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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 Employees.

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 car 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 announcement by Mayor Reyburn 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 employees 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 employees.

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 Pincer 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.

Posters have been distributed all over the town warning the negroes to leave. The negroes are reported to be trying to resist the whites if any attempt is made to force them to leave the town. Pikeville is the scene of the former feud battles between the McCoy and Hatfield families.

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 suitable 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 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 had 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. Ave 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 \$10,000,000 in cash or securities in a lump sum.

Ninety-Two Crushed by Snow.

Winnipeg, 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.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

N. C. Teachers Assembly.

The officials of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly are making extensive preparations for the great meeting of North Carolina teachers which is to be held at Asheville, June 1-17, 1910. This will be the twenty-seventh annual session of that organization, and already preparations have proceeded far enough to make it evident that it will be one of the greatest educational gatherings ever held in the State. The teachers of the State, and especially of the western part, are co-operating with the officials of the Assembly in a way to show that they mean to do their part. That the Assembly is doing its part is evident from the names of some of those who will take part in the discussions of the meeting. The program has not been completed, but already some of the leading men and women engaged in educational work in the country have been engaged.

Hold Meeting For Industrial Congress.

Delegates elected by the forty schools of the county met in the auditorium of the Wood and Iron Building, at Wadesboro, Saturday to organize the Children's Industrial Congress of Anson County. This is the first session of the conference. Addresses were delivered. Reports from the secretaries of the Graded Schools Betterment Association show quite an interest in this work throughout the county. Rooms have been fitted up in the building for demonstration purposes, and this feature attracted considerable attention. In one room a well-equipped modern kitchen, with all the utensils, was furnished by a local hardware merchant. The delegates representing the schools of the county were given pictures, and taught mounting and framing, and these mounted pictures they carried back to their homes to be used as models.

Robbers on Charlotte Streets.

In broad daylight and on one of the principal streets in Charlotte, negroes held up and assaulted a white woman and child and robbed them of their pocket books, containing sums of money last Saturday. These bold robberies came as the climax to a long series of hold-ups in which women have been invariably the victims. On the boulevard in Dolworth, an aged woman was knocked down and severely hurt, the negro escaping with the woman's pocketbook. On the main street of the city a child was knocked down and robbed of a purse. The police chased the former criminal with bloodhounds and automobiles and made two arrests. Great crowds followed each prisoner to the station, but no violence was attempted, although for a time great excitement prevailed.

Need More Superior Courts.

Prominent men of North Carolina contend there is crying demand for courts sufficient to transact the business of our citizens. There have been different experiments tried to meet this demand, and yet it has not been met and the people are still suffering from congested court dockets. The right of "speedy trial" is almost denied.

The county court, with three justices presiding, was tried in many counties. The court was found unsatisfactory, and therefore abolished.

Criminal courts were established; districts made and criminal court judges elected to preside over these courts. The criminal court met with constitutional difficulties, as well as other objections, and were exchanged for Superior Courts.

Recorders' Courts have been established in three counties in the State, viz: Union, Nash and Edgecombe counties.

No Increase in Sale of Tags.

There has been no large increase over last year so far in the sale of tags for fertilizer, but the increase in the sales of tags for cotton seed meal and feed has been great. "The farmers are now busy hauling fertilizer and those in the eastern part of the State will begin to plant corn in a few days.

Week's Respite For Spivey.

Gov. Kintehin has granted a respite of one week to Henry Spivey, who was to have been hanged Friday morning. The respite was granted at the request of counsel in order that they may argue before the Supreme Court judge who tried Spivey and get his endorsement for a commutation of sentence. The governor said he would commute the sentence if the presiding judge at the trial would join in the recommending that course. Spivey killed his wife's father in Bladen county last year.

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. Woodard's stables on Main street, shot down in quick succession State Senator E. L. Travis of Halifax, 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 of 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 Puts 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.

THREE POLITICIANS SHOT

Two Members of North Carolina Legislature Attacked.

