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LISTENING AT THE KEYS FOR THE WORD TO STRIKE

New York, Chicago and New Orleans Men Await the Signal

ONLY MEN OF HEARST NEWS SERVICE STAY

If This Strike is Called These Operators are to Remain at Their Keys, the Union Thus Showing Their Appreciation of the Recognition Given by Hearst to Their Organization—The Shadow of a Crisis Now Lays Over the United States as Far as the Commercial Wires are Concerned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times). New York, July 15.—Postal and Western Union telegraphers are listening intently at their keys in this city today for the signal to walk out on strike.

"The ready for the word," was the last message received from President Sylvester J. Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers Union. The word is "Stand by." The local men say they are thoroughly prepared to hear it, and that when it comes it will practically isolate New York from the rest of the world so far as telegraph communications go.

Chicago and New Orleans will be tied up at the same time. Later on President Small will call out the operators in other cities. The local board of strategy who will conduct the campaign against the Western Union and Postal companies if war comes are in constant session today.

Should Labor Commissioner Neill, who is now in San Francisco, fail to effect a settlement it is expected that the telegraph business of the entire country will be tied up before night.

San Francisco, Cal., July 15.—Labor Commissioner Neill, when told last night of the statement made by President Small of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, said:

"I have been pursuing the course which to me seems most efficient to settle the difficulty between the striking operators and the telegraph companies. I have given each side a hearing. I was in consultation with the members of the executive committee of the strikers who came west on the train with me.

"I would deplore very much at the present time any rash actions intended to spread the strike to the east. The calling of a strike in Chicago and eastern cities would do incalculable damage and upset all plans now underway to effect a settlement.

"My position in the matter is a peculiar one. At great trouble to myself I came here purely as an intermediary for peace. I cannot enforce anything at all. Under the Erdman act, the United States labor commissioner may enforce certain regulations and temporary forms of settlement in railway disputes, but the law does not authorize me to interfere in a telegraphers' strike.

"Before I left New York I saw Colonel Clowry, president of the Western Union, after he had refused to receive a committee from the telegraphers union or one from the civic federation of New York. Clowry is a former military officer and a man of positive character. The whole situation is delicate. There is a good deal that the public has not been informed of and extreme diplomacy is required."

A Mass Meeting. At a mass meeting of operators Saturday night in Oakland which did not break up until a late hour, addresses were made by M. J. Reidy of Boston, S. J. Koenenkamp, President Small and others, all of which indicated speedy settlement of the trouble. Reidy said he looked to see the operators all back again on Monday.

telegraph companies declare there has been no change in their attitude, but that they are willing to accept the mediation of Commissioner Neill.

The Statement Referred To. Following is the statement which the former item refers to: "Resolved, That the local executive board ask our national president to call out every man holding a Commercial Telegraphers Union of America card, in San Francisco and Oakland, except the men of the Hearst News Service, on Monday, July 15, at 11 o'clock with the proviso that if no definite action toward settlement has been reached by that time and that our national president be requested to give us this assurance today."

The striking telegraphers have done with waiting. The above resolution was passed by the local union of the C. T. U. A. yesterday in a secret meeting, but has not yet been acted upon by the members of the national executive board.

Decision of Small. President Small today said that he would wait until tomorrow for Labor Commissioner Neill to effect a settlement, and in the event that no agreement was reached he would leave for Chicago to call out the operators in Chicago.

When the sympathetic strikes are called, Small says, everything in the country will be tied up including news service wires, with the single exception of the Hearst News Service lines. The Hearst News Service is to be exempt because long ago William Randolph Hearst authorized the union telegraphers.

When President Small reaches Chicago, which he will do in four days, provided a settlement is not speedily reached, he will inaugurate a system of sympathetic strikes that will paralyze the whole country. Besides the business offices of the Western Union and Postal companies, every commercial office, stock and bond exchange, brokerage house, the Associated Press and other news services, with the exception of the Hearst News Service, together with other concerns using Western Union or Postal wires, will be completely tied up. By this action the striking operators expect to win "hands down" within a brief period of time.

President S. J. Small will hold a consultation with Commissioner Neill today exhausting his last hope of making the terms with two telegraph companies. Neill probably by this time has gained full possession of the two corporations' ultimatum and will be in a position to give it to the telegraphers union.

TRIAL OF HAYWOOD IS NEARING ITS END

(By Leased Wire to The Times). Boise, Ida., July 15.—The long trial of Wm. D. Haywood for the murder of former Governor McEuenberg is nearing its end. The prosecution is expected to finish its rebuttal testimony by next Wednesday, although it has thirty-three witnesses to call. The defense announces that in rebuttal it will require only fifteen minutes. On Thursday next the defense probably will begin summing up. Mr. Richardson will open the argument and Clarence Darrow will close it. Then will come the oratory of the prosecution, in which Mr. Hawley and Senator Borah will take part. Previous to the final addresses by the opposing lawyers Judge Wood will read his instructions to the jury.

