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STRIKE CAUSES TROUBLE IN PITTSBURG AND NEW YORK

PITTSBURG A TROLLEYLESS TOWN

The Marine Traffic at the New York Port Was Seriously Effected Today by a Strike of Engineers and Firemen on the Vessels of the Lighterage Class. — Hundreds of Tug Boats and Other Towing Craft Were Idle at Their Pier and the Congestion of Freight Was Large. — Pittsburg is a Town Without Trolley Cars Today.

New York, May 1. — The marine traffic of this port was seriously affected today by a strike of the engineers and firemen on the vessels of the lighterage class. Hundreds of tug boats and other towing craft were idle at their pier and the congestion of freight involving delay of cargoes in steamships and railroads presented a serious problem.

The engineers demand a wage increase approximating 14 per cent, and the firemen ask for 20 per cent. Of more than 700 tugs and steam lighters, engaged in river and harbor traffic, it was estimated that only 40 were being operated.

Owing to the unusual disturbance in labor circles union leaders predict that the May Day parade here this afternoon will be one of the most notable demonstrations New York has ever seen. Estimates of the number of men and women in line ran as high as 100,000. After the parade there will be a great mass meeting in Union Square and smaller meetings in 30 or 40 halls throughout the city.

The nucleus of the parade will be the garment workers, 60,000 of whom have been locked out by manufacturers over the close shop question.

Pittsburg Cars Idle. — Pittsburg, May 1. — Thousands of persons were compelled, either to walk or ride in automobiles or big drays to work today as a result of the strike of street car men, which began shortly after midnight. Operations were completely suspended on all lines of Pittsburg Railway Company and vicinity on interurban lines.

The Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio and the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroads put on extra local trains in order to handle the increased crowd, while all downtown department stores and other houses sent automobile delivery trucks to various sections of the city to gather up their employees.

The strike effects 3,200 conductors and motormen and about 800 other employees. The men demand a wage increase. There has been no disorder.

CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NATION'S BUSINESS

Monthly Survey of Business Conditions Reported to Federal Reserve Board Made Public.

Washington, April 30. — The monthly survey of business conditions throughout the country reported to the federal reserve board by agents in each reserve district, and made public tonight, shows that prosperity continued to increase during April in virtually every section of the United States, especially in eastern manufacturing centers. A synopsis of the survey by districts follows:

Richmond—Business continues to show improvement. Farmers are in better financial condition than for some time past.

Atlanta—General conditions are unchanged outlook for future conditions favorable. There is a gradual selling of the cotton crop. Manufacturers are working full time and many are behind on orders.

Boston—Business continues to improve; comparison with a year ago shows that in many cases the improvement is extreme.

New York—The volume of goods produced and sold last month was probably greater than in any March record.

Philadelphia — Trading is brisk, prices are rising, manufacturing plants are working to capacity.

JUNIUS H. MULLINS

Died at His Home in Raleigh Today. — Was Well Known.

Raleigh, May 1.—Junius H. Mullins, chief of police in Raleigh for several years prior to 1909, and widely known in fraternal circles throughout the state, was found dead at his home here today. Mr. Mullins has suffered from rheumatism for several years and on retiring Sunday night, complained of indigestion. He was 58 years old.

Another Ship of British Sunk.

London, May 1.—The British steamship Vity of Muckno, 9,600 tons gross, has been sunk.

CONCORD POSTOFFICE.

Postmaster Miller Has Been Promoted Numerous Improvements. Special to Charlotte Observer.

Washington, April 29. — Postmaster John L. Miller, of Concord, who has been in Washington the last two days, in the interest of his office, has the assurance of authorities here that numerous improvements will be allowed in the Concord postal service.

At as early a date as possible city delivery will be extended to several thousand people, who live in the villages of the Brown Mill, Young-Hartwell Mill and Franklin Mill. Heretofore these people have been served by the rural free delivery.

