

OBJECTS TO MATHIEN'S BAND.

IT UNDERBIDS PROFESSIONALS, SAYS ALEXANDER BREMER.

Head of the National League of Musicians Writes a Letter of Protest to Postmaster Van Cott—Denial by President of the Letter Carriers' Band.

The following "open" letter sent by Alexander Bremer, President of the National League of Musicians, to Postmaster Van Cott was received by Mr. Van Cott yesterday:

176 S. BROADWAY, N. Y. CITY.

DEAR SIR: As the President of the National League of Musicians, I desire to call attention to an unjust and unlawful preference by some of the employees of the Post Office of the letter carriers' band over the professional musicians and taxpayers of this community, and I ask your aid and assistance in this regard.

Important complaints are made to me that the letter carriers' band, an organization in this city composed of Post Office employees, is giving preference to its members over professional musicians by offering them contracts for furnishing music for the same number of engagements as stipulated and regulated by the laws and rules of their union.

On August 10, 1901, the letter carriers' band took part, and I have evidence in person that they were the cheapest, only receiving \$10 for twenty men, when professional bands have charged \$150 for the same number of men.

You will readily see the injustice practiced by the Government employees, men who are supported by taxpayers, are permitted to have preference over the professional musicians and taxpayers, and without any interference from the Government.

It is my duty to call attention to this matter, and I am sure that you will sympathize with the letter carriers' band, and I am sure that you will sympathize with the letter carriers' band, and I am sure that you will sympathize with the letter carriers' band.

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OTHER ANSWERS SHAFER.

Refutes the Charge That the Loss of the Strike Was Due to the Federation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the current issue of the American Federationist, makes a reply to the charge of President Theodore Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, that the men on strike did not receive the support of the Federation and that the strike was lost as a consequence.

In parallel columns Gompers shows the terms of settlement offered to the committee of which he was a member, and which he urged Shaffer to accept, and the terms of the settlement made to accept later by Shaffer agreeing not to attempt to organize the steel workers or issue any charters to them for the next three years.

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PLEASE LET DEBTS STAND.

G. E. TILFORD PROTESTS HE NEEDS \$6,000 A YEAR.

Creditor Wants His Income Docketed to Pay a Seven-Year-Old Debt—But I Never Assented Business Habits and I Must Entertain, Pleads Debtor to Court.

George E. Tilford, son of the late Charles E. Tilford of the grocery firm of Park & Tilford, presented a long affidavit to Justice Mahan of the Supreme Court, yesterday, to show why his income of \$6,000 a year from his father's estate should not be abridged to pay a debt of \$556.41.

George B. Yard, who obtained a judgment for that amount against him in 1894 and has been unable to collect, asked the court to enjoin Judge Warren W. Foster and the United States Trust Company, as executors of the Tilford estate, from paying Mr. Tilford his full income until the debt is paid. Yard contended that \$1,000 a year was plenty for Tilford to live on.

Charles E. Tilford died about two years ago leaving an estate of about \$1,000,000. He had disapproved of the marriage of his son George and his daughter Etta and evinced his displeasure in his will.

The daughter had married Edward Kirkland. The will provided that in no event was the wife of the testator's son or the husband of his daughter to be buried in the testator's family plot at Woodlawn. To the son and daughter was given an income of \$6,000 a year each for life. The rest of the estate was to go to the testator's widow for her life, and then to charity.

Here is part of the affidavit of George E. Tilford: "I have never been in any business except many years ago when I was a boy, when I was for a short time employed in one of the stores owned by my father. I have never been employed by my father since I was a boy, and I have never been employed by my father since I was a boy, and I have never been employed by my father since I was a boy."

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RUSSELL DOUBLEDAY MARRIED.

Bride a Teacher in a Bronx Public School—Surprise for Her Pupils.

It became known in the Bronx yesterday that Miss Jessie MacDonald, a teacher in Grammar School 97, was married last Thursday to Russell Doubleday of the Doubleday & McClure Publishing Company.

