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WASHINGTON NEWS HAPPENINGS

Charity in Wrong Way.

"Why bestow our charitable energies to the converting of the heathen Chinese, or missionary work in far-off Africa, when within a few hours' travel from our National Capital are to be found in the mountain region of Kentucky thousands who are living and dying in ignorance, privation and destitution?"

This was one of the many queries asked the audience who heard Mrs. Martha Gielow, of the Southern Industrial Education Association, make an address in George Washington University Hall.

"There are to be found in this region many gold nuggets of humanity of the Washington and Lincoln material, who only await an opportunity to gather the fruit of the trees of knowledge and civilization which we are striving to plant in this region," said Mrs. Gielow. "Owing to lack of funds of the association, we cannot do the work that comes before our observation, the applicants for admission to the schools greatly exceeding their means of accommodation."

"Many of these people have never possessed \$5 at one time in their life, but they are ambitious and crave for enlightenment on their low existence."

Are Insistent.

President Taft and Attorney-General Wickersham insist that the Townsend administration interstate commerce bill shall be enacted into law substantially as framed and introduced, including the provision creating an interstate commerce court.

Mr. Wickersham was before the committee Monday. The indications are that the bill will be reported the latter part of next week in virtually the same form as introduced.

There is a conciliatory attitude in the committee, however, and there is a disposition to yield to the President's views if he insists that the commerce court provision is vital to the measure.

The President regards the railroad bill, it is said, as the most important feature of the entire so-called administration. He feels that it should be enacted into law and as speedily as possible.

Protest Against Larger Navy.

A remonstrance against a further increase of American navy signed by 500 clergymen of Boston and vicinity, representing all denominations, was forwarded to Washington to be presented to Congress. The remonstrance points to the high cost of living and urges international arbitration.

Done In Congress.

The Senate has passed several bills increasing private pensions and providing for new public buildings throughout the country.

The postoffice appropriation bill is under consideration in the House. By a majority of two, the house committee on interstate commerce voted to create the interstate commerce court, which is one of the principal features of the Townsend administration railroad bill. This is the provision for which the President and the attorney general have been fighting to have kept in the bill. The vote in the committee was ten to eight.

No More Burials in Frisco.

The validity of the ordinance of the board of supervisors of San Francisco prohibiting the future burial of the dead within its limits, except that part under the jurisdiction of the United States, has been upheld by the supreme court of the United States. The Laurel Hill Cemetery Company was plaintiff in the suit.

To Protect Trainmen.

The house bill so amending the safety appliance law as to make it cover all appliances included for the master car builders' standard for the protection of trainmen, has passed the senate. The measure is intended especially to lessen accidents caused by defective sill steps, ladders, roof handholds, running boards and handbrakes, or by the absence of these appliances.

Libel Case Goes to Supreme Court.

Reaching the conclusion that it is desirable that the questions involved be brought before the court of last resort, the cabinet reached an agreement that an appeal should be taken by the department of justice from the decision of Judge Hough, in quashing, for want of jurisdiction, the indictment against the Press Publishing company (New York World) on the charge of libel in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal property.

Banks May Have to Pay.

Discontinuance of the governmental practice of paying for the transportation of fractional silver and minor coins distributed throughout the country has been recommended to Congress by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Norton. He says the government will save \$100,000 a year by this means, in addition to reducing clerical work in the subtreasuries. At the beginning of the current fiscal year the stock of fractional silver in the country was \$159,000,000, of which \$132,000,000 was in circulation and the rest in the Treasury, while minor coins outstanding aggregated \$49,000,000.

The Treasury may have to submit a deficiency estimate for transporting these coins during the balance of the fiscal year.

Shad Under Suspicion.

The frozen fish with the filmy eye is to be the next subject of investigation by Dr. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States.

The particular fish referred to is "shad," the shad which is shipped to Washington in cold storage. It has been reported to Dr. Wiley that cold storage shad is shipped to this city under the guise of real fresh food which is a violation of the pure food law.