When the Haywood trial was resumed this morning the state continued its rebuttal, recalling witness William Dewey, the miner who corroborated Orchard on the Bunker Hill and Sullivan affair. Dewey said Big Bill Davis was in Colorado. On cross-examination Dewey admitted he owed the union store at Cripple Creek for groceries, and had never paid his bill. L. Gubinsky, the San Francisco grocer, testified that he did not see J. B. Reilly until after the Bradley explosion. Reilly made a deposition that he was talking to Gubinsky before the explosion. The grocer was asked about the construction of the Linforth flats and adjoining buildings. This testimony is to re-establish Orchard's testimony about climbing on the roof of the building that was declared by San Francisco witnesses to have been inaccessible.

Cross-examined. Gubinsky said Reilly was at the scene of the explosion and might have been in his store for a morning drink.

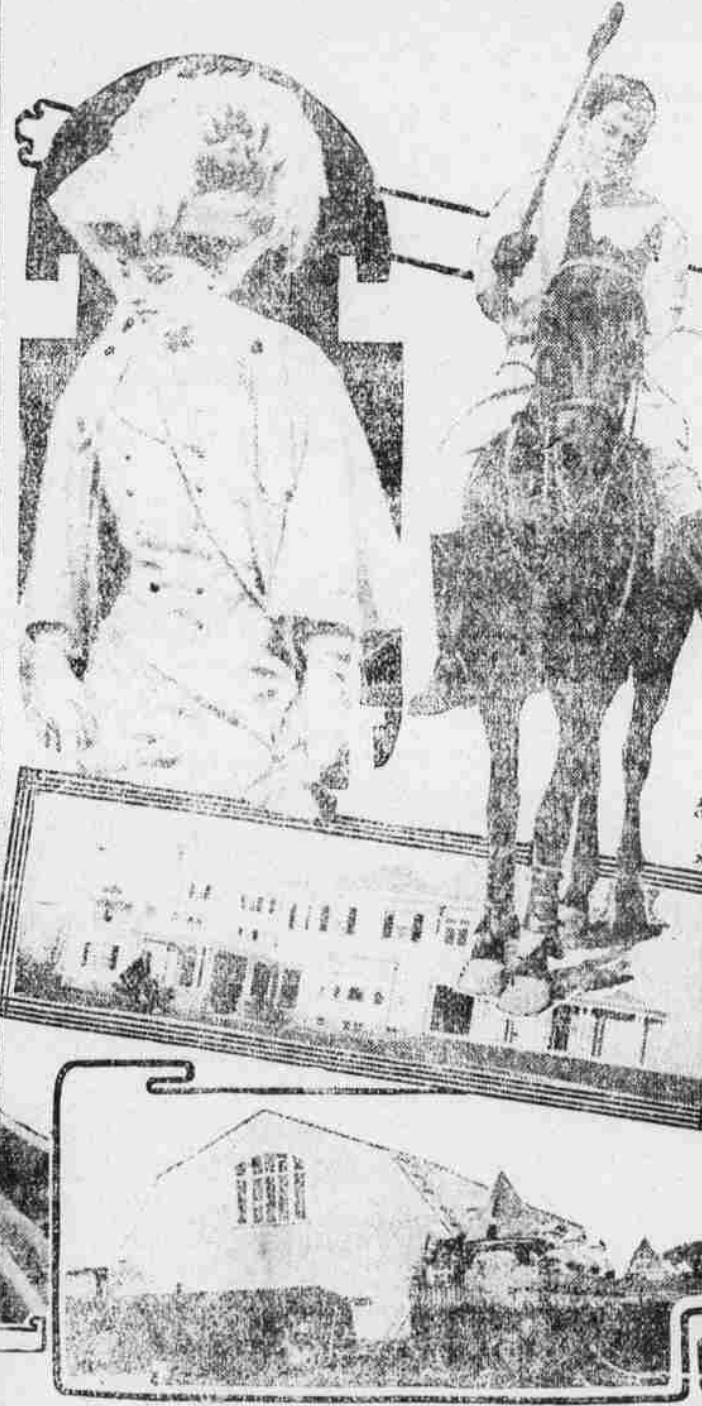
A SUICIDE DARE. TWO ATTEMPT IT

(By Leased Wire to The Times). Montgomery, Ala., July 15.—Because a friend had dared her to take her life, Ruth Thomas, alias Ruth Harper, and her sister, Cleo, attempted suicide on Dexter avenue early this morning by taking laudanum while riding in a carriage.

