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ARMOUR INTERESTS SEEK COMPROMISE

Private Car Agents Want E. M. Ferguson to Drop Case Against Them.

E. M. Ferguson of Knudsen-Ferguson Fruit company yesterday wired his business partner, H. B. Knudsen, from Chicago that the Armour people had asked for a conference with him and other interested parties with a view to securing some sort of compromise in the refrigerator car controversy, and thus bring about a dismissal of the hearing held yesterday before the Interstate commerce commission.

The case yesterday was the result of an alleged overcharge against the Knudsen-Ferguson Fruit company for paying a carload of fruit that came to Duluth over the Michigan Central road.

Mr. Ferguson's wire to Mr. Knudsen was as follows: "Armour ask conference to submit compromise proposition reducing charges, conditioned upon dropping the case. We refused to treat with them, as not legitimate parties to the proceedings, we claiming that the illegitimacy of the entire Armour charge to be the main issue. We propose to stand or fall on that position, and to accept no compromise."

CHICAGO, May 10.—The interstate commerce commission today began the hearing of evidence in the "Michigan fruit" case. A compromise offered by the Armour car lines to reduce the charge for icing cars in the Michigan fruit belt if the Chicago commission merchants would drop the investigation was rejected after a lengthy discussion.

What is conceded to be a severe blow to the Armour car lines was struck by A. D. Shaw, representing the Michigan Central railroad, when he announced today that the Michigan Central would carry out the suggestions of the commission in every detail and would carry the Michigan fruit products at charge only the cost price for icing.

Judge Randall S. Powell, representing the Western Fruit Jobbers' association, announced that the jobbers insisted upon the publication of a rate per hundred pounds which would include icing charges. Mr. Shaw offered strenuous objections to the demands of the jobbers.

"The claim of the car lines," declared Frank Hagerman, one of the Armour representatives, arising to address the commission, "is that the commission has no jurisdiction insofar as dictating these rates in concerned, and we ask that an order be entered immediately that we may have an opportunity of testing the case in the courts. This is without doubt the primary object, anyway, of the complainants. I would say this, that if you think you have the power, make an order dictating the rate and we will then have an opportunity to test the case. Since our compromise has been denied, we are in a position to fight the case to the bitter end."

DEMAND FOR MEN GOOD AT HIBBING

The lively demand for men here for the tripping and mining operations, building a new track for the Great Northern railway, municipal improvements and exploration work, is bringing many laborers and skilled workmen into the village and the appearance of the streets and condition of business is not much unlike the great activity of 1892-3.

Hibbing was greatly affected by the recent strike among the underground miners. Business dropped off one-half the day following the first trouble and for two or three weeks thereafter prospects were discouraging. But this is all simply a matter of history now. The strike has petered out.

M. A. Sullivan, a Western Federation organizer, has been sent to this district to take the place of E. G. Kenison, who made an attempt to organize the miners during the strike. Mr. Sullivan says that he will have the two ranges well organized before another season begins and claims that thereafter such ill-adviced strikes as the recent one will not occur, since

the question of wages will be treated intelligently and all grievances laid before the operators for their consideration.

MINER IS BURIED UNDER ORE BANK

Frank Becoz, 30 years of age, an Austrian miner, was smothered to death by being covered with ore in the second level of No. 2 shaft of Spruce mine, within the city limits, at 11 o'clock this morning.

With a companion, Becoz was preparing to put up a second set when a piece of timber broke dislodging a quantity of ore. Becoz was standing eight feet from the floor of the drift and in getting down from the timbers his foot was caught and he fell beneath the subsiding ore bank. His companion escaped. The body was recovered fifteen minutes after the collapse of the timbers but life was extinct.

Deputy Coroner J. J. Gleason will hold an investigation tomorrow at his morgue where the body now lies, but declares that an inquest is unnecessary. Becoz leaves a wife and three children. He had been in the employ of the company about one year. The funeral will be held Friday from Holy Family church, where Rev. Father Billbau will perform the last rites.

HEARING CLOSES IN LAND CONTEST CASE

After three days spent in presenting testimony the attorneys for Adam Snyder and John Embertson rested in the land contest case and Register Cullin now has the matter under advisement.