It is recognized that bad fish is the worst possible enemy of a sound and healthy system. It is understood that Dr. Wiley had called to his attention some cold storage shad whose eyes had practically disappeared on account of age, during a period of cold storage.

Is at Last Captured.

After eluding the police of many cities for more than six months, Harry L. Waring, who was indicted for using the name of President Taft in connection with the Bank Depositor's Insurance Company transactions last July, has been arrested at Rochester, N. Y. He will be brought to Washington to stand trial late this week.

Plums Handed Out.

Recent nominations sent by the President to the Senate include the following: United States attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, Herbert S. Seawell; postmaster at Birmingham, Ala., Neenan L. Steele; postmaster at Asheville, N. C., Wallace W. Rollins; Spencer B. Adams of North Carolina is appointed district attorney for the western district of that State, succeeding Alfred E. Holton.

Drop Daily Reports.

The Daily Consular and Trade Reports which has been issued by the government since the middle '70's suspended publication as a daily on February 28, and will hereafter be issued as a weekly. The suspension was caused by a lack of funds. The weekly issue will continue until July, when the daily may be resumed, if Congress votes the money. The "Reports" have a circulation of 10,000 and furnish information to manufacturers and exporters on new markets.

Penny Campaign in Washington.

More than 20,000 pennies for the \$5,000 vacation home to be erected by the Y. W. C. A. were found in the envelopes opened at a reception given by the board of directors at the headquarters at Twelfth and F streets, in Washington. One hundred young women are out to raise the balance needed for the erection of the home. Pennies will be asked, but larger donations will, of course, be received by the canvassers.

Wants Young Blood in Navy.

Young blood in the command of the navy is the keynote of a special message that President Taft has sent to congress urging legislation for improving the personnel of the fighting force, and to remedy what the president termed "an abnormal condition, the result of past legislation."

Committee to Visit Charleston.

April 12 will be a red letter day in the history of Charleston and of South Carolina. On that day the entire membership of the House and Senate committees on naval affairs, the Secretary of the Navy and all of the bureau chiefs who can leave Washington, will witness the presentation of South Carolina's silver service gift to the magnificent new battleship bearing that name.

This announcement was made in Washington after Mayor Rhett, E. W. Durant, R. S. Whaley, Norwood Hastie, Daniel Sinker and A. W. Anderson had a conference there

Demand the Proof.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Proofs of Commander Peary's discovery of the North Pole caused a row in the subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs Saturday. Two members of the National Geographic Society appeared before the committee with copies of Mr. Peary's proofs to urge the granting of a sniffling reward by Congress to the noted explorer, but the committee declined to receive them in confidence, with the ultimate result that the committee has made it known that unless the Peary proofs are forthcoming to the full satisfaction of the committee that every bill introduced for the purpose of rewarding the North Pole discoverer will be pigeonholed.

Identified After 14 Years.

Pittsburg, Special.—"This is the man who bound me and my wife and burned our feet until we told where we had hidden our money," said John Wagner, 80 years old, as he picked Frank Donohue out of a line of eight men at the Etna Police Station. "It is 14 years ago, but I shall never forget his face. I have prayed that the guilty one would be captured, because those men were responsible for my wife's death."

Wants Roosevelt As Editor.

New York, Special.—W. J. Arkell, a well-known publisher of Canajoharie, N. Y., who formerly owned a weekly magazine in this city, admitted that he had attempted to buy the New York Sun and had hoped to have Theodore Roosevelt for editor. I got in touch with the Laffan people and offered \$2,000,000. They replied that they had already refused \$3,500,000. Later I may try again, but not at \$3,500,000. There is a small syndicate of us who believe that if it would be advantageous for the country to have Mr. Roosevelt at the head of a big daily paper."

Low Rate Messages.

Chicago, Special.—The night service of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, which is to be known as the night letter service, was put in actual operation on Monday, March 7. The letter will be handled under the usual regulations covering the transmission of messages and will be received at any time of day up to midnight but will not be put on the wires until night and until after the day business has been cleared.