An inspector will make examination of the building, and among the improvements for the building, will be repairing the defective roof, providing more lights for the clerks. Some of the clerks are obliged to work 16 feet from a light.

Additional lock-boxes are to be procured for the patrons, and new vaults in which to take care of C. O. D. packages.

Mr. Miller called on several authorities in the Treasury and Post-office Department and made a fine impression, being equipped with the information which they needed in passing upon the merits of his requests. Photographs and drawings were shown them. Mr. Miller said he was highly pleased with the results of his visit.

CARUSO SINGS OVER WIRE TO PRESS MEN

Remarkable Demonstration in Telephone Staged in the National Press Club.—Talks With Golden Gate.

Washington, April 30.—A remarkable demonstration in telephone was staged in the rooms of the National Press club in this city early today when connection was made with the San Francisco Press club and Secretary Lane, Senator Phelan, and others talked with the Golden Gate.

Senator Phelan read a message from President Wilson, congratulating the San Francisco Press club upon its "10 years after celebration" in commemoration of the rebuilding of San Francisco after the fire of 1906.

Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, "cut in" on the wire from Atlanta, Ga., and sang to the assembled newspapermen and their guests on the Pacific coast. Listeners at the Washington end of the wire plainly heard Caruso as his voice went northward and then westward over the wires from Atlanta to the coast. The telephone demonstration was opened by an exchange of greetings between Theodore Tiller, president of the National Press club, and C. E. Persons, president of the San Francisco organization. The wires were opened shortly after 6 o'clock a. m., Washington time, the San Francisco celebration starting after the papers went to press on the coast.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF BRANDEIS POSTPONED

Committee Will Meet Again Wednesday.—Probably Vote Next Monday.

Washington, May 1.—Efforts to get a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee today on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the Supreme Court failed again and the committee adjourned after several hours debate until Wednesday.

It was announced, however, that the vote might be taken next Monday.

Republican senators urged a vote at once. Several Democrats wanted to wait because of the absence of Senator Shields, of Tennessee.

Washington, May 1.—The Supreme Court today held that Ignatius T. Lincoln, former member of Parliament, and self-confessed spy, must go back to England for trial on the charge of forgery.

Lincoln was arrested in New York and made a sensational escape. He was rearrested and from the order of extradition he sought release through habeas corpus proceedings. The New York court refused to release him and Lincoln appealed to the Supreme Court.

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LAWS OF CHARACTER SUBJECT OF SERMON

BY MR. ABERNETHY AT YESTERDAY MORNING SERVICE

MUCH INTEREST IS MANIFESTED

Largest Congregation That Has Yet Attended the Meeting Was Present. — Announcement Made That the Services Would Continue Until Wednesday.—The Five Laws of Character Were Defined and Mr. Abernethy's Discourse This Evening Will Be "How a Band of Desperadoes Was Conquered."—Much Interest Manifested.

At the morning service at Central Church yesterday morning Mr. Moore announced that the meeting would continue until Wednesday, provided no announcement to the contrary was made in the meantime.

Mr. Abernethy also prefaced his sermon by making several announcements, among which were that this evening he would preach on the conversion of a band of desperadoes, which he termed one of the most thrilling scenes of his life.

He also announced the plan by which the meeting should continue stating that as followers of the Lord should each dedicate his life and try to save some individual. A list of names should be prepared and that those people the church should save should be talked to and invited to attend the meeting. Prayer should also be another method the church should use in trying to save the people it is responsible for. This church, he concluded, can have a meeting if it is willing to pay the price.

"The Laws of Character" was the subject of his sermon and his text was the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of Philippians, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The power of thought, said Mr. Abernethy, is God's greatest gift to man. The powers of speech and hearing are transcendently wonderful but far above them and rising in imperial majesty is the power of thought.