The contest, which has been drawn out to considerable length, was instituted by Adam Snyder, who filed charges against John Embertson, holder of a homestead near Hibbing. Snyder charges that Embertson has not lived on the land as required by the laws of the land department. Embertson appeared with witnesses to prove that he had fulfilled the requirements of the land office.

Embertson will lose all rights to his homestead if the charges are proved against him and Snyder will have a preferred right to take the homestead.

CITY TREASURER TO RECEIVE CASH TODAY

Legal requirements have been complied with and the buyers' attorneys have passed upon the documents and rendered an opinion that the \$10,000 of water and light bonds are valid, and the money from the sale of the water and gas extension bonds may be turned over to the city treasurer today or tomorrow.

During the last thirty days the water board has been calling for bids for material to be used on the extensions ordered this season. Bids were opened and the successful contestant so designated, but no formal award was made on account of the charter prohibition. This will be done after the money is turned over to the city. Manager Case says it is hoped to complete the extension to Park Point, and build the reservoir in West Duluth and the independent system on Duluth Heights this season.

H. T. BROUGHTON JOINS NORTHERN POWER CO.

Henry T. Broughton, wife and son, of New York, have come to Duluth to make this city their home. Mr. Broughton is to be business manager of the Great Northern Power company, and comes here well equipped for duties of the office after a number of years' experience with the General Electric company in New York.

Mr. Broughton assumed his duties yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton are guests at the Spalding, but they will go to housekeeping later, when their household effects arrive from the east. Mr. Broughton's duties for the city will be largely along the line of making power contracts. He is a graduate of Cornell.

CARGO OF STEAMER UNLOADED IN HURRY

CONNELLY, May 10.—A new record for unloading machinery for the great lakes was made here today when a cargo of 5,947 tons of iron ore was taken out of the steamer Christopher in 6 hours and 35 minutes, or four hours of actual working time.

DULUTH HEIGHTS GOSSIP BRIEF AND SOCIAL NEWS

Plan to Save Ten Per Cent on Assessment for Tree Planting.

Immediate Payment Will Help Both Park Board and the People.

The residents of Palmetto and Palm streets are advised that if they wish to get the benefit of straight cost in the planting of trees on those streets they may do so by paying into the city treasurer the sum of \$2.50 for each tree received. If the matter is put up as an assessment 10 per cent is added for advertising and incidental expenses. An immediate payment will save almost 25 cents on each tree. Secretary Helm advises the Editor of the Labor World that this will be the cheapest way out of it.

It must be understood by this that the Board of Park commissioners guarantee each and every tree, and should any be injured or die the board will replace them. The board is most anxious to have the property holders on the Heights make early payments so that they may have money to carry on other like improvements.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT IS COMING BIG EVENT

The children of the Lowell school are rehearsing regularly for the entertainment they are to give on May 26th, for the improvement of the school grounds. During the week the copy for the new play was received, and now everything is progressing finely for a most complete success. City Comptroller Will McCormick has agreed to favor the school with a recitation, and other town attractions will be secured. A committee consisting of John Hogan, John Robertson and K. O. Kristensen is busy disposing of tickets which are being sold at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. As fast as the money comes work on the grounds will be carried on.

DULUTH HEIGHTS BRIEFS

J. P. Thompson of Quince street left Monday to sail the steamer Barker on the south shore, plying in the copper country. Mr. Thompson is to be captain of the ship.

The board of public works has agreed to carry on some extensive improvements about the Heights. New cross walks are to be built, and drains are to be open, with needed improvements on the roads.

The 500 club met with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Noble last Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Samuel Maghan, F. E. Adams, Mrs. G. Armstrong and Mrs. Pennell. The club will meet with Mrs. Wm. Donaldson Saturday evening.

The social hop given by Frank Donaldson and Rueben Wilson last Friday evening was one of the most pleasant social events of the year.

The electric lights burned out last Sunday evening because of a cross wire in the fire hall. It was indeed fortunate that a fire did not occur.

Rev. W. J. Lowry preached an eloquent discourse last Sunday evening on the life of John Knox, the great Scotch reformer.

Mr. La Favre and family removed to the city this week.

James C. Johnston, the carpenter, has again returned to the Heights, and will reside on Palm street.

