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# MELLEN AVERTS LABOR TROUBLES

## Makes Satisfactory Settlement with Trainmen of New Haven Road

## ON WAGE AND TRAIN SCHEDULES

### Only Hitch Came on Demand of Employes that in Case of Trouble on the New York Central the Road Remain Friendly to Labor—Request Not Approved.

New Haven, Conn., March 28.—Following a conference tonight between General Manager Samuel Higgins of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and the adjustment board of the Railway Conductors, Trainmen and Yardmen, it was stated that a satisfactory settlement of all difficulties had been reached and that the settlement was on the basis of that recently made by the Baltimore and Ohio with its employes.

**What Agreement Covers.**

The agreement covers the wage and train schedules and the hours of labor. The final obstacle which arose to prevent a full settlement was the attitude of the New Haven road toward the employes of the New York Central in case a strike was declared on the latter.

The employes demanded that in case of trouble on the New York Central that the attitude of the New Haven road be friendly to labor, and the road refused to agree to such action. This attitude of the employes, it is understood, was not approved by national officers L. E. Sheppard of the conductors and C. H. Simes of the trainmen, and the latter, it is understood, prevailed upon the New Haven men to forego this demand.

The demands of the conductors, trainmen and yardmen were first presented to the road in January and several conferences followed resulting in a letter from General Manager Higgins to the adjustment board in which the position of the road was stated and also to which extent the road would accede to the demands of the men. This letter was unsatisfactory to the men and negotiations were broken off and the road polled which resulted in an almost unanimous vote to strike. At this stage of the proceedings the adjustment board took matters up with President Mellen of the road and today's satisfactory settlement resulted.

**Increase Granted Will Cost $500,000 a Year.**

By today's agreement the minimum rate per day for the passenger conductors was raised from $3.60 to $4.20; ticket collectors from $2.40 to $3.35; baggagemasters from $2.40 to $2.75; brakemen $2.20 to $2.55. On freight trains, the conductors are raised from .0325 to .0362; trainmen from .0225 to .0255; and brakemen from .0235 to .0242 cents per mile. A day's run is to be 100 miles. The increase as granted will mean an additional expense to the road of about $500,000 a year.

### TO ORDER STRIKE VOTE OF NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAINMEN

**Will Affect Only Employes Between New York City and Buffalo.**

New York, March 28.—The New York Central railroad, late this afternoon, refused to grant the wage increase of from 8 to 64 per cent. demanded by 5,800 conductors and trainmen and the presidents of those unions notified the railroad company that they would order a strike vote. The company offered an increase of from 8 to 25 per cent.

The vote to accept the counter-proposition made by the company or to support the national officers of the Order of Railway Conductors and of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will affect all of the trainmen and conductors on the New York Central lines between New York city and Buffalo, but will not affect the men on the owned or controlled lines such as the Boston & Albany, Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and Big Four roads.

Presidents Lee and Garretson would not say when they would order the vote, but intimated that the order would go out forthwith.

It is expected that the trainmen and conductors will support the national officers as in the case of the Baltimore & Ohio, and New York, New Haven & Hartford roads. Then, failing to come to terms, as a last resort will be the national arbitration commission under the provisions of the Erdman act, which negotiated the settlement of the Baltimore & Ohio troubles.

### LAKE SHORE AFFAIRS.

**Breaking Off of Negotiations Followed by Order for a Strike Vote.**

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—A strike vote was ordered today on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad by the officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. The order followed the breaking off of the negotiations which have been carried on with the road for the last three days. About twenty thousand men are involved.

The negotiations ended upon the rejection by the union officials of a counter proposition which had been offered by the railroad. The original demands of the men were rejected a couple of days ago. The result of the strike vote will be known on April 8.

While neither side will discuss the causes of the failure to agree, it is understood that the break occurred on the question of working conditions, both sides being willing to compromise on the subject of wages.

Vice President A. L. Gregg of the Order of Railway Conductors and Vice President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will open negotiations with the management of the Nickel Plate system in this city for a new working agreement pending canvass of the strike vote.

### PRESIDENT OF SMITH COLLEGE BANQUETED

**Leading Men Hail Him as "the First Citizen of Northampton."**

Northampton, Mass., March 28.—"The first citizen of Northampton" was the title given to President L. Clark Seelye of Smith college by speakers at a banquet tendered to him at the Draper hotel in this city tonight by 350 of the leading business and professional men of Northampton. The event was for the purpose of signifying to President Seelye the honor in which he is held by his fellow townsmen for his labors of 35 years at the head of Smith, from which he will retire in June next. Among the speakers were Right Rev. Alexander Vinton, Episcopal bishop of western Massachusetts; President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts agricultural college; Rev. Howard A. Bridgeman of Boston, and Rev. Dr. Henry T. Rose of this city.

