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## A STRIKE ORDER TO-DAY

### IT IS THOUGHT THE MINERS' BOARD WILL ORDER IT.

### President Mitchell Says Politics Has Nothing to Do with the Situation—From the Operators.

The national executive board of the United Mine Workers considered the request of miners in the anthracite coal region to strike all day yesterday, and when the board adjourned no conclusion had been reached. The board is in close telegraphic and telephonic communication with officers of the organization in the anthracite region, and some delay was caused yesterday while waiting for desired information from the district affected. President Mitchell gave out nothing last night other than that no decision had been reached. He says the operators will be given the time limit, but sees nothing ahead at present but a strike.

Information was received at headquarters yesterday confirming the report that the operators had refused to meet with the clergy representing local committees and miners outside of the union. This is taken to mean that the operators will meet no one, and it had much weight with the board. The operators have contended that they would settle with the men themselves but not with the union. The clergy interested itself in an attempt to avert a strike, if possible, but the communication that reached the mine workers' headquarters indicates that they have failed. The last hope of a peaceable settlement is now gone and the board expects nothing else but to be forced into issuing a strike order. It will likely be framed to-day, but not made effective until midnight.

President John Mitchell said yesterday that the reports published in Eastern papers to the effect that politics is behind the movement and that a strike will be precipitated to influence the presidential election for Bryan are entirely without foundation. He said: "It is too ridiculous for the board to consider, and any such statements are so wholly devoid of truth that they will be ignored by the organization. The miners realize the fact that it would be folly to precipitate a strike to influence any presidential election, and that such a political move would mean the disruption of the union. The board is about equally divided politically, and if there was a disposition to let this matter enter into politics the division would prevent it. Those political stories are being circulated by the operators to create sympathy and influence the miners affected not to strike. We have heard the same stories before, and, like these, they were without truth and the product of an operator's fertile brain."

John P. Reese, national organizer of the United Mine Workers, who was imprisoned in Kansas last year, charged with violating a federal injunction order, and was afterward released, the decision of the court being reversed by the United States District Court, is attending the board meeting. The operators in whose district he was speaking now have the case in the United States Court of Appeals, and if the decision of the District Court is reversed the miners will carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States. Reese is here to consult with the board and make preparations for the contingency should the miners be disappointed in the decision of the Court of Appeals.

The decision as it now stands goes a long way towards eliminating the power of injunction. The District Court held that no Circuit Court had jurisdiction over men and their right to speak unless they were residents of the district. This means much to the miners as well as other labor organizations, and the case will be fought into the highest court.

#### Willing to Arbitrate.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 7.—A statement prepared with the hope of effecting an arbitration conference and averting a strike in the anthracite region was issued by the district officers of the United Mine Workers of America. The statement is as follows:

"We, the district officers of the United Mine Workers of America of the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, having exhausted every effort to induce the operators to meet us in friendly conference for the regulation of a fair day's wages for a fair day's work, and all other points at issue, do hereby agree to submit our case in every respect to honest arbitration as enjoined by the constitution of our organization, as follows: 'To use all honorable means to maintain peace between ourselves and employers, adjusting all differences, so far as possible, by arbitration and conciliation, that strikes become unnecessary.'"

The statement is signed by T. D. Nichols, president District No. 1; Thomas Duffy, president District No. 7; John Fahey, president District No. 9.

#### Some Opposition to Strike.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 7.—Miners' meetings were held in various parts of Wyoming valley to-night, and the strike situation discussed. In nearly all the meetings the sentiment was in favor of abiding by the decision of the executive board of the United Mine Workers. Some of the speakers deplored a lockout, but said they were willing to stand by the majority.

At the meeting held at Kingston there was a considerable opposition to a strike. Some of the miners say the organization is not strong enough to carry the men through a long strike.

At Wanamie and Glen Lyon the miners were almost a unit for a strike. At the Woodward mine of the Lackawanna Company this afternoon the foreman took a vote of the employes to see how they stood on a strike. It is said only four out of 479 men voted not to strike. Some prominent coal operators held a conference in this city to-day. The proceedings were secret.

If a strike is ordered Wilkesbarre will be the headquarters for the operators and the strikers will have their headquarters at Hazelton. The operators in this section are now convinced that nothing but a miracle can avert a strike and they are making preparations to hire coal and iron police to guard their property during the continuance of the strike.