The charges for this night letter service will be the standard day rate for ten words for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of this rate will be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

Asks Fifteen Million.

New Orleans, Special.—Plans to hold an exposition in New Orleans to commemorate the completion of the Panama Canal were acted on Friday by an executive committee. It was decided that a committee headed by Governor Sanders, of Louisiana and Mayor Behrman, of New Orleans should be at once sent to Washington to seek Federal aid. Fifteen million dollars will be required, the committee estimated.

Divorce is Absolute.

New York, Special.—The final decree granting an absolute divorce to Mrs. Eva Willing Astor, from Col. John Jacob Astor, has been signed by Justice Isaac N. Mills, in the Supreme Court at White Plains. The decree carries an agreement by which Col. Astor pays his former wife \$300,000 a year income and \$100,000,000 in cash or securities in a lump sum.

Ninety-Two Crushed by Snow.

Winnepeg, Mich., Special.—At 1 o'clock Saturday night Canadian Pacific officials announced that 92 had met death and 14 injured were in the hospitals as a result of the avalanche at Rogers Pass.

To Welcome Roosevelt.

New York, Special.—Eminent men of various political faiths and religions, leaders in the financial and business world, and professional men—150 in all—have been named by Mayor Gaynor as a committee to do honor to ex-President Roosevelt on his return in June from his hunting trip in Africa. The committee is headed by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Job Not So Easy.

Washington, Special.—President Taft made his first anniversary speech at a dinner of the Twenty-Four-Hour-a-Day Club of the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday. The President frankly told his auditors that being a President was no easy job.

Ask Morse's Pardon.

Dallas, Texas, Special.—Petitions are being numerously signed here asking President Taft to pardon Charles W. Morse.

FIRST DAY CLASHES

Mild Troubles Follow Walkout in Philadelphia.

CITY IS STIRRED THROUGHOUT.

At Least 60,000 Men Have Now Quit Their Jobs, So Estimate the Labor Leaders, Though it is Thought to be Less.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—The general sympathetic strike, the supreme and final effort of organized labor to win the fight of the trolley-men for recognition of their union, which began here two weeks ago, is now in full swing.

Acting on the orders of the committee of ten of the Central Labor Union, which is directing this demonstration of the power of union, labor workers in many trades ceased work Saturday as a protest against the refusal of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to adjust the grievances of striking conductors and motormen or treat with the officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes.

In the Central part of the city the first persons to feel the effect of the mandate were the users of public hacks and taxicabs. Riders in these vehicles, when the clocks struck midnight were politely informed by the drivers that it would be necessary to walk the remainder of the way. Then the non-union "cabbies," whether from sympathy with the men or fear of injury, withdrew from the streets.

Several union trades remained at work, among them the printers, whose committee voted not to join the strike, although most of the job men were anxious to join in the strike. Philadelphia will thus not be deprived of its newspapers.

More than the tie-up of business, the authorities fear the thronging of the thousands of idle people on the streets and the disorder that almost inevitably ensues. Since the trolley strike began the greatest disturbances have occurred on the days when work was generally suspended—Sundays and Saturday afternoon.

The greatest trouble Saturday was experienced by the police at Independence square, the very centre of the city, where despite the announcements by Mayor Heyburn that no demonstration could be held on that historic ground, a crowd estimated at 25,000 persons gathered to participate in or watch the demonstrations of organized labor.

Policemen, mounted and afoot, were there by the score with strict orders to keep the crowd moving.

This was accomplished and it is due to the patience, carefulness and steadiness of the police that no serious outbreak occurred.

A statement issued by the labor leaders says: "Let the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company reinstate all employes now on strike to their old positions and let the company then appoint one arbitrator, and we one, these two to be disinterested parties. Let the two thus selected choose a third person and both parties to the dispute submit all questions to the board, the decision of the majority to be final and binding."

This includes recognition of the union, one of the issues between the transit company and its striking employes.

The general strike which went into effect at midnight, has taken away from their jobs according to the estimate of the labor leaders, between 55,000 and 70,000 men. The policemen say the number only reached about 30,000.

