



TRANSATLANTIC LINES PREPARING FOR STRIKE

Taking Measures to Fight Union Longshoremen in Big Tie-Up for Highest Pay.

ULTIMATUM TURNED DOWN

Big Disturbance After New Year's Expected—Labor Men Say Strike Decision Waits on Committee's Report.

It was learned yesterday that the big steamship companies running to this port have been quietly preparing for some time for a threatened strike of the longshoremen on the first of the coming year.

The managers of the big companies went into conference soon after the ultimatum was delivered, and all agreed that they would not accede to the demands.

The steamship men understand that the first attempt of the strikers will be to tie up the big transatlantic lines in Manhattan, Hoboken, Jersey City and Brooklyn.

WILLING TO HAVE STRUGGLE NOW

The last longshoremen's strike here was called in May, 1907, and was marked by several weeks of violence and rioting.

The steamship companies have always maintained the open shop, and they say that they would have no trouble in getting men to work.

The association wanted 70 cents an hour or all work on Sundays, Christmas, Labor Day and the Fourth of July.

STIPULATED MEN TO HANDLE LOADS

Concessions were demanded also in the loads the men must carry. The demands included one that three men should be supplied to load a truck that was to carry more than 1,200 pounds.

The local union asked for 35 cents an hour for overtime, and the present schedule of 60 cents an hour for Sundays and Christmas, leaving out Labor Day and the Fourth of July.

A member of the union said yesterday: "We have sent a committee from our union to see the managers of the steamship companies and present our demands.

"Nobody can say what the men will do. There are lots of things to be considered. We have our families to take care of.

"We don't expect them to give in, but we will not get a positive report until New Year's. After that we will have to talk it over and decide what to do.

LIBERAL FOREIGN POLICY

"London Daily News" Forecasts Entente with U. S. and Germany.

London, Dec. 17.—The Liberal "Daily News" in an editorial this morning discusses an interesting side issue of the Parliamentary election.

"The Daily News" points to the recent speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the German Reichstag, made with the previous knowledge of Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary.

CAN'T HELP COMMUTERS

Commerce Commission Without Power to Require More Trains.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, in response to a complaint that sufficient trains are not run to and from New York City in the morning and evening hours to accommodate commuters, held that it had no authority to require the running of more trains.

WINS THREE-YEAR-OLD GAME

Policeman Victor in 100,000-Point Pool Contest by 164.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 16.—Michael F. Barrett, a member of the state police, and Horace N. Noyes, a local jeweler, have just completed a 100,000-point game of pool, which they have been playing for the last three years at Mr. Noyes's home in West Newbury.

Up to the last quarter of the match Mr. Barrett overcame his opponent's lead, and the two fought it out game by game to the end.

GET 31 YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Three Men Had Attacked Woman Lured to a Stable.

Three men who lured Myrtle Harding, of No. 352 West 15th street, to a stable at No. 89 Mangin street, where they assaulted and robbed her, were sentenced yesterday by Judge Malone, in General Sessions, to thirty-one years each in state prison.

Mr. John O'Brien, mother of two of the prisoners, and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, the wife of one of them, became hysterical when they heard the sentence.

AFTER EXPRESS COMPANIES

Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate Rates.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission in a letter to a well known Baltimore man has declared its intention of ordering within the next two weeks an investigation of the rates and charges of the express companies operating in the United States.

