

THOUSANDS MORE OUT OF WORK

BRICKLAYERS STRIKE HAS LEFT THE IRON WORKERS IDLE.

New Women's Hospital, Hotels, Business Buildings and Several Schools Tied Up—No Action by the Employers Yet—Talk, Though, of the "Open Shop."

The housemiths, who settled down to work only recently after a long spell of idleness, are all out of a job again through the strike of the bricklayers. Between 500 and 1,000 iron workers were laid off yesterday, as the building laws allow them to work only three stories above the fire proofing.

The strike has now completely tied up these buildings:

The Women's Hospital in West 110th street; buildings at Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue; Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue; in Thirty-first street near Broadway; and Thirtieth street near Madison avenue; the Metropolitan Annex at Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue; the Mercantile Building at Twenty-third street and Madison avenue; the Barclay Building at Duane street and Broadway; the Hotel Belmont at Forty-second street and Park avenue; the new Custom House, the new Flatiron building at Forty-second street and Broadway; a building at Twenty-ninth street and Broadway and one at William and Pine streets.

The housemiths are also idle as a number of buildings where complaints have been made that the building laws are violated, pending investigation of the complaints.

The riggers, steamfitters, boiler makers and inside iron workers are idle through the strike, as are also a number of electrical workers. In a few weeks, if the strike lasts, all the iron workers and thousands of men in other trades will be out of work.

The bricklayers contend that the mason builders violated the arbitration agreement by posting the notices cutting down overtime charges, which started the strike of the laborers. This is emphatically denied by the mason builders. The following statement was made yesterday on behalf of the Mason Builders' Association:

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RIOT OVER KUBELIK.

German Refuse to Allow the Czech Violinist to Play at Linz.

VIENNA, March 15.—The ferocity of the race hatred between the Germans and Czechs was illustrated at Linz this evening. An infuriated mob of Germans, who were seeking to revenge the alleged ill-treatment of their compatriots at Prague, stormed a hall in which Kubelik, the violinist, was performing. They attacked the carriage of Count Wickenburg, the District Governor, with sticks and stones.

Kubelik, punctually on time, commenced playing, but the noise outside rendered his music inaudible. Soon after the crowd overcame the police and entered the hall, where they destroyed the splendid decorative mirrors and threw missiles at Kubelik, causing indescribable confusion.

The violinist pluckily continued to play until his manager declared that the continuation of the concert was impossible.

The crowd then proceeded to Kubelik's hotel, where they continued their demonstrations until a late hour, fulfilling their threat not to allow the Czech artist to give a concert in the capital of Upper Austria.

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OXYGEN CYLINDER BURSTS,

AND KILLS A MAN—HAD JUST BEEN FILLED FOR A HOSPITAL.

Was One of a Lot Owned by the City and Tested to 400 Pounds Pressure—Eleven Cylinders Filled Simultaneously Show That the Bursting Pressure Was 280.

An oxygen cylinder which had been sent from one of the city hospitals to be refilled at the Eagle oxygen works at 121 West Eighty-ninth street burst there yesterday afternoon just after it had been filled with the gas under pressure. One of the fragments struck Edwin Corliss, an employee of the place, cutting off one of his legs and partially severing the other. He died a few minutes later.

According to those in charge of the works, the cylinder was one supplied by an outside concern and had been used in the hospital for some time. The accident, it was said, must be attributed to a defect which might have brought on an explosion at any time. The cylinders are those used in Bellevue and other hospitals, frequently at the bedside of patients.

The name of the concern that manufactures them is withheld, as the company refused to divulge last night. The cylinders are about three feet high and about eight inches across. They are made of pressed steel, not quite a sixteenth of an inch in thickness. According to Eugene C. Foster, general manager of the oxygen works, they are guaranteed to have withstood on test a pressure of more than 400 pounds to the square inch. The pressure at which the cylinder burst is not known, but it is believed to be between 250 and 300 pounds.

The cylinders when collected from the various city hospitals are filled twelve at a time at the works, the oxygen being manufactured by the chemical process and being driven into the cylinders through a pipe with which the twelve cylinders are all connected at once. When the gauge registers a certain pressure the supply of gas is shut off.

Corliss, who is a helper in another part of the place, happened to be near the cylinder that was being filled at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. John Worland, the foreman, says he had shut off the supply of gas and the cylinders were in the condition in which they were to be sent to the hospitals, all the valves having been closed. Worland went back to attend to the engines, leaving Corliss standing a few feet from the row of cylinders. A few minutes later the explosion shook the building and knocked over ornaments in the apartment house next door.

Pieces of the burst cylinder flew up to the ceiling of the factory, and one large section went sideways, striking Corliss. When Worland recovered himself Corliss was crawling away, with one of his legs off, almost as neatly as though it had been cut with a knife.

"I'm going to die," said Corliss; "you'd better get a doctor quick."

By the time Dr. Wescott arrived from the J. Hood Wright Hospital Corliss was unconscious from loss of blood, and he died in a few minutes. He came from Bangor, Me.

The police took Walter Anderson, a salesman for the oxygen company, and Worland, the foreman, to the West 100th street station, where they were questioned by Capt. Lally. The captain decided that the accident was in no way due to the carelessness of any one connected with the oxygen company, and allowed them to go.

