

STRIKE CRISIS KNOWN TODAY

Mass Meeting Will Decide Whether the Sympathetic Strike of all Union Men Shall Prevail.

100,000 MEN AFFECTED

The Car men's Union Will go Down to Defeat in Case the General Strike is Not Ordered Now.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The crisis of the strike of the street car men in this city, which has already resulted in several violent deaths, much bloodshed, destruction of property and loss of money, is at hand. Minor riots tonight have served to keep the situation at the highest possible tension and thousands will join tomorrow in the mass meeting to decide whether or not 100,000 union workmen shall join the striking car men to force the recognition of their demands. The former action it is feared will mean untold distress to thousands of families. The latter course, it is believed, will mean further loss to the car company, but a final death blow to the car men's organization. Union leaders face the greatest problem in the history of the city.

Thousands of union men are eager to join in a sympathetic strike, while other thousands, seeing in this move weeks or months of idleness and suffering are fearful of consequences of such a step.

The first riot of the afternoon occurred at Fifth and Glenwood avenues, where a crowd of nearly 1,000 mill hands built an obstruction across the track. The first car stopped was immediately attacked. The motorman and conductor were beaten and the car wrecked. The car was then set on fire. Squads of police reserves were summoned to the scene. The mob fled to an adjoining mill yard, from which it hurled missiles at the police, who finally drew their revolvers and fired a number of shots. Two men were wounded and spirited away by their fellows. Several arrests were made and the police drove every person off the streets at this point. The police were twice forced to call for reserves before assailing a crowd of 1,000 men and boys who attacked every car that passed Front street and Susquehanna avenue.

At the first attack a brick smashed through the front of a street car and broke the motorman's nose. A squad of police reserves was summoned and drove the crowd away, using their clubs freely on the heads of all who showed the slightest signs of resistance. An hour later at the same spot more attacks were made and a woman was seriously injured by a flying brick.

The trolley pole of a car jumped from the wire tonight and instantly the car was set upon by a mob and practically destroyed before the police could interfere. Bricks and stones smashed out ever window in the car. Two uniformed and two plain clothes men were on the car and had narrow escapes before the arrival of reserves.

At Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 26.—Repeated conflicts between the state constabulary and the striking steel workers here tonight in which many heads were broken, followed the fatal shooting of one man, the probable fatal wounding of another and the seriously injuring of many during the day. The riots have resulted in the appearance of a third detachment of constabulary, which was rushed into the city tonight. Several thousand strikers and sympathizers crowded the streets during the evening and minor conflicts between groups of forgers and mounted police occurred.

Despite the seriousness of the situation, President Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel company announced tonight that he would resume operations at his plant Monday under the protection of the "Black Hussars." Every preparation is being made to prevent a clash at that time, as it is certain the strikers will gather by hundreds and if a battle ensues, the results will be serious.

The entire town is under heavy guard tonight.

Drove Cattle 35 Miles.

BRITT, Feb. 26.—Charles Schreiber of Lake Mills was forced to drive one hundred and fifty head of cattle across country for thirty-five miles to this place in order to get cars to ship them in. Stock car conditions at Lake Mills have been serious all winter.

MISSOURI BORGIA GIVES HEAVY BAIL

Mrs. Vaughn Returns to Her Home After Furnishing \$25,000 Bail For Her Appearance.

HULL AT KIRKSVILLE

The Doctor Taken Back Again and Must Stay in Custody Until The Judge Arrives.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 26.—Dr. James R. Hull was brought here tonight from Monroe City after being arrested on an indictment returned by the grand jury, charging him with murder in connection with the death of Prof. J. T. Vaughn, who was killed by strychnine poisoning, according to a verdict returned by a coroner's jury. Judge Shelton, the only official who can accept bail, has gone to his home in Mason over Sunday and Dr. Hull will be held without bond until court opens Monday.

With Dr. Hull taken into custody, both persons named in Missouri's second case in which poisoning is alleged, now await trial.