### COLEMAN DENIES MARRIAGE.

**Sensational Developments Expected in Case of Accused Boston Bank Clerk.**

Boston, March 28.—In the face of persistent rumors that George W. Coleman, who is at liberty under heavy bonds awaiting trial for the embezzlement of $200,000 from the National City bank of Cambridge, had been married to Miss Marie Hightower, a Kansas City girl, despite his father's prohibition of such a step, the young man today positively denied that the wedding had taken place. Miss Hightower, since leaving her suite in a fashionable hotel, March 23, the day Coleman secured his marriage license, has kept herself in seclusion. Sensational developments are expected in Coleman's case tomorrow, when United States District Attorney Asa P. French is expected back from Washington, where, it is said, he had been in conference with Attorney General Wickersham concerning the matter. Some of the government's activity, it is reported, may be directed towards New York, in an effort to secure a conviction against certain men who are said by Coleman, in a statement last week, to have swindled him out of $160,000 in an alleged faro game.

**Evidences of Foul Play on Woman's Body.**

Baltimore, March 28.—Bearing evidences of murder, the body of Mrs. Alfred Merrick, 32 years old, who lived in humble circumstances at No. 2224 Pennsylvania street, was found today at Mondawmin, the country place of Alexander Brown, banker, in the northwestern outskirts of this city. Later, the dead woman's husband, from whom she had been separated for some time, was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer. A bloody handkerchief was found in his pocket. He stoutly protests his innocence of the crime. The pair were seen together yesterday in the vicinity of where the body was found.

**Mine Workers Reject Terms.**

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28.—By a unanimous vote the convention of the United Mine Workers of America late today rejected the terms proposed by the operators of Ohio, Indiana, and western Pennsylvania. Leaders declare that the situation now shows more indications of a strike than it has at any time during the present negotiations

## Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, March 28.—Edouard Colonne, the musical conductor and composer, died here today.

Paris, March 28.—Alby, owned by Nash Turner, won the Prix Chennevieres, which was run at Tremblay todaq. In the Prix Joinvillepont, W. K. Vanderbilt's Marcaurele finished second.

Mahe, Seychelles Islands, March 28.—The steamship Islanda, which has been searching for the missing steamer Loodiana, of the British India Steamship Line, reported ashore on one of the Cosmoledo Islands, in the Indian Ocean, has returned here and reports having found no sign of the Loodiana. The latter steamer left Port Louis, Mauritius, on January 10 for Colombo.

Monte Carlo, March 28.—Prince Albert Honore Charles, until now absolute in the government of Monaco, the smallest state of Europe, today decreed the election of a parliament or municipal suffrage. He reserves the right to select the mayor but grants further liberty of the press. Today's decree is a concession to the prince's some 1,200 subjects, who recently demanded a constitutional government.

### 300 PERSONS PERISH AT PUBLIC BALL.

**Hungarian Villagers Were Penned In—Only Exit Was Sealed.**

Mate-Szalka, Hungary, March 28.—The village of Oekoerite and the adjacent districts have been thrown into mourning by a terrible disaster which occurred at the former place last night and which resulted in the death of between 300 and 400 persons and the serious injury of 100 others.

A public ball was announced to be held at the hotel of the village, where the coach house had been fitted up as a ball room. It was a great, barn-like structure, decorated with tinder-dry June branches left from a previous entertainment, to which were added for the occasion other decorations and Chinese lanterns. The festivity attracted pleasure seekers from the whole surrounding country and the building was so packed just before the ball commenced that the single door which afforded entrance and exit was nailed up to prevent the admittance of scores who clamored outside.

While the dancing was in full swing a pine branch caught fire and fell to the floor. It ignited instantaneously and most instantly the dresses of several of the women burst into flames, which spread with astonishing rapidity. A dreadful panic ensued, the revelers losing their heads completely. Many of them, with flames shooting out from their garments, rushed toward the barred exit, where a surging mass were jammed together. Women and men fell and were trampled under foot. Those in front vainly endeavored to tear open the door, but were crushed helplessly by the pressure of the crowd behind. The roaring, crackling flames mingled with the despairing shrieks of the doomed throng.

Soon the roof crashed in, the blazing wreckage falling upon the helpless victims, so that many of those who had hitherto escaped the flames were struck down by beams or buried under the debris. The scene was horrifying.

When the door finally was broken in, some few escaped, but most of these collapsed before they got in. Inside the building were heaps of charred corpses and heart-rending screams and groans still were audible from the smoking piles. A detachment of troops was ordered to the scene to clear the wreckage and help bury the dead.

The official estimate as given tonight states that 290 persons perished, but it is believed that the total death roll will prove much larger than this, for many persons have not been accounted for.

### BANK THEFT MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP.

**Janitress of Belleville, N. J. Bank Was the Culprit.**

Belleville, N. J., March 28.—The mystery of how the First National bank of this place was robbed of $2,350 in bills has been cleared up through the confession of Mrs. Mary E. Denike, who had been janitress of the bank for two years.

