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RAILROADS ARE COMPELLED TO REDUCE WAGES

President Finley Is Arranging For Conference With Employes

40,000 SOUTHERN MEN ALONE WILL BE HURT

Following the Story Printed in the Times Yesterday of 200 Seaboard Men Cut Off at Hamlet Division, Comes the Following Statement From President Finley—Officials Say the Depression in Business Makes a Reduction in Wage Schedule Necessary—But the Southern Wants a Pacific Agreement With Employes, Till Better Times, and is Arranging for a Conference With Representatives of the Trainmen, Engineers, Conductors, Machinists, and All Classes of Employes.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—That there will be a reduction, or at least an attempt to make a reduction, in the wages of all employes of the Southern Railway Company was admitted yesterday afternoon by President Finley. "The company is arranging for conferences with representatives of its employes," said Mr. Finley, for the consideration of the present wage adjustment. The purpose of the proposed conference is to lay before the employer the situation surrounding the company and to secure their support in the present conditions of trade depression that are upon it and all the railroads of the south.

As the Southern employs altogether between 42,000 and 43,000 men, the approximate number of our employes whose wages may be reduced is 40,000.

MURDER AT BANNER ELK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Bristol, Va., Feb. 14.—A. J. Cline, a young lumber dealer, formerly of this city, was shot and instantly killed by Luke Banner, sixty years old and a wealthy merchant, at Banner Elk, N. C.

There was no immediate provocation for the killing, but it is said, was the result of an old grudge. It is alleged, was shot down without warning. Banner escaped on horseback and is still at large, though he was seen later near Montezuma, heavily armed and fleeing. A posse is in pursuit.

Cline went to Banner Elk yesterday morning to buy several cars of lumber. Banner heard that he was there, and when Cline finished his business and passed the former's store on his way to the depot with a friend, Banner, according to the statement of witnesses, was seen to come from the door, with a shotgun concealed behind him. As Cline and his friend separated, Banner fired, the charge hitting Cline in the back of the head. He died instantly, without knowing who fired the shot, and Banner mounted his horse and escaped during the excitement attending the tragedy.

MONEY MAY TEMPT YON JOHNSON TO QUIT POLITICS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 14.—Governor Johnson may leave the chair as chief executive of the state of Minnesota and abandon all ambition for the presidency for the lecture platform. It is stated that a lyceum bureau has offered the governor a guarantee of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year for a series of addresses to the American public.

FIRST, LAST AND ALL TIME FOR BRYAN.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 14.—The Wisconsin democratic convention in session here today endorsed Bryan and instructed delegates to vote for him "first, last and all the time."

HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN FIGHT

While Waiting Their Turn At Free Dinner Table

NO FOOD IN TWO DAYS

Big-Hearted Restaurant Keeper, Learning of Suffering Condition of Hundreds of Poor Children, Sent Word to the Schools He Would Serve a Free Dinner Every Day to All Such—1,500 Poured in On Him First Day and the Trouble Was Caused By Fear of Some That They Would Get No Dinner.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 14.—Fifteen hundred hungry school children, attracted by the prospect of a free hot dinner, were in a riot in front of a restaurant at 274 Grand street, and before the police could restore order by assuring the little ones that all would be fed, the plate glass window was pushed in. The restaurant accommodates only 480 children, but three that number gathered. Adolph Loribee, the restaurant keeper, assured them that there was food enough for all, but those in the rear became impatient, lest they be not enough time at the noon hour. Many of the children said they had not eaten in two days. Their parents had no work and there was no food in the house.

Loribee, the Big-Hearted Restaurant Keeper.

In view of these conditions, the restaurant keeper sent word to all of the schools in his neighborhood that he would give free dinners to children who applied between noon and 1 o'clock each day.

The second and third floors were turned over to the children, the menu comprising soup, a meat order, vegetables, rolls or bread and tea or coffee.

It was while the first set of diners were eating that the trouble occurred. The remaining children stood in the rain in a line that went half way around the block, but they kept pushing and struggling till the two policemen on duty sent for the reserves of the Eldridge street station. Before they arrived the children had smashed the plate glass windows.