Mrs. Alma Vaughn, widow of the dead professor, returned to her mother's home in Monroe City today, after furnishing \$25,000 bond for her appearance in answer to the same charge made against Dr. Hull. Her trial has been set for May 14.

Mrs. Vaughn is thirty-eight and very attractive. She has a daughter, Winifred, aged six. The case dates back to October 14, 1909, when Professor Vaughn, at night, became violently ill and died within twenty minutes in convulsions.

The Other Case.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—A deposition given this afternoon by J. M. Tutt, a druggist, revealed the fact that Dr. C. H. C. Jordan the Chilean "yarb" doctor who had treated members of the Swope family had purchased large amounts of pills and tablets from him.

Tutt said they contained quantities of strychnine, belladonna, acetate and opium.

This testimony is regarded as of great significance by the attorneys for Dr. E. Clark Hyde, who is charged with poisoning Col. Thomas H. Swope.

SUGAR TRUST CASE CAUSES ANGER

Supreme Court Will be Appealed to in Effort to Set Aside the Writ.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Angered because they believe they have been the butt of sharp practices on the part of the accused and his attorneys, Henry L. Stimson and W. T. Danison, special counsel for the government in the sugar fraud will appeal to the supreme court to set aside the writ of error and dissolve the injunction granted by Justice Lurton yesterday which prohibits the trial of Secretary Charles R. Helke of the sugar trust on the indictment for conspiracy.

They will ask that the order be dissolved so that the trial of Helke can proceed Tuesday. They had no notice of application and until it had been issued they continued preparing for the trial which was scheduled to come before Judge Martin.

If the injunction writ is dissolved, the trial will begin Tuesday. Whether it is or not the trial of Ernest W. Gerbacht, former superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery, James F. Bendernagel, former cashier; Harry W. Walker, former assistant dock superintendent; Jean M. Voelcker, and James F. Halligan, Jr., former checker at the Williamsburg docks and refinery indicted with Helke will be held. They are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government and with defrauding the government by causing to be entered short weights on sugar cargoes landed at Brooklyn.

Wall Street Vacation.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Wall Street summary on Monday will say: "Wall street early last week was almost in a condition of coma. Trading was stagnant and speculation at a standstill. At the beginning of the last half of the week, however, the market was suddenly lifted out of the rut and the upward movement was resumed. This was due to the fact that the market had been sold out and stocks were cheaper than money."

OCEAN'S KING UNDER OUR FLAG

Most Powerful Battleship in the World is the Ambition of the Navy Department of the U. S.

TO COST ABOUT \$18,000,000

Greatest Sea Fighting Machine Ever Devised With a Broadside of Many 14-Inch Guns.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—A monster battleship of 32,000 tons displacement which will be the most powerful the world has ever seen is the ambition of the navy department, according to a statement made to the committee on naval affairs today by Secretary Meyer.

The secretary made his statement at an executive session of the committee after the official stenographers had been requested to raise their pens. It is the hope of the department he said, to build the greatest sea fighting machine ever devised, equipped with a broadside of 14 inch guns of the new type, and to cost approximately \$18,000,000. Were it not for the fact that the tests now being made on the new gun have not been completed he said the department would ask for ships of 28,000 or even 20,000 tons displacement this year, instead of 27,000 tons. As soon as the efficiency of the new gun has been demonstrated he said the navy department will be in a position to announce a program which with the aid of congress will place this country in the lead as a maritime power. The experiments to date have been successful, he declared.

The committee voted late today to report the naval program asked for by Secretary Meyer, two battleships of 27,000 tons each, one repair ship, two collars and five submarines for Pacific coast defense. The bill will include an appropriation of the enlargement of the three great dry docks now under way, to accommodate the proposed monster battleship. The total amount carried in the bill will be about \$138,000,000, a decrease of \$10,000,000 from last year.