On February 5th, $1,350 disappeared and the following week another $1,000 was lost. Mrs. Denike had access to the bank building and suspicion was directed toward her. A search of her rooms in the bank building brought to light the $2,350 hidden in a mattress. With the woman's promise to leave Belleville the bank authorities agreed not to prosecute her.

**Noted Physician Dead.**

Chester Center, Mass., March 28.—Dr. Oscar C. DeWolf, a former health commissioner of Chicago, and a noted physician, died at his home here this afternoon.

### AT THE AUDITORIUM.

**Vaudeville and Motion Pictures.**

There were big crowds at the Auditorium on Monday at matinee and evening performances and the well balanced bill drew plenteous applause for every number. In the topline place is the Horseshoe trio, composed of two men and a woman, who have a little comedy sketch that is brimming with laughs from start to finish, and is capably brought out by the clever three. For many a novel and skilfully executed clog step, O'Rourke and O'Rourke, the older and the younger, got a great hand whether dancing singly or double, and the younger O'Rourke is heard in a solo in pleasing voice.

Victor Shaker, ventriloquist, has something new in that line, using a telephone for some of his effects, and also walking down through the audience to show his admirable voice production without moving his lips. There is a comedy wire act by Richards and Steele, two women, the one on the wire appearing as an intoxicated hobo and doing fine work in equilibrium stunts. Among the best are skipping a rope and jumping through hoops on the wire, all bringing out enthusiastic applause. Marion Bradley has a pretty illustrated song, Jungle Moon, which she renders in a pleasing way, and the Auditorium duo has an attractive number. The moving pictures are all of the better class, free from objectionable features.

**Runaway on Sunday.**

A horse belonging to William Lurian of Forest street, was frightened near the West Side bridge Sunday afternoon and ran as far as North High street. The owner and Louis Bendett were thrown out and both were bruised and had their clothing torn and disarranged. The horse was not hurt, but the seat of the wagon was broken.

**Dance at Cadillac Hall.**

An Easter Monday dance at the Cadillac hall drew out a crowded floor on Monday evening and an excellent programme was enjoyed. The Cadillac orchestra furnished the music, making this feature all that could be desired by the dancers.

### SEPARATED FROM WIFE, YET LIABLE FOR HER BILLS

**Adverse Court Decision for W. Gould Brokaw.**

New York, March 28.—To lose his wife by a court decision of separation and yet to be held liable for her bills is the experience of W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire yachtsman, whose wife recently was granted a separation and $30,000 annuity from him.

The New York dressmakers sued Brokaw for $2,140 for frocks furnished Mrs. Brokaw from November 16, 1908, to January 21, 1909. Brokaw set up a defense that his wife received an allowance from him at that time, and that the dresses were a luxury and not a necessity. He asked for an order to dismiss the suit, but Justice Putnam at Mineola, L. I., today denied his motion and ordered the case put on the calendar.

**Reward for Conviction of Peach Tree Thief.**

Jefferson City, Mo., March 28.—Governor Hadley will give a reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of the man who stole eight peach trees from his farm west of Jefferson City last night. The governor went out to his farm and made the discovery today that the trees had been pulled up by the roots. He measured the footprints of the man who pulled up the trees, in the soft earth, and turned the measurements over to the constable. The trees stolen were the finest in the orchard and the governor set them out only last week.

**Tragedy at Boston in Moving Picture House.**

Boston, March 28.—A tragic scene, not on the bill, was put on in the "green room" of a local moving picture theater tonight, when William J. Griffin, 29 years old, an employe, fired several shots, the police say, at Miss Leola Haines, 19 years, a member of the theater's orchestra, causing wounds expected to prove fatal. Jealousy is the supposed motive. Griffin was arrested on the charge of attempted murder.

**Improvement in Condition of Thomas F. Walsh.**

Washington, March 28.—Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado mining millionaire, who was brought back to his home here from San Antonio, Texas, in a serious condition, has improved so much during the last 24 hours that his physicians are very optimistic. He is now resting easily.

**Wage Increase for Iron Miners.**

Duluth, Minn., March 28.—It was announced today that all men employed on the Minnesota Iron ranges by the Oliver Mining company, the mining end of the steel corporation, would be given an increase in wages of from eight to ten per cent. to take effect on April 1. The order is the result of an investigation which has been conducted several months by the Steel company into the cost of living. It applies to every laborer of the company and thousands of men are affected.

**Governor of Mayflower Descendants.**

Cambridge, Mass., March 28.—The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, in its annual meeting today elected John Mason Little of Boston as governor.