Mr. Foster said last night that the pressure of the gas was the usual pressure. To prove this he showed reporters by a gauge that the gas in the eleven remaining tanks, which had been filled simultaneously with that which burst, was 280 pounds.

"Such a thing," said he, "might have happened just as well at the hospital as here. These cylinders are tested to over 400 pounds before they are used, and the life of one of them is about twenty years."

"We have cylinders of our own supplied by the same company, but this one was owned by the city and had been filled several times before."

The cylinder broke into a dozen or more pieces, which were hurled with great violence all about the room.

Warrants for McBee and Finch of New York Out in North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 15.—The Atlantic and Carolina Railroad, which is operated from Goldsboro to Morehead City, has been a political playground for each party ever since the war. It has paid only three dividends in that time. The State owns a majority of the stock, and therefore controls the road.

Arday McBee, who lives with his family at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city, made to Gov. Aycock several propositions to lease the road about a month ago. The Governor refused to allow the State proxy to go into a meeting, and thus prevented a quorum, and no proposition of lease could be considered.

About this time K. S. Finch of New York city appeared here and immediately contracted to buy forty-five shares of stock of E. C. Smith. The road is not in good order, and taking the last report of President Bryan, Finch and McBee and their lawyers drew up a bill in equity and filed it in the United States Court in this city. Thereupon Judge Purnell issued an order that put the road into the hands of McBee as receiver.

No order to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed was served on the Governor or any officer of the road. This aroused the wrath of the State Administration and yesterday Chief Justice Clark of the Supreme Court issued a bench warrant for the arrest of McBee and Finch on a charge of conspiracy to wreck and ruin the road by putting it into the hands of a receiver.

McBee was arrested last night and was bound over to-day. Finch has not yet been arrested.

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNS.

Back in Washington From Her Visit to Her Sons in Groton, Mass.

PROFESSOR A SUICIDE.

Two Others of Ohio University's Staff Had Killed Themselves Recently.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 15.—Suicide has become epidemic among the professors at the Ohio State University. Charles Walter Mesloh, assistant professor of German, killed himself this morning at his home on the campus by taking poison. He is the third of the university's professors to commit suicide within eighteen months. Professors Clark and Eggers were the others. Clark shot himself in his room and Eggers killed himself with a revolver on the college grounds.

Mesloh's suicide is due to disappointment growing out of the suicide of Prof. Eggers, whose position as head of the German department Mesloh had expected to get. Mesloh had been extremely nervous for several weeks. He attempted suicide a week ago by taking chloroform.

A wife and three children survive Mesloh. He graduated from the university in 1889 and took post-graduate courses at Chicago and Berlin.

SLUTS HAD A KEY.

Cottrell Holds on Evidence Secured by a Pratege of Jerome.

Capt. Cottrell of the Tenderloin station raided a gambling house at 43 West Thirty-fourth street last night. He got three prisoners. The evidence was obtained by Edward Beecher, who, it is said, was a Committee of Fifteen sleuth and had been recommended to Capt. Cottrell by District Attorney Jerome.

Beecher says that he was introduced in the gambling house by one of the regular patrons, and became so friendly that the management gave him a key to the wine room.

The raid was made on warrants obtained from Magistrate Mayo in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon. Beecher, Cottrell and a couple of sleuths went to the house last night and the door-man let them in when he saw Beecher.

Then, with Beecher's key, they got into the gambling room. There were only two men there. They said they were Charles Wilson, who the police say is John W. Marsh, who runs the place, and John T. Wilson. They also arrested George Lewis, the doorkeeper.

CONGRESS CAMPAIGN FIGHT.

Republicans of Both Houses to Meet to Lay Out a Plan of Work.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Republican campaign for control of the next House of Representatives will be started on next Monday night. A call was issued to-day by Representative Hepburn, chairman of the Republican caucus, for a joint meeting of the Republican members of the House and Senate on Monday evening in the Hall of Representatives to organize the Republican Congress committee.

It is probable that Representative Babcock of Wisconsin will again be re-elected chairman and Representative Loudenslager of New Jersey will be re-elected secretary. Mr. Babcock has just emerged successfully from a bitter contest for re-nomination. His reelection is assured, as he is in a strong Republican district, and he will have the time to devote to the management of the campaign.

The plan of having headquarters in New York worked so well two years ago that it will probably be repeated this year.

MYSTERY IN A BANK.

Man Follows Woman in and She Faints—He's Arrested.

Capt. Pinkerton of the Brooklyn Central Office and three of his detectives saw a man follow several persons, at intervals, into the First National Bank, at Kent avenue, last night. He followed them into the bank, and he will have the time to devote to the management of the campaign.

The man followed a woman up to the teller's window. The detectives were not near enough to see what happened, but the woman fainted.

Then the ladder was in place James Butler, a porter in the baggage room, climbed down and fastened a rope around Nelson's shoulder. The crowd on the pier took care of Nelson until the ambulance came.

Nelson couldn't tell why he had jumped. It was said at the Hudson street hospital that he would probably recover.

DRAMA WAVES ITS DIAMONDS.

To Bail Out an Automobile—Millionaire's Sons Wave Never a Cent.

There were five in the automobile, two men and three women. The driver was a young man with bright hair and two young women. The man who said he was Edmond Sire of 121 West Thirty-first street, Policeman Murphy stopped the auto at Sixty-ninth street and the East Drive in Central Park because, