

STRIKE BACKBONE BADLY TWISTED

Company Claims to Have it Broken and the Striking Motormen and Conductors on the Run.

THE STATE POLICE WIN

Seasoned Fighters Were Able to Do More in a Few Hours Than the Police Accomplished in Week.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 25.—The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company believes it has the striking conductors and motormen on the run. The company is so confident the backbone of the strike is broken that it referred last night an offer of mediation, made by the ministers of the city, to a meeting of its board of directors that will not be held until a week from next Monday. Its attitude was based largely on the success of the state constabulary in checking the riots, and on its own success in extending its service. Philadelphia, for the first time since last Saturday, enjoyed partial peace, and citizens were able to go about their business without dodging through back streets to escape bullets and bricks.

The stand of the transit company as announced was bitterly disappointing to C. O. Pratt, John J. Murphy and the other strike leaders who have been feeling their way toward arbitration. They were so sure that the company would be forced by the action of the ministers to agree to some form of compromise that they were jubilant and boastful early in the day.

Last night they were calling the state constabulary hard names and again threatening to call out every union labor man in the city.

The state police, 204 seasoned fighters, under Capt. John C. Grooms, obtained in a few hours what the police force of 3,400 men were not able to bring about in five days, reasonable order. They were detailed to sections of the city where rioting had been most prevalent. Mobs jeered them and threw decayed fruit and occasionally the constables had to draw their revolvers and level them at the crowds. In every case the threat was enough. The mobs broke and ran.

No disturbances have occurred to mark the seventh day of the street car strike. More cars are being run today than at any other time since the walkout and the determined attitude of the police suppress rioting has prevented further attacks upon the strike-breakers.

A general strike is more remote today than ever.

Only one disturbance had occurred up to noon today and in it a policeman was badly hurt and a number of rioters beaten up. At Sixth street and Columbia avenue, a car on which Patrolman George Treste was riding, was stoned. One of the missiles rendered him unconscious. Other policemen and state police charged the crowd with clubs. The mob broke and no arrests were made.

The union men are still unshaken in their decision that they will force the Rapid Transit company to recognize them. The general strike question will be thrashed out at Sunday's meeting. It is necessary for each individual union to vote, so that Sunday's meeting will be given up largely to discussion.

Another One.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 25.—Sheriff Person of North Hampton county has been appealed to take charge of the local situation owing to the strike in the steel plant here. Conditions are serious and the state constabulary may be called into action. Hundreds of strikers marched to the plant today and assaulted non-union men. Street fighting followed. The strikers attacked the trolley car loaded with men going to work. The fact that the entire state constabulary is on strike duty in Philadelphia has made the strikers bold.

DAYLIGHT START BY THE MOB

Texans Are Trying to Get Negro Away from the Officers and Lynch Him.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 25.—Starting before daylight, a mob of over 1,000 men and boys is scouring the country in search of Allen Brooks, a negro, alleged to have assaulted two-year-old Ethel Davins.

The mob surrounded the jail last night and was ready to attack the building to get the negro, when the sheriff spirited the negro away to Fort Worth.

WAS SENATOR FOR SIXTY DAYS

Col. James Gordon Makes Interesting Farewell Speech in the Senate as he Leaves For His Home.

PERCY SUCCEEDS HIM

Veteran of Confederate Army Who Served For Only Two Months is Highly Pleased With the Experience.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—What Senator Depew characterized as a farewell, unique in the senate's history, was delivered by James Gordon, senator from Mississippi, who said good-bye to the senators with whom he had served for the past sixty days. Practically the entire senate listened with rapt attention to the address of the venerable Mississippian. Beginning with the statement that the deadlock in Mississippi had been broken and that Mr. Percy had been chosen to take his place, Colonel Gordon said that he had felt a desire to express his feelings toward the senate before returning to his home in Mississippi. He then told how, when five years old, he had been presented with a toy boat which was checked over with different objects, some of them good and some of them bad. One of these objects was the capitol of the United States, and his mother had told him, he said, that if he would be good and would live a correct life he might some day hope to sit in the seat of the big man who was pictured there.

"She never had told me a lie, and I knew that what she said was true. I knew that I would some day occupy the seat of that big man, and God helping me, I got there," referring to the fact that for a time he had occupied the seat of the presiding officer. "I was born a multimillionaire," said Colonel Gordon, "but I never was happy until I got rid of my surplus money. I spent much of it on my slaves, and the rest of my funds I spent like a gentleman and got rid of the entire incumbrance."