# Denial from Wickersham

### ANSWERS CHARGE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN.

### NEVER COUNSEL FOR SUGAR-TRUST

**Congressman from Colorado to Endeavor to Show Up Gigantic Grab of Friars' Lands in the Philippines.**

Washington, March 28.—The charge preferred on the floor of the house last Friday by Representative Martin (democrat) of Denver that the former attorney of the sugar trust is now the head of the department of justice of the present administration, brought forth a letter of denial from Attorney General Wickersham, addressed to Representative Bennet of New York and read into the record today. Mr. Wickersham's letter follows:

**Text of Denial.**

"I have read in the congresional record of March 25 a statement made by a member from Colorado to the effect that the former attorney of the sugar trust is at the head of the department of justice of the present administration, and later on what purports to be a quotation from a newspaper editorial reading 'Attorney General Wickersham, the former attorney of the sugar trust.'

"In order that such statement may not gain any currency, I should like to state through you that I never was attorney for the sugar trust—by which I understand is meant the American Sugar Refining company and its allied or subsidiary corporations—nor had any professional or business relations with it.

"The only possible foundation for such a statement lies in the fact that one of my partners three years ago was retained as one of counsel for the American Sugar Refining company in a single law suit brought against it, and pursuant to such retainer he assisted in the defense of the company in that action and an appeal taken from a judgment in its favor, but in that law suit I was neither consulted nor did I render any service."

Representative Martin was not on the floor of the house at the time the letter was read by Mr. Bennet, but when advised of the matter secured a copy of the attorney general's letter. Mr. Martin announced that he intended to carry his charges against the department of justice to a definite conclusion. He now has a resolution pending for an investigation of the acquisition of friar lands in the Philippines by the Havemeyer interests.

**Representative Martin's Views.**

Mr. Martin said in an interview:

"The attorney general, you will observe, carefully avoided making any denial of the principal features of my charges, to wit: that his decision gave the sugar trust 55,000 acres of friar lands when less than the government paid for it, and that there was no warrant of law for such a decision. The law plainly limits the sale of public lands to any one person or company to 2,500 acres and there is no question of the friar lands being public lands.

"Mr. Wickersham says that his partner, whom I understand was Henry W. Taft, a brother of the president, and not he, was attorney for the sugar trust. This form of disavowal will not carry much weight.

"I shall continue my efforts to show up what I believe is but the beginning of a gigantic grab of the friar lands of the Philippines by the sugar trust, all made possible by an unwarranted decision of the attorney general. I shall decide upon a further course within a day or two.

"There are 408,000 acres of these friar lands in the Philippines, acquired by the government at a cost of $7,200,000, which is $18 per acre. The sugar trust acquired this 55,000 acres for $6 an acre."

### SUDDEN DEATH OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BREWER.

**Stricken With Apoplexy at 10.30 Last Night.**

Washington, March 28.—David Josiah Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died tonight at 10.30 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy. His death occurred in a minute or two, before he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. He was 73 years of age.

The end came altogether unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the past few days, the jurist was up and out today, apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was in equally good spirits, ate dinner and spent the evening in reading.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he retired to his room and within a few moments Mrs. Brewer heard a heavy fall and went to investigate the cause. She found her husband prone upon the floor of the bathroom. He did not regain consciousness and died before a physician, hastily summoned could reach the house.

The two daughters of the justice, Mrs. James F. Carrich and Mrs. H. B. Jetmore, were summoned at once, but reached the residence too late.

### CLASS OF YALE '78 BANQUETS.

**President Taft Attended—Reporters Were Barred.**

New York, March 28.—Sixty-five members of the class of Yale '78, among them the president of the United States, dined in private tonight at the University club in New York. There were no set speeches and reporters were barred. Stanley W. Dexter presided.

President Taft, coming to the city especially for the annual class dinner, arrived in Jersey City over the Pennsylvania railroad at 6.40 o'clock, thirty minutes late. He was accompanied by Henry D. Hollister, a classmate, recently appointed to the United States district court in Ohio, and by Capt. Graham Johnson, U. S. A., who made the trip in place of Captain Butt, the president's military aide, who was detained in Washington.

Crossing to New York on the ferry, the president went immediately to the Holland house, where Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati is stopping temporarily. From there he went to the banquet.

What happened there will not be told for it was a reunion of college men rather than a dinner to the president.

The class of '78 had originally 185 members; 130 were graduated, 96 of these survive, and 65 found their way to the gathering tonight. Toasts were drunk to the president of the United States, to Yale, to the class and to the absent members. The table decorations were spring flowers and smilax and the walls were hung with the stars and stripes and the class flags. To Governor Hughes, it will be recalled, recently remarked humorously that 53 per cent. of the surviving members of the class hold federal office.