ROOSEVELT THROUGH WITH HUNTING

Will Not Pull the Trigger Again Unless Some New Kind of Beast Pops up.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] GONDOROKO, Soudan, Feb. 26.—The Roosevelt hunting expedition in Africa officially closed tonight with the return of Col. Theodore Roosevelt and party here. On Monday the party will resume the trip down the Nile for Khartoum and Col. Roosevelt announced tonight that unless unusual opportunity to bag some new and rare game was presented the shooting was finished. The next stop down the river will be Morgalla where plans have been made by the officials for an elaborate reception.

CORPORATIONS SLOW IN REPORTING

Only One-thirtieth of Those in the New York District Have Filed Papers.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—While there are 150,000 corporations, banks and insurance companies in this district which are required to make returns to the collector of internal revenue under the new corporation tax law, only about 5,000 had handed in their returns when business closed today. All of them must be in the hands of Collector Chas. M. Anderson by Tuesday night and the delinquent ones will be fined for negligence, if they fail to send in their reports.

Last week a joint resolution was introduced in both houses of congress calling for the extension of time for the returns, but it failed to pass. The resolution had the effect of delaying returns. Only corporations whose net profits exceed \$5,000 a year are subject to the tax. Heavier taxes will be paid in this district than any other district in the United States, as in this territory are located all the large banks, trust companies, insurance companies and trusts.

Accidentally Killed.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] LAKE VILLAGE, Ark., Feb. 26.—Howard, the 2 1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mead, was accidentally shot by an older brother last night and instantly killed. The child's head was blown almost off.

LIAR BECAUSE HE LOVES TO LIE

Mayor of San Francisco Does Not Hesitate to Give His Private Opinion of Francis J. Heney.

THE CITY IS EXPECTANT

Sudden Outburst of Vituperation in the Graft Cases Causes the Citizens to Become Excited.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—A sudden outburst of vituperation in the graft cases today threw this city into a state of expectancy such as in recent years has always been followed by sensational developments. Francis J. Heney publicly proclaimed Mayor McCarthy to be the tool of Patrick Calhoun, the indicted head of the United Railroads.

"Heney is a liar and he lies because he loves to lie," replied the mayor in a scathing reply. In the midst of this verbal affray Calhoun makes the charge that Judge Lawlor, before whom he was tried, endeavored to favor the prosecution and obtain a jury prejudiced against him.

District Attorney Fickert, whom Heney charges with being subservient to Calhoun, asserts that the evidence does not warrant another trial for Calhoun.

Judge Lawlor flatly refuses to discuss the charges and threatens to put the case in the hands of the state's attorney general.

It was announced today that "Big Jim" Gallagher, the most important witness in the case against Calhoun, had gone to Europe to stay.

SMALL RACE WAR IN ARKANSAS

Negroes Fired at White Men and Three of Them Are Carrying Bullets.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 26.—As a result of a riot between whites and negroes at Eldorado Ark. tonight the following white men were injured: Roscoe Montgomery, shot in left breast and right hip; Oscar Reynolds, shot in foot; Ed. Reynolds, hot in foot.

As Montgomery and the Reynolds brothers were passing a negro restaurant in a negro section of town a negro named Chisler fired on the trio from a window. Several other shots followed quickly with the above results. The Reynolds' were both unarmed. A mob formed and raided the restaurant but the inmates escaped.

Gov. Donohy was appealed to, fearing a general riot, and Capt. Sam Crawford and a company of troops was ordered to act with Sheriff Harmon in suppressing further riots. Negroes are fleeing from town towards Camden. Many negro houses were burned.

WILL WORK TO CONVICT MEN

New Trust Buster Says he Will Bend Every Effort to Win His Case.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] JERSEY CITY, Feb. 26.—Prosecutor Garven, the new trust-buster, as a result of whose efforts the Hudson County grand jury has indicted the beef barons, declared tonight that he would bend every effort toward convicting the indicted men and punishing them with three years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

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If this order fails Garven will apply to Judge Swayze for the dissolution of the company.

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WATERLOO, Feb. 26.—Dr. Harry Reubel, a young physician of Waverly, is being treated in the hospital for blood poisoning of the hands. He probably contracted the disease while performing an operation.

