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Several Thousand Operators In Lawrence Mills Out On Strike

Textile Strike in New England Is Extended to Lawrence, Mass., an Old Battleground of Labor Disputes—Operatives Quit Because of 20 Per Cent Wage Cut.

(By The Associated Press.)
LAWRENCE, Mass., March 27.—The New England textile strike was extended today to this city, an old battleground for mill disputes with curtailment of production in several plants but no disorders. Several thousand operators refused to go to work in protest against a 20 per cent wage cut.

The Pacific Mills were the most seriously affected of the seven plants which opened under reduced pay schedules. In the lower Pacific mills the electricians and machinists were among those who stayed out and many who appeared at the plant as usual were unable to work because of lack of power. They left the factory soon afterwards. Police estimated that about one-half of the employees at the upper Pacific mills went to work, but there also many left the plant. At the Pacific print mills a few went to work, but most of those left later in the day. The Pacific mills employ normally about 10,000 operatives.

At the other mills where cuts were effective today many workers appeared at the regular hours, but soon began to leave. These plants are the Everett, Arcadia, Monomoe, Pemberton and Methuen. These mills employ approximately 3,000 operatives.

The Arlington mills carried out their intention to close.

The large plants of the American Woolen Company did not announce wage cuts and were not affected. Almost from dawn the streets were thronged with idle mill workers, who walked aimlessly about. Picketing was unorganized.

Estimates placed the number of men who quit at about 6,500 with as many more thrown out of work by the closing of the Arlington mills.

Pickets operated about the plants but without apparent organization and in no instance was there any violence and their solicitations lead to violence.

A summary of the mills affected today with the number recently employed and the number on strike approximately, follows:

Pacific mills, 8,100; about 5,000. Everett mills, 1,200; about 250. Arcadia mills, 750; about 650. Monomoe mills, 300; about 100. Pemberton mills 300; about 200. Katama mills, 300; about 225. Methuen Company 250; all out.

The finding of nine bullets on a street near Pacific plant was reported to the police by a mill watchman.

LOWELL, MASS., March 26.—In an address here today President Thomas F. McMahon, of the United Textile Workers of America, expressed the opinion that no serious attempt at a settlement of the textile strike in New England, would be made before the first of June. "I believe," he said, "that the wage fight is only in its beginning. As we are situated now we can struggle for three months without any worker feeling the pang of hunger."

He asserted that the statement of mill owners that northern mills could not compete with those of the south was "merely a subterfuge to destroy organized labor." He said the average weekly textile mill wage in the south at present was \$18.35 and in Massachusetts \$18.71.

"If the manufacturers are really anxious to settle this matter," he said, "let them name an arbitrator and we'll name another. These two with a disinterested party appointed by the government can examine the books, and the United Textile Workers will abide by their findings."

BOSTON, March 26.—The New England textile strike situation takes on a new angle this week with its extension to the important cotton and woolen mill center of Lawrence. Seven mills in that city have announced a 20 per cent reduction effective tomorrow, and some of the operatives have declared a strike.

Another mill has announced an indefinite shutdown beginning tomorrow, and the Lawrence textile control has declared this to be in the nature of a lockout. The big mills of the American Woolen com-

Three Men Shot To Death Under Mysterious Circumstances

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 27.—Three men were shot to death under mysterious circumstances in New York last night and early today. One man, lured by a fashionably dressed young woman, was shot down by a pair of gunmen, who fired from the windows of a taxicab. Another was slain as he walked through a crowd of pedestrians at 110th street and Fifth avenue. The third victim was shot between two men standing in a Brooklyn street, was loaded into a taxicab and taken to a hospital. He was dead on arrival.

Henry Stearn, young chauffeur, walked in the 110th street crowd. A muffled report was heard. Stearn fell to the sidewalk. He was taken to a hospital and died a short time afterward. He had been shot through the side. His clothing was badly burned by powder, evidence that a gun had been placed against his body.

An unidentified young man, well dressed, was seen conversing with a smartly attired girl in Madison street. They quarrelled, bystanders said, and parted. Then she returned and again talked with the youth. A taxicab drew to the curbing, the

door opened and two men fired. The woman fled.

Two men supporting between them a lifeless form, hailed a taxicab in Brooklyn. They took John Guffer to a hospital, but he was dead from bullet wounds in the body. The man said Guffer had attended a "social entertainment" with them and gave the names of other persons who were there. The two men with the young girl who was present at the entertainment were held for questioning.

Another attempted murder was recorded early today when Jacob Greenberg, 22, who was standing at Madison and Clinton streets conversing with a friend, Philip Klein, was shot three times, by one of a gang of young men.