PLY LEGISLATORS WITH TEA

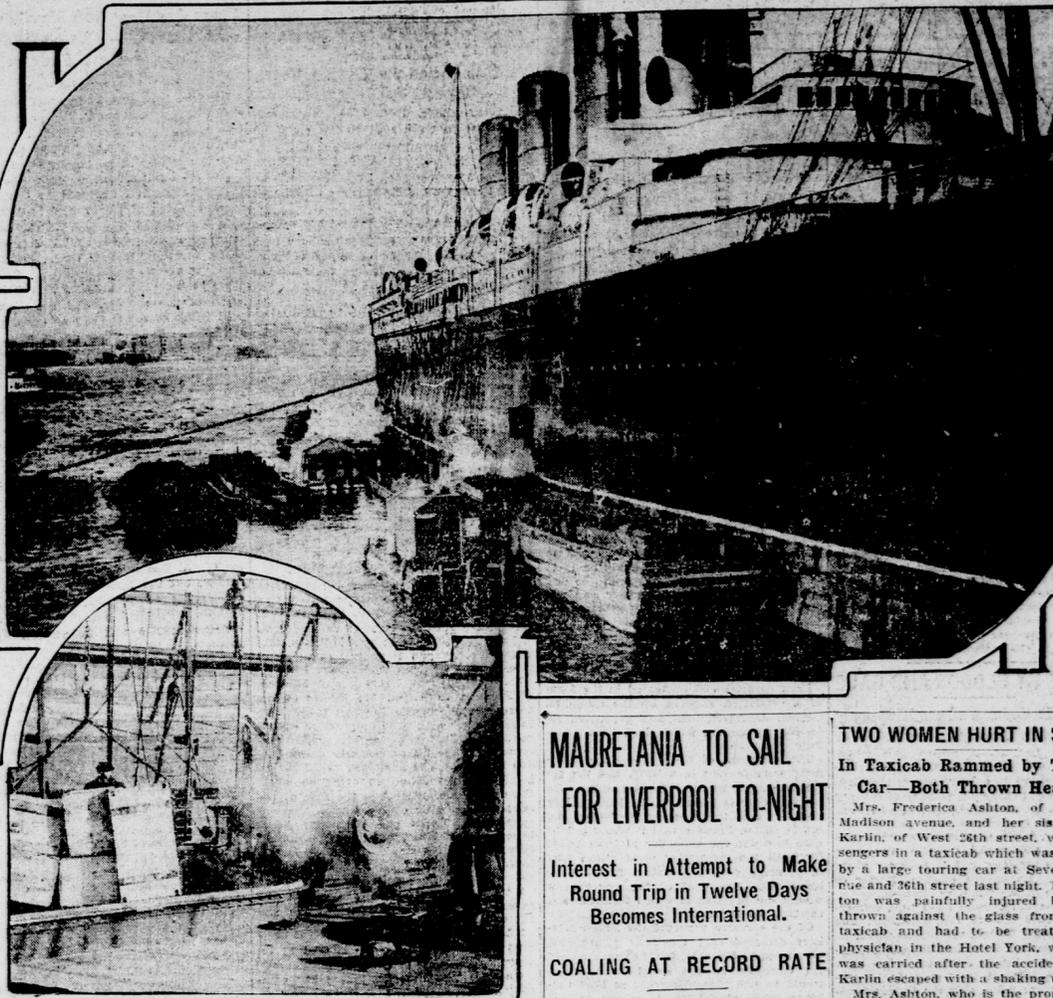
But Suffragists Get Only Non-Committal Remarks from Their Guests.

Three legislators—Thomas G. Patten, Congressman; Henry W. Pollock, State Senator; and Ashton Parker, Assemblyman—straddled the suffrage fence, neatly at a reception and tea given in their honor by Mrs. Frederick Nathan at her home, No. 362 West 86th street, yesterday.

Mr. Patten admitted that he was "open to conviction," and Mr. Pollock said that he was looking up the subject of woman suffrage in his spare moments, because he realized that it was one of the questions on which it would be mainly for him to take one side or the other.

"It is up to the Democratic party," said Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, in a brief speech, "to give women the vote in the State of New York."

COALING THE MAURETANIA FOR HER CHRISTMAS DASH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.



HOISTING THE PASSENGERS' TRUNKS FROM THE HOLD.

MAURETANIA TO SAIL FOR LIVERPOOL TO-NIGHT

Interest in Attempt to Make Round Trip in Twelve Days Becomes International.

COALING AT RECORD RATE

Gunard Officials Rush Work at Pier to Insure Return in Record Time—Heavy Mail and Many Passengers.

With her coal bunkers refilled, more than five thousand sacks of Christmas mail aboard and a full cabin passenger list, the swift Cunard liner Mauretania will be ready to start for merry old England at 6 o'clock to-night on her record-breaking holiday trip of twelve days from Liverpool and return.

