Had Recommended That Our Battleship Squadron Be Got...

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, June 19.—Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf today denied absolutely the truth of the story published in New York and elsewhere that the general board of the navy, of which Admiral Dewey is the president, has been in session for several days discussing the need of steps to insure the presence of the war fleet, in fighting condition, at the point where it could render the most effective service in case of an emergency...

Secretary Metcalf stated that he deplored the publication of the story, in view of its possible effect on Japanese sentiment. The secretary did not deny that the naval board had been in session, but stated that its deliberations were secret and not intended for publication...

THE REPORT WHICH HAS AROUSED METCALF.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, June 19.—A Washington dispatch to the New York American, in part, is as follows: "Comprehensive plans for putting the navy in a state of preparedness for any emergency were today sent to Secretary of the Navy Metcalf for immediate dispatch to the president."

"By special direction of the president, the general board of the navy, of which Admiral Dewey is the president, has been in session for several days discussing the need of steps to insure the presence of the war fleet, in fighting condition, at the point where it could render the most effective service in case of an emergency, and the board has now formulated and handed to Secretary Metcalf a series of recommendations, which include the following:

"That the entire battleship squadron of the navy be concentrated on the Pacific coast. "That prompt measures be taken to improve to the highest point of efficiency the shipbuilding plants and dry-docks on the Pacific coast, even to the extent of taking these plants and docks under government control if that be found necessary."

"Other recommendations of similar tenor are included in the plans submitted to Secretary Metcalf. "While these plans have been prepared by the navy board, at the direct request of the president, it is not certain they will be approved by him. But the fact that he has thought it necessary to seek counsel from the navy experts at this time is regarded here with the most significance and has stirred navy circles to an unusual degree of activity and interest."

WARATSUKI SAYS THIS WAR TALK IS SILLY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, June 19.—Reizero Waratsuki, vice-minister of finance of the imperial government of Japan, now in New York, in an interview said that all the talk of war between the United States and his country was silly. He praised the president as one of the greatest statesmen of his time, and had good words to say for the leading captains of American industry. He referred to the fact that American investors now hold a large amount of Japanese securities—government bonds, municipal debentures and others—and this he regarded as (Continued on Page Seven.)

ALL WIRES MAY BE STRUCK MUTE

Strike Decided on by Commercial Operators.

MAY COME IN TEN DAYS

The Object of the Strike is to Enforce the Demands of the Operators Upon the Postal and Western Union for the Redress of the Telegraphers' Grievances.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 19.—The general executive board of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America today decided upon a strike to enforce the demands of the operators for the redress of their grievances. The matter is now in the hands of President S. J. Small, of the union. Just when and where the strike will be called is not made public, but it is stated that it will come within the next ten days.

Acting President Koenekamp, of this union, today made an announcement, stating that the strike has been approved against either or both the Western Union and Postal companies. The statement concludes with the words: "Plans for the campaign have been made and the men are ready for a struggle."

Men's Side of Case. Deputy President Koenekamp says: "We regret that this step was made necessary by the attitude of both companies in not only ignoring the memorials presented by President Small, but their refusal to deal with a committee of their own employees."

"That a large corporation the size of the Western Union or the Postal Telegraph Company should maintain their present attitude shows the lack of confidence between employer and employe that good business methods demand, without saying a word as to the justice of such procedure. We have never dreamed of requesting that one company enter into a contract with the union, but we have asked that discrimination on account of the organization be discontinued; also that employes dismissed from the service on account of their affiliation be restored to their former positions and rating. "Our grievances are just and our demands are reasonable."

"Had either company shown a willingness to consider the memorials presented or to receive a committee, the present situation might have been averted."

It is learned on good authority that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers have pledged both their moral and financial support to their commercial brethren and are prepared to show their loyalty to their fellow craftsmen by refusing to handle messages sent by either the Western Union or Postal. Thus it will be seen that should President Small authorize a strike the telegraph business of the entire country may be blocked for a long period."