#### Word from Shamokin.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 7.—The operators and the leaders of the United Mine Workers of district No. 9, composing the counties of Northumberland, Columbia, Schuylkill and Dauphin, each announced to-night that they were in readiness for the expected strike to begin next Monday. The workers' leaders claim they will soon induce enough unorganized miners to cease work to tie up the district; while the operators assert that the great percentage of the workmen will remain at work, and that they will be given the fullest protection against violence should any develop.

#### May Close Collieries.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 7.—The only new development in the strike situation here to-night is the unconfirmed rumor which has gained general circulation that, if a strike is declared by the national executive board of the Mine Workers to-morrow, all the operators in the region will close their collieries down for an indefinite period on Sunday night.

It can be positively stated that the operators will not agree to arbitration.

## HELD TO BE RESPONSIBLE

### READING RAILWAY COMPANY AND SOME OF ITS EMPLOYES.

### Verdict of the Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Last Sunday's Disastrous Collision.

LANSDALE, Pa., Sept. 7.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the cause of the wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Hatfield on last Sunday morning, in which thirteen persons were killed and over fifty injured in a collision between a milk train and a crowded excursion train, to-day rendered a verdict fixing the responsibility upon the railroad company, Engineer John Davis and Conductor Thomas Shelby, of the colliding excursion train; D. B. Beidler, telegraph operator at Souderton, which is next to Hatfield, and W. S. Groves, train dispatcher at the Reading terminal station at Philadelphia.

The extent to which the company is held responsible is in its failure to strictly observe the rule requiring five minutes at least between trains and the absence of a block signal system. The jury recommends a strict observance of the five-minute rule and the continuation of the block system to Bethlehem.

Engineer Davis is condemned for recklessly running his train ahead of time and for running past the red flag which Flagman Bonners had shown at the crossing at Souderton after the milk train had passed.

Conductor Shelby is condemned for allowing Davis to run the train in the manner he did. Beidler is condemned for neglect of duty in failing to raise the red board after the milk train had gone by. The jury expresses the opinion that Groves, the train dispatcher, did not perform his duty, having failed to keep in touch with the milk train and the first section of the excursion train.

#### Carter Still Seeking Liberty.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 7.—The Post-Dispatch to-day says: "Telegraphic advices have been received stating that Captain Oberlin M. Carter, now serving a term in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth for alleged frauds committed while in charge of the harbor work in the bay at Savannah, Ga., will apply to Judge Thayer, of the United States Circuit Court, through his attorney, Frank P. Blair, of Chicago, for a writ of habeas corpus. The application will be made some time Saturday."

#### Insane Woman Strangles Another.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 7.—Lulu Turbenning, an insane woman confined in the Wayne county asylum, to-day strangled another insane female inmate named Rebecca Tierney. The murderess tore a portion of her clothing into strips, and then looped it around her victim's neck, choking her to death almost instantly. The tragedy was discovered by a nurse while making her rounds, and the murderess was still pulling the cord when discovered.

#### A Little Wanderer Found.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 7.—Joseph Fahn's infant son, supposed to have been kidnaped, was found to-day in Kaiser's lake, where it had wandered, a mile from its father's farm, buried almost to the head in mud and water. The child had been gone thirty-six hours and is supposed to have been in the lake nearly all of that time. It was still alive and will recover.

## DALE'S PROPERTY RIGHT

### NEW LEGAL PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED IN RUSHVILLE TRIAL.

### Can a Murderer Be His Victim's Heir?—Accused Anxious for Hearing to Establish His Innocence.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The suit of John H. Frazee, Mrs. Madeline Clark and Mrs. Kate Humes against Charles F. Dale and Oliver M. Dale for possession of 400 acres of good Rush county land, which Charles F. Dale is charged with having acquired through the alleged murder of his wife and three other members of the Frazee family, was up for discussion yesterday on a demurrer to the complaint. A legal problem never yet passed on by the Indiana Supreme Court developed in the argument, and will have to be settled by Judge Douglas Morris, who has the demurrer under advisement, before the case can proceed. The plaintiffs contend that the alleged murder by Dale of his wife, that he might inherit her estate, renders him civilly dead and debars him from inheriting her property.

In support of this proposition the attorneys for the plaintiffs cited the common law which says a murderer cannot inherit by his own crime. They argued that the framers of the Indiana law of descent, while not specifically touching this point, had the common law in view when they framed the statute on inheritance. Cases in several courts of other States were cited in support of the Frazee heirs' contention, a United States Federal Court case and a Nebraska case being particularly dwelt upon.