Assailant Fired Because His Letter Was Not Answered—Brother of Gov. Kitchin One of Wounded.

Scotland Neck, N. C.—State Senator E. L. Travis and Representative A. P. Kitchin, brother of Governor W. W. Kitchin and of Congressman Claude Kitchin, of the Second North Carolina District, and Deputy Sheriff C. W. Dunn, all of Halifax County, were shot down on the main street of the town by E. E. Powell, a merchant. Travis and Kitchin were seriously wounded and Dunn was expected to die.

Powell met the three men as they were walking along the street together. He approached Senator Travis and asked him his reason for not replying to a letter he had written to him. Representative Kitchin, thinking that Powell was out of humor, placed his hand on Powell's shoulder and tried to placate him. Powell drew a pistol, shot Kitchin, and in quick succession fired on Travis and Dunn. All three fell to the ground.

The shooting occurred in the business of the centre of the town and threw the place into a fever of excitement. A number of men rushed to the aid of the wounded. Several attempted to stop Powell, but he forced them back at the point of a pistol.

After the shooting Powell walked to his store and got a shotgun and ammunition. Then he went to his home, saying he would shoot any one who attempted to arrest him.

The Mayor of the village stationed guards around the house and notified the Sheriff, who lived seven miles from the town, of the shooting. The Sheriff arrived on the scene and Powell announced that he had decided to surrender. He did so and was immediately taken to the county jail.

The bullet, which struck Kitchin at close range, entered the face below the eye. It was taken out below the ear by surgeons. The ball which wounded Travis knocked out several teeth and split his tongue. Dunn was hit below the left shoulder blade, the bullet ranging upward.

The nature of the letter over which the shooting occurred was not learned. Powell refused to talk.

Travis and Kitchin are among the most prominent people of the State. Powell is a wealthy land owner and merchant. Congressman Kitchin and Governor Kitchin hurried to their brother's side.

PHILADELPHIA STRIKER SHOT.

Leaders Call For a Strike of All Labor Organizations.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A call for a general strike upon the part of all organized labor in Philadelphia took effect at midnight. The order was prepared in formal shape, following the failure of the final attempt to arbitrate the differences between the Philadelphia Traction Company and its striking carmen.

William Drexler, forty-two years old, was fatally injured by a policeman who shot at a crowd that had congregated in Frankford avenue, in the northeast section of the city. Several cars had been stoned by the crowd along this street, and the police guarding them fired a volley in the air. One of the bullets, however, struck Drexler in the stomach.

Crowds also attacked cars in the downtown and northwestern sections of the city.

Over 100,000 are involved in the movement.

STOCK BROKER MUST PAY.

Verdict of \$17,515 For Philadelphia Woman Who Took a "Tip."

New York City.—The suit of Mrs. Emma D. Andrews against Alfred W. Chandler, a stock broker, which has been going on for a week in the United States Circuit Court, ended in a verdict for \$17,515 in her favor. Mrs. Andrews, who is the wife of Dr. Thomas Hollingsworth Andrews, of Philadelphia, sued Chandler for \$80,000 she claimed to have lost through investments made on Chandler's advice.

After the verdict Robert Coleman, juror No. 6, told Judge Hazel that while he concurred in the finding he desired publicly to criticize one of his associates. This Judge Hazel refused to permit.

It is understood that Coleman desired to say that his fellow-juryman was a stock broker and had failed to make known that fact.

LYNCHERS SEIZE VICTIM.

Hurl Negro From Window of Court Room in Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas.—A mob, led by an old negro, burst into the court room, in which Allen Brooks, an aged negro, charged with criminally assaulting a two-year-old white child, was about to be sentenced. Brooks was seized and tossed through a second-story window, breaking his neck. His body was dragged through the streets by men, who hanged it in an arch, high above the heads of the crowd.

With it all, hardly a word was spoken, not a shot was fired. Above the gull murmurs of the mob could be heard the aged negro's trembling prayers for mercy. After Brooks was hanged Dallas for nearly three hours was in the hands of the rioters.