It was reported from the headquarters of the New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America today that a sufficient number of signatures having been secured according to the constitution and by-laws of the order, there will be a special meeting called on Sunday to take action on the announcement from the general executive board that a strike had been approved by them against the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies of either separately as may later be determined. The operators in New York are very much excited over the report.

SALE OF BONDS BE ADVERTISED

The trustees appointed by the last legislature, Messrs. K. G. Dunn, D. B. Harrison and B. M. Gatliff, today announced their intention of advertising for the sale of the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railroad second mortgage bonds, to the highest bidder on July 3. The only offer for the bonds so far received is that of Mr. C. O. Hanes, which is seventy-five cents on the dollar, exclusive of the accumulated interest.

A New Rural Route. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., June 19.—Rural delivery service has been established to commence August 16, 1907 at Spies, Moore county, N. C. (route No. 11) length 26.7 miles; families served 115.

MRS. MABEL BEAR.



Mrs. Mabel McKinley Bear, favorite niece of the President, whose picture here appears, will no longer have to appear in vaudeville unless she so desires. She will receive about \$130,000 from the estate of the late President McKinley.

HUNDREDS WERE SWEEPED TO DEATH

Ruin Wrought by a Great Flood in Thessaly

THE DANGER OF FAMINE

Many of the Inhabitants Left Without Home or Possessions, Hundreds of Buildings Having Been Borne Away by the Raging Waters. Believed That the Worst is Not Yet Told.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Athens, Greece, June 19.—At least two hundred persons have already perished in a terrible flood at Trikala, Thessaly, where a large part of the town was overwhelmed by the river Lithaide. Swollen by storms, the river suddenly overleaped its banks. Hundreds of houses were carried along into the raging flood before their occupants were able to escape, and men, women and children were swept to death in a twinkling. The property loss will mount into the hundreds of thousands, and there is great danger of famine among the survivors, many of whom are left absolutely without home or possessions. It is said that the government will take immediate steps for the relief of the sufferers. Reports received here indicate that investigation may show even a greater loss of life than given in the first dispatches.

ADDRESSES TO THE MERCHANTS

(Special to The Evening Times.) Greensboro N. C., June 19.—At the morning session of the Retail Merchants' Association, which is holding its fifth annual convention here this week, strong addresses were made by H. C. Brown clerk to the corporation commission, on "The relation of the corporation commission to the shipper," by M. Umstader, president of Virginia Retail Merchants' Association, on "Why merchants should organize," and by the Hon. Ashley Horne of Clayton on "The business man and business laws."

After the morning session the merchants went on a car ride at eleven o'clock. This afternoon a barbecue is being given for the visitors at the fair grounds and this will be followed by a racing matinee.

STATE'S HOPE IN ADAMS IS DEAD

No Prop for the Testimony of Orchard

SCORES WILL DENY IT

Miners Coming in From Various Workings Promise to Make it Tough for the Pinkerton Plug Uglies if the Latter Continue Their Efforts to Dominate Boise.

(By J. S. DUNNIGAN.)

Boise, Idaho, June 19.—Partisans of the prosecution in the Haywood case are now spreading rumors of big surprises, intimating that either Meyer or Pettibone may confess and corroborate Orchard, thus sending Haywood to the gallows. These reports are silly and are spread solely as a bluff to frighten some one. Steve Adams cannot be prevailed upon to testify for the state, and he was the only man the prosecution hoped to induce to make Orchard's testimony worth something more than a record of his own silliness.

Two more days will see the end of the state's case, and the remaining testimony is said by Senator Peck to be of the same character as that which has been introduced in the past week. Justice Goddard, of the Colorado supreme court, is here to relate the finding of a bomb at his gate, and the state will present Goddard's opinion in labor cases as evidence of motive on the part of the leaders of the Western Federation to rid the country of the jurist.