Charles F. Dale's attorneys, on the other hand, held that the Indiana law of descent clearly gave to Dale his wife's property, no matter whether he killed one person or a dozen. Citations from the chief courts of other States were read in support of this proposition. The citations on both sides were from the rulings of other state courts, nothing in the Indiana decisions being found bearing on the point in contention.

Charles F. Dale, during the argument, was a spectator, and seemed not at all worried by the frequent use of the words "murder" and "murderer" by the lawyers in their arguments. He says he shall insist on the case being tried, as he wants the injustice of the terrible charges against him shown to the public. If the court finds for the Frazees on the demurrer, then the suit will be pushed to trial; if the ruling is against them they will immediately take an appeal to the Supreme Court.

### SHOOTING AT SWAYZEE.

### Saloon Keeper Stillwell the Mark of Two Brothers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 7.—Frank Stillwell, a saloon keeper of Swayzee, this county, was shot Thursday night by William and Mark Nesbitt, brothers, who live five miles south of Swayzee. The brothers attended the Swayzee fair recently and got into some trouble. Thursday they returned to town to get even. They drank heavily and soon became unruly. A companion named Leer had been put in jail for being intoxicated, and the Nesbitts started to get an ax to break into the prison, declaring that they would release their friend. They had revolvers, but, thinking that they would not be sufficiently armed, entered Stillwell's place and took two belonging to the saloon man. Stillwell followed them and demanded the weapons. They refused to give them up and Stillwell struck William Nesbitt and knocked him down. Mark Nesbitt then drew a revolver and fired two shots. One wounded Stillwell in the left hand and the other entered his neck. He fell to the ground unconscious and the Nesbitts fled.

The Alexandria chief of police at noon to-day notified Sheriff Bradford that the Nesbitts had been arrested there, and the sheriff left immediately for the prisoners, returning here with them this evening. They are now in jail here. Stillwell is a middle-aged man and has a good reputation. He has a family. His condition at this time is serious.

Although the Nesbitts are of a good family they have been concerned in numerous troubles. When boys in school they drew knives on a school teacher and were mixed up in a riot several years ago. The Nesbitts are less than thirty years of age.

### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

### Busy Programme at Northwest M. E. Conference.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Sept. 7.—This morning's session of the Northwest Indiana M. E. Conference was called to order by Bishop Goodsell. The calling of the second class developed but four members—W. C. Appleby, C. E. Beebee, F. G. Howard and E. Zaring. Bishop Goodsell addressed the class. The Preachers' Aid Society announced that it would put its own agent in the field. Rev. Levi Gilbert, newly elected editor of the Western Christian Advocate, addressed the conference. Those who responded when the fourth year class was called were J. S. Crowder, W. F. Hovis, R. J. Reed, A. G. Detch, A. L. Miller, Claude C. Travis, C. D. Smock and Ernest D. Smith. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was addressed this afternoon by Quincy A. Myers, of West China mission, and by Miss Bertha Fowler, of Chicago, who addressed the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Bishop Goodsell said he would follow requests in making appointments as far as possible.

#### Harmony Baptists Adjourn.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WINDFALL, Ind., Sept. 7.—The annual session of the Harmony Association of the Baptist Church, which has been in session here for two days, closed last night with a session of the Young People's Union conducted by Rev. Lotus Aspy, of Louisville, Ky. Each meeting was largely attended, the twenty-two churches belonging to this association being well represented. The Rev. T. C. Smith, of Alexandria, was elected moderator to succeed the Rev. Jacob Barrow, of this place, who has held the position for sixteen years, and T. Joseph Garrett, of Warrington, was selected clerk. The next annual meeting will be held at Anderson on the Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1901.

#### Flag for Gordon Tanner Post.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Sept. 7.—The old soldiers' reunion was attended by 5,000 to-day. Frank Vance, of this place, delivered the welcome address and Rev. Thomas Jones responded. Department Commander David Beem, Prof. N. Carr, secretary of Franklin College, and others also spoke. The Gordon Tanner Post, No. 159, was presented with a large mounted flag by George G. Tanner, of Indianapolis, for whose father the post was named. The flag was to replace one that was presented eight years ago and was destroyed in a fire in 1898.

### MORALITY IN SCHOOLS.

### Dr. Rounds Says It Should Be Taught to Diminish Crime.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The Vigo county teachers' institute, which came to an end to-day was well attended, the enrollment reaching 360. Dr. Rounds, of New York city, who is of national reputation as an authority in educational affairs, delivered at least one lecture each day. The lecture that caused the most comment was the one in which he insisted that the missing link in the American public school system is the lack of moral instruction. He declared that crime is increasing faster than education or population, and that the statistics showed the higher the standard and the more universal the education, as in New York State, the percentage of crime did not decrease. The only noticeable effect of education was to raise the intellectual standard of the criminal class. In France, alone, of all the Christian nations, has there been a decrease in crime and in France alone is moral instruction a prominent part of the public school system.

Dr. Rounds also found fault with the failure to provide a longer schooul year in the country schools. The average in the United State is but seven months in a year and that is only eight days more than twenty years ago. He believes that inasmuch as the great mass of the people receive all the education obtainable by them from the country schools that there should be a longer school year.

### ELKS CLEARED $4,032.21.

### Champion James Jeffries Gave $5 Gold Piece for Ten-Cent Ticket.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 7.—The chairman of the executive committee of the recent Elks' street fair and carnival held here, A. C. Alexander, has just submitted his final report as to the financial results of the event. Mr. Alexander's report shows that he has a cash balance on hand as net profits of $4,032.21. The money is to be used in building a clubhouse and lodge temple. Mr. Alexander's report also showed that Champion James Jeffries, who visited Marion on Friday afternoon during carnival week, gave $5 in gold for a 10-cent admission ticket.

#### Affairs of Continental Wound Up.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 7.—The affairs of the Continental Fraternal Union have practically been wound up, Paul C. Graff, receiver, making a report to the court today. It shows that two dividends of a total of 15 per cent. were declared. This leaves in the hands of the receiver a small balance, which will be used in prosecuting a case against the collector at Terre Haute, alleged to have defaulted. The Continental Fraternal Union was organized in Richmond about eight years ago, and had quite a run for a time, about thirty lodges being formed, with a membership of 2,000. B. Michner Graves, of this city, was the head. It is claimed that unfavorable legislation by the last Legislature made liquidation necessary.

#### Street Fair at Terre Haute.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The board of directors of the Street Fair Association have decided to open the fair Monday, Oct. 8, which is the same date of the opening of the fall carnival at Indianapolis and the street fair in Mattoon, with a general masquerade. Every one who appears on the streets will be asked to wear a mask or costume. The building committee has decided to erect a manufacturers' hall, which is to be 250 feet long. This hall will not be on the same street with the merchants' booths, which are all to be of the same size. Secretary Smith reported that the railroad companies had agreed to a one-fare round-trip rate.

#### County Council Adjourns.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The County Council completed its work in three days and adjourned last evening. Appropriations amounting to $66,000 were made, although the requisitions called for $99,000. The rate of taxation will be a little higher this year than last, although the appropriations are about the same. The work of the Council is satisfactory to the taxpayers and proves the wisdom of the reform laws. The Republicans have nominated a full ticket for the County Council. They are John H. Cox, Milton Hanson, C. J. McCole, C. L. Gentry, J. E. Clark, Aaron Shoemaker and Theodore McGill.

#### Opening of School in Madison.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, Ind., Sept. 7.—The public schools in most of the towns and cities in Madison county open Monday, Sept. 10. It requires 360 teachers to do the work, and all have been employed for the coming year. Of the whole number, ninety are required for Anderson, fifty-three for Elwood, thirty-one for Alexandria, eleven for Pendleton, nine for Frankton, eight for Summitville, five for Lapel, four for Orestes, three for Ingalls and the remainder go to the district country schools. One of the remarkable features is that in the entire list but two of the number teach their first school this year.

#### Chaplain Vigus Transferred.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Sept. 7.—Rev. Dr. W. J. Vigus, one of the best known and most highly esteemed ministers of the North Indiana M. E. Conference, was to-day transferred from the Middle-street charge, this city, to Columbia City, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the pastor there to take up educational work. The appointment was made by Bishop Foss. Dr. Vigus was chaplain of the One-hundred-and-sixtieth Indiana Regiment during the Spanish war, spending the winter in Cuba, and is now state chaplain of the Spanish Veterans' Legion. Rev. Walters takes the Wabash charge.