SEE'S GLAD THAT HE GOT TRIMMED

Battling Nelson is in a Happy Frame of Mind and Says he Has No Kick Coming.

WANTS ANOTHER ROUND

Bets \$5,000 Even Money That he Can Whip Wolgast if He is Given Another Chance.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 26.—"I haven't a single kick coming. All I want is another chance. I expect to rest up for a while and in May or June will be ready to meet Wolgast again. If Ad is not ready by that time I will take on Johnny Thompson, or some of those other boys who think I am now a dead one and that they can trim me." This was the statement made by Battling Nelson to a crowd of several hundred persons who gave him an ovation when his train reached this city tonight. The crowd nearly mobbed the battler, indicating that Nelson, ex-champion, is more of a hero than was Nelson, champion.

"Gee, I'd have let some trim me earlier, if I knew I'd get this kind of a reception after a defeat," grinned Bat, as he surveyed the crowd. He still showed the effects of Tuesday's milling, but retained his old-time confidence.

Nelson repeated his offer to bet Wolgast \$5,000 even money that he could whip the new champion when they would meet again.

"That's all rot about Wolgast wanting the light-weight limit reduced to 130 pounds, I can make 133 ring-side now easier than he can and I couldn't fight at all at 130. Wolgast is getting bigger all the time and it will not be long before he will be wanting to fight at 140 instead of 130."

"At that, I believe I could make 133 and beat Wolgast's head off, if he made the same weight."

DESERTING TAR IS RELEASED

Served Ten Years and Was the Only One Serving for the Charge.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Fred Baker, the only prisoner in the navy serving sentence for desertion in time of war, has been released by the department after being confined for ten years in the military prison at San Quentin, Calif. The decision amounts to a commutation of a life sentence to fifteen years, the time having been reduced by Baker for good behavior. Baker enlisted in the marines from Pennsylvania and while serving in the Philippines aboard the Charleston, slipped away and joined the "Insurrectos."

INFERNAL MACHINE BLEW UP INVENTOR

Man Lost Three Fingers by the Child of His Own Invention.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—An infernal machine exploded tonight in the apartment occupied by Leonard Bartolino, and its maker had three of his fingers blown off. The report of the bomb threw fifteen families into a panic and it was some time before quiet was restored in the neighborhood. When the explosion occurred he was seen running from the house and the police are unable to locate him. When they entered the house they found the kitchen wrecked. The windows had been blown out and the table at which the man was supposed to have manufactured the bomb was split into pieces.

PAULHAN QUILTS AEROPLANE FLIGHTS

Wright Brothers Injunction Causes Him to Cancel All American Contracts.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Feb. 26.—Louis Paulhan, the noted French aviator, was compelled to cancel agreement for flights here Saturday, Sunday and Monday following the receipt of a message from New York confirming the injunction secured by the Wright Brothers forbidding him to use a biplane in flights in America. Injunction papers say Paulhan is infringing on Wrights patents and demands he deposit \$3,000 for each day's flights. This Paulhan refuses to do. He left tonight for New York and says he will fly no more until the litigation is settled. This cancels Paulhan's engagement at Dallas also.

MANY STRIKES ARE HOPED FOR

Strikes and Spares at the National Bowling Congress Which Opened Up Last Night in Detroit.

ARE ON 14 NEW ALLEYS

Larger Attendance Than Ever and the Meeting Promises to be an Eventful One in the Sport.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 26.—Despite a cold drizzling rain, the local bowling world augmented by alley enthusiasts from a dozen outside cities here tonight witnessed the opening of the American bowling "gress tournament on especially constructed alleys. What the crowd lacked in numbers was made up in enthusiasm as the opening ceremonies were gone through and the first balls were rolled off.

Officers of the national bowling organization were here to welcome the visiting contestants as they arrived. Tonight's card was made up of 14 local five-man teams. The first out of town team to roll will be tomorrow evening when the Cleveland Press team goes on with eleven Detroit five-man teams. Tomorrow the bowling will be light but beginning with Monday toe 14 alleys will be in use from 8 to 18 hours every day until the end of the tournament.