Scores of disinterested witnesses who will deny certain parts of Orchard's confession are now here waiting to be called by the defense.

Miners from Telluride, Cripple Creek, Independence and the Coster D'Alene are coming in. The arrival of these men is feared to hold up the Pinkerton plug uglies and alleged gun fighters who have been harassing their own way here for a month. The men of the mines won't stand any nonsense from the Pinkertons and the people of Boise are now sick and disgusted with the gang that McPartland brought in here on an imaginary fear that the coast and the city would be dynamited ere Orchard would be permitted to testify. Several well known citizens of Boise have been insulted and jostled off the sidewalk by the Colorado thugs and there is sure to be an accounting before long.

Bob Meldrum and his pal, Bartell, both from Telluride, and the special protection of Calkley Wells and Harry Orchard, were arrested and fined yesterday for trying to run the town. Meldrum was fined \$100 and costs and Bartell was fined \$50.

The state of Idaho paid these penalties, the money being taken from the special fund appropriated for the prosecution of Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

This morning's session of the Haywood trial was consumed by the state in presenting articles from the Miners' Magazine. These articles go back to the first issue of the magazine. The purpose of the state is to show that Steunenberg, Goddard, Peabody and others were marked men.

Richardson and Borah argued against and for the admission of the Miners' Magazine as evidence. The Chicago anarchist cases were quoted by the state as opening the way for the introduction of the writings and quotations in the miners' paper. Judge Wood took the matter under consideration until 2 o'clock.

SHOT THE WOMAN HANGS HIMSELF

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Buffalo, N. Y., June 19.—Frank Tallchief, forty years old, a full blooded Seneca Indian, of the Cattaraugus reservation, shot and killed Mary Snow, forty years old, on Indian Hill road at 7 o'clock last night while the couple were driving from windows to the reservation. After shooting the woman the Indian chief took a halloo from the horse and going into an adjacent orchard, hanged himself to an apple tree. The woman died after she had made a statement that she and the Indian had been drinking and quarreling.

Prisoner for Pen. Deputy Sheriff Charles F. Dawson of Edgecombe county, today brought to the State Prison Marshall Davis, colored, sentenced to ten years of hard labor for the killing of another negro with a razor.

Commander Peary.



Commander Peary, who is completing his arrangements to start on what will be his sixth effort to reach the Pole next summer. The photo of Commander Peary shows him in the suit of Arctic furs in which he expects to reach the pole.

UNITED AGAINST THE COMMON FOE

And Working for San Francisco's Purification

ALL IS NOW SERENE

Dinan Must Go and Good Officials Are to Be Appointed Throughout. Meanwhile From His Prison Cell Schmitz Issues a Statement Declaring That He Still Rules.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

San Francisco, Cal., June 19.—The committee of ten, representing the various bodies of the city and the members of the prosecution, Messrs. Langdon, Spreckles and Henev, have patched up their troubles and are harmonious on the subject of new municipal officials for San Francisco. There is to be no more fighting—good officials are to be selected; and the choice is to be left with Langdon, Spreckles and Burns, with the committee of ten merely acting as an advisory organization. In reality it is a complete victory for the prosecution.

The committee of ten, however, has been promised by the prosecution that should the supreme court refuse to grant Schmitz his release on bail pending the review of his case by the higher court, thus rendering him permanently incapacitated from holding office, an entire new roster of public officials will be appointed at once. The pruning of the Schmitz contingency will be conducted on the whole scale plan.

First, Chief of Police Dinan will go. The committee of ten has promised this. Ere this takes place, Acting Mayor Gallagher will have been removed and another appointed to the chief executive's chair.

The board of police commissioners is to be reconstituted by the present members and an entire new board appointed. The board of public works is to present an entirely new front. This was the cleaning-up that the committee of ten insisted upon most firmly. Several members of the committee have declared in public that San Francisco could not advance at her best stride until a new board of public works was appointed to take charge of her rebuilding.