One of the gangsters, pointing a pistol at Greenberg, said: "Get away from the others. I don't want to shoot anyone else."

Greenberg started to run and the gangster fired at him. He was taken to a hospital, where it was said he probably would recover. The shooting occurred within a short distance from the place where a murder had been committed a few hours previously.

The police believe that the street shootings indicate a gang feud of unusual proportions is raging in the lower east side.

LEGION TO DECORATE ALL GRAVES ON MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Posts in Every Community to Take Charge of Memorial Day Ceremonies and Decorate the Graves.

(By The Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 27.—Graves of American soldiers, sailors and marines, who died in the world war, will be visited on Memorial Day by comrades in the American Legion both at home and abroad, according to plans announced today at Legion national headquarters.

Legion posts in every community in America will take charge of Memorial Day ceremonies and decorate the graves of all veterans, it was said. While thousands of communities throughout this country are honoring the soldier dead in their midst, the distant graves in France, England, Italy and Russia will not be neglected.

It has been the custom of Legion national headquarters for the last two years to collect a fund from the 11,000 posts for this purpose. Committees are established to take charge of the funds in France and England, composed largely of Legion men, acting in conjunction with similar bodies of officials and citizens of the various foreign countries. Posts in all European countries, co-operating with these committees, will see that the grave of every American who perished overseas while in the service is decorated, it was said.

In order to prevent confusion and duplication of effort in decorating graves in this country on Memorial Day, the Legion has asked all posts to organize a Central Graves Registration Bureau in every county for the purpose of properly recording graves of veterans of all wars and assigning such graves to the individual posts for proper decoration.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD MAY REACH 43 FEET.

(By The Associated Press.)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 27.—Heavy and continued rains in the central Mississippi and Tennessee river valleys Sunday and tonight will cause the Mississippi river to rise higher than previous forecasts had indicated, the United States Weather Bureau here announced early today. Definite figures on the extent of this additional rise and the time the new crest can be looked for will probably be issued late today. J. H. Scott, local forecaster, announced. Rivermen estimate a stage exceeding 43 feet before Thursday with the water already in sight below Cairo.

The river at Memphis early today stood at 41.3 feet, a rise of a half foot in 24 hours, which was less than had been expected. The river is still on a stand at Cairo, although rains yesterday are expected to cause another rise there by tomorrow.

Reports received here early today state that the river again is rising rapidly at St. Louis, where the stage at 8 o'clock this morning was 23.5, a rise of 1.3 in 24 hours. South of Memphis the river is rising more rapidly. The gauge at Helena, Ark., showing 99.1, a rise of one foot in 24 hours.

Leaves at all points below Cairo are reported holding well although "sand boils" and seepage has been reported from a number of places on both sides of the river. Large forces of men stationed at points all along the levee line where they can be moved to points where danger is threatened at a moment's notice.

The continuous rain of the last 24 hours has caused some anxiety to levee engineers as it is feared that it will soften the embankments at some points where the levees have not thoroughly settled.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, March 27.—Cotton futures closed steady.
May 17.64; July 17.06; October 16.71; December 16.65; January 17.56.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton seed 51c
Strict to good middling 17c

CABLEGRAM FROM INDIA CAME SAFELY, HOWEVER

GUIDE ROCK, Neb., March 26.—An obliging cable office manager at Calcutta, India, thumbing over the rate chart determining toll charges for cablegrams, told Miss Ethel Whiting, a Guide Rock missionary, that she could save a bit of money by eliminating the name of the state and county from the address on her message,—being filed to her parents notifying them of her journey home. Smacking of the unusual, Miss Whiting asked why. The manager informed her that his records showed but one Guide Rock in the world.

"So, 'Webster county, Nebraska,' was stricken from the address, although Miss Whiting stated upon her arrival here that she gambled with her sporting instinct over accepting the manager's suggestion. The message, however, reached her parents in record time.

PAID INCOME TAX ON RETURN OF TWO CENTS

CLEVELAND, O., March 27.—One of the thousands of Clevelanders who made an income tax cost the government far more than it derived. The return was for 2 cents, the smallest on record this year.

From the time the return blank was mailed to the taxpayer until filed for a record it was handled by ten persons connected with the revenue department, attaches said.

"But the big ones balance up the losses," Collector Routhahn declared.

CHIEF BENDER AND THE READING CLUB HERE

Former Big League Indian Star Here For Two Games Series—Has Clean Set of Ball Players—Is Busy Speaking to Old Acquaintances.