F. E. Barry and Thos. Storey, the crack shooters in the Duluth Gun club, have joined the Highland club.

G. E. Storms attended a Knights of Pythias event at New Duluth Monday evening.

A number of Bethel workers passed through the suburb Monday evening and held services at the new school house near the Butchart farm.

Mrs. Wm. McEwen, who has been visiting with friends in the west since last October will return to the Heights next week.

The Duluth Heights people are advised that the time is opportune for a strong protest against the further use of the present dilapidated street car. What is wanted is a fair sized double truck car. Boost it.

The cool and unpleasant weather of the past week or more has put a check on suburban improvements, and all are looking forward to an early return of clear spring weather.

If there were fifty more houses on the Heights they could all be occupied this spring. Never in our experience has there been such a demand for Duluth Heights residences as there is this year.

LOCAL LABOR NOTES.

The teamsters union of Duluth is the first to elect a delegate to the Brainard convention of the State Federation of Labor. The delegate-elect is Thos. Dinnegan, a teamster for E. J. Bunker the lumber dealer, and a most prominent and active member of the union.

S. S. McDonald, vice president of the Trades Assembly, and a most prominent member of the local labor movement left Tuesday for Sioux City, Iowa, where he has accepted a position as a linotype machinist on a daily paper.

The painters union has relieved Alderman Lytle of the responsibility of complaining about the painting on the Aerial bridge. The union claims to have good reasons for asking that special care be taken in the prime coat, on account of a shady proposition said to have been made to one of the members of the union.

The Cooks and Waiters' union held a well attended meeting last evening in the Labor World hall. The union has just succeeded in securing the signature of their rules in all of the leading restaurants in the city.

The plumbers have held one of their old time meetings Thursday evening in the Labor World hall. Considerable discussion took place over the

new shop matter, in which a Chicago firm secured the plumbing at the Washburne school. The union is also giving one hour each meeting for the next ten weeks for a thorough discussion of the helper and apprentice question.

The plasterers union held a regular meeting Wednesday evening.

The Tile Layers' union will affiliate with the Structural Building Trades Alliance next Monday evening. The delegates are Wm. Christianson, Ed. Erickson and John Youngberg.

George Marcy of the Leather Workers union of this city is a prominent candidate for the office of vice president of the United Brotherhood. The election is to be held by referendum vote, and the Duluth local looks forward to Mr. Marcy's election.

The Building Trades Alliance meets next Monday evening in the Labor World hall.

CITIZENS' ALLIANCE GASP FOR NEW BREATH

Miner's Magazine Advises Workingmen Against Over-Confidence.

Says Union Destroying Body Not Manifesting Corpse-Like Death Hue.

Denver, Colo., May 11.—The last issue of the Miner's Magazine contained the following, which should be carefully read by all workingmen:

There are some labor papers that are offering congratulations to organized labor by making the statement that the Citizens' Alliance, as an organization, is showing symptoms of dissolution. It is true that in a few localities local organizations of the union-busting combination have become invalid and will soon be laid at rest in a dishonored grave. But let no member of organized labor be lulled to sleep in the belief that the Citizens' Alliance is rapidly manifesting the corpse-like hue of death. The fact that a few local organizations have succumbed, or the fact that the Citizens' Alliance has shown weakness throughout an entire state, is not convincing evidence that it is expiring as a national organization.

During the past year the Citizens' Alliance has assumed powerful proportions in the state of California. The efforts of the organization have been concentrated on the Pacific Coast for the purpose of waging a desperate battle against unionism in the far-famed Golden State of the West.

During the past six months or more, real estate sharks, promoters of "skin game" propositions, employers' associations, mine operators, agencies, bureaus, and strike-breaking elements have united themselves into a combination to increase the population of the state of California. Literature by the ton has been scattered throughout the large cities of the east, picturing in glowing language the brilliant future that awaits the proprietor of brawn and muscle when he reaches the state whose atmosphere is redolent with the aroma of fruits and flowers.

Thousands of men and women of eastern cities have read these word-painted circulars and, feeling the faces of the eastern states, turned their eyes to the setting sun and are now numbered with California's unemployed army, who are feeling the pangs of want and hunger.