None of the children was cut by the glass or injured in the crash, and Mr. Loribee declined to express any regrets at the accident to his property, announcing that he would continue the free meals.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK; KILLS 2 INJURES SCORE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chester, Pa., Feb. 14.—A special train of three cars on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad conveying the Philadelphia orchestra of seventy-five men from Chester to Philadelphia, crashed into the rear of a freight train three miles below here killing two and injuring more than a score, six severely. The dead:

CYRUS WILLIAMSON, engineer. THOMAS J. ELLIOTT, fireman, cut to pieces.

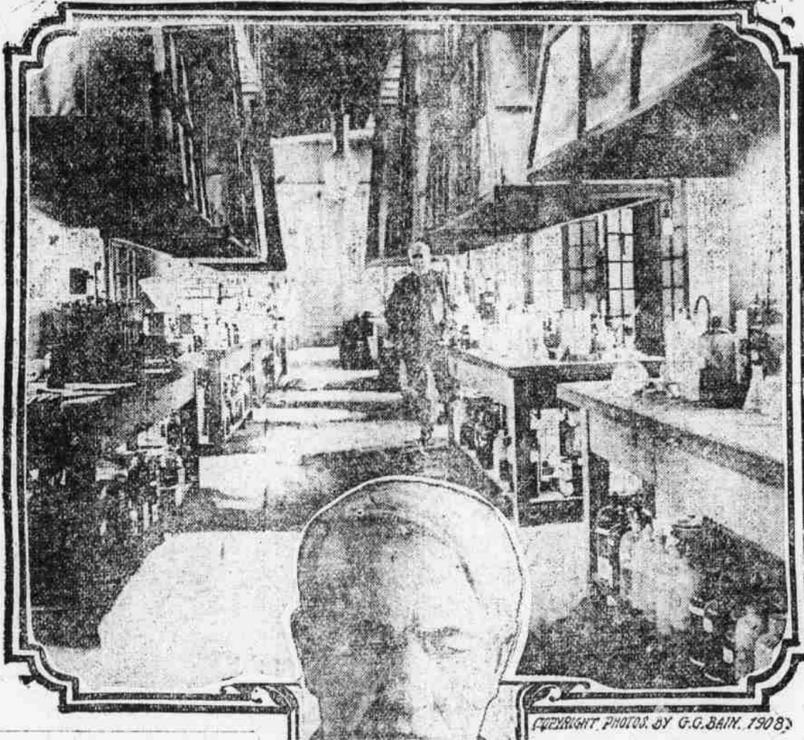
Members of the Philadelphia orchestra who were injured were: Rosario Burden, nose fractured; Max Sulinski, concussion of the head brain; Hill Morse, cut about head; Fred Lurap, concussion of the head; William Schletberg, cut about head; Harry W. Meyer, cut about head.

The engineer of the special train was caught beneath the engine and died within a few minutes after being taken to the hospital. The fireman jumped but was caught by the wheels of the engine and crushed to pieces. Carl Poplin, conductor of Philadelphia orchestra, wept like a child at the Chester Hospital as he bemoaned the fate of his men. All the costly instruments of the players were saved. The cause of the wreck is not known but it is supposed Engineer Williamson did not see the automatic danger signal because of the fog and ran past it.

Lieut. George H. Norman Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—George H. Norman, who when a lieutenant in the army, captured Admiral Cervera at Santiago, died last night at Corey Hill Hospital of pneumonia.

Thomas A. Edison and His New Jersey Laboratory.



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N. Y. FIRE CHIEF VICTIM OF FIRE

Deputy Chief Kruger is Banned to Death Today

FIGHT TO SAVE 7 OTHERS

Fumes of Gas in Wrecked Building Threw Four Others Down the Shaft At the Bottom of Which Was a Pool of Water—Two Comrades Swung Themselves Down to Assist the Unconscious Men and Themselves Became Helpless—Help Finally Saved the Seven.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Feb. 14.—Deputy Fire Chief Kruger lost his life and seven firemen were saved from death only by the gallant efforts of their fellows at a fire early today in the factory building at No. 215 Canal street.

The fire had been brought partly under control but in the rear of the building which was almost inaccessible, the blaze still burned stubbornly. Chief Croker had warned his men to keep out of the building, which was an old one, and Kruger, with difficulty, obtained his permission to take six men with him to try to had some way of getting at the fire with lines of hose from the rear.