The universe, continued Mr. Abernethy, is the expression of the thought of our saviour. Its thousands of rays of light chasing away the rays of darkness, its ten thousand times ten thousand worlds and other great agencies that may up the universe, he defined as results of the thoughts of our creator. The power of thought, he also declared, made man a creator. A poem and an invention are expressions of thought. And so a man may be elevated by his thoughts until his spirit rises with that of the angels or he may think evil thoughts until he reaches the degrading plane of the brute. He drew an eloquent picture of the power and breadth of thought upon an intellect, declaring that in the world of thought a man's mind could draw within it great art galleries and the productions of the masters; the great poems and great musical productions. We may draw unto our own heart and enjoy the best of the genius of man and of God.

He then defined five laws of character:

As we think we are. As we are we see. As we see we enjoy. As we enjoy we live. As we live here we live always.

Quoting from Solomon, "As a man thinketh so he is," Mr. Abernethy declared that the greatest charge against Israel was "That my people do not think." He then spoke of Sir Isaac Newton, as a prince of scholars and of men, who when asked what the greatest need was, declared thinking; the second greatest, thinking, and the third, thinking. Let the worse man think honest, just, pure, honorable thoughts and it will raise his purposes and change his conduct. Let the best man think bad thoughts and the bluish of character and manhood will leave him. The moral wrecks, the religious wrecks are due, Mr. Abernethy declared, to the fact that they do not think.

Answering the allegation that religion is narrow, Mr. Abernethy drew from his text and declared with striking force that religion was as broad as justice; as broad as honesty, as broad as purity; as broad as the beautiful. A man may go as far as it is just to go; as far as it is honest to go; as far as it is virtuous to go. Is there a gentleman or a lady who wishes to go farther? Referring to the effect of thought upon the forms of entertainment one indulged in, Mr. Abernethy declared that if you participate in ragtime entertainment you will have ragtime thoughts.

Speaking of the second law of character, as we are we see, Mr. Abernethy based it upon the beatitude, blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God, and he continued, to come into proper relation with the spiritual it must be done through this medium. He spoke of nature that are appreciative of the spiritual, the

MEETING AT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Both Services Well Attended.—Mr. Bethea Preaches Practical Gospel Sermons.

The meeting which began yesterday at the Methodist Protestant Church was well attended at both services, the seating capacity of the church being taxed at the evening service as the auditorium was filled before time for the service to begin. At both services the preaching was done by Rev. N. G. Bethea, who preached practical, gospel sermons. At the morning service a song service which lasted about forty minutes was conducted by Mr. Pender who has the singing in charge. The choir is composed of about forty voices and under the direction of Mr. Pender, the singing is a very enjoyable part of the service.

At the evening service a junior choir was organized which is composed of children between the ages of six and twelve years. A meeting will be held every afternoon at three o'clock, and the song service will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock a meeting of the Christian workers of the church will be held at the parsonage. The public is invited to be present at each service.

GOLDSBORO NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE MAN

Clarence Smith, Young Farmer, Lies In Hospital With Hole In Head.

Goldsboro, April 29. — Should a posse searching for Henry Exum, a negro, who late this afternoon struck what is considered a fatal blow with a lead pipe upon the head of Clarence Smith, a young farmer of this county, not expected to live, it is said, but a few hours, he captured, Exum might meet a tragic fate, it is reported. How the fight originated cannot be learned at 10 o'clock tonight.

Sheriff R. H. Edwards reached the scene a short time after the trouble occurred. Upon learning that the fugitive had escaped, he rushed young Smith to this city and placed him in a hospital, where physicians are endeavoring to save his life. He has a gaping hole in his head at the base of the brain, and a report from the hospital says he has a slim chance to live till morning.

The trouble occurred at Boston, a signal flag station on the Norfolk Southern Railroad, between this city and LaGrange.

Mr. H. M. Umberger, of Pocahontas, Va., has accepted a position with his brother, Mr. B. L. Umberger. Mr. Umberger has arrived and his family will arrive later.

poetic, the artistic, declaring that to them there was full, wonderful meaning to a poem of Milton or Dante; a musical composition of a Mendelssohn or a Mozart or the painting of a master. If a person has not the proper spirit the story of the life of Jesus means nothing to him. And the church to such a person is just a little preaching, just a little music, just a little Sunday school, just a little Epworth League. On the other hand if a man has the right spirit it carries him far beyond this life up into the regions where the soul communes with God—a place of peace where man's soul finds rest.