Referring to the fact that he had been a confederate soldier, Colonel Gordon said: "You may as well try to storm the heights of heaven and pluck the diadem from Jehovah's crown as to take away from either of them the glory of the records of the two men who stood under the tree at Appomattox and brought the war to a close."

"This is the finest body of men that I ever associated with," he continued, speaking of the senate itself, and he beamed upon his colleagues.

PROHIBITIONISTS NOT TO GET THE MONEY

Court Decides That Will of Old Man is Unusual and Out of Reason.

BRISTOL, R. I., Feb. 25.—Marmaduke Mason's will, leaving his property, amounting to a large sum, to the prohibition party, has been disallowed by the probate court on the ground that it is unusual, makes no mention of blood relatives and cannot be construed as directed toward a charitable object.

Mr. Mason, who was ninety-three years old, became insane from nervous shock following a struggle with a burglar in his home. His death occurred at the Rhode Island insane hospital.

The charge of murder is preferred against his assailant.

RUTT ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE

Testimony of His Children Released Him from Custody on Murder Charge.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 25.—The testimony of his two little children is today declared to have freed Earnest Rutt, who was acquitted late last night of a charge of murder, resulting in the death of his wife. The children, Pearl and Earnest, Jr., stuck to their story told at the time the crime was committed that their mother was the victim of an unidentified negro, who drove her out of her house and beat her to death with a stone.

Bashor for Governor.

WATERLOO, Feb. 25.—A meeting of democrats of Black Hawk county was held here and endorsed the candidacy of S. H. Bashor for governor. There is much talk here of putting W. W. Marsh as candidate for U. S. senator when Senator Dolliver's term expires. Mr. Marsh is a leading democrat.

PREMIER ASQUITH HAS SURRENDERED

Pressure Was Too Heavy and He Has Agreed to Introduce The Measures Which Were Asked For.

THE KING INTERESTED

New Election May be Ordered in Case the Cabinet Resigns and Everything Does Not Run Smoothly.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Under the heaviest pressure, Premier Asquith surrendered today to the new-created alliance made up of the radicals in his own party and the Irish nationalists and laborites, and agreed to introduce the measure for the limitation of the lords' veto and the budget simultaneously. The plan is to force a vote on the veto before the budget is taken up. It is conceded the house of lords will reject the measure when the premier makes his demand upon the king for the crown's appointment of the most liberal peers to insure the passage of the veto measure.

If the king accedes, the crisis will be passed in safety, but if he refuses, the cabinet will resign immediately without even passing the budget or providing for the royal salary list. This will force a new election on the issue of the lords' veto. Today's agreement is unofficial, but it bears the approval of all the liberal and nationalist leaders.

The climax to the situation will come in about three days. Asquith's official head depends upon his fealty to the new program. Should he show the slightest hesitancy, his leadership will be repudiated and Chancellor Lloyd George will be appointed leader in his stead.

HE FOUGHT WITH HELL ROARING JAKE

Pardoned by Taft from a Thirty-Year Prison Sentence in the Philippines.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 25.—Alfred Fields Rhodes, aged thirty-nine years, but looking to be sixty, one of General Jacob (Hell-Roaring Jake) Smith's soldiers in the Philippines, recently pardoned by President Taft from a Philippine prison, got off a freight train here, slept in McGreggor mission, told an absorbing story of his wrongs and hardships, and sneaked aboard another freight for another freezing installment of a penniless journey from Manila to his old home in New Jersey.

Rhodes was doing sentry duty in front of General Grant's headquarters one night, when a party of ruffians, intoxicated officers passed. General Grant asked him their names, but he declined to tell, and was put in the guard house.

After his release, one night a Filipino attacked him. In defending himself he brained the native with the butt of his rifle. He was convicted, largely on the testimony of General Grant, and sentenced to prison for thirty years.

This was shortly after he had been booted in a massacre and spent several months in a hospital.

THE THIRD DEGREE IS UNDER FIRE

Resolution Presented in the Senate to Put a Stop to the Brutal Methods of the Police.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—If a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Heyburn is adopted, the senate will take up the matter of what is known among police officials as the "third degree."