ALDUS TELLS JURY

HE IS NOT GUILTY

Never Took Bribe of \$1000 He Says.

BRIBERY TRIAL AT ALBANY

Witness, On Stand All Day, Characterizes Conger Story as Lie—Declares He Never Saw Frank in His Life.

Albany, N. Y.—Taking the stand in his own defense, Senator Jotham P. Aldus denied that he demanded and received a bribe of \$1000 on April 23, 1901, to influence his action on the highway legislation. More than that, he swore he never received any money from any one at any time to influence his action on highway or bridge legislation, and in his denial he used the short and ugly word "lie."

Emphatically as he could Senator Aldus declared he never saw Frank Conger in his life. When the testimony of Senator Benn Conger regarding a visit of Senator Aldus to his apartments, where he agreed to do all he could to kill the highway legislation for \$1000, was read to him by Martin W. Littleton, his counsel, Senator Aldus half raised himself from the witness chair and, pointing his finger at the lawyer, said hoarsely:

"Mr. Littleton, there are two lies there. First, the conversation never took place, and I never went to his apartments."

He contradicted the story of Hiram G. Moe and Senator Benn Conger absolutely and entirely. He related the story of his movements on that last day of the session of 1901 and put into the evidence statements of the two bank accounts he maintained, one at Norwich, his home, the other in a bank here. And he told about his employment by the Forest Purchasing Board as a title searcher, giving a list of the sums he received for that service.

S Senator Aldus was on the stand under direct examination all day, despite a bad attack of bronchitis, which put him in bad shape physically.

The big marble chamber was filled to the top seat in the gallery. There were more women than men. Aldus in his many years of service has made hundreds of friends in Albany and all were present to cheer him through his examination. His frock coat, boutonniere, silk hat and moon face have been features of Albany society. His good nature, always on tap, made him a welcome figure in the topside of life of this city. Therefore Albany in part turned out to welcome him and women sent flowers to prove that sentiment beats logic a mile when the human side appeals.

It was a friendly crowd in greater part that the Chenango Senator faced when he took the stand. The frowning Osborne and the alert Van Wyck, counsel for Conger, were only remote shadows in a big group, for all the atmosphere was for Aldus from the flowers to the pretty women and their escorts.

The accused Senator did well as a witness. He answered with the quickness of a schoolboy. His usual good nature was with him for almost every minute of the time. Smiles ran over his face with regularity. His eyes laughed in the old way that made him so popular years ago when everybody called him "Joe."

MURDERER TRACKED DOWN.

New York Man, Identified, Tells Why He Killed Wife.

Mobile, Ala.—Julius Venner, alias Alexander Klein, was positively identified here as August Petersen, who murdered his wife, Sophie Johansen, in a West Ninety-eighth street tenement house in New York City, on February 7 last and concealed the body under the floor of the place. The identification was made by a brother of the murdered woman.

Petersen, after the identification, broke down and confessed to the killing and expressed a willingness to return to New York without requisition papers.

"I killed my wife," said Petersen, "because I found her locked in the room with another man. About dark I returned home and knocked at the front door. After making me wait for some time the door was unlocked and my wife asked me what was the trouble. The man went out of the front door."

"I found an empty whisky bottle and a bottle with some beer in it. We quarreled and I picked up a gas lighter and struck her on the side of the head. The blow killed her instantly. I buried the body under the floor."

\$31.37 FOR EVERY ONE.

That is if Money in United States Was Equally Divided.

Washington, D. C.—Thirty-four dollars and eighty-two cents is the per capita circulation of money in the United States, according to the Treasury Department.

The department in reaching this calculation estimates the population of the United States at \$9,883,000 and announces the amount of money in circulation on March 1, as \$313,409,250, which, if equally divided, would give every man, woman and child in the country \$31.37. There is in circulation to-day \$49,315,244 more than there was a year ago.