# Poison Placed In Steak

### CAUSED DEATH OF WEALTHY CHICAGO MAN.

### INMATE OF HOUSEHOLD SUSPECTED

**Chemical Analysis Disclosed Arsenic Enough to Kill Half a Dozen—Coroner and Police Puzzled.**

Chicago, March 28.—That Alexander J. Moody, a wealthy pie manufacturer, died of arsenic poisoning on Feb. 20 was the assertion made today by Coroner Hoffman after an investigation. The death had been reported as due to ptomaines.

That the poison was contained in hamburger steak eaten by Mr. Moody seems clear to the authorities, but the manner in which it was placed in the meat is a mystery that the coroner and the police have been unable to solve.

**Employes Under Surveillance.**

While the coroner and Assistant Chief of Police Schuettler declare that they accuse no one, it is admitted that a woman of Mr. Moody's household and one of his employes have been under surveillance for a month.

Mr. Moody, like his brothers, Frank, a son-in-law of Congressman Moxley, and Charles H. Moody, inherited a considerable fortune from his father, the founder of the pickle packing firm of Moody & Waters, of which Charles H. is the head. Alexander was secretary. He occupied a fine residence in Chicago, owned a summer residence in Wisconsin and a farm at St. Charles, Ill.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, the hamburger steak in question was purchased. It was on Saturday the family partook of the meat without ill effects. Sunday morning Mr. Moody was compelled to visit the pie factory, and as his wife was not feeling well Mr. Moody took breakfast alone. The meat was prepared by Agnes Hartwick, a servant who had been in the family for thirteen years.

The left-over portion of the steak had been rolled into balls by Miss Hartwick and placed in the icebox over night. This box contained no ice. It was accessible from either the kitchen or the rear porch.

At the direction of Mrs. Moody the servant served Mr. Moody the steak and some cornbread and coffee. Later Mrs. Moody rose, but ate no breakfast. Miss Hartwick, however, ate a piece of bread dipped in the gravy from the meat and later she was taken violently ill.

**Servant Taken Ill.**

Mr. Moody remained at the bakery all day, but returned in a carriage at 10 o'clock that night, so ill he could scarcely stand. A home remedy failing to afford relief, the family physician, Dr. F. S. Hartman, was sent for, but he was unable to succor the patient, who died within an hour. The doctor was about to leave the house when informed that the servant was ill, exhibiting symptoms similar to those of Mr. Moody. In this case medical aid proved efficacious.

**What Analysis Showed.**

Dr. Hartman that night took the remaining portion of the steak and sealed it in a glass jar. This exhibit was given Dr. Walter Haines, a chemist, for analysis. The latter, in a report to the coroner, said that the meat contained enough arsenic to kill half a dozen persons.

Peter Peterson, also known as Peter Reilly, who has been in the employ of the Moody household for fifteen years as coachman, farm manager and general factotum, is said to be at present at St. Charles. He had a room at the Moody residence and was regarded in the light of a friend by both Mr. and Mrs. Moody.

**Narrow Escape a Year Ago.**

A year ago Mr. Moody narrowly escaped poisoning, it is said. Mrs. Moody was absent from the city on a visit and at noon one day the maid, among other things, served soup.

The servant, who had previously tasted it, was afterward seized with severe cramps. Mr. Moody merely tasted the dish, then pushed it from him, declaring that it burned his stomach. He tardily advised the girl not to touch it. Peterson, or Reilly, was then at the house, but left the premises before the meal, returning some time later, according to Miss Hewick. Peterson is said to be a well built man of neat appearance. He is said to have accumulated considerable money.

Mrs. Moody refused to talk with reporters today, referring them to James L. Bynum, an attorney, who attended to the settling of the Moody estate.

Mr. Moody is said to have carried life insurance for $15,000 in favor of his wife. Her maiden name was Anne Olsen. She was married to the decedent twenty-five years ago.

### 2,000 WATCHES STOLEN.

**Were on New York Pier Awaiting Shipment to London.**

Boston, March 28.—The biggest theft of watches reported in many years was made known in this city tonight, when the Waltham Watch company announced that two thousand of its watches, valued at $20,000, were stolen from a pier in New York late Wednesday while waiting shipment to London on the steamer Campania.

**Record Church Collection $160,000 at Grace Church, New York.**

New York, March 28.—All records for church collections in a single Sunday are supposed to have been broken by the $160,000 contribution made at the Easter services at Grace church, this city. The money will be devoted to the memorial for the late Dr. William R. Huntington, formerly rector.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

At Liverpool: March 27, Baltic, from New York.

At Copenhagen: March 27, Oscar II, from New York.

At Glasgow: March 28, California, from New York.

At London: March 28, Minnewaska, from New York.

At Plymouth: March 28, Kronprinzessin Cecilie, from New York.

**Weston Covered 61 Miles, Monday.**

Dumas, Mo., March 28.—Edward Payson Weston, pedestrian, arrived here tonight after covering 61 miles during the day. He will spend the night here and resume his journey in the morning. Dumas is 257 miles from Chicago by the Santa Fe railroad, which Weston is following. Weston is ten days ahead of his schedule.