No matter which is true, there have been ominous looking bands of idle ones passing through the streets in almost every section of the city ever since morning. It didn't take much to stir them into action, and before long the Rapid Transit people deemed it wise not to run very many cars.

Shoots School Girl.

New York, Special.—Because he was being teased by a number of school children Janon Vamosky, a tailor, fired into a crowd in front of his shop and 15-year-old Nita Pincier fell to the pavement with a bullet in her left side.

Are Warned to Leave Ky Town.

Lexington, Ky., Special.—A message from Pikeville says whites and negroes were on the verge of a clash there Saturday as the result of an attempt by a negro to murder Marion Cecil, a prominent lawyer.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

PROMINENT MEN SHOT.

Representative Kitchin, Senator Travis and Officer Dunn Are Wounded.

Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock Mr. E. E. Powell, Sr., a well-known citizen of Scotland Neck, near J. E. Woolard's stables on Main street, shot down in quick succession State Representative A. P. Kitchin and Deputy Sheriff C. W. Dunn of Scotland Neck.

According to the best information gathered Mr. Powell asked Senator Travis something about not replying to his letter. Mr. Kitchin, thinking Mr. Powell a little out of humor, placed his hand on his shoulder gently to remonstrate with him, when Powell instantly shot him down and in quick succession, shot down Senator Travis and Mr. Dunn.

The ball took effect in Mr. Kitchin's face, below the eye, glanced down toward the ear and was later taken out by physicians. Mr. Travis was struck in the mouth, having two or three teeth knocked out, the ball splitting, one part being extracted later and the other part not yet located. The ball also made a cut in Mr. Travis' tongue. The ball which struck Deputy Sheriff Dunn entered a little below the shoulder-blade and ranged upward, but has not yet been located.

Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Travis are not hurt badly but great fears are entertained concerning Mr. Dunn.

Negro Kills His Wife.

Charged with killing his wife, Minnie Hargrave, colored, George Hargrave has been arrested in Davidson county and lodged in Rowan jail in Salisbury. The killing, which is shrouded in mystery, occurred in Salisbury Saturday night and the woman being shot to death with a shot gun, while at work in her kitchen. The cause of the murder is unknown but the officers hold to the theory of jealousy on the part of the husband.

To Build Custom House.

Messrs. John Rutz and W. H. Chandler, of New York, have bought the Rudisill gold mine in the southwestern part of Charlotte. These gentlemen propose building a custom mill in connection with the mine, which will open up a market for low grade ores in Mecklenburg and adjoining counties.

The Rudisill mine has quite a history and a mint record of over \$1,000,000.

The high grade ores will be shipped to the smelters in New Jersey. These ores assay as high as \$190 per ton.

Southern Asks Relief.

A delegation of Southern Railway officials, including Col. W. B. Rodman, counsel; H. W. Miller, assistant to the first vice-president; and A. H. Westfall, superintendent; Greensboro, has called on the Corporation Commission in Raleigh and filed a petition asking that the Southern be exempted in certain particulars from the operations of the electric headlight statute passed by the past legislature requiring that all main line engines be so equipped 25 per cent each year until all are equipped.

Big Damage to Vessel.

A board of survey has examined the Norwegian steamer Herman Wedel Jarlsberg, which was damaged in the Seaboard fire in Wilmington Sunday night, and decided to recommend that the vessel go to some Northern port and receive permanent repairs. The damage to the vessel is between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Robbers Loot Store.

At Mooresville the drug store of Geo. C. Goodman & Co. was entered and from it many articles of value taken. After a careful examination of the stock it was discovered that many pieces of jewelry were missed. Fountain pens of Waterman and Parker makes had been taken and watch chains, a ring and other valuables were stolen.

Unloaded Gun Put Eye Out.

When the mother, Mrs. H. T. Bolt, picked up a twenty-two flobert rifle Thursday and pointing it at her 16-months-old son, said: "I believe I'll shoot you," it was with the usual belief that the gun was not loaded, that caused her to pull the trigger.