The Citizens' Alliance of California has used every commercial body of the state to glut the labor market of this western state, so that a conflict could be precipitated between employer and employee in which the Citizens' Alliance would claim the honors, should organized labor go down to defeat.

A victory for the Citizens' Alliance in California would mean that the organization would sweep over the country like a tornado and every exploiter and parasite that preys upon the sweat and blood of labor would break into the Citizens' Alliance of every state in the Union.

The fact that Farley, the strike-breaker, left New York after participating in the subway strike, and directed his steps to California, leaving orders for his professional thugs to follow, is convincing proof that California will be the next battlefield where labor and capital will measure steel.

If this battle in California takes place, organized labor throughout America should rise as a unit and send forth to the brothers of the Golden State, every "sinecure of war" that is stored in the arsenal of unionism.

The defeat of the Citizens' Alliance in California will cut the claws and extend the teeth of this modern monster and save organized labor in other states from the assaults of mercenary pirates.

Organized labor must be on the picket line of duty and watch with vigilant vision every move of the enemy.

WILL CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL JUNKET

CHICAGO, May 10.—Secretary Wilson and representatives of the department of agriculture, who will tour the southwest to inspect the condition of agricultural development will be joined in Memphis Friday by officials of the Rock Island system and others, who left Chicago today in a special train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road.

A Campaign of Education, will be begun at Little Rock, Ark., where the party will arrive over the Rock Island system in the afternoon. At Little Rock a meeting, to be addressed by Secretary Wilson and other officials of the department, will be held. Farmers and others interested in the department's agricultural experiments in this section for which congress appropriated \$75,000 have been invited to attend, special railroad rates having been granted those living at a distance.

Results of investigations by the department specially interesting to this and the other parts of the country to be held in Memphis, Tenn., will be held over the Rock Island system through Indian Territory, Oklahoma and portions of Kansas will follow.

The party will return to Chicago May 17.

ROBERTS' SALOON CASE MAY MAKE PARTY ISSUE

Attempt Made at Council Meeting to Put Mayor Cullum Into a Trap.

Council Acting on Evidence Presented to Committee Takes no Action.

The first party issue in the city council was fought out last Monday when it came to receiving the report of the committee on Police and License relative to the revocation of the saloon license of Swanson & Roberts. The committee after going into the facts of the case recommended that no action be taken as the offense was not regarded as sufficiently grievous to warrant the revocation of the license which would mean a loss to the saloon men of over \$700.

The report of the committee, however, will have its effect. It is expected that saloon men will in the future be more careful about permitting gambling in any form to be carried on in their saloons.

Mayor Cullum recommended the revocation of the license on statements made to him by the police department, who reported that a noted "big mitt" character was making his headquarters about this saloon. It seems that the police got this information from a source which they believed to be reliable.

Mayor's Orders Were Emphatic.

In any event they immediately acted on the Mayor's standing order, "to give no harbor to grafters or big mitt men." The saloon was pulled, but in the trial it developed that the police had been misinformed about the character of the supposed big mitt man. He proved to be a steady workingman in one of the flour sheds.

The Mayor stood "pat" on his original recommendation, however, because he held that the saloon had violated a general order, which was to the effect that gambling in no form would be tolerated in any saloon during his administration.

The responsibility for revoking the license was up to the council. The Mayor had received his information from the police, but the Council had got the facts from both sides.

Investigation Brings Moderation.

In the investigation it developed that it was not such a bad case after all. A friendly game of cards was being played to pass away a dull day. The players were not professional gamblers, but workingmen—all single, with no cheery homes to claim them. This, together with the fact that the saloon had borne a good reputation previously, prompted the council to simply permit the matter to go by default for this time.

A few members of the council—all affiliated with another political party than the Democratic party—wanted to put the matter up to the Mayor, for the purpose of inducing him to acknowledge that he had made a mistake in asking for the revocation of the license. The majority of the members of the council, however, took another view, and the matter will go to the Mayor through the regular channel, as provided by the City Charter.

The ostensible consideration manifested for the wishes of the Mayor by his political opponents recalls that line from Shakespeare:—"We all espy ambition, as well as deceit in thine eye."

Effect Will Be Far-reaching.

