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### BRITISH SEAMEN THREATEN TO STRIKE WEDNESDAY AND TIE-UP MAURETANIA

Local Representative of Union Expected Orders From London Calling Out Employees. AMERICANS TO FOLLOW. Coast Sailors Make Demands and If Refused They Will Quit Their Posts.

No cablegram was received here today ordering a strike of the members of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Unions of Great Britain in an attempt to tie up transatlantic traffic and force a compliance with the men's demands, but Matthew Tarle, secretary of the American Branch with headquarters at No. 3 State street, insisted that it would be received in time to prevent the sailing of the Mauretania on Wednesday if the demands of the men are not immediately granted.

On the heels of the impending possibility of a strike comes the news of the filing of grievances by the American Coast Seamen's Union which comprises in its membership the crews of the coast steamers flying the American flag as well as the crews of the American line. If these demands are not granted or referred to an arbitration board a strike of American seamen will be called, according to Secretary G. H. Brown of No. 11 South street, who adds that this movement has nothing in common with the dispute between the British seamen and their employers.

Will Hold Up Mauretania. The cablegram ordering a strike which Mr. Tarle is expecting will, he says, be sent by the National Committee which has been conducting the negotiations in London and which has already decided upon a strike. "When it is received," he added, "every man on the Mauretania, from the stewards to the stokers, will walk out. Other ships now in port which might be affected by such a strike if their crews decided to obey the order are the Oceanic, due to sail on Wednesday, and the Cedric, the Calceola and the Minnehaha, due to sail on Saturday. The demands of the British sailors cover a number of points. They want a minimum wage scale established, the creation of a non-inflation board to settle disputes, the abolition of medical examinations by company physicians, the right to skip over a portion of their wages in a foreign port, a readjustment of hours and the improvement of forecastle conditions. All have been refused by the International Shipping Federation, which comprises all of the companies engaged in transatlantic traffic under the British flag.

Not a Sympathy Strike. Secretary Brown of the American Coast Seamen's Union, in discussing the impending strike, said:

### FIVE ACES IN DECK CAUSES MURDER OF 3 IN POKER GAME

Beaten on Discovery of Fraud, Cheating Player Shoots Four From Ambush.

KITATTINNY, Pa., May 22.—Discovery of five aces in a poker game at Kaylor, a mining town, led to the killing of three men and the wounding of another in a battle by the assassin with a mob that sought to kill him. One of the men slain was a brother of the murderer, Dick Sentic, who escaped and is now being hunted among the hills.

Those killed are Charles Sentic, Andrew Brattis and his brother Rocco Leopold Brattis. The injured man is Walter Spiller, who was shot through the body. He cannot recover. The shooting followed a hearing administered to Dick Sentic after the alleged discovery of five aces in the cards with which the men had been playing. Brattis dealt the cards and to his brother dealt an ace. Rocco Brattis, on the draw, drew one card and filled a royal flush of spades. Dick Sentic drew two cards, and when the show-down came, he spread out four aces. Brattis, with his royal flush, claimed the pot, and as he reached for the money Dick Sentic shouted "Not so fast" and also reached for the money. The cards were examined and one of the aces found in Sentic's hand did not match the deck. The back of the card was of a different design.

A fight started and the four men attacked Dick Sentic, throwing him from the house finally. Standing across the creek from the house where the game had been in progress, it is alleged, he waited until the men came within range. One of the men walked near the open door for a drink and while he was drawing beer from the keg, Sentic, it is claimed, took him from his concealment and fired. Three others rushed to his side, and Dick kept repeating, killing the three men and wounding the fourth. The four men dropped in a heap, one on another.

A posse of miners was hastily organized, and at an early hour today Sentic had been trailed to the entrance of an abandoned mine near here. It is believed that he has taken refuge inside, and a guard is maintained over the shaft.

ELECTRIC PARK RESULTS. FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up; selling; about six and one-half furlongs.—Felix, 45 (Hanover), 2 to 5, out and out, first; Lancing Eyes, 19 (Pohank), 3 to 1, even and 1 to 1, second; Fair Atlanta, 10 (Estep), 8 to 1, 7 to 5 and 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:27. Aphrodite, and Solon Shingle also ran and finished as runners.

### RICH FRENCHMAN FLEES TO CANADA WITH GOVERNESS

Tried to Leave Impression of Suicide in Seine—Detained on Landing in Quebec. TRIUMPH FOR WIRELESS. French Detectives Duplicated the Manner of Procedure in Famous Crippen Case.

QUEBEC, May 22.—The mystery of the disappearance of M. d'Abbadie of Evreux, France, whose overcoat and some other personal effects were found on a bridge over the River Seine in Paris two weeks ago, was solved here to-day when M. d'Abbadie, a tall, handsome man of fifty, and petite Helen Benoit, formerly a governess in his family, stepped ashore from the Canadian Pacific steamship Manitoba. They admitted their identity and were held by the authorities to await definite instructions from France.