#### Died on Wedding Anniversary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Vandeventer, of Union township, recently prepared to observe the first anniversary of their marriage, Sept. 6, in an appropriate manner, with a party in honor of their friends. Soon afterward Mr. Vandeventer was attacked with typhoid fever and died yesterday, Sept. 6, exactly a year after his wedding, and instead of a celebration of joy and gladness, the Vandeventer home was a house of mourning. Mr. Vandeventer was twenty-three years old and a popular and enterprising farmer.

#### Received with Bad Eggs.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 7.—Gaston residents, in jollifying over the success of the subsidy election Wednesday for the C., R. & M. Railway extension through their town, went to Wheeling to shoot anvils and jollify in the haunts of their enemy, Wheeling having voted against the proposition. When the Gaston people arrived and had unloaded their anvils a shower of bad eggs was poured upon them, and they were run out of town, the enemy capturing the artillery, which was abandoned.

#### Barn and Stock Burned.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CENTERVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The large barn belonging to Capt. C. B. Jackson, on Jackson's hill, west of Centerville, with five valuable horses, three mules, eight calves, some hogs and a large amount of grain and feed and all harness and farm tools, burned this afternoon. The family was attending a reunion, and nobody was at home. The loss is $5,000, with some insurance. The fire was probably of incendiary origin.

#### Agitating Free Gravel Roads.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Sept. 7.—The question of free turnpikes for Clark county is being agitated, and the County Commissioners have taken up the matter and instructed County Attorney Fortune to ascertain what the Hamburg pike, which runs north through Jeffersonville township, can be bought for. The road is six miles long and is the property of Silas Carr, of this city.

#### Indiana Obituary.

PORTLAND, Ind., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Rebecca Cox, relict of Christopher Cox and a sister to Judge John W. Headington and Col. Nimrod Headington, died at her home east of this city last night, aged seventy-nine years. Her funeral will take place on Sunday. Mrs. Cox was one of the prominent pioneers of the county.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Sept. 7.—Samuel Ruble, aged about sixty, a well-known liveryman living at Parker City, a factory town in the western part of this county, died this morning at 5 o'clock. He was an old soldier in the Indiana volunteer infantry of the civil war, and has long been a much respected citizen in Parker.

#### Indiana Notes.

Vandalia officials have announced that no reduction will be made in the round-trip rate from Terre Haute to Brazil, to compete with the new electric line.

Edward Farmer attempted to kidnap Loven Farmer, his four-year-old son, at Star City, near Winamac, but was caught and the child returned to his mother.

Ellsworth Snyder, champion prize fighter of western Indiana, will meet A. Girardi for a purse of $350 on Sunday, Sept. 16, at a point between Covington, Ind., and Danville, Ill.

The Vigo County Council has followed the ruling made by Judge Piety some time ago against an allowance for the county clerk and the sheriff in the matter of their attendance on the courts.

The annual reunion of the Jackson family, one of the most prominent in the county, was held at Centerville yesterday. One hundred and twenty-five members were present. The oldest was eighty-one years old and the youngest three months.

The Hale, Urton and Tuttle families held their annual reunion at Muncie yesterday, several hundred being present from different parts of the country. It was decided to hold the next reunion in Muncie and the following officers were elected: President, James Urton, Muncie; vice president, J. W. Remington, Royerton; secretary, Miss Lillian Darbyshire, Cowan; treasurer, George Tuttle, Albany; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lillie Tuttle, Muncie.

## HURRICANE ON THE GULF

### TROPICAL STORM VISITS JAMAICA, CUBA AND FLORIDA.

### Then Sweeps Along the Louisiana Coast and Drives the Sea Water Up to the Mississippi Levees.

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 7.—The tropical hurricane, which has done considerable damage on the islands of Jamaica and Cuba, struck the Florida coast Wednesday, the wind at one time reaching a velocity of nearly 100 miles an hour. It is feared that the crews of at least two vessels were swept overboard about thirty miles south of here. No damage was done at Miami. Telegraph wires were blown down, and this part of the country was shut off from the outside world from Wednesday night until this evening. The two vessels are known to be ashore.