Speaking of the third law of character, as we see we enjoy, Mr. Abernethy declared that a student did not appreciate a classic until he was able to know and understand that classic. A great painting is not appreciated until after we understand the fine qualities it presents. And so it is with other talents, they must be known and as we know them that is the way we will be. That is why the Saviour said, "Cast not your pearls before swine." Concluding with this law, Mr. Abernethy said that as long as a man stands out in the shadows of sin and unbelief, the question will remain an intricate one, but let him come out and see the truth and the truth shall make him free.

As we enjoy we live, was the fourth law of character Mr. Abernethy presented. A life without joy, a life without peace, a life without happiness is not a life—it is an existence. God made the world to be happy and in order to have a happy life we must have the approval of God. A wicked man cannot be happy, neither can a condemned man. Neither can a condemned soul be happy. In order to be happy a soul must be in harmony with God.

As we live here we will live always, was the final law Mr. Abernethy presented and he used it as a brilliant conclusion to a masterful discourse, exhorting his hearers to endeavor not to desire to make life long rather than right and impressing upon the thought that if we think of things that are beautiful here, life will be beautiful; think of things that are just and life will be just and to think of God and life will be happy.

Mr. Abernethy will preach tonight at 8 o'clock on "The Remarkable Conversion of a Band of Desperadoes," and tomorrow morning on "The Falls of Niagara and the Niagara of Sin."

Last night Mr. Abernethy was greeted by a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church, including the Sunday school room and gallery and estimated by observers as even larger than the morning congregation. His subject was "Eternity" and he again delivered an eloquent and impressive discourse.

IRISH LEADERS GIVE UP, LONDON REPORTS

400 MEN SURRENDERED IN A BODY YESTERDAY.

SNIPERS STILL ACTIVE, HOWEVER

Germans Renew the Aggressive in the Verdun Section, Delivering Massed Attacks on the Positions Recently Captured by the French Near Dead Man's Hill. — French, However, Claim the Assaults Were Repulsed. — Other German Efforts Are Impending, According to Indications. — British Loss in Mesopotamia Placed at 20,000 for Two Months.

The rebel leaders in Dublin, having given up their fight for lost, the rank and file are continuing to lay down their arms. Sniping is still reported from sections of the city, however. One group of 450 men surrendered in a body yesterday. All the leaders in the Irish capital have given themselves up, according to an official announcement today.

The Germans renewed their aggressiveness in force northwest of Verdun, delivering a massed attack on the position recently captured by the French, north of Dead Man's Hill, and counter attacking a trench north of Cumieres. In both cases the assaults were repulsed, Paris declares, their masses being mowed down in large numbers in the Dead Man's Hill assault.

Indications that further German efforts are impending are furnished by announcement that Hill No. 304, west of the Meuse, and positions in the Vaux sector, northeast of Verdun, are being incessantly bombarded.

Unofficial advices from Constantinople say that the Turks estimate at 20,000 men the losses of the British during March and April in Mesopotamia, where General Townshend last week was forced to surrender his beleaguered army of some 10,000 men at Kut-el-Amara.

GRAND OPERA SEASON A GREAT SUCCESS

In Atlanta, Both Financially and In Number of Visitors Present.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1. — The 1916 season of grand opera in Atlanta, which came to a close Saturday night was surpassed from a financial standpoint only by the season of 1914. This means that the total receipts for the week were between \$91,000 and \$95,000, as the receipts were \$95,000 in 1914, and \$91,000 in 1913.

In order to secure a week's engagement this year by the Metropolitan Opera Company, Atlanta had to subscribe a guarantee of \$70,000, \$20,000 more than the guarantee subscribed in 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911 and 1910.