The wedding took place at the Dutch Reformed Church, Eighth street and Second avenue, Bay Ridge, where the bride resides with her mother.

Miss MacDonald was well liked by her pupils. When she did not appear to teach them last Thursday they went to Principal Michael E. Devlin to say they hoped that nothing had happened to her. Mr. Devlin had received no word from the teacher and he was at loss to account for her remaining away. Miss Elizabeth Cowan, teacher in the school, knew of the wedding, but she didn't tell.

When the marriage was announced yesterday the pupils could easily discern the happy over losing their teacher, and Miss MacDonald's friends in the Bronx were much surprised. The couple are away on their wedding trip.

Loekman—Van Wyck. Miss Helen Van Wyck and Myron Augustus Loekman were married yesterday in the Church of Zion and St. Timothy in West Fifty-seventh street. The Rev. William Montague Gray of St. Paul's chapel performed the ceremony at 12:30 o'clock.

The bride was Miss Helen Van Wyck, daughter of the Rev. James Flay Atkins of St. John's Church, Huntington. The groom was Myron Augustus Loekman, a son of the late Myron Augustus Loekman, a well-known merchant of this city.

The wedding of Miss Florence Ketchum and William Rogers Westerfield took place last night at the Presbyterian Church of the Puritans in West 239th street, near 15th avenue. The Rev. Charles J. Young, the pastor, performed the ceremony at 8 o'clock.

The bride was Miss Florence Ketchum, daughter of the late Thomas Ketchum, a well-known merchant of this city. The groom was William Rogers Westerfield, a well-known merchant of this city.

The wedding of Miss Louise Bulpin, daughter of the late Thomas Bulpin, and John Wesley Stanley took place last night at the Baptist Church of the Redeemer, 205 West Twenty-fourth street. The Rev. John Lloyd Lee performed the ceremony at 8:30 o'clock.

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THREATENING IN PHILIPPINES.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCE PUT OFF.

Terms of Enlistment of 30,000 of 43,000 Soldiers There Expire Before June 1, and Regiments Will Be Sent to Take the Place of Those Who Return.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Unless conditions materially improve in the Philippines within the next few months there will be no reduction of the military force of the United States in that island. While no positive decision has been reached on this point the officials of the War Department are not so sanguine with regard to the situation in the archipelago as they were several months ago.

Recent reports from Gen. Chaffee at Manila do not encourage the idea of any material reduction at this time and, taken in connection with the massacre of American soldiers in Samar, leads the War Department to approach the subject with great care.

It is now known that there has been a difference of opinion between the military authorities in the Philippines and the members of the Philippine Commission as to the general situation in the archipelago and that while the civil authorities there have felt that they could easily dispose of a great part of the military force an opposite view has been held by many of the military officers.

Owing to the reports of recent small outbreaks in different parts of Luzon, the War Department officials are beginning to feel disinclined to recommend a reduction of the military force.

In connection with this subject the Department has taken up for consideration the question of the enlistment of the Philippines of those soldiers whose terms of enlistment will soon expire. An examination of the records disclosed that the terms of enlistment of nearly 20,000 men will expire between now and the first of next June.

To bring these men back to the United States would require the use of a large number of transports now on the Pacific coast and in Philippine waters, and it may be necessary to use an additional vessel.

It is expected that on the return of Secretary Root to Washington he will immediately take up this subject and determine whether the men to be brought back should be formed into regiments in the Philippines and brought back to the United States in regimental formation or whether they should be returned as they are, and the time for the expiration of their term of service.

It is believed that the former plan will be adopted. The Department is expected to send to Manila regiments of troops to take the place of returning organizations. In this way the present force of 43,000 men in the Philippines will be maintained at all times and it will depend upon the outlook next spring whether or not the force is reduced to 25,000 men, as recommended by Assistant Secretary Chaffee.

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