**Must Pay $5,000 for Kicking Employe.**

New York, March 28.—Because he kicked a man with whom he had a dispute, Sam Hildreth, the horseman and trainer, must pay Theobald A. Severn $5,000 under a verdict rendered today in the supreme court. Severn was working on Hildreth's house as a painter when they had their argument.

## Condensed Telegrams

**Both Houses of Congress** will now get busy with the railroad bill.

**John McCarthy,** an epileptic, killed his niece and himself in Wheat, O.

**Mrs. Mary Cobb,** a widow, was strangled on her ranch near Golden, Col.

**Newly Admitted Deacons and Elders** in the Methodist church south were ordained yesterday.

**Kismet Temple, the New Home** of the Mystic Shrine in New York, is to be dedicated soon.

**Miss Julia Gleason,** a Chicago shop girl, had an Easter dinner served to sixty prisoners out of her wages of $12 a week.

**Former Vice President Fairbanks** is much better and unless unlooked for complications appear he will be out in a few days.

**Americans Are Trying to Obtain** from the new regime in Turkey a concession for the construction of 1,200 miles of railroad lines.

**Despondent Because a Girl** with whom he was in love refused to marry him, Fred Ellman of Wilkesbarre, Pa., took carbolic acid and died.

**Bulgaria's Determination to Try** conclusions with Turkey over Macedonia has been sidetracked, and another dangerous crisis in the Balkans has been averted.

**John J. Field,** aged 89 years, died yesterday at his country home near Hackettstown, N. J. He was formerly a wealthy resident and business man of Brooklyn.

**Mr. and Mrs. Alois Distel** and their son Charles were instantly killed yesterday when a Philadelphia and Reading railway train struck the carriage in which they were riding at Sellersville, Pa.

**Two Persons Were Killed** and three injured at Sterling, Kas., yesterday when an automobile collided with a carriage. The dead are Wylie Lloyd and Miss Bertha Mossman. All were in the automobile.

**Twenty-two Men of a Canadian** Northern railway surveying party arrived at Vancouver after terrible experiences in winter snowdrifts, Indians having stolen their supplies and their horses having perished.

**Alexander Parry Baldwin,** 69 years old, who had been a manufacturer of saddlery hardware in Newark for nearly a half century, died on Saturday in his home at No. 77 Lafayette street, that city, of a complication of diseases.

**John R. Winder,** 88 years old, whose position in the Mormon church was second only to that of President Joseph F. Smith, died at Salt Lake City yesterday of pneumonia. Since the accession of President Smith, Mr. Winder had been first councilor of the presidency.

**Ralph W. Hickox,** the capitalist, whose sudden death on Saturday at Lyons, France, while motoring to Monte Carlo, was reported in the cable despatches yesterday, was widely known in New York and Cleveland. He was an intimate friend of J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles Lanier and other prominent men in this country and abroad.

### DAMAGING TESTIMONY IN INSURANCE CASE.

**Counsel of Travelers' Co., Hartford, Paid $21,400 to Buckley to Put Through Liability Reserve Bill.**

New York, March 28.—William H. Buckley, who has been the central figure in the fire insurance inquiry for the last three days, had a most uncomfortable time of it today. He was on the stand all day, except for a short time at the beginning of the session, and when adjournment was taken there was no indication that William H. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance, was approaching the end of his inquiry into Buckley's doings.

Mr. Hotchkiss kept up mercilessly his examination into the lawyer's services bearing upon legislation at Albany, for which Buckley received many thousand dollars from the fire insurance companies. Once, red with anger, Mr. Hotchkiss rose from his chair and denounced the witness bitterly; twice he forced him to admit that he had lied.

Aside from Buckley's testimony, the most interesting incident of the day was the identification by George F. Seward, president of the Firelily and Casualty company, of Edward A. H. Brown of Middletown, N. Y., as the man representing State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan in 1892, who asked for $10,000 on behalf of Sullivan to have a bill killed. This is alleged to have taken place in Sing Sing prison. Brown also testified today and denied that he ever had such a conversation with Seward, or ever saw him before.

William Bro Smith, general counsel of the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, testified that his company paid $21,400 to Buckley in 1903 to put through the liability reserve bill. This is the highest priced bit of lawmaking which has yet been developed in the inquiry.

After these preliminaries Buckley was put back on the stand. He was as persistent as before in his refusal to shed any light on his transactions in Albany. He has two set forms of replies to questions. They are: "I don't recall," and "I refuse to discuss it." With Buckley refusing to talk virtually all the evidence was produced by Mr. Hotchkiss from letters exchanged between Buckley and the late George P. Sheldon, who as president of the Phenix Fire insurance company of Brooklyn collected from various companies the money which was sent to Buckley.