All France has been agitated about the disappearance of M. d'Abbadie, a man of affairs in his community. The best detective talent in Paris went to work on the case when outward signs indicated that M. d'Abbadie had thrown himself into the Seine. The detectives abandoned the suicide theory when they learned something about Helen Benoit.

Wireless Made Them Known. For the last five days the eyes of France have been on the steamship Manitoba, which sailed from Liverpool May 12, just as the eyes of the English speaking world were on the ship bearing Dr. Crippen and Ebel Leneve to this port last summer. As in the Crippen case, the fingers of the wireless telegraph had stretched out over the sea to a vessel in mid-ocean and unearthed a man and a woman who were unconscious of the fact that their real identity was known.

M. d'Abbadie was probably the leading citizen of Evreux, a pillar of the church, a man of great wealth, as wealth goes in France, an apparently kind husband and an indulgent father. His business required him to make frequent trips to Paris, where he stopped at the home of a relative. Helen Benoit was a governess in M. d'Abbadie's family two years. She was treated as one of the family. About a month ago she announced her intention of going to Canada and living with her brother in the Province of Quebec. She confided to some intimate friends in Evreux that she was to sail from Belfast, Ireland, on the Manitoba on May 12.

Miss Benoit went to Paris from Evreux. M. d'Abbadie had business in Paris. He left his country home on the afternoon and the next morning his overcoat, neatly folded, his hat and his cane were found on a bridge over the Seine. Business cards and other evidences of identification were found in the pockets of the coat. "Cherchez la Femme." "Why," asked the detectives, "should the rich, handsome, happy M. d'Abbadie commit suicide?" The natural answer was, "Cherchez la femme."

They searched for the woman and found that Helen Benoit had met M. d'Abbadie in Paris. They wired to Liverpool and Belfast and found that the name of Helen Benoit was not on the passenger list of the Manitoba. But they found from the Canadian Pacific agency in Paris that two tickets had been sold for passage to Quebec on the Manitoba in the name of a man and woman who had registered as man and wife in certain Paris hotels where M. d'Abbadie and Miss Benoit were known to have stayed. They called themselves Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wye.

The Manitoba was out in mid-Atlantic when the information had been assembled and arranged. The wireless telegraph was invoked. Messages were sent to the Manitoba, and replies came to the effect that a tall, handsome man, answering in every detail to the description of M. d'Abbadie, and a petite young woman, answering to the description of Helen Benoit, were passengers on board, traveling under the name of the couple who had bought steamship tickets in Paris.

### Mother and One of the Children Who Died in a Suicide Pact



### TO TRY LORIMER ON NEW CHARGES BEFORE SENATE

Regular Republicans Supported by Democrats in Moving to Take Up Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A resolution calling for a prompt and sweeping inquiry into new charges against Senator Lorimer of Illinois, based upon the demand of the Illinois State Senate that the case be reopened, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Dillingham, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Under the rules the resolution lies over for six days.

The Dillingham resolution, which is in the nature of a substitute for the La Follette resolution naming a special committee of new Senators to take up the inquiry, unquestionably will be adopted by the Senate. The Democratic Senators will support this resolution. The Democrats, at a caucus, decided in favor of a resolution directing the inquiry by the regular Senate committee.

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### COHALAN SURE OF JUSTICESHIP ON DIX'S PROMISE

Indorsements Would Compel Even If He Didn't Know the Man, Says Governor.

ALBANY, May 22.—"The character and the fervor of Mr. Cohalan's indorsement were of such a nature that, without regard to party affiliations and if I had never known the man, I should have felt constrained to act on them." Gov. Dix made this statement to-day when he was asked as to reports that there would be a hitch in the confirmation of Daniel P. Cohalan to be Justice of the Supreme Court in place of James A. O'Donnovan who was elected United States Senator. It is now believed that Cohalan's nomination will be confirmed tonight with practically no opposition.

Gov. Dix will send to the Senate tonight the nomination of Col. Joseph P. Smith of Kansas as State Superintendent of Prisons.

### THIEF WITH PISTOL READY TO SHOOT O'REILLY IN CAB

Accused Lawyer Takes Witness Stand and Tells of Return of Bancroft Securities. MAKES A FULL DENIAL. Never Had Bonds in His Possession and Did Not Share in the Reward.

Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly took the witness stand to-day before Justice Vernon M. Davis in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court where he is on trial on an indictment charging him with receiving stolen goods, the "goods" being the \$27,000 securities stolen from Broker Aaron Bancroft.

Before the lawyer took the stand several more witnesses had testified to his good character. When O'Reilly took the stand he said he was born in this city forty-one years ago and had been admitted to the bar in 1892 and had been a Deputy Assistant District Attorney. He was married eighteen years ago and lived with his wife and children.

Coming down to the charge against him, he said that on March 1 a man to whom he had been introduced as Francis, but who is really Plass, and a man named Brown came to his office and said they could get hold of the missing securities. He called up Dougherty, the Pinkerton superintendent, and spoke to him about it.

Talk With Dougherty. "Now go on and tell about your talk with Dougherty," Mr. Levy prompted. "Well," said O'Reilly, "Dougherty told me he had been working on the case. He said the Bancrofts wanted the bonds, but didn't care about getting the thieves. I said: 'Well, Dougherty, if they don't want to arrest the thieves I wish my hands of the whole affair.'"

"The next day Dougherty came to my office and I told him I would have nothing to do with the matter unless I was retained by Sullivan to act in the interest of himself and the Bancrofts. In half an hour he came and told me that Sullivan had agreed to retain me at \$50 to secure the return of the stock to the Bancrofts. Dougherty called and calling Plass to his office to see Sullivan.

"Did you introduce Plass as Smith?" Levy asked. "I did not. I introduced him as Francis, the only name I knew at the time." Q. Did you ever tell Plass you could dispose of the stock through Banker Clark? A. I did not. Q. Did you ever help or offer to help secure the stock? A. I did not. I never knew where the stock was.

### TWO CHILDREN DIE WITH THEIR MOTHER IN GRIEF FOR PAPA

Bodies of Mrs. Gesene Schroeder, Her Ten-Year-Old Daughter and Twelve-Year-Old Son Found Asphyxiated.

### CLOTHES FOR BURIAL PLACED NEAR THE BED.

Woman Leaves Letter Explaining the Agreement to Die Together and Giving Directions for Funeral.

Mrs. Gesene Schroeder, a widow, her son, Henry, aged twelve, and her daughter, May, aged ten, were found dead to-day lying side by side on a bed in the apartment where they had lived at No. 134 Coffey street, Brooklyn. They had been killed by illuminating gas. Judging by the physical evidences in the room and by the contents of a farewell message which the mother left, the tragedy was the result of a deliberate compact into which the despondent, half-crazed woman had induced her children to join her.

Eighteen months ago the husband and father, whose name was Henry, died of consumption. He left his wife life insurance to the amount of \$2,000, and the interest from this, together with what money she derived from her housework and from renting two of her rooms to lodgers enabled Mrs. Schroeder to care for her little household. But she never rallied from her grief at losing the bread winner. The little girl suffered from a chronic heart trouble which made an invalid of her. The boy wasn't strong either.

There was a picnic of the neighbors yesterday. One of her fellow tenants urged Mrs. Schroeder and her children to go. The mother declined, saying none of them felt equal to the trip. Among those who went on the picnic was Mrs. Anna Maas of No. 203 Van Brunt street, a cousin of Mrs. Schroeder's dead husband. In this morning's mail Mrs. Maas received a letter which Mrs. Schroeder had evidently posted late yesterday afternoon. Translated from the German this letter read in part as follows:

"I am almost out of my mind. My little girl is not feeling good either. She is crying all the time and she would rather die with her mamma than stay here. Henry feels the same. I have written to my mother in Germany that I am not feeling good and have made my will. Mr. Maas and Mr. Pope (another cousin by marriage) will take charge of my money and send it to my mother. I bury us very plainly. I have always lived right, but nobody knows what it is to be alone. I give my children in God's care. We have all been in agony as long as we can stand it. It is terrible to be torn from the husband you love."

Directions for Funeral. Then follow some minute directions for the burial and the disposal of the children's belongings. Asking the forgiveness of her kinpeople for the trouble she would cause them, Mrs. Schroeder wound up by saying that the key to her apartment would be found under a door-mat in the hall. Mrs. Maas read the letter and hurried off to Coffey street. On the way she met Policeman Hanley of the Hamilton avenue station and he accompanied her. The key wasn't where Mrs. Schroeder had said it would be, but another tenant had a key which fitted the lock and Hanley opened the door. The whole place was full of the fumes that had escaped from a dozen open gas jets. Hanley muffled his face in his coat while he was shutting off the flow and opening windows. Then when the air had cleared he started through the flat.

The victims were found on a bed in the kitchen. The children, lying side by side in peaceful attitudes, were in their night garments. The mother, fully dressed, was stretched beside them. Laid out on chairs was the clothing for the burial of the three. Dr. Schuyler, who came from the Long Island College Hospital with an ambulance, said they had all been dead since some time last evening. As the undertaker's men were bearing the bodies away, Mrs. Maas recalled that this was the little girl's tenth birthday.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Owing to rain the game between the New York Americans and White Sox was declared off.

HILLTOP GAME OFF.

### RESUME

Last Week The World Printed—  
10,345 MORE "HELP WANTED" ADS.—  
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101 MORE "FINANCIAL ADS.—  
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78 MORE "HORSE & CARRIAGE" ADS.—

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