EVIDENCES OF STORMY PASSAGE

The Mauretania showed signs of the heavy seas and high head winds encountered Monday afternoon a huge wave smashed off a section of the teakwood rail on the promenade deck forward.

IS DR. COOK HERE?

Suit Against Explorer to Recover Money for Lecture Tickets Dismissed.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—The suit for \$16 against Dr. Frederick Cook, erstwhile North Pole discoverer, filed by F. George Mohr, editor of a local trade journal, who paid perfectly good money for four tickets when Dr. Cook told Cincinnati all about the North Pole last year, was dismissed by Squire Myers to-day.

DR. COOK TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, whose story of his recent Arctic exploit appears to-day in next week's issue of the "Tribune," is expected to arrive in New York to-day.

HOLD UP OKLAHOMA BANK

Bandits Get Away with All the Money in Sight.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 16.—Three robbers held up J. P. Comer, cashier of the First State Bank, at the point of a revolver to-day, took all the money in sight and escaped. Citizens formed a posse to pursue the robbers.

ECONOMICAL HOUSE WOULD ABOLISH BATHS

Votes to Dismiss Attendants and Sell Fine Bathroom Fittings.

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MAY CHANGE ITS MIND

Three Clerks, for Whose Jobs Democrats Were Looking, Dropped from the Rolls—No Increase of Salaries.

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TWO WOMEN HURT IN SMASH

In Taxicab Rammed by Touring Car—Both Thrown Heavily.

Mrs. Frederica Ashton, of No. 1212 Madison avenue, and her sister, Miss Karin, of West 26th street, were passengers in a taxicab which was rammed by a large touring car at Seventh avenue and 36th street last night.

HARVARD TO FLY COLUMBIA

Universities Arrange for Meeting in the Air.

The first intercollegiate aviation contest will be held next spring between Harvard and Columbia at Belmont Park. The Harvard Aero Club sent a challenge for a gliding contest to the Columbia station of the aeronautical reserve recently, and the Columbia students have obtained the permission of the faculty committee on organizations to go ahead and arrange for the contest.

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El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—Federal troops were completely overthrown in an engagement lasting several hours at La Junta, a small town near Minaca, on the Mexican Northwestern and Orient railroads, according to information received by railroad officials here.

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At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the remnants of the federal troops, numbering 150, surrendered their arms and ammunition, and were allowed to depart in the direction of Chihuahua.

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The fight at La Junta is believed to be a continuation of the battle reported in the vicinity of San Andres on Thursday night.

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An effort was made to-day to run trains over the Mexican Northwestern into Chihuahua, but with what success cannot be learned. The railway officials say that the rebels are in complete control of the entire region, and that traffic is practically at a standstill.

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Abraham Gonzalez, a wealthy stock broker of Chihuahua, has been appointed provisional Governor of the State of Chihuahua by Francisco I. Madero, according to information brought here by Luther T. Ellisworth, American Consul at Ciudad Juarez.

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It is reported that Enrique Gorneros, son of a wealthy Chihuahua family, and an American friend named L. R. Wohlhim, were captured by bandits while on an automobile tour to Santa Clara, on Wednesday. It is asserted that the men are being held for a ransom of \$25,000.

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Other members, both Democrats and Republicans, offered facetious comments, but the economists were not to be turned from their purpose.

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There is no question that the House had a mighty economical streak to-day. In addition to abolishing the bathrooms and attendants, three clerks who for years have been preparing what is called a "digest of clauses," and who receive \$1,600 a year each, were disconnected from the payroll.

They are all Republicans, and an amusing feature of to-day's action is that a few good Democrats from various sections, who in the view of the control of the House by their party in the next Congress have been in Washington for the last week trying to annex the "digestion" jobs, are mighty

THE CUTTER GRESHAM SAVES THREE CREWS

Revenue Boat's Splendid Work in Nantucket Sound—Life-savers Rescue Several.