Considerable damage has been done near West Palm Beach. The bulkhead of the immense Palm Beach pier was swept from its foundation and washed several hundred feet to the north. A number of small boats which were anchored in the inland lakes were torn from their moorings and sunk. Several docks and seawalls were badly injured.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 7.—The storm which has been expected for several days materialized to-day, and all the southern coast of Louisiana has been swept. The sea water has been backed up to the Mississippi river levees on the east bank. Dr. R. H. Burford and Superintendent Richard Quinn, government officers at Fort St. Philip, went down the river in a cat boat on Thursday evening, and this evening late the boat was found floating bottom up. They were unquestionably drowned. The damage to crops from sea water is large. The oyster schooners took warning, and most of them sought shelter before the storm broke. No material damage was done in this city or along the gulf west of Mississippi. The wires on the east bank of the river to Port Eads went down at 6 o'clock this evening.

#### Jamaica Swept by a Storm.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 7.—A terrific storm swept over this island last night. The rivers are all flooded and great damage has been done to the banana plantations. Miles of the railroad track have been washed away. The torrential rains which were a feature of the storm continue. The loss will amount to thousands of pounds.

## ONLY TWO MILES APART.

### First Report from the Deutschland and Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The British steamer Critic, which arrived in quarantine from Leith and Dundee, reports on Sept. 5 having passed the steamer Deutschland, from New York for Hamburg, and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York for Bremen. The Deutschland was about two miles ahead.

#### Movements of Steamers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Arrived: Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg; Trave, from Southampton; Hekla, from Stettin, etc.; Lady Armstrong, from Stettin.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 7.—Sailed: Fuerst Bismarck, from Hamburg, for New York, via Cherbourg.

MOVILLE, Sept. 7.—Sailed: Laurentian and Astoria, for New York, both from Glasgow.

BROW HEAD, Sept. 7.—Passed: Umbria, from New York, for Queenstown and Liverpool.

BOSTON, Sept. 7.—Arrived: Ultonia and New England, from Liverpool.

HAMBURG, Sept. 7.—Arrived: Kaiser Friederich, from New York.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 7.—Sailed: Corinthian, for Montreal.

GENOA, Sept. 7.—Arrived: Alsatia, from New York.

## WORK OF LETTER CARRIERS.

### Officers Elected and Resolutions Adopted—Chattanooga Next Year.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 7.—The National Association of Letter Carriers to-day elected the following officers: President, John N. Parsons, New York; vice president, M. F. Finnan, Bloomington, Ill.; secretary, Edward J. Cantwell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; treasurer, Alex. McDonald, Grand Rapids, Mich.

At to-night's session resolutions were adopted indorsing the Grout time-limit bill for substitute carriers; voting $1,200 to President Parsons for past services as representative of the association; petitioning the Postoffice Department for relief from summer heat by prescribing a uniform shirtwaist or shirt, to be worn without the uniform coat; petitioning for discontinuance of regular deliveries by special delivery boys; indorsing the bill providing that $226,244 due from the government to certain carriers for overtime be excepted from the statute of limitation; thanking Perry S. Heath, ex-first assistant postmaster general, for unfailing loyalty to the carriers' interests and regretting his departure from the service.

A plan for reduction of size of delegation to the national convention was tabled, and an adverse report upon a resolution indorsing a one-thousand-dollar uniform salary bill was adopted. Chattanooga, Tenn., was selected as next year's convention city, receiving 433 votes against 383 for Columbus, O.

#### Neither Manly Nor Honest.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, has deserted the Republican party and gone over to Bryan simply because President McKinley would not give him all the patronage to which he thought himself entitled. But Wellington still holds on to the office to which he was elected by Republican votes. Is that manly?

#### Groundhog Case.

Kansas City Journal.

The only possible excuse for the Democrats making such a rank absurdity as "imperialism" their principal issue this year is the fact that there was nothing better in sight, and they simply had to have a new issue.

#### Looks So.

Kansas City Journal.

It looks now as if the "imperialism" farce might be hissed off the stage before the performance is concluded.

## REPORT FROM ROBERTS

### CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE BY CANADIAN MOUNTED INFANTRY.

### Boers with Two Guns and a Pompom Beaten Off by a Small Garrison—Baden-Powell at Cape Town.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Lord Roberts reports from Belfast, Transvaal, under date of Sept. 5 as follows:

"Ian Hamilton traversed Dulstroom yesterday with slight opposition. Buller engaged the enemy's left this morning. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn the enemy's right.

"Boers with two guns and one pompom this morning attacked 125 Canadian mounted infantry guarding the railway between Pan and Wonderfontain. Mahan proceeded to their assistance, but the little garrison had beaten off the enemy before he arrived. It was a very creditable performance. The wounded were Major Handers and Lieutenant Moodie, slightly, and two men. Six men are missing."

