

FIREMEN MAY STRIKE.

TROUBLE ON D. L. AND W.

Workers on "Camel Back" Locomotives Want More Pay.

The firemen on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western system threaten a strike on the road if conditions affecting 639 firemen on what is known as the "camel back" locomotives are not modified.

The ordinary locomotives are not modified. The engines are so large and powerful, and the firemen say that to fire them requires more work than on any other kind of locomotive.

W. Wilson, first vice-grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, arrived here yesterday with the firemen's grievance committee.

On the "camel back" locomotives the engineers are paid the middle of the locomotive, and the firemen are paid the top of the locomotive.

President Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, refused to talk on the subject yesterday.

A conference took place between Mr. Truesdale, first vice-grand master of the grievance committee, and the firemen's grievance committee.

SUICIDE OF STOWAWAY.

Files Through Fetters, Breaks Lock and Jumps Overboard.

As the Italian liner Liguria, which arrived here yesterday, was plunging along against heavy head seas on the evening of January 3, the lookout saw a man rush up from the steerage compartment and leap over the rail into the sea.

The man who jumped overboard was Pasquale Lupo, a stowaway, who had been found in a coal bunker three days after the Liguria had sailed from Genoa.

Mr. Lupo was greatly disheartened and wept when he was discovered. He told one of the sailors that he would never see him again on the Liguria.

WEDDING NOTICE.

New-Orleans Girl, Though Sent to Europe, True to Sweetheart.

New-Orleans, Jan. 10.—Though Miss Myrtle Celestine Stauffer, daughter of a wealthy merchant, was sent to Europe for a year in the hope that she would forget Albert Schwartz, her sweetheart, the couple were secretly married last night in one of the Catholic churches here.

Neither Mr. Schwartz, who is a University of Pennsylvania graduate, and played football on the football team, nor Miss Stauffer expected to be married so suddenly. They simply met downtown and were married.

MISSOURI SUIT MAY DROP.

Fight with New-York Life Insurance Company Likely to Be Compromised.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 10.—It is probable that an agreement will be reached by which the injunction brought against him by the New-York Life Insurance Company will be dismissed.

WANT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Marine Hospital Service Attacked at Meeting of Doctors.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Legislative Council of the American Medical Association to-day adopted resolutions recommending that a Department of Public Health be established, with a representative cabinet; the repeal of the canton law; government control of wandering convalescents; the establishment of sanatoriums where they could be cared for by the government; the regulation of the practice of medicine at Hot Springs, La.; and speaking the influence of the medical profession in securing uniform State laws regulating the manufacture and sale of patented and proprietary medicines, and asking the government to exclude from the interstate commerce all remedies the constituents of which are kept secret.

JUDGE PAYNTER ELECTED SENATOR.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—The Senate and House to-day elected Judge Paynter to the United States Senate, to succeed Senator J. C. Blackburn.

ACTRESS GOES INSANE.

Spent Night in Chamber of Horrors on Bet.

The young woman who was brought to the house of Dr. Thomas M. Acken, No. 267 West 45th-st., at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, suffering from loss of memory and in a hysterical condition, by two unknown men, who left before Dr. Acken could get their addresses, was identified last night by J. P. Callan, stage manager of "The Babes and the Baron."

The young woman, Callan says, is Miss Mabel Wilbur, who plays "The Babes and the Baron" at the Lyric Theatre. Callan says she is "The Babes and the Baron" at the Lyric Theatre.

It is said the wager was brought about by a mouse walking out on the stage Tuesday evening. Miss Wilbur screamed, and the stage manager reprimanded her severely, saying she might have caused a panic in the audience by her "cowardly" act.

The stage manager did not believe that she would, but when she did not appear for the second act and was not present at the matinee yesterday the manager began to get uneasy.

The girl taken to Dr. Acken's, as was reported in the evening papers, might be Miss Wilbur, until information was obtained from the Eden Musee that a woman had been elected from there late the night before.

The girl was still in bed, unable to speak except to say "yes" or "no," and still mentally hazy. But she visibly brightened when Mr. Callan entered. He identified her as Miss Wilbur.

Dr. Acken said last night that she would probably recover. She was not under the influence of any drug, nor of alcohol, he said, when she was brought to his office.

Dr. Acken's account of the men who brought her to him is not clear. His bell rang at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, he says, and, on going to the door, two men, dressed in automobile clothes, pushed the girl into his office.

It is the doctor's theory that the men left the girl in order not to be connected with the case, the nature of which he did not know.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES ELDRIDGE.

Charles Eldredge, second President of the Village of Rye and the second to die while holding office, died at his home in Grace Church-st., Rye, yesterday.

Mr. Eldredge was a son of the late Charles N. Eldredge, and was born in New York in 1851. He was graduated from Columbia and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New-York.

FRANKLIN MOORE.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Franklin Moore, employed in the Pension Office, died here to-day. Mr. Moore was eighty-eight years old, and had served forty-two years in the Pension Office.