Mr. Heyburn said that he had read an article in a Washington paper giving an account of the methods said to have been resorted to by the Atlantic City police to obtain a confession from William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams.

CUMMINS WILL VOTE OTHER WAY

Will Present Minority Report to the One the Balance of the Committee Has Agreed Upon.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL

New Judge Allows Writ of Error in Sugar Fraud Case Which Gives Heike Another Chance.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today decided to recommend the passing of the Taft-Elkins bill. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the original bill as altered by the Wickersham amendments, all of the latter being accepted. Senator Cummins of Iowa will present a minority report.

New Surveyor. The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Edward F. Woodward as surveyor of customs, district of San Francisco.

Writ of Error.

A writ of error was allowed by Associate Judge Lurton today in the case of Charles R. Heike of the American Sugar Refining company, whose plea for immunity was recently denied by the New York court. The Lurton order will bring the case before the supreme court of the United States. A supersedeas is also asked, which will stay the order of the New York court that Heike appear for trial on March 1 on the indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government in the weighing of sugar.

THE CAIRO LID IS STILL ON

Coil of Rope was Found in Closet of a Saloon Close to the County Jail.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 25.—A coil of rope, a hammer, chisel and heavy sledge are in the possession of Sheriff Fred D. Nellis. These implements are said to have been carried by members of the mob who attempted to storm the Alexander county jail last Friday morning.

On information received by Sheriff Nellis along with Colonel Ryman and Chief Egan, he searched the saloon of R. Laurent, one block south of the court house, where the wounded members of the mob received medical attention after being repulsed by shots from the deputy sheriffs. The rope and tools were found in a closet.

Municipal and county officials and the citizens' committee held a conference last night with Adjutant General Dickson and other military officers, regarding the evacuation of Cairo and raising the lid. No date was set for this action.

SHOT HIMSELF WHEN ARRESTED

Spiritualistic Medium Tracked From Chicago by Boys on Freight Train.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 25.—Anton Marlon, alias Louis DeGonzales, alias Louis DeRickett, aged thirty-seven years, of Chicago, an alleged spiritualistic medium, wanted in Chicago on the alleged charge of extorting money from an aged woman, when cornered in his room in this city by detectives who went to arrest him, grabbed a pistol from the dresser and shot himself in the left breast. The ball lodged near the heart, and the wounded man will probably die.

Philip Shaffer and Will Frank, boys of about nineteen years of age "beat" their way here on a freight train and "turned up" Marlon to the local police. Schaffer is a brother of Mrs. C. Ehlert, the Chicago woman who is said to have been fleeced out of a large sum of money by Marlon.

SUMMITVILLE CHURCH GETS \$50 DONATION

Swedish Lutheran Conference at Des Moines Votes Appropriations to Churches.

DES MOINES, Feb. 25.—The fight for the location of the new hospital of the Swedish Lutheran church narrowed down at the conference of that church to Sioux City, Fort Dodge and Des Moines. The report will be made today. Appropriations were granted as follows: St. Louis, \$200; Summitville, Iowa, \$50; Centerville, Iowa, \$300; Council Bluffs, \$300; Shenandoah, \$300; Cedar Rapids, \$450; Marshalltown, \$250; Sioux City, \$600; Cherokee, \$150.

COLD AFTER ON THE CELEBRATION

People of Nicaragua Were Cheering For the Victories of Estrada When Bad News Was Received.

CHAMORRO IS SLASHED

Reported That His Brigade Was Cut to Pieces and That Over One Hundred Were Killed.

BLUEFIELDS, via wireless to Colon, Feb. 25.—Reports of conditions in the western part of Nicaragua are again conflicting, messages having been received here today from Rama that a group of straggling Estrada soldiers had reached La Libertad with a story that the fighting about Acopya, St. Clemente and other western points had not gone entirely in favor of the provisional army.

The men declare they had heard that Chamorro's brigade had been cut to pieces in the fighting between Granada and Managua and more than 100 were killed. The stragglers had been cut off from their command and were endeavoring to work their way back to the base of supplies.

Captain Fowler Dead.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 25.—Capt. Godfrey R. Fowler, formerly of the United States army, who commanded General Chamorro's artillery in the recent battle against the government forces near Granada, Nicaragua, is dead from wounds received during the fighting, according to official advices received by relatives here today.