Not wishing to see her sister die alone, Cleo expressed a wish to die also, and together they drank the poison while being watched by two mounted policemen. After taking the poison both women were removed to police headquarters, where their lives were saved by medical attention.



A Group of the Vanderbilts.



Grand preparations are being made at "The Breakers," the Newport home of Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt, for a family fête next month. On the day of the fête Miss Gladys Moore Vanderbilt, at this her legal age and under her father's will will get \$125,000.00. She is the youngest of six direct heirs to the vast fortune accumulated by the third head of the house. Alfred Gayne Vanderbilt, who will also receive one-third of his great fortune although he will not be thirty years old until October, when he becomes thirty-five years of age he will receive the remainder. He is said to be worth about fifty million. Photograph on upper left is Miss Gladys Moore Vanderbilt, on the right Reginald Vanderbilt on his polo pony. On the center is a photo of Reginald Vanderbilt's farm at Sandy Point and below Alfred Vanderbilt's stable and circus ring. To the left is the upper end of Alfred Gayne Vanderbilt driving his four-in-hand, and below him is Cornelius Vanderbilt, the eldest of the family, who only received a very small share but has accumulated a large fortune himself.

LET US SWEAR BY TRADE AND CUPID

There is Nothing in This War Talk Says Aoki

"The Factors in the Peaceful Solution of the Racial Differences Will Be Commerce and Marriage."

WE ARE GOOD FRIENDS

(By Leased Wire to The Times). New York, July 15. Before Admiral Yamamoto and Ambassador Aoki left New York for Boston today, Ambassador Aoki made the lengthiest statement that has come from him since the United States announced its intention of sending a fleet of warships to the Pacific ocean. He said in part: "I can and do declare, as the accredited Ambassador of my Emperor at Washington, that the relations between the two Governments are as friendly as at any moment in history."

JUDGE LONG'S VERBAL ASSAULT

On the Wake County Court House and Jail.

Judge Long Criticizes Bringing of Prisoners from Jail to Court House Without a Bath First—Says There's No Proper Accommodations for Female Witnesses.

A WELL-DESERVED SLAP

Judge Long delivered a broadside this morning when he called attention to the poor accommodations of the jail and courthouse. He said that if any of the prisoners happen to have diseases or vermin, there is no protection to the lawyers and others who occupy the bar, for the prisoners come from the jail without taking a bath.

DAMAGE CHARGES AGAINST NORRIS

Charged With Injuring Property on Seawell Plot.

Malignant Damage and Injury to Trees on the Old Seawell Burial Grounds, is the Charge—A Visit to the Plot—Mr. Norris Surprised at the Charges.

GRAND JURY'S TRUE BILL

The Wake county grand jury on Saturday afternoon returned a true bill against Mr. M. T. Norris of Raleigh, charging him with malicious injury in having caused the destruction of the valuable old trees on the Seawell burial plot, which is surrounded on three sides by land owned by Mr. Norris.

DOORS OPEN TO THE GLAD HERDS

And Antlered Hosts Bubble Over With Gaiety.

THEY CONVENE TONIGHT

Picturesque Westerners Wake the Echoes of Staid Philadelphia With Gladsome Shouts, and Beautiful Creole Women Lend Enchantment to the Scene.

(By Leased Wire to The Times). Philadelphia, Pa., July 15.—Philadelphia people stepped to one side today, and the host of Elks which had been pouring into the city for the last week took possession.

The Elks own the city. They will run it as they please for the next week. They will do pretty much as they like, and Old Billy Penn will smile indulgently from the watch tower in City Hall and shout loudly: "Hello, Bill! Go as far as you like!"

The convention will be formally opened tonight. Governor Stuart and Mayor Roybin will deliver the addresses of welcome at the Grand Opera House. No tickets of admission will be received, and the commission are at a loss to know how the immense crowd of people can be handled without confusion. The massive, beautiful court of honor will be open to the 250,000 visitors thronging through the city. After the formal opening of the convention there will be a rush toward City Hall, where the polls "eleven o'clock to six" will be open.

The city is so jammed with the visitors today that an attempt is being made to divert the program of entertainment away from the city. Every one, including with enthusiasm and expectation, is doing everything possible to enjoy himself as much as possible. The Elks are working harder than they have for a year to be happy.

A Grand Reception. The reception of visitors is being held at Masonic Temple, where the Philadelphia members of the order are greeting the visitors. Thicker the Elks flock, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning. The reception will continue until tonight.