The recommendation of the Mayor in the Swanson & Roberts' case, and the consideration given it by the council will have a good effect on the liquor interests in the future. It means that this administration will stand for no gambling in saloons. It indicates that the Mayor is desirous of having the saloon men confine themselves strictly on the saloon business; that if saloons do take the chance in keeping open Sunday afternoons, card playing and dice throwing will not be permitted during those hours in the mildest form. When the saloon men once understand the Mayor's well thought out policy there will be a more peaceful condition of affairs, and complaints against the management of saloons will be diminished.

There is a sensible way and a foolish way to handle the saloon question. Some people believe that a mere charge against a saloon man is sufficient to warrant his arrest and the revocation of his license, but a saloon man has rights just like any one else. It is one thing to stand about and theorize, but it is quite another to act with responsibility. When a city council uses common sense and reason in its disposition of this question, it strikes us that it is doing its duty to the community. We earnestly believe that the city council will readily revoke any license, whenever it is shown that the place is not being conducted decently.

S. I. Levin, importer of wines and liquors, at 501 West Superior street, carries the very best stock of the city for family and medicinal purposes.

NORTH SHORE ROAD IS IN NEED OF REPAIRS

Alleging that the highway known as the North Shore road between this city and the boundary line of Lake county is in bad condition, interested property owners and residents have petitioned the county commissioners to make the necessary repairs. Among other things it is said that the culverts and bridges are unsafe for travel. The measure has been referred to Commissioner Fred Klugler, who has charge of the road district bounding a portion of the highway. The road fund was recently apportioned and the repairs will probably be made at once.

FIREMAN WEBB DIES.

MARQUETTE, May 10.—Richard C. Webb of Toronto, a fireman on the steamer Vermillion, died here today following an operation for appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital on the arrival of the steamer last Friday.

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AMUSEMENTS. "What Happened to Jones," which has been recognized as one of the liveliest and most diverting farces of the day, will be the bill presented by the Harry Corson Clarke company at the Metropolitan theater next Monday night. "Jones has been most successful in both England and America and Mr. Broadhurst, the author of the play, declares the 'Jones' of Harry Corson Clarke to be the best portrayal of the title role he has seen. Mr. Clarke's success as 'Jones' was most pronounced in San Francisco, where he was greeted by immense houses during his long run, and gained deserved praise from the press and public." The piece, while uproariously fun-



er strata of society in New York. The plot hinges on the friendship of Paul Weston, a young bank clerk, for "Bob" a little street urchin. Weston, falsely accused and imprisoned in his early youth, manages to retrieve his fallen fortunes and wins the confidence of a wealthy broker, who proposes to make him his business partner and his son-in-law. In the meantime the young people have taken things into their own hands and have been secretly married. Just at this point, a former cell mate of Weston appears and threatens to tell Weston's past to Mr. Harcourt, the broker, unless a certain amount of money is forthcoming. Weston, fearing in that Harcourt will not admit a jail bird into his business and his home, takes a bond from the safe for his

prosecutor, who is none other than the father of "Bob" the newsboy. The rest of the bonds are stolen by De Voe, the graceless nephew of Harcourt, who is jealous of Weston's success and by his schemes and plots with the villains of the under-world, the crime of stealing the bonds is placed at Weston's door, who is disowned by the banker and all his friends and cast adrift. After many exciting situations the truth is discovered through Little Bob, the faithful friend, and Weston is restored to the Harcourts confidence and to his young wife and child, while Bob is discovered to be the son of Harcourt's dead sister. Dolly Dupree in the role of "Bob" is said to be a most convincing little gamlin. "A Little Outcast," which appears at the Lyceum Tuesday, May 16, shows a strange union of the upper and low-

NOTICE TO LABOR UNIONS THE LABOR WORLD HALLS in the Manhattan Building are now fully equipped and a few nights are still open. This is the new labor headquarters and should be patronized liberally by organized labor. Rent for large hall \$5.00 per month. Small halls \$2.00 per month. The following night are open: Large Hall: Every Saturday Night. Every Sunday. Small Halls: Every Sunday. Every Tuesday. Every Wednesday. First and Third Thursdays. Every Saturday. Make all inquiries about the halls at LABOR WORLD OFFICE 305 Manhattan Bldg. Zenith Phone 64