THESE EMPLOYEES WILL NOT STRIKE

Anheuser-Busch Brewery Will Spend \$75,000 Per Year Extra on Its Men.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Pension, mortality, entertainment and beneficiary funds, entailing an outlay of approximately \$75,000 a year, will be established next month by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association. Baseball and bowling leagues, bands, orchestras and singing clubs will be organized under the company's auspices, and the women employed in the labeling departments will be guests at trolley parties and musical and theatrical entertainments. Gold and silver medals will be awarded every year to employees who have distinguished themselves by particularly meritorious acts.

Vice President E. A. Faust announced the scheme at the regular monthly meeting of the Anheuser-Busch Employees' Relief association, at Mengers hall, Seventh and Arsenal streets. He was accompanied to the meeting by Adolph Busch III, son of August and grandson of Adolphus Busch; Henry Menzenwerth, general superintendent and C. D. Russell, general auditor.

Complete plans as to appropriations and the pension basis are being formulated under the supervision of the executive officers, who will be in position to announce the details in a few days. The idea was originated by Adolphus Busch prior to his departure for Pasadena, Cal.

The system of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association will be distinct fundamentally from the pension foundations of most corporations, in that the employees will not be expected to contribute money to the enterprise. Each of the funds will be created and maintained by the company. The 6,600 employees will enjoy the advantages of the allotments without financial sacrifice on their part.

WOULD BE UNKIND TO COMPARE THEM

W. J. Bryan and Dr. Cook Are Both in Chile, South America, at Present.

ANDES, Chile, Feb. 25.—William J. Bryan, Mrs. Bryan and their daughter arrived from Santiago and crossed the mountains on the way to Buenos Ayres.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook and wife, also arrived from Santiago. They remain until Sunday, when they proceed to Buenos Ayres.

Put on Fast Trotter.

WATERLOO, Feb. 25.—Word was received from Chicago that Joe McLaughlin of Waterloo has bought the trotter Lady Agile, record 2:11½, for \$1,000.

KEPT PRISONER IN THE HOTEL

Dr. Hull Arrested on Charge of Murder of Prof. Vaughn Has Been Taken to Kirksville For Trial.

HE WAS NOT LOCKED UP

Accused Has Secured an Attorney and Looked Worried But Refused to Talk For Publication.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 25.—Dr. James R. Hull, arrested on a warrant obtained by the prosecuting attorney on the charge of killing Prof. J. T. Vaughn, was brought here last night by Undersheriff Columbus Barnes. A great crowd was at the station, but the Hull party, which included J. M. Proctor and David Proctor, father and brother of Mrs. Vaughn; Dr. Hull's wife and mother and Attorney Mastin of Kansas City, climbed off the rear of the train and dodged the crowd watching the other vestibules. Dr. Schweitzer came on the train, also, to appear before the grand jury.

Dr. Hull was taken to the office of Sheriff Williams, where he held a brief conference with the sheriff and with Attorneys Higbee and Mills of Kirksville, who represented Mrs. Vaughn in closing up her husband's affairs. From the sheriff's office the party went to the offices of the Kirksville law firm, with the deputy still in charge of his prisoner, the object being to discuss bail. From there they went to the office of J. C. Carothers, justice of the peace, before whom the information was filed and who issued the warrant.

Later in the night it was announced by Justice Carothers that attorneys had agreed that the matter of bond will be held up until morning, and in the meantime the prisoner was to remain in the custody of the sheriff. Sheriff Williams stated he would not lock up Dr. Hull, even if he could not provide bond, but would allow him to remain at the hotel, under the custody of Deputy Sheriff Barnes.

Dr. Hull looked very much worried and worn upon his arrival here and remained close to Attorney Mastin. He said he could not say anything for publication, declining pleasantly but firmly.

It was expected by Prosecuting Attorney Keiger that one or two indictments will be returned today by the special grand jury which was convened by Judge Nat M. Shelton of the circuit court. There are but two witnesses to come before the grand jury before the evidence given the late grand jury can be duplicated.

With the coroner's jury having made its report and found that Prof. John T. Vaughn came to his death from strychnine poisoning and the grand jury expected to complete its work today, developments are expected to come thick and fast in the second case in Missouri in which poisoning is alleged and it has already resulted in the arrest of Dr. James R. Hull of Monroe City. Mrs. Vaughn declared today that she expected to be the next one taken into custody but maintains her innocence of any connection with the death of the professor.