No less than 1,000 delegates of the grand lodge and their wives boarded a boat at 11 o'clock this morning for the river trip and clam bake. On the trip they were shown the Camps ship yards, New York shipbuilding plant, League Island navy yard and the Revolutionary forts. The United States cruisers in the harbor will be visited, and at Washington Park the clam bake will be held. This will be a great treat to the western delegates, who seldom have an opportunity to enjoy fresh fish. Tomorrow there will be another clam bake, to which all Elks will be invited. The reception of visitors at Girard College, a visit to the Zoological Gardens, special program of music by the Victor Herbert Orchestra, entertainment of visitors at Woodside Park, display of fireworks, spectacular outdoor entertainment at Washington Park, and the baseball games are other features of today's program.

A Picturesque Herd. Each of the Elks had a distinctive way of letting the public know just where he is from. The Colorado delegation took particular pains to enlighten the people of the east as to the power of western luges, and their yell could be heard for blocks. At least fifty beautiful women accompanied the delegation. The men were dressed as cowboys and attracted great attention. The Cripple Creek delegation has 170 burros on the way here and will ride them in the parade. The burros will be decorated with Elk horns.

The lodge from El Paso brought along its splendid Mexican band. New Orleans is 190 strong and has many "southern beauties" with it, each Elk typifying the section of the country he comes from. The delegations are all here, very happy, very noisy and very much bent on wakening up Philadelphia.

The city is fully prepared to take care of the host of visitors. There are mountains of food, any quantity of limes, lemons and eggs for the favorite Elk drinks. The hostesses will be crowded, of course, even ballrooms being pressed into service, and the local lodge members feel a sort of (Continued on Second Page.)

SHELL BURSTS ON BATTLESHIP

Seventeen Men Terribly Injured by Explosion

HORROR ON THE GEORGIA

This Battleship is One of the Newest and Largest of the Navy—She was One of the Ships Destined for the Cruise to the Pacific Ocean.

(By Leased Wire to The Times). On Board the Battleship Georgia, Provincetown, Practice Grounds, July 15.—The explosion of an eight-inch shell on board this battleship at 12:12 today resulted in terrible injuries to seventeen men, including Lieutenant Goodrich and Midshipmen Goldthwaite and Cruz. The ship has been ordered to proceed at once to Boston. The injured men are being treated by navy surgeons. The battleship Georgia is one of the newest and largest of the new American battleships. Her eight-inch guns are on her broadsides, which was probably the reason the explosion did not kill several men outright, as would have been the case if it had happened inside one of the turrets.

The vessel was one of the fleet that is to form the Pacific squadron. She was launched at Bath, Me., about two years ago and was commissioned less than a year ago.

HARRY THAW SAYS HE IS A SICK MAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times). New York, July 15.—Harry K. Thaw today confirmed the rumor that he is sick in the Tombs, where he has been confined for over a year now for killing the architect, Stanford White. In reply to a note sent to him by a Hearst News Service reporter, Thaw wrote as follows: "I have congestion of the liver, accompanied by loss of appetite and frequent fits of nausea. Some three weeks ago Dr. Maguire, the Tombs physician, instructed me to take open-air exercise in the Tombs yard as much as possible. This I did, with beneficial results, for some ten days, but my condition has not mended as I thought it would."

TWO MEN KILLED BY JUG DIVISION

(By Leased Wire to The Times). Lexington, Ky., July 15.—Two men were killed and another injured at Ryan, Fleming county, during a fight over the division of a supply of whiskey. The dead men are: Sam Reid, John Reid.

Wounded: Floyd Stacey. Fleming is a local-option county, and the men secured the liquor from Maysville. The fight came up, and John Reid shot Stacey through the lungs. Stacey shot Reid. Sam Reid then ran at Stacey, who killed him. Stacey is dying.

WILL NOT SERVE WARRANT TODAY

Until the state's attorneys, Col. S. G. Ryan of this city, ex-Governor C. B. Aycock of Goldsboro and ex-Speaker of the House Justice hold a consultation with Governor Glenn this afternoon no warrant will be served on Mr. T. E. Green, city ticket agent of the Southern Railway. Colonel Ryan made this statement at twenty minutes past three this afternoon, and said that the warrants would not be served today.

The charge against Mr. Green, against whom three true bills were returned Saturday, is violating the statute passed by the last legislature of North Carolina, in that he expects for tickets far more than the legal rate, which is 2 1/4 cents.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SESSION.

The State Board of Examiners was in session today at the offices of Supt. J. Y. Joyner, considering the applications that have been made for high-school certificates. Papers from the county examinations that were conducted last Tuesday have not all been sent in up until the present time.