Chief Kruger, who was leading the way, suddenly tottered and fell into air shaft, which was filled with the fumes of escaping gas. Fireman McGrath, O'Donoghue, Jacobs and Escher, who were directly behind him, also toppled over and fell down the shaft, overcome by the deadly fumes of smoke and gas.

Without hesitation Fireman Kruger and McGrath leaped to the edge of the shaft and swung themselves down into the pit. In the sub-cellar were two or three feet of water and the terrible fumes overcame them. Gropping about they found the bodies of their comrades.

Over fifty men came to their assistance. They were nearly overcome by the gas and smoke. Then followed a fight for the lives of the seven men. In the sub-cellar in which every man of the rescuing party took his life in his hands, forming a continuous line they managed to get down to where their comrades were lying senseless and submerged in four or five feet of water. All were taken out except Kruger. His body was recovered later.

Dead Fire Chief Was a Good One.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 14.—Before the rescues were accomplished no less than 26 men were overcome. The gas poured through a large pipe and as fast as the men reached the collar they dropped. Unconscious bodies were piled over one another.

Kruger was acting chief of the department during the Baltimore fire. His efforts resulted in checking that great conflagration.



Thomas A. Edison again announces the completion of his long-sought dangerous electric auto, and his model house which can be erected of cement at a cost not exceeding \$300 a room. This picture shows the great inventor in his New Jersey laboratory where he has perfected many great inventions. Below is a picture from a recent photograph of the great inventor.

42 MINERS ARE NOW ENTOMBED

Horrible Prospect For Victims of Explosion

ALL OF THEM MAY PERISH

Rescue Parties at Work in Desperate Efforts to Rescue Before Death by Suffocation From Fire Damp Overtakes Them—Accident Occurred Today at Glencoe—Prospects of Saving the Miners Are Not Very Promising.

(By Cable to Evening Times.)

Durban, Natal, Feb. 14.—Forty-two men were entombed by an explosion in a coal mine at Glencoe today. Rescue parties are making desperate efforts to reach them but their efforts are blocked by the presence of an afterlamp in the mine. It is thought that all of the entombed men have perished.

TODAY'S WORK IN CONGRESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Senator Clay, of Georgia, spoke for an hour and a half today, discussing every phase of the financial question.

He also attacked the Aldrich bill and declared it was wrong and vicious and would give no relief to the south and west; he contended that it simply enlarged the powers of the national banks and that congress was relinquishing the sovereign right to issue and circulate money which it ought never to do; he favored the minority plan for the government to issue five hundred millions of treasury notes, and to use them in paying the expenses of the government that they might make their way into all the channels of trade.

He spoke of the fact that now we have three hundred and fifty millions of treasury notes, not costing the government anything and performing all the functions of money, and that this amount could be easily increased 500,000,000 without in any way disturbing our finances, and could not possibly result in a depreciated currency.

He contended that the state bonds, city bonds and municipal bonds of the south and west were being held by eastern capitalists and that the south and east could not by their use, secure many additional circulations by making these bonds a basis of circulation, as they had already been sold in the east; he declared that the class

INHUMAN ACTION OF A MOTHER FAITHLESS WIFE OF A MOTHER LOST TO SHAME

Casts off Innocent Daughter and Stops Aid From Others

Returns to New York For Divorc & Will Marry Lover

ASSASSIN HER LOVER A VIRGINIA SOCIETY GIRL

Beautiful Portuguese Girl, Whose Misfortune It Was to Have Been Loved by One of the Men Alleged to Have Assassinated King Carlos, Deserted and Denounced by Her Family, All of Whom Are Royalists—In Need She Applies to Police For Aid.

Married to Alfred Dieterich, Young Standard Oil Millionaire, Member "Big-Rich Set," She Eloped With Alf. Vanderbilt's Coachman, Harry Brenchley, to Europe Where She Has Been Living With Him Since. Husband Will Not Resist Action for Divorce—Some Nauseating Facts.

(Special Cable to The Times.)

Lisbon, Feb. 14.—A young and beautiful girl, Maria Benito, applied to the prefect of police for assistance to travel to Madrid, where she has relatives. As a reason for her appeal, she said that she was the sweetheart of one of the assassins of the king of Portugal, and her family, who were ardent royalists, had cast her out. She had appealed, she said, to her relatives in Lisbon, and would have obtained aid from them, but her mother took pains to persuade those who were willing to provide for her to change their purpose.