Before leaving Atlanta yesterday, F. C. Coppicus, general secretary of the Metropolitan, made the statement that the company will continue to play a week's engagement in Atlanta as long as the city wants it.

Grand opera this year was attended by a larger number of visitors from Georgia and neighboring states than ever before. People came all the way from Dallas and New Orleans on the west and from as far east as Philadelphia.

COURT IN SESSION.

Trial of Civil Cases Was Started This Morning.

The May term of Cabarrus Superior Court convened this morning for the trial of the civil docket. The first cases were two for divorce, J. W. Linker being granted a divorce from Lula Linker and R. L. Honeycutt being granted a divorce from Ella Honeycutt.

M. F. Teeter vs. Southern Express Company and Southern Railway Co., was the next case, and this was being tried when court adjourned for the noon recess. It is for alleged damages to the extent of \$2,900 to stock the plaintiff shipped over the defendant's lines.

Among the visiting attorneys here for court are J. W. Keerans, of Charlotte, and L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Labor Troubles Probably Caused Irregular Trend in Market Today

New York, May 1.—Labor troubles probably contributed the irregular trend of prices on the resumption of trading today, although gains far exceeded declines, both as to number and extent. Mercantile Mariner were again the central figures, the preferred and common soon rising to new records at 93 3/4 and 26 3/4, respectively. United States Steel and some of the other specialties and some rails, such as Reading and Erie, were higher by a fraction of a point.

Villa has sworn to kill every American he meets, but he has himself killed and buried every day to prevent a

BORDER MEETING OF GENERALS IS LATE

RELIEF SOCIETY.

Another Meeting of the Society This Morning.

There was an enthusiastic meeting this morning of the French Relief Society at the home of the chairman, Miss Elizabeth Gibson. Quite a number of ready made garments have been received from the members and nearly all the old garments contributed have been mended, and the chairman states that we have already enough for two boxes.

These boxes will be packed and sent to the headquarters of the French Relief Fund at No. 5 East 37th street, New York, not later than Wednesday of this week. Please, if there are any more worn garments that the women of Concord can and will contribute, let us urge earnestly that they do so, and, if possible, before Wednesday.

We have had splendid contributions from Hutzler Bros., of Baltimore; also O'Neill and Co., of Baltimore. SECRETARY.

FIRE TODAY.

Residence of Mr. J. L. Cannon Badly Damaged by Blaze.

Fire this morning at 10:30 o'clock damaged the residence of Mr. Jay L. Cannon on West Depot street. The blaze started from a fire at the rear of the house and gained considerable headway before the alarm was sent in. Also after outwardly being checked flames started inside and insidiously and elusively licked their way between the weatherboarding and ceiling for quite a distance, causing the firemen considerable difficulty in reaching them.

The household effects were practically all removed but some articles of value were damaged by water. The weatherboarding and roof at the rear of the house also were considerably damaged.

POLICE CALLED OUT AGAINST THE STRIKERS

Are Today Guarding Deering Plant of International Harvester Company.

Chicago, May 1.—Police guarded the Deering plant of the International Harvester Company today to prevent disorder growing out of the strike of 5,000 workers in the twine factory. The strike has been in progress a week. The company offered the strikers a nine-hour day with ten hours pay, but it was refused.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Market Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to An Advance.

New York, May 1.—The cotton market opened today at unchanged prices to an advance of three points. Apprehension of lower temperatures in the south seemed to be largely responsible for the advance which carried the active months 5 to 7 points net higher before the end of the first hour, with July selling at 12.18 and October at 12.32.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 11.98, July 12.12, October 12.28, December 12.44, January 12.50.

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF MANILA

Is Being Celebrated Today By Admiral Dewey.—No Special Celebration.

Washington, May 1. — Admiral Dewey is today celebrating the 18th anniversary of the battle of Manila Bay. No plans had been made for any special celebration, so far as the here of the day is concerned. As the president of the naval bar, Admiral Dewey, at his desk as usual, today is giving personal attention to his duties.