"We learn," says the Daily News, "that the British government expects decisive news from South Africa within a fortnight, and that Parliament will be dissolved during the last week of September."

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—General Baden-Powell arrived here this morning. In spite of the early hour of his arrival a great public ovation was given in his honor. The crowd carried him on their shoulders from the railway station to the government house, a distance of half a mile.

#### Britons Underbid by Americans.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—American energy promises to be rewarded by securing orders for three hundred large coal trucks, involving £150,000, about to be placed by goldmining companies on the Rand, in which quick delivery is vitally important. Tenders were received from British and American manufacturers, but the latter quoted lower prices and promised more speedy delivery. British financial houses fear that the English manufacturers will allow foreigners to reap the commercial benefits of the war.

### REACHED LATITUDE 86:33.

### Further Details of the Duke of Abruzzi's Polar Expedition.

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 7.—Further details regarding the arctic expedition of the Duke of Abruzzi, on board the Stella Polare, whose safe return was reported yesterday from Tromsoe, Norway, show that the expedition last year through Nightingale sound and the British canal reached as far north as 82:4, but, finding no wintering harbor, it returned to Teplitz bay, Crown Prince Rudolph's Land, where the Stella Polare was frozen in about Sept. 1. The Duke of Abruzzi's fingers were frostbitten on a trial sledge trip at Christmas and two joints were amputated, obliging him to remain for several months in his tent. The cold increased to 52 degrees Celsius. On March 11 the advance was renewed and ten men started north. After ten days marching three started to return to the ship, which, however, they never reached. Their fate is unknown. A second party of three men passed the 83d parallel after a march of twenty days and then returned to the ship. A third party, led by Captain Cagni, with two Alpine guides and an Italian sailor, reached latitude 86:33 and was then obliged to return through lack of food. It started with six sledges and forty-five dogs and returned with two sledges and seven dogs, having subsisted for seventeen days exclusively on dog flesh.

On Aug. 8 the Stella Polare started homeward. She traversed the British canal in a single day and then drifted about for a fortnight in a severe struggle with drift ice before reaching the open sea.

#### Will Not Buy American Cotton.

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 7.—At a meeting of the cotton spinners here today it was decided, practically unanimously, not to purchase American spot cotton during the month of September. Four-fifths of the employers in the trade were represented. It is anticipated that the decision will lead to the closure of scores of mills for several weeks. The meeting was private, but it was ascertained that during the discussions there was sharp criticism of the Liverpool speculators who, it was decided, made the crops worse by gambling. Eventually the meeting adjourned until Sept. 21, when the situation will be again considered.

#### Plot Against Abdul Hamid.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 7.—Abdul Hamid's enjoyment of the jubilee festivities, which began Sunday on the completion of his twenty-fifth year as head of the Ottoman empire, has been spoiled by the discovery of a plot against his life. One hundred and eighteen arrests, including several high officials, have already been made, and a secret inquiry is proceeding.

#### Cable Notes.

During the Austrian military maneuvers yesterday on the borders of Galicia and Bohemia a big gun exploded, killing four men outright and fatally wounding eighteen others.

It is said in German court circles at Berlin that Queen Victoria will visit dowager Empress Frederick next month unless the latter's condition meanwhile should considerably improve, which is not probable.

At Maisons-Laffitte yesterday, "Cash" Sloan, on the Duc de Gramont's horse, Barnevelt, won the Prix de Chamant, 5,000 francs. The American jockey also won the Prix de Maule, 4,000 francs, on the Duc de Gramont's Fraisier.

The Berlin censorship has forbidden the production of "Die Strengen Herren" ("The Stern Masters"), a comedy by Blumenthal and Kadelburg, which was to have been performed at the Berliner Theater, on account of its sarcastic references to the so-called "Lex Heinze."

## PORTO RICAN STATISTICS.

### Percentage of Illiteracy, Number of Voters, Natives and Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—General Sanger, director of the Porto Rican census, has just published the third bulletin relating to the population of the island of Porto Rico. This deals with the citizenship on the basis of literacy, with special preference to the effect upon the voting population of the educational requirement imposed by the Foraker act. The males of voting age number 201,671, and but 3.8 per cent. are of foreign birth. Of the white persons of Porto Rican birth 29.4 per cent. can read or write, while 17.2 per cent. of the colored population are illiterate. Under the educational qualification the number entitled to vote in the island would be 47,973, or 27 per cent. of the native-born males of voting age, restricting the suffrage to about one-fourth of the adult males.