Chief Bender and the "regulars" of the Reading International League team came to town this morning from Henderson where they are training, and stepped off the car rather tired, after being on the road 18 hours. The Big Chief looks no older than he did when he pitched for the Gastonia club some years ago, and was busy engaged in shaking hands with citizens in the lobby of the Armington hotel and renewing old acquaintances.

At noon he went out to the ball grounds and looked the place over. The team was scheduled for two games here, before their return to Henderson for spring training.

"I have a lively set of youngsters," said the chief upon his arrival. "They are a clean lot, too. They spend their spare time around the piano, and telling stories. Checkers is the game of the hour with this team."

Chief Bender is a Chippewa Indian, and has a remarkable baseball record. With the team is Nig Clark, the well-known Wyanette Indian, and former leading batter in the American League, who played baseball 23 years, and is only 28 years old. Figure it out your self how old he was when he started to play.

Clark holds another world's record, having made eight home runs in one game in the Texas League, sending the eight balls over the right field fence.

The following are the players with the Reading aggregation in town: Bender, Pahlman, Kennedy, Clark Davis, Wolfe, Brown, Karpf, Folsler, Sarsfield, Murphy, McNally, Getz, Wagner, Smith and Reedy.

Hobitzell the newly appointed manager of the Charlotte Hornets, was the manager of the Reading team last year.

As a concession to his many Gastonia admirers Chief Bender has consented to pitch a part of Tuesday's game if the weather permits it to be played.

REVENUE OFFICERS ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER.

(By The Associated Press.)
SOPHINGTON, Ga., March 27.—War rants charging J. T. Drake, a tariff residing near Adkins, and Edward F. Sweeney and T. E. Nelson, revenue officers, with murder in connection with the shooting of P. Barakoff last Wednesday in the upper portion of Emanuel county, were placed in the hands of the sheriff here today, and immediately Drake was arrested and lodged in the jail.

ULSTER CABINET AGREES TO CONFERENCE IN LONDON

BELFAST, March 27.—The Ulster Cabinet today accepted the invitation extended by Colonial Secretary Churchill to a conference in London of Irish leaders, called in view of the disturbed conditions in Ireland.

Another Conference With Operators To Try To Avert Coal Strike On April 1st.

Miners Propose to Demonstrate That Wages in the Mines Failed to Keep Pace With Wages in Other Industries During the War and That Total Increase Has Been Only 65 Per Cent Since 1916.

(By The Associated Press.)
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 27.—Acting upon his promise to coal operators, President Frank Farrington, of the Illinois' union miners, this morning wired Presidents of three coal operators' associations of Illinois that he would meet them in conference at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in Chicago. When asked if this conference might result in a separate wage scale for Illinois, miners, Mr. Farrington said: "Not at this time, I believe."

NEW YORK, March 27.—Members of the anthracite arbitration wage scale committee returned from Cleveland today to renew negotiations with the operators in an effort to avert the strike called for next Saturday night.

Both operators and miners expressed a desire to end the general discussions which marked the opening days of the conference last week and to confine future sessions to consideration of the nineteen demands of the workers.

MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF HARRY SHUFORD IS AS YET UNSOLVED

REV. T. G. TATE INSTALLED AS PASTOR AT OLNEY

Olney Presbyterian Church Has A Bright Outlook—Handsome New Manse Nearing Completion.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the old historic church of Ante-bellum days, known far and near as the Olney Presbyterian church and situated for 146 years, or before America boasted of a Declaration of Independence in that section of the county now known as South Gastonia, was the scene of a very impressive service, when Rev. T. G. Tate, formerly of Baden and Albermarle, was installed as pastor by a commission from Kings Mountain Presbytery. Rev. G. R. Gillespie presided and propounded the constitutional questions to pastor and people. Rev. K. C. Long, pastor of West Avenue church and Chaplain of American Legion Post 23, preached an able sermon from the theme of "Personal Christian Work." Mr. Long was the recipient of much praise for his masterly effort. Rev. G. A. Sparrow, for 28 years pastor of Olney church and still in active service as pastor of the sister church at Union in an eloquent and uniquely reminiscent manner, delivered the charge to the people. Judge A. C. Jones, elder of the Gastonia First Presbyterian church delivered a convincing and forceful charge to the people. Elder J. H. Kennedy gave a personal testimony from knowledge of his mother's and his own childhood days, closing the service with prayer for the blessing of God upon pastor and people.