However, the gun was loaded and it fired, the ball striking the little fellow in the left eye, inflicting a wound that necessitated the removal of the eye. Medical attention was called shortly after the accident, which occurred at the residence of Mrs. Bolt.

PENALTY FOR RUINED HOME

MILLIONAIRE CARVES ANOTHER.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—John P. Cudahy, the millionaire society leader and clubman, early Sunday morning assaulted Jere S. Lillis, bank president and former intimate friend of Cudahy. He will be arraigned in police court in one week. At the Cotes Hotel, where Mr. Cudahy spent the greater part of Sunday no information as to his whereabouts could be had. Accurate information was, therefore, hard to get. The doctor said: "I do not believe Mr. Lillis would care to make a statement, at least not now. In fact, I do not believe he is in shape to talk much. He has a severe cut or bruise across his lips that makes it difficult for him to speak."

It was rumored that Mr. Lillis had died of his injuries, but this proved untrue.

Before cutting Lillis, Cudahy is said to have bound him with a strong rope. The police were called and a patrolman hurried to the Cudahy home, which is in a fashionable residence section. The front door was open, so he did not ring the bell. Screams came from a parlor and then groans and cries for mercy. He rushed to the parlor, where Cudahy and his chauffeur had Lillis bound with a rope, and asked Cudahy, "What does all this mean?"

"He's ruined my home," he replied, making no resistance to arrest. This is all the information thus far gained and seems to be the entire cause of the assault.

C. W. Dunn Dies.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Special.—C. W. Dunn, the officer mortally wounded by E. E. Powell at the time he shot down Representative Paul Kitchin and Senator E. L. Travis, died Sunday afternoon. The funeral was held Monday afternoon. Paul Kitchin and Senator Travis are both recovering steadily from their injuries. Powell was brought Sunday afternoon from Halifax and placed in the penitentiary for safekeeping. Sheriff J. H. House, and Clerk of the Court S. M. Gray, brought him. They said there was no actual demonstration that threatened lynching, but public indignation was running high and they thought it safest to get the prisoner in the State prison.

Use Magnet to Bring Up Nails.

New Orleans, Special.—An ingenious method has been adopted for the recovery of a cargo of nails which went down on a sinking steambot here a few weeks ago. A huge electric magnet, attached to hoisting gear, is lowered in the water; the electric current is turned on and the kegs are hoisted out, one by one, clinging to the magnet.

Fifteen thousand kegs of nails went down in the river. Sixteen hundred kegs have been recovered by the magnet process. Two months more, it is stated, will be required to complete the work.

Double Tragedy in Kentucky.

Berea, Ky., Special.—Samuel Baker was shot and killed and Marcus B. Bowlin, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel here, was fatally injured in a three-cornered affray in the hotel Monday. Baker and a brother, Burnam Baker, raised a disturbance and when Bowlin tried to quiet them, the latter, it is alleged, shot the hotel keeper. Bowlin in turn shot Baker dead.

T. C. Platt is Dead.

New York, Special.—Senator Thos. C. Platt died here Sunday. The body was taken Tuesday to Oswego, N. Y., where the funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Presbyterian church. He was buried in the churchyard beside the first Mrs. Platt.

Trains Arrive Week Late.

Omaha, Special.—The first train from the Pacific Coast to reach Omaha since Feb. 28th, arrived in this city late Saturday, the 5th, and was followed by a long procession of passenger, mail and express trains. These trains were delayed by the floods of Nevada and the West, and many of them had traveled 2,000 miles more than their schedule.

Bank Cashier Pardoned.

Washington, Special.—President Taft has granted a pardon to Arthur R. Spears, former cashier of the Oberlin National Bank, who is serving a term of seven years in the Ohio penitentiary for wrecking that institution. Spears was convicted in connection with the operations of the late Cassie Chadwick.

Senate Passes Bill.

Washington, Special.—The postal savings bank bill was passed by the Senate Saturday afternoon by a vote of 59 to 22.