An Edict by Schmitz.

From the sanctuary of his private cell in the county jail Eugene Schmitz, deposed as mayor of San Francisco, after being convicted of grafting, has issued an edict that he still rules the city.

Schmitz's communication is addressed to the board of supervisors. In part, it is as follows: "Gentlemen:—Seeing in this morning's papers a statement to the effect that your honorable body, at your meeting yesterday, decreed that I was temporarily unable to perform my duties as mayor, by reason of my detention in the custody of the sheriff of San Francisco, and therefore appointed James Gallagher as acting mayor, I hereby notify you that I am not unable or unwilling to perform the duties required of me as mayor of the city and county of San Francisco, but will continue to do so."

"This action by your honorable body clearly demonstrates the truth of the statement I made just after my return from Europe, that politicians and politics alone were behind the prosecution, and that your action is the first step toward securing control of the municipal government in order that valuable franchises may be given to the welder of the 'big attack,' Mr. Rudolph Spreckles, and other valuable privileges accorded to those who have co-operated with him in his endeavor to purify (?) this city."

"EUGENE E. SCHMITZ, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco."

CHILD STRANGLER IN A PECUNIAR MANNER.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., June 19.—The little 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Beard of Villa Heights is dead as the result of a most peculiar accident. The child was sleeping in an iron bedstead, and in some way got its head caught between the upright iron bars at the head of the bed and in its struggles strangled itself. The parents of the child are both deaf and dumb, and some of the children are also deaf and dumb, but it is understood that the little boy could both hear and talk.

BOY STRIKES FATHER DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Providence, R. I., June 19.—Ralph Crumb, nineteen years old, killed his father today while defending his mother from a murderous attack. According to Mrs. Crumb's story, her husband became suddenly insane. Rising from bed he started after his wife and attacked her with a chair. The son, hearing his mother's screams, took up a shotgun that stood in the corner and struck his father a terrific blow on the head, fracturing his skull.

MURDER DONE BY TWO THUGS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, June 19.—While walking in his garden last evening after dinner, at his home, The Roses, Julius T. Rosenheimer, a wealthy resident of Fulham, and president of the London Noelle Company, was murdered by two men who sprang from the bushes and attacked him with a blunt instrument which the police believe was a heavy, short-handled sledge, such as is used in trimming stone.

Almost before Rosenheimer had time to cry out to his wife, who was only a few feet away, his skull was crushed in. Mrs. Rosenheimer fainted, and her nervous condition since has been such that she has not been able to give a connected account of the murder.

Mr. Rosenheimer was a very popular man in Fulham, and the police say that so far as they have been able to learn, he never had an enemy. It is reported that the thugs rifled their victims' pockets and took a considerable sum of money and his gold watch.

CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS IN A BOYCOTT FIGHT.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Ill., June 19.—Four Chicago newspapers fought desperately to avoid a preliminary hearing in the court of Municipal Judge Fred L. Fike, on the charge of conspiracy and a violation of the anti-trust laws of Illinois. The defendants are the Chicago Examiner, the Record-Herald, the Daily News and the American. They contended that corporations could not be brought before an examining magistrate—who might be a committing magistrate—but could only be summoned into court after they had been indicted. The charge against the newspapers, brought by five down-state newsdealers, is that they attempted to injure the business of the newsdealers by ordering them to discontinue handling the Chicago Tribune under penalty of being deprived of the privilege of circulating the four newspapers named by the complainants. The violation of the anti-trust laws, it is alleged, consisted in the effort on the part of the different newspapers to advance the price of Sunday editions from five to seven cents.

AN ACCIDENT TO CHIEF M'NEILL.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Fayetteville, N. C., June 19.—James D. McNeill, chief of Fayetteville's Fire Department and president of the National Firemen's Association, had his ankle sprained and suffered severe bruises to his body while answering an alarm last evening.