The cities of San Juan and Ponce contain most of the foreign element of the island, but even there the native whites and colored each outnumber the foreign element, while together they outnumber them nearly 2½ to 1. In Ponce the native whites are more than three times as numerous as the foreign element and the colored are double this number. The province of Bayamon, including the city of San Juan, has the least illiteracy, 35.5 of the white males of voting age being able to read or write. The province of Aguadilla and Arecibo are the most illiterate, only 22 and 23 per cent., respectively, of the adult males being able to read or write. Of the males of voting age of Porto Rico, 73,010, or 36.3 per cent. were colored.

#### The Editors' "Holiday."

Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The Newspaper Editors' Union was not in the parade yesterday. The members were at work writing up the celebration.

#### Remarkable Man.

Baltimore American.

The Emperor of China is about the only person taking a summer trip who is not writing letters to the home papers about it.


**Coated Tongue**

What a tell-tale the tongue is, anyway!
What a tale it tells about the stomach!
It puts on a whitish coat and says the stomach is more or less inactive from dyspepsia.
What does your tongue tell you about your stomach?
The only way to cure and prevent dyspepsia is to give vigor and tone, functional activity, to the digestive system. It is therefore cured and prevented, positively and absolutely, by

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HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists


## LIEUT. BREWER MISSING

### HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE THE 13TH OF JULY.

### An American Officer Who May Have Been Captured by Ladrones—Casualty List from Manila.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—News has reached the War Department that First Lieutenant Richard Henry Brewer, Company F, Twenty-seventh Infantry Volunteers, a Washington boy, in company with Private Flaherty, left Novaliches for Manila on July 13 last. Neither has been heard from since. Lieutenant Brewer had with him $1,000 in Mexican currency, and it is feared that he and his companion have been captured by a robber band of ladrones. Lieutenant Brewer is a grandson of Judge Brewer, of Annapolis. The War Department has received the following casualty list from General MacArthur:

Killed—Sept. 1, at Paete, Luzon, Company I, Thirty-seventh Infantry, Charles A. Wilson; Sept. 2, at Carmona, Luzon, signal corps U. S. A., Sergeant Ludlow; Aug. 21, in Panay, Company C, Sixth Infantry, Corporal Willard L. Dittman; Sept. 1, at Rio Grange, Luzon, News Eldridge Harris.

Wounded—Aug. 24, at San Mateo, Luzon, Company D, Twenty-seventh Infantry, Charles H. Carter, chest, serious; June 14, at Rio Cagayan De Misamis, Company L, Fortieth Infantry, Corporal Jesse G. Moody. This soldier, previously reported killed, now wounded and prisoner in hands of insurgents.

The Navy Department is making arrangements for bringing home the remains of officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps who died or were killed in action and buried outside the United States since April 21, 1898, the official date of the beginning of the Spanish war. There are 105 cases of this description, including five officers, fifty-seven enlisted men of the navy, and forty-three enlisted men of the marine corps. It is the purpose of the Navy Department to have these remains interred at places in the United States selected by the next of kin; or, if no preference is expressed, at the national cemetery near San Francisco. All unclaimed bodies from the West Indies and Atlantic points will be interred in Arlington Cemetery, near here.

The War Department has been informed of the arrival of the transport Warren at Nagasaki yesterday, with two battalions of the Ninth Cavalry and recruits aboard. The health of the troops is reported to be excellent. The Warren will proceed to Manila. The department also is advised of the arrival of the animal transport Aztec at Kobe, with horses for the Third Cavalry aboard.

Three enlisted men who have rendered efficient service with their regiments in the Philippines have been appointed second lieutenants in the regiments to which they have been attached. They are First Sergeant James G. Taylor, Company E, Twenty-seventh Volunteer Infantry; Sergeant Major Victor J. Bergstrom, Thirty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, and First Sergeant Harry E. Potter, Company A, Thirty-seventh Volunteer Infantry.

#### Expediency in Politics.

New York Letter.

There are many explanations as to the dominating impulse that led Senator Platt not only to invite, but to urge Governor Black and his associates back into full fellowship with the Republican party. Some of the explanations seem to belittle Senator Platt's leadership by asserting that he found it expedient to do this thing. But in the Union League Club last night where some of the veterans of the politics of an earlier day discussed this unexpected but gratifying news from Saratoga,