Three hundred and forty teams are entered, or 75 more than at Pittsburgh last year. A total of \$25,000 in prizes will be distributed in 700 portions, ranging from \$800 down. Eighteen thousand match games will be rolled, and the total attendance it is estimated will be 5,000.

The opening program started at 8 p. m. with an introduction of the bowlers by S. Tenney McGraw, president of the local bowling club. He was followed by Mayor Breitmeier, Governor Warner and President Bryson of the A. B. C.

That there will be no serious factional fight over the next administration of bowling clubs at its convention next week was indicated tonight with the arrival of Treasurer Frank L. Pasteloupe, of Chicago, with "Judge" Howard. Both expressed themselves as favoring the reelection of the present officers. These men control the Illinois Bowling Association which holds the balance of power.

President Bryson was all smiles. "The prospects far exceed my greatest expectation," he said. "This tournament shows that bowling is more popular and of more general interest than ever before."

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ACRIMONIOUS IS THE WORD

Representative Mann Makes a Caustic Remark While the Interstate Commerce Bill is Discussed.

DEMOCRATS WERE TIMID

Argument Was so Warm That They Offered to Withdraw and Let the Others Fight Alone.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—"Unfortunately for this bill, I believe there is some sort of a provision in the constitution that legislation shall be enacted at the capitol and not at the white house."

This remark by Representative Mann (rep., Ill.), chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, in executive session of committee with Attorney General Wickersham late today was made during a warm debate between the committee and that official on the administration's bill to amend the interstate commerce law. So acrimonious did the discussion become that the democratic members offered to withdraw to allow them to fight it out among themselves. "Every member of this committee is entitled to sit here and to offer amendments to this bill as long as I am chairman," said Chairman Mann, with some heat.

Mann needs the democratic votes of the committee to defeat the administration or to tack some of the amendments embodied in the bill, he had himself introduced. His chief objections are the commerce court and the stock and bond regulation features and he frankly told the attorney general today that he was suspicious because of alleged jokers in the bill.

There are eighteen members of the committee, six being democrats. The six democrats with the four Mann republicans, gives Mann ten votes to eight, a majority of two against the administration's bill.

According to those who attended today's meeting, the attorney general spent a somewhat uncomfortable afternoon. After he had been questioned at length about the possibility of the abuse of the court of commerce by the railroads and the charge that the stock feature of the bill would simply enable large receivers to shut off competition, Mr. Wickersham declared: "Why, gentlemen, this bill was prepared by myself after consultation with the interstate commerce commission and was carefully gone over by the president before he submitted it to congress. It is the wish of the president that this bill be enacted into law just as it stands as a fulfillment of pledges of the party of which he is the head." It was at this point that Mann interjected his caustic remark about the constitution. Representative Stafford called the attention of the attorney general to the fact that Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission had appeared before the house committee and had made some unfavorable criticisms concerning certain features of the administration bill.

Motor Boat Show Closed. [Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The National motor boat show closed tonight at Madison Square garden. The attendance was over 20,000 more than at any previous exhibition.

Touchard Wins Match.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Gustave M. Touchard, of the Harlem Tennis club, won the national indoor club championship in the courts of the Seventh regiment armory this afternoon, after a hard-fought battle with R. A. Holden, the Yale crack. Touchard won three in five sets.

THE WEATHER.

For Iowa: Fair Sunday; colder in east and warmer in northwest portion; Monday warmer. Missouri—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair and warmer. For Illinois: Rain, followed by clearing and colder; Monday colder.

Local Observations.

KEOKUK, Feb. 26.—Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 26, 7 a. m., 29.88 40 S Rain 26, 7 p. m., 29.97 34 NW Lt. snow Rainfall for past twenty-four hours: 48 hundredths inch. River: Frozen. Feb. 26.—Mean temperature, 38 degrees; maximum, 42; minimum, 24.

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