In the neighborhood in which she lived, Maria found refuge with a friend, but she was ostracized and jeered at and soon was asked to leave the place. There was nothing left for her to do but appeal to the police. When she had told her story she was closely questioned concerning her associations with the assassin and to what degree she enjoyed his confidence. This, no doubt, was done with the hope of gaining clues to the identity of the ringleaders of the conspiracy. The girl has steadfastly maintained that she knew nothing of her lover's plans, his politics, or his actions when away from her. The police are satisfied that she is telling the truth, but she is being temporarily detained.

LIKE PRES'DT FOR ENEMIES HE HAS MADE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Before a gathering of several hundred negroes at the A. M. E. Zion Church last night, several colored bishops expressed themselves on the Roosevelt-Forsaker-Brownville matter. These expressions were uniformly adverse to the president and in favor of the attitude of Senator Forsaker.

Bishop Alexander Walters said: "I do not think we ought to be afraid to commend Senator Forsaker for the noble stand he has taken in the Brownville affair. As surely as I live, if the administration does not make out a clear case against the discharged soldiers, then the administration need not expect any support from the courageous and thinking voters of the race."

Bishop Wesley Gaines said: "The negroes have been stirred as they never have before by President Roosevelt's mistake in discharging the colored regiment over the Brownville incident. Unless this injustice is rectified and the colored people are given a square deal, they will never entertain the thought of supporting Mr. Roosevelt's nomination."

"I have the greatest respect for Senator Forsaker, and am for him for the nomination."

Said Bishop C. E. Smith: "Colored delegates to the national convention, unless they are officers, will be for the Forsaker standard and the race as a unit will vote for him if he is made the standard bearer of the party."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Feb. 14.—"I will never take her back. No man with red blood in his veins would. She has gone with Brenchley. To me she is as dead."

So said Alfred E. Dieterich, the young Standard Oil millionaire, whose wife left New York for Paris on December 6 coincidentally with Harry S. Brenchley, formerly a coachman for Alfred G. Vanderbilt, when he today admitted for the first time that it was a genuine elopement.

Mr. Dieterich was discussing a report circulated in horse show circles that the couple were preparing to return to New York shortly. Until now Mr. Dieterich has expressed absolute faith in his beautiful young wife, who is said to be worth \$8,000,000 in her own right. In all previous statements he has said that the stories of her having been in love with Brenchley were started by the young horseman himself.

It was also established through the young millionaire that Mrs. Dieterich and Brenchley are now together in Paris. The husband insists that there is no possible chance of a reconciliation between himself and the former Virginia girl, who, as Miss Edna H. Young, was one of the most popular girls of her set.

That this strangely romantic couple have actually decided to return to New York within the next few weeks is said by Brenchley's friends to be a fact. The coachman has written that both himself and Mrs. Dieterich are very anxious that a divorce be obtained by her husband which will permit them to be married. They are willing to face their friends and the young man's relatives in order to hasten such proceedings, it is believed.

Mrs. Albert Young, Mrs. Dieterich's mother, confirmed the statement of her son-in-law insofar as it refers to the present whereabouts of her daughter. Mrs. Young admitted that she had received a communication from the couple within the last forty-eight hours, the nature of which she would not disclose.

Despite the silence of the young millionaire concerning his plans for obtaining a divorce, it is said by his friends that proceedings have already been instituted.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR THE MUTUAL RESERVE INS. CO.

New York, Feb. 14.—In the interests of the 37,000 policy-holders of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, Attorney General Jackson today announced that he had decided to apply for a receiver for the company in an action to wind up its affairs. His decision, he said, was reached as a result of State Superintendent of Insurance Kelsy's report and an independent investigation conducted by an officer of his deputies.

EX-GOV. NEW JERSEY INDICTED FOR PERJURY

New York, Feb. 14.—Foster M. Voorhees, ex-governor of New Jersey, and Frank G. Combes, have been indicted by the special grand jury which has been investigating banking cases. Mr. Voorhees was president of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, which got into trouble a year or so ago, and Mr. Combes was secretary. Both are indicted for perjury for submitting a false report to the state superintendent of insurance. In this report it was stated that dividends amounting to about \$20,000 were not due to certain stockholders when they were.