Admiral Dewey, who is 79 years of age, is in his usual good health.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Wet Weather Forecast Runs Price of Wheat High Today.

Chicago, May 1.—Wheat ran up rapidly in value today, influenced chiefly by wet weather in the northwest, making certain a further decrease in the extent of the Spring crop seeding. Opening quotations, which were a quarter off with 2 7/8 up, with May at 114 1/2 to 116 3/4, and July at 116 1/2 to 117, were followed by a range that averaged only a little under the initial top level.

Rocky River Commencement.

The Rocky River High School will hold its commencement exercises May 11th and 12th.

Thursday night the primary and intermediate rooms will render an exercise. Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock class exercises by graduates, followed by a ball game at 4 o'clock. At 8 p. m. the annual play, "The Hoodoo," will be given by the High School. Everybody is cordially invited to be present at these exercises.

Manager Rogers has changed the name of his theatre from The Grand to The Strand.

MAY NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING.

ITS ACTION MAY NOT BE FINAL

The Scott-Funston-Oregon Conference May Not Be Resumed Until This Afternoon And Possibly Tomorrow.—Reports Are Sent to Washington, the Generals Working Until Midnight in Order to Send a Code Message to the Department at Washington.—It Was Forwarded at Daylight Today.—May Be Concluded This Week.

El Paso, May 1.—Resumption of the Scott-Funston-Oregon conference may not be undertaken until late today or possibly tomorrow when it is believed officials in Washington will have time to digest reports sent them by the American representatives.

Generals Scott and Funston worked into the night preparing reports and a code message was dispatched to the war department just before daybreak.

That the conference will finally settle the withdrawal question is not believed. Washington has suggested that the American representatives obtain all possible data that may be advanced to the Mexican conferees and forward a full report for consideration of the State Department.

Generals Scott and Funston are expected to take up the proposition of co-operation by Carranza forces with the Americans in crushing the Villa bands. It is believed that General Oregon, before discussing this question will, at least, urge the American troops to retire to a restricted district just south of the border. The presence of United States troops on Mexican soil is said to be provoking hostility.

Oregon and his party think the conferees will be concluded by the middle of the week.

CATAWBA COLLEGE WINS THE SECOND GAME

From M. P. C. I. at Mount Pleasant Saturday.—Score 7 to 3.

Mt. Pleasant, May 1.—Catawba College defeated M. P. C. I. Saturday by the score of 7 to 3. The visitors hammered Kimball out in three innings, and Wilson came to his rescue. Rowe held the locals well in hand until the ninth inning, when they scored with Fink's triple, with one on and a wild throw.

Britton Wilson was the star of the series. Wilson pitched fifteen innings in two days, and only two runs were scored on him. In the fifteen innings he fanned 24 Catawba men. On Wednesday he pitched against Huntersville, allowing but two runs, and fanning 16. In the last four days he pitched 24 innings and fanned 40 batsmen.

R. H. E. Catawba 7 12 2 M. P. C. I. 3 7 0

Batteries. Rowe and Rhinehardt; Kimball and Bost.

GOVERNMENT TODAY FILED MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION

In Anti-Trust Suit Against the American Can Company at Baltimore.

Washington, May 1.—The government today filed a motion for a final dissolution decree in the anti-trust suit against the American Can Company in the Federal District Court at Baltimore. It asks that the corporation properties be disposed of and that it be enjoined from acquiring any interest in more than one concern taking over the can company plants.

LAMAR MUST SERVE IN FEDERAL PRISON

For Impersonating A. Mitchell Palmer, With Intent to Defraud.

Washington, May 1.—The Supreme Court today affirmed the conviction of David Lamar, referred to as the "wolf of Wall Street" in the New York Federal Court on charges of impersonating A. Mitchell Palmer, to J. P. Morgan, and others, with intent to defraud. Lamar is under sentence to serve two years