NEW ENGLAND WRECKS

Barge Sinks and Two Others, with Seven on Board, Are Reported Missing—Mariners Unprepared for Gale.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The northwest blizzard of last night and to-day brought disaster to shipping along the Massachusetts coast, and to-night four schooners were known to have been wrecked, another was in tow disabled, one barge had foundered and other barges were reported adrift and missing.

The vessels which paid the toll of the storm included the following: Schooner Thomas B. Garland, of Portsmouth, a total wreck on Great Point Bar, Nantucket; the crew was rescued early to-day by the Coskata lifesaving crew.

Schooner Abbie G. Cook, of Macdissi, stranded and waterlogged on Stone Horse Shoal, off Monomoy Point; the crew was rescued by the Gresham this morning when the Monomoy Point lifesavers found the sea too heavy to man their lifeboats.

Two-masted schooner N. E. Ayer, taken in tow by the Gresham off Old Harbor.

British schooner S. A. Fownes, ashore off Monomoy Point, the crew of which the Gresham took on board late to-day.

Schooner Abandoned Off Boston Light. The lumber-laden schooner Stephen G. Loud, abandoned thirty-three miles southeast of Boston Light; the crew was rescued this morning by the steamer A. W. Perry and brought here.

At Portsmouth, N. H., the three-masted schooner Annie F. Conlon, arrived to-day in a disabled condition, twenty-one days out from Philadelphia.

The barge Maywood, one of a tow of three behind the tug Margaret, foundered last night off Cape Cod. Her crew of four men were rescued. The other barges of the tow—the Scranton and the Binghamton, with crews of three and four men, respectively—are missing. One of the barges in tow of the tug Cumberland is also reported missing.

Anchorage ordinarily safe proved treacherous to vessels last night under the terrific strain of the northwest blizzard. The storm, heavily laden with snow, had been foreseen a day ahead, but mariners who had been without the aid of reports for several days were unprepared for the change from the mild southerly breeze of Wednesday to the gusty northwester of Thursday.

The disturbance was accompanied by such intense cold as to make most unhappy the lot of the shipwrecked seamen, but in these trying conditions the revenue cutter Gresham was busily engaged in her work of succor, and inside of twenty-four hours her crew, under Captain Ueberroth, had brought timely aid to various stricken craft.

At a late hour to-night the revenue cutter was on the way to Provincetown. She was off Highland Light, but with the wind still blowing a gale from the northwest and sea running high, it was thought unlikely that she would be able to make port much before daylight to-morrow.

With only one of the three barges with which she started from Baltimore for Boston in tow, the tug Cumberland, of Baltimore, anchored off Highland Light late to-day. One of the other barges is anchored off Nauset, while the whereabouts of the third is unknown. The barges which the Cumberland had in tow were Numbers 5, 12 and 24 of the Consolidated Coal Company, of Baltimore.

The Gresham's First Rescue. The rescue of the crew of the Abbie G. Cook was attended with great danger to the blue-jackets of the Gresham, who manned the cutter's surf boat and risked their lives to assist the shipwrecked seamen.

The Cole was thrown on the Stone Horse by last night's gale, and struck with terrific force three times. Her signals of distress were sighted by the Monomoy Point lifesavers, word of the vessel's plight was flashed by wireless to the Gresham, and during the forenoon the cutter reached the waterlogged craft.

The Gresham's surf boat was lowered and the perilous trip to the schooner was begun. Because of the immense size and the zero weather, the progress of the surf boat was attended by the greatest danger. Two trips between the Gresham and the Cole were made before all of the men on the schooner could be taken off. The schooner was abandoned as it was seen that she would be a total loss.

Half an hour later the Gresham was steaming to the aid of the Ayer, off Old Harbor. The Ayer was found to be in no danger of sinking, although helpless, and so with the Gresham went about the schooner the Gresham went about the schooner the Gresham went about the schooner.

Word of the loss of three coal barges was sent to the Gresham, by wireless to-night, and she was asked to keep a lookout for them on her way to Provincetown. To-morrow morning, after leaving her tow here, the Gresham will start in

A USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Selected Wines, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$95, \$100. D. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 128 Fulton St., N. Y. Advt.