Rev. Mr. Tate, who has been on the field since March 1 has already won the love and admiration of his people and Olney church has a bright view ahead. During this one month 21 new members have been received into the church, the Sunday school and congregations have increased to the capacity of the church building and, for the first time in its history, the congregation has subscribed its full budget for the ensuing year. A handsome, six room manse is nearing completion on the edge of the beautiful grove of stately oak trees and will be occupied by Mr. Tate and his family next month. The Gaston County Ministerial Alliance will be entertained at this church in April.

PANAMA BARKS SINKS IN NEWPORT NEWS HARBOR

(By The Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 27.—The Panama bark Maria Borges, loaded with coal, mysteriously sank in the harbor here early this morning, blocking the channel to the shipyard. Several of her crew escaped in smallboats, reporting that the craft tilted rapidly and went down a short time after they found she was leaking.

The bark, formerly the Norwegian sailing ship Sierra Miranda, recently was purchased by Brown Willis and yesterday completed loading a cargo of coal for Costa Rica. She had been in harbor here for several months.

The craft went down in forty feet of water and only the tips of her masts are protruding this morning.

SEARCH FOR MISSING BODIES CONTINUES.

(By The Associated Press.)
MIAMI, Fla., March 27.—Airplane search for the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. August Balle, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, of Kansas City, and Mrs. J. S. Dickson, of Memphis, lost when the flying boat Miss Miami was wrecked at sea last Wednesday, has been discontinued, but the submarine chaser Service went out early today in the hope that some trace of the victims of the tragedy might be found.

Coroner's Verdict Is That Shuford Came to His Death at Hands of Unknown Party or Parties

Skull Is Found to Be Completely Fractured Either From Pistol Shot or Heavy Blow on Head—Post-Mortem Examination Made Saturday Night.

There were no new developments today in the case of the death of Harry Shuford, whose body was found in his room at the Carroll Hotel Saturday morning, dead either by his own hand or at the hands of unknown party or parties. The sheriff and other officials spent the greater part of the day Sunday in Bessemer City making investigations, examining the surroundings of the room and hotel and questioning inhabitants of the village. No new evidence was discovered, neither was any additional light thrown on the mystery as the result of their investigations. A test was made as to the range of the sound of the 25-caliber Colt automatic pistol with which Shuford was shot. Policeman Payne, of Bessemer City, nullified the pistol in an army blanket and discharged it into a block of wood held close, in the room where Shuford's body was found. Officers in the next room declared that if they had not been listening for the report they never would have heard it, so faint was the noise of the discharge. There were no powder burns on the block of wood, said the officers, who declared that the kind of explosive used in the .25 bullet of a Colt automatic did not leave powder burns such as are left from ordinary black powder.

Surgeons and soldiers who served overseas and who were brought in close contact with many gunshot wounds in the head declare that the force of the .25 caliber pistol bullet close to the head was sufficient to shatter the skull as Shuford's was found to be. This theory is held by those who believe that he committed suicide and discredited by those who believe that he was murdered. They point out the fact that while there are two separate scalp wounds, there was only one aperture in the skull, and that the larger flesh wound in the scalp may have been caused by the ejecting apparatus of the pistol when the empty cartridge was thrown out.

Sunday brought forth no new developments in the death mystery other than the report of the coroner's jury that the deceased came to his death at the hands of unknown parties. This verdict was reached after hearing the testimony of physicians and witnesses who were present at the post mortem examination of the head of young Shuford Saturday night.

It was disclosed in this autopsy that Shuford's head was fractured so that it was possible to lift the skull completely without sawing an inch of the bone. It was shown that the bullet had gone clean through the brain and had lodged underneath the skin under the left ear where it was found and removed by physicians. A small round hole in the skull here marked its exit. Extending from the crushed wound in the front part of the skull to this exit hole was a fracture and the same fracture extended in the opposite direction around the back of his head.

Four physicians who attended and conducted the examination declared that it was impossible for a pistol shot to have caused this sort of a fracture. As further contradiction of any theory that the pistol shot caused this fracture is the fact that there are two separate and distinct holes in the scalp of the right temple, one clean, round bullet hole, the other a jagged, rough cut under which the skull is crushed. Furthermore, the suicide theory is discredited by the plain fact that Shuford could not have dealt himself such a blow and then shot him self too.

The theory has also been advanced that his body was brought into the room after the fatal injuries had been inflicted elsewhere.

There is no evidence of bloodstains on the hotel stairs or in Shuford's room to substantiate this theory. There was no blood in the bed except around the head. When found, he was lying as he naturally would have gone to sleep, except for the fact that the blankets were pulled down tightly over his head.

Every possible motive for the murder has been discussed and weighed by officials, in an effort to hit upon some clue that might lead to the apprehension of the murderer.