MISS CORNELIA R. VAN RENSSLAER.

New-Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 10.—Miss Cornelia Rutzen Van Rensselaer died this morning at Inwood, the home of her niece, Mrs. Alan Hartwell Strong, in this city. She had been ill for three months with pneumonia.

GENERAL WILLIAM P. BUCKLEY.

Lancaster, N. H., Jan. 10.—General William P. Buckley, one of the most prominent lawyers in New-Hampshire, died at his home here to-day from pneumonia. He was forty-one years old.

MAURICE DWIGHT COLLIER.

Maurice Dwight Collier, a well known lawyer of this city, died yesterday at his home, No. 8 East 48th-st., after a brief illness. He was sixty years old. He was a commissioner of the Board of Education in the administration of Mayor Low, and at one time was mentioned for the presidency of the State Bar Association.

TO ANSWER PHILADELPHIA CRITICS.

Washington, Jan. 10.—In answer to the Philadelphia critics who allege discriminations in appropriations for river and harbor work, the River and Harbor Committee of the House is preparing a statement to be issued to-morrow showing the depths of channels attained and the amount of money appropriated for work at the port of New-York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore in the last twenty-five years.

DECARU'S HARD FIGHT.

LOSES JEOPARDY, PLEA.

Marzoni's Objections Will Affect Future Court Martial.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 10.—The most notable feature of the series of hazing court martials now going on in the Academy is the cadaveric feat which is being made by Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., to stay in the Academy.

Another fight was made on the question of whether or not Marzoni, a first class man, could be compelled to take part in the hazing.

The charges in the recent Midshipman Marzoni had objected to answering questions to hazing, which, it is alleged, had gone on before him.

The first witness on the stand after recess was Midshipman Gaylord Church, of Meadville, Penn., whose alleged hazing was the basis of a specification in Decatur's former trial.

It is expected that all of the cases yet to be tried will contain a charge and specification relative to "encouraging or countenancing hazing."

TO CHECK WHISTLE NUISANCE.

Secretary Metcalf Promises Revenue Cutter to Keep Captains in Order.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Federal action will be taken promptly to stop the whistle nuisance in New-York Harbor, of which residents of Riverside Drive in particular and nearly everybody near the waterfront complain.

The action is to be taken on the advice of the Steamboat Inspection Service, which requested that steamboat captains might prohibit whistles under the penalty of "misbehavior" on the part of masters of licensed vessels.

PRESIDENT BEFRIENDS USER.

Former Pullman Conductor Going to New-Mexico to Save His Life.

Washington, Jan. 10.—William Johnson, one of the men at the White House, is to be sent to Fort Stanton, N. M., by order of the President. He will be appointed to a clerkship in the War Department at probably the same salary he is receiving in Washington.

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Blinding Smoke Turns Minneapolis Hotel Into Death Trap.

Minneapolis, Jan. 10.—Eight dead of suffocation or of injuries sustained in leaping from a "fireproof" hotel building, a score injured, and a building damaged \$25,000 by fire, smoke and water, tell the story of the disaster which befell the West Hotel, Hennepin-ave. and 5th-st., to-day, throwing seven hundred guests and employes into a panic.

The fire was confined to the elevator shaft and the top two floors in one corner of the building, but a dense smoke pervaded everywhere.

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There was so much smoke that guests, the moment a door was opened, were compelled to crawl on their hands and knees to avoid suffocation.

NEW ADDICKS SPLIT.

Stalwarts Ask Hayes to Resign from State Committee.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 10.—Another big fight has developed in the Republican ranks in this State, thus making the middle more complex than ever.

The Stalwart members of the Union Republican State Committee to-day presented a petition to Governor Hays, a well known lawyer of Wilmington.

Mr. Hays, who is a member of the committee because he is a member of the State committee, has been formerly Addicks's personal counsel.

IVINS ON POLITICS.

Says Taking Office for Mere Money in It Is Dishonesty.

William Ivins, in an address last night at the anniversary meeting of the West Side Young Men's Christian Association in Carnegie Hall, blasted the election law for election frauds.

Mr. Ivins said that a man has no right to take office for mere money, and that it is dishonesty to do so.

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ALMOST A RIOT.

Police Seize Stock of Shoe Dealer—One Hurt.

Middleton, N. Y., Jan. 10.—One man was injured and a general riot narrowly averted to-day when deputy sheriffs and police seized the stock of Vuolo Brothers, shoe dealers in North-st., under an order from Justice G. C. Holt, United States District Court, who holds that the goods were obtained under false pretences.

There are five Vuolo brothers, who conduct two shoe stores in this city and one in Cochen, N. Y.

BANKERS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR.

Ask Him to Favor Bill Requiring Trust Companies to Maintain Reserve.

Albany, Jan. 10.—Charles Aist, of Hornellsville; E. C. MacDougall, of Buffalo, and E. O. Eldridge, of Oswego, a committee representing the New-York State Bankers' Association, called on Governor Higgins to-day and asked him to favor the passage of a bill requiring trust companies to maintain a reserve fund.