**New Haven Carpenters Want 45 Cents an Hour.**

New Haven, Conn., March 28.—At a meeting of the union carpenters here tonight a wage scale of 45 cents an hour was agreed upon, the same to go into effect April 1st. It is not known what stand the master builders will take.

**Gambler Kills Two Girls and Himself.**

Lorain, O., March 28.—Miss Ruby Richards, aged 40, of this city, and Miss Dorothy Richards of Chicago, her sister and five years her junior, were shot to death this evening by David Vesper, aged 35, a sporting man and gambler, known in Cleveland and Chicago. Vesper then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting a wound in the head from which he died almost instantly. The direct cause of the tragedy is, of course, unknown.

**Fell Into Vat of Hot Grease.**

New Haven, March 28—While standing on the edge of a vat containing grease heated to a temperature of 170, Andrew Gerbrile slipped and fell in, receiving burns which will cause his death. Gerbrile, who is a mason, was standing on the edge of the vat at the Sperry & Barnes' plant here, handing tools to a fellow workman when the accident happened. He was 24 years old.

# CONNECTICUT AFFAIRS IN CONGRESS

## Unfavorable Attitude of Nutmeg State Members Toward Cannon

## CANNOT BE ELECTED SPEAKER AGAIN

### Probable that Both Higgins and Hill Would be Found in Opposing Column—Many River and Harbors Improvements and Public Buildings Asked For.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, March 28.—Connecticut does not seem to be excited over the struggle now going on in the house of representatives between the regulars and the insurgents. It is now over a week since the speaker was turned down and his chief power taken away from him, and yet the Connecticut members of the house have received less than a dozen letters from their constituents, and some have received none at all. This certainly would indicate that Cannonism will not be an issue in the state this fall.

**Attitude of Connecticut Voters.**

Perhaps one reason for this attitude of the voters of Connecticut is because there are a great many measures in which Connecticut people are interested and which might be delayed should the fight be continued against the speaker this session of congress. Every member from this state has one or more bills for public buildings. Many river and harbor improvements are being asked for. The Weeks forestry bill is a live issue to the state, and there are numerous other propositions that seem to interest the people of Connecticut more than the question of the rules of the house.

This may, however, all be changed when it comes to the election of a speaker of the next house. While this does not take place until some time in December, 1911, there is already more or less talk as to who will succeed Speaker Cannon, for it is agreed on all sides that Cannon cannot be elected again, should the republicans control the next house. On the democratic side, Champ Clark would of course be the nominee, and he would be elected, if the democratic party succeeds in carrying the house this fall.

**Many Named to Succeed Cannon.**

On the republican side, many names are mentioned, but at the present time the question of who is to succeed Speaker Cannon is not of as much importance as the fact that Cannon cannot be elected speaker again, and it may be pledges will be asked of many republicans when they come up for election this fall. While the Connecticut members have not expressed themselves on this point and what they will do when they get back to Connecticut, it is safe to say that three at least are not favorable towards the re-election of Speaker Cannon in the next house. Mr. Higgins yesterday stated in a letter, which has recently found its way into print, that he did not favor Speaker Cannon at the last republican caucus and did not expect to vote for him next time. This letter, by the way, was not written recently, but was sent January 15th in reply to what Mr. Henry supposed was a personal letter, and it had nothing whatever to do with the recent struggle in the house.

**Members Unfriendly With Speaker.**

Mr. Hill has not been over friendly with the speaker for some time, but has stood by the republican majority in the house. Mr. Higgins is in the same boat, and it is very probable that neither one would vote for Cannon for speaker again. Major Tilson has not expressed himself thus far, and Mr. Sperry will of course not be a member of the next house. Should there be a further fight this session, however, to oust the speaker, the Connecticut members will undoubtedly stand by him and the present organization, and they will back up with a public statement of Mr. Higgins, giving his reasons for voting with the organization.

The proposition to oust Speaker Cannon at this time, and refusing to vote for him next congress should not be confused, and the difference is clearly understood in Washington, but the country at large cannot seem to lose sight of the cry of Cannonism and the demand seems to be for the removal of Cannon, irrespective of results on legislation. This demand, however, comes mostly from the middle west, and Connecticut cannot be put in this class.

There are a great many people in Washington who believe that Cannon will not be a candidate for speaker again, should he return to congress and the republicans maintain the majority, and there will be at least half a dozen candidates for his place, if this should happen. No one seems to have a clear field at the present time, and non one is at present at least trying to secure pledges. This will be done until next session of congress, when the two parties know how they stand, and it is expected that at that time there will be a great deal of lobbying in the house for the various candidates.

**Hill of Connecticut Mentioned.**

The only Connecticut man mentioned in this connection is Mr. Hill. It is hardly probable that the speakership will go to New England. The insurgents may secure control of the next house, and if they do there will be a merry war. A new plan has just been proposed and that is to make the speaker of the house simply a presiding officer, and let a committee run the house, somewhat after the plan followed in the senate. There will be lots of new propositions put up to the new committee on rules, and this committee will have a hard time to give consideration to all the resolutions that are being introduced to change the rules and the entire procedure of the house.