Funeral and interment took place Sunday afternoon in the presence of a huge crowd from this section of the state. The services were in charge of Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, and Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and of Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M. Floral offerings were beautiful. The pallbearers were J. A. Hunter, Caldwell Baggett, R. G. Cherry, George A. Gray, Averett R. McLean, James Holland and Herbert Miller.

The coroner's jury was unable to discover any clue which might lead to a motive for the murder. The idea of naming the responsible person seems to be rather far fetched at present. Various reasons are advanced by friends of Mr. Shuford and by residents of Bessemer City, but no one claims to have the slightest ground for his belief.

However some yet believe that the young man committed suicide. They argue that the rebound of the automatic after the bullet had entered the head could have been responsible for the fractured skull. But public opinion generally agrees with the verdict of the coroner's jury.

The only testimony given at the inquest which had any bearing on the alleged murder itself was that of Manuel

Jenkins, who lives only a short distance from the hotel.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he noticed a light in the room occupied by Mr. Shuford about 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning, and that he also saw several men in the room at that time. Mr. Jenkins was certain of the time as he had risen when the mill whistle blew at 4:30 a. m., noticing the light and observing the men a few minutes after when he stepped out of his house. That the men observed by Mr. Jenkins are responsible is the belief of many nearby residents, but who they are is the puzzle which confronts the officers of Bessemer City and of Gaston county.

Physicians believe that Mr. Shuford was killed as he lay asleep. The theory had been advanced that it might have been possible for him to have been killed away from the hotel and his body carried into his room, but the position of his body and the lack of blood on the bed at any other place than that about his head in the position it lay refutes this theory, for a quantity of blood had stained the pillow and it would have been impossible, according to those who saw the body, for it to have been moved without leaving traces of blood. The added fact that he entered the hotel and was not heard to leave also serves to refute this idea.

The general opinion is that the young man, an overseas veteran prominently connected in this and adjoining counties, and rather wealthy, died as the result of a blow on the side of the head; that the bullet was fired into his brain by the assailant or assailants and the pistol placed near his head as it lay under the covers of the bed in an effort to indicate suicide.

One theory advanced is that some Bessemer City enemy of Mr. Shuford killed him. It was well known in Bessemer City that Mr. Shuford planned to make his home in Gastonia after his marriage, which was to have taken place within the next few weeks and some are of the opinion that the assailant decided to commit the murder before Mr. Shuford left the city. But the reason why a Bessemer City man might have wished the death of Mr. Shuford is what must be discovered before officers will be able to follow this lead with any success.

The fact that there was no evidence of a struggle in the room leads to the belief that the murder was premeditated and carefully planned, and the belief that some person whether or not from Bessemer City with a real or fancied wrong is responsible is the one to which most of those who are familiar with the conditions subscribe. Little credence is placed in the theory of robbery as a reason for the crime.

That Harry Shuford, supposedly a suicide, came to his death from a terrible blow on the head, as he lay sleeping, was disclosed Saturday night from a post mortem examination made by physicians in the presence of Sheriff Carroll, Coroner Davis and newspaper men.

The autopsy disclosed the fact that young Shuford had been dealt a blow which cracked his skull all the way around except for two inches at the base.

A hole three-quarters of an inch deep was made in his head by the weapon and the skull was flattened and crushed by the blow. It had been announced earlier Saturday, after a hasty and preliminary examination that Shuford had committed suicide, owing to the fact that his own pistol was found lying in the bed beside him, with one shell fired. A small round bullet hole in his right temple added strength to this theory.

Owing to the mass of cotted blood on the side of his face and head, the large jagged wound was not noticed until several hours later when the coroner and the coroner's physician made a more thorough examination.

It was then decided to hold the autopsy, Solicitor Wilson requesting that this be done. The examination of the scalp, skull and brain showed that the small 25-caliber steel jacketed bullet had passed straight through the head and had lodged next to the skin on the left side of the head. The blow that caused a jagged hole in the skull had produced a fracture that ran all the way around the head.

Whoever struck the blow that killed Shuford must have fired the shot in an effort to divert suspicion and to give plausibility to the suicide theory, is the opinion of physicians and county officials.

Covered Up in Bed.
Also Shuford was found covered up in the bed in the position in which he naturally fell asleep.

One of the mysteries is as to how the assassin gained entrance to his room, as it was locked from the inside with a Yale lock and was opened only by the hotel proprietor with a pass key.

Robbery was evidently not the motive, for the sum of \$30 was found untouched in his pockets. On the other hand, since it was known that he had on Friday purchased an automobile and had paid other obligations, it was thought that robbery might have been the motive.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably rain in north portion tonight; not much change in temperature.