SAVED THE BEER AT ALL COSTS

Man Fell From Roof With Bucket of Suds and Never Spilled a Drop.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Falling from the roof of a two and a half story building to the ground, with a kettle of beer in his hand, and not spilling a drop, was the experience of Conrad Weinheimer, a carpenter, at Caldwell, N. J. Barring a little stiffness in his joints the man was uninjured.

The new building had just been inclosed, and the carpenter suggested that the owner treat.

"If you stand on the roof and drink the beer you can have it," said the employer. The challenge was accepted, the beer secured, and Weinheimer climbed to the peak of the roof. He was about to lift the kettle to his lips when he slipped, slid over the cornice and landed on his feet on the ground. Onlookers ran to the side of the building expecting to find the man dead, but instead he was sitting up drinking the beer.

Accident at Masquerade.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 25.—Frank Dobaka and Joseph Zazara were badly burned about the heads and faces when cotton masks which they wore to a masquerade ball caught on fire from a gas jet. The young men will be confined in the hospital for several days.

OTTUMWA WILL GET CONVENTION

Democratic State Meeting Will be Held There This Year Decides the Central Committee.

THE DEADLOCK BROKEN

It Took Eleven Ballots to Decide on the Location and Ottumwa Worked Hard For It.

DES MOINES, Feb. 25.—The Democratic state convention will be held in Ottumwa.

So the state central committee decided yesterday afternoon after balloting unsuccessfully ten times. On the eleventh ballot eight votes were cast for Ottumwa and three for Des Moines.

Jerry B. Sullivan of Des Moines was accorded the honor of being temporary chairman of the convention. He was awarded the position unanimously and without opposition. W. T. Oakes of Clinton will be secretary.

The date of the convention was not fixed but will be set in the near future. The deadlock over the selection of the convention city held out so long that the committeemen were forced to catch trains for their homes.

It was evident from the first that Des Moines would have difficulty in landing the event. Council Bluffs and Ottumwa, both hot after the meet, hung together, and when the deadlock had lasted through several ballots, Council Bluffs swung to Ottumwa and all other committeemen did the same, save Clint Price of this district, who cast his vote for Des Moines, and the votes of E. R. Moore of the Fifth district and Alex Miller of the First by proxy, for Des Moines.

The Ottumwa delegation, headed by Treasurer Nick Reed of the committee, and composed of delegates from the commercial and business organizations of the city, also from the city council of Ottumwa, made an unusually strong bid for the convention.

They promised everything that could be desired. Convention hall free of charge, hotel accommodations, entertainment, a brass band and anything else which the Democrats want will be forthcoming, so the Ottumwans asserted.

HE DISAPPEARED WITH \$13,000 CHECK

Missourian Went to Arkansas to Sell Farm and Has Not Returned Home.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Feb. 25.—Relatives and friends are very much worried over the disappearance of William Marlow, who departed from this city two weeks ago for Horton, Ark., where he disposed of land and received a check for \$13,000.

Marlow was seen a week ago Tuesday, when he boarded a train and started for his home. He should have arrived here a week ago.

Since leaving Horton no trace can be found of him. A son, who resides near Jamesport, has taken up the search and will go to Arkansas to try to find his father.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Saturday. Rising temperature.

For Illinois and Missouri: Fair tonight and probably Saturday. Rising temperature.

For Iowa: Partly cloudy with possibly snow flurries north portion tonight or Saturday. Warmer tonight and extreme east portion Saturday. Colder west portion Saturday.

Weather Conditions.

The eastward drift of the field of high pressure to the lower lake region and Ohio valley has caused colder weather to follow light rains in the eastern gulf and southeastern states, while an area of low pressure has moved from the northwest to the northern mountain region, attended by rising temperature from the Rockies eastward beyond the Mississippi valley, and rain has fallen in Utah.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight, and probably Saturday, with rising temperature, the minimum slightly below freezing tonight.

Local Observations. Feb. 25. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 24 7 p.m. . . . 39.61 18 E Clear 25 7 a.m. . . . 39.44 14 E Clear

Mean temperature, 10. Maximum temperature, 29. Minimum temperature, -1. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.