**Fight or Ship Subsidy.**

The next fight may come on the appointment of a committe to investigate the ship subsidy lobby. The house committee on the judiciary has reported to the house a resolution to have a committee appointed to look into this subject, and there is now is a question as to whether this committee is to be appointed by Speaker Cannon or by the house. If that subject is opened up again, there is no telling what will be done, for some of the members are ready to jump up and raise a storm is likely to break out at any minute. T. D. S.

### CONGRESS SUMMARY.

**Senate Took Early Adjournment—District Government Bills Occupied Time in House.**

Washington, March 28.—The passage of bills relating to the government of the District of Columbia occupied almost all the time of the session of the house today.

Attorney General Wickersham made a formal denial of the charge that he was ever counsel for the "sugar trust." This denial was contained in a letter written by Mr. Wickersham to Representative Bennet of New York, and was read in the house in reply to a speech made by Mr. Martin, of Colorado, lately.

The senate adopted a joint resolution authorizing the states of Oregon and Washington to establish a boundary line between those states. As no one was prepared to speak on the administration railroad measure, the senate took an early adjournment.

Both house will be in session tomorrow

### ALLEGED ANARCHIST HELD ON INSANITY CHARGE

**Cleveland Police Claim He Was Chosen to Assassinate Secretary Ballinger.**

Cleveland, O., March 28.—William Scheldknecht, who says his home is in Paterson, N. J., is being held here by the police on a charge o finsanity. The police say Scheldknecht said he was an anarchist and had been selected to assassinate Secretary Ballinger of the interior department.

Although the police gave Scheldknecht's story no credence it will be investigated. The man was committed to the state insane asylum by the probate court late today. He will also be reported to the government immigrant department, as Scheldknecht came from Switzerland a few months ago.

### SHOT MAN AND SUICIDED.

**Westbrook Farmer Objected to Being Called "A Big Fat Dutchman."**

Westbrook, Conn., March 28.—Angered, it is believed, because he had been called a "big fat Dutchman," Herman E. Gunther late today shot and probably fatally wounded Charles McVeigh and later turned the revolver upon himself and committed suicide. McVeigh was taken to a New Haven hospital, where his condition is said to be critical.

Gunther and his wife came to this place from New York about nine months ago and purchased a farm adjoining that owned by the parents of McVeigh, and the families had always been on pleasant terms with each other. Late today McVeigh called to Gunther, who was in the lots, and saying "Hello, you big fat Dutchman," but received no reply. Soon after Gunther went into his house and as McVeigh was driving by came out with a revolver in his hands and shot at him four times. Three of the bullets went wild but the fourth struck him in the side. About twenty minutes after the shooting Gunther went out in the rear of his barn and shot himself in the head in back of the right ear, killing himself instantly. McVeigh was taken to his home and later to New Haven. He was 37 years old and unmarried. Gunther was 47 years old and leaves his wife.

**Crushed Beneath Touring Car.**

Providence, March 28.—Crushed beneath a big touring car as it turned upside down, Arthur Gallant of Pawtucket was instantly killed here today. W. J. McDevitt, a schoolmate at La Salle academy, leaped unharmed to safety. Gallant was driving and in attempting to turn the swiftly moving machine from the car tracks he lost control when the automobile skidded.

### POSTOFFICE ROBBERS GET OVER $85,000.

**Operated in Richmond Within Fifteen Feet of Main Thoroughfare.**

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Combining the skill of experts with the simplest of methods, thieves last night or early today robbed the vault in the office of the cashier at the Richmond postoffice of stamps estimated to be worth about $85,000 and incidentally carried off $160 in cash belonging to the pay-roll fund.

For audacity, the feat was almost without parallel in this part of the country. The robbers could hardly have chosen a more public place in which to work. They were less than fifteen feet of one of the main thoroughfares of the city, which is at all hours of the night brightly lighted, while the room in which the robbery was accomplished presumably was lighted last night. Windows open on the streets referred to and no movement could well be made within the room without observation by passers-by.

### THREE GALLONS WHISKEY FOR ROOSEVELT.

**Letter of Appreciation for Thoughtful Gift.**

Louisville, Ky., March 28.—Acknowledging the receipt of three gallons of thirty-year-old Kentucky whiskey sent to Africa last fall, Gen. John B. Castleman today received the following letter from Theodore Roosevelt:

"In the Bado, February 1, 1910.

"Dear Comrade: You're a trump. I heartily appreciate the gift and still more the thoughtfulness that lies back of it. We have had a great hunt and have shot almost as well as if we were Kentuckians.

"Faithfully yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."