C. C. AND L. MAY SUE MORGAN.

President Bradford Still Threatening to Take Warlike Action.

W. A. Bradford, Jr., president of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville, who is now in the West, continues his warlike declaration against J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP INQUIRY.

The public ownership commission of the Civic Federation appointed some time ago on account of the agitation for municipal ownership throughout the country held a five-hour conference in the Park Avenue Hotel yesterday, at which final arrangements were made for an investigation.

SIMONDS SAW COMPANY IN MERGER.

Announcement was made yesterday that the Simonds Manufacturing Company, with factories at Fitchburg, Mass., and the Canada Saw Company, of Montreal, St. John's, Ottawa and Toronto, had merged.

TO CHANGE NAME OF STEAMER.

The steamer Mexico, recently purchased from the Ward Line by the Panama Line, will sail for Colon next Saturday under a new name.

SALE OF HOLZMAN SEAT REGULAR.

Cincinnati, Jan. 10.—The claim of W. J. Odell to the Holzman seat in the New-York Stock Exchange was denied by United States District Judge Thompson late yesterday.

M. K. AND T. BOND RUMOR.

The rumor is again current, and is credited in trustworthy quarters, that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is preparing to make an issue of equipment bonds amounting to \$4,000,000 to relieve the company of the need of taking care of outstanding earnings of notes amounting to \$4,381,336.

A SUGGESTION TO ZIONISTS.

London, Jan. 11.—"The Morning Post" prints an article this morning suggesting that the Zionists purchase from Mexico for the formation of a Jewish State the strip of territory terminating in California, in which it was proposed in 1882 to found an Irish-American Republican Association.

PRIOR'S FIRM SUSPENDS.

Checks Could Not Pass Clearing House—Conflicting Rumors.

Cleveland, Jan. 10.—Formal announcement of the suspension of the firm of Denison, Prior & Co., investment bankers and brokers, was made on the floor of the Cleveland Stock Exchange this morning.

Secretary Wade of the Cleveland Stock Exchange made an official statement to-day concerning the suspension of Denison, Prior & Co., in which he says that their failure on the Cleveland exchange is a mere technicality of adding by the rules, and that there is absolutely no possibility of any firm or member of the exchange being in any way in the slightest degree involved or suffering any loss.

Following reports that the suicide of Leland W. Prior was due to disastrous dealings, involving practically all of his own fortune, if not the firm's capital, and the margin placed by customers, many rumors as to losses incurred by the last named were in circulation to-day.

One had it that Mr. Prior had represented a pool composed of Cleveland men in copper transactions involving more than 15,000 shares. Profits of something like \$15 a share, or at least \$200,000 in the aggregate, were sacrificed by the suspension of the firm, according to this story.

According to Chairman Newcomb of the bankers' committee, which is investigating the books of the firm, it will require several days before the extent of the firm's affairs can be ascertained. The offices of the firm remained closed to-day.

Leland W. Prior had been a member of the New-York Stock Exchange since 1901. His firm, Denison, Prior & Co., had several correspondents here, the principal ones being E. C. Randolph and C. I. Hudson & Co. It was said here to-day that the firm was one of the largest in the Middle West.

In regard to the report that Mr. Prior killed himself because of his private speculation, the existing could be learned here, but the idea was generally discounted.

PRIOR CHARGED WITH BUCKETING.

Suicide Followed Stock Exchange Investigation—Rockefeller's Brother Lost Heavily.

Cleveland, Jan. 10.—It was learned to-night that Leland W. Prior, of the brokerage firm of Denison, Prior & Co., who committed suicide in the Hollenden Hotel yesterday, was before the governing board of the New-York Stock Exchange a week ago for an investigation for bucketing orders.

A meeting of the representatives of the firm followed on Tuesday, when an accounting was to be had. Prior killed himself, it is reported, because of the loss of \$400,000, for which they received nothing. The goods had disappeared, but were found in the stores and cellars of the other brothers.

WAR ON ARMOUR CARS.

Commission Merchants to Aid Chicago Man to Prosecute Case.

Milwaukee, Jan. 10.—The National League of Commission Men declared war to-day on the Armour private car line. It was announced in the convention that Armour had sent word to the Chicago commission men that he had better get out of business. The alternative was financial ruin.

SOME HEIRS TO GET TWO DOLLARS.

One Hundred and Seventy-six Persons to Share Estate of Miss Elizabeth Williams.

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 10.—At a hearing before the Surrogate of Orange County, it was brought out that there were 176 heirs to the small estate left by Miss Elizabeth Williams, of this city.

WOULD PROHIBIT BABY EXCLUSION.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Representative William L. Newton, of South Boston, has attempted a solution of the race suicide problem, and has offered a bill to prohibit landlords of the State refusing to rent houses or tenements to families with children.

JAPANESE PACIFIC SERVICE.

Tokyo, Jan. 10.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is ready to resume its Pacific service across the Pacific with the steamers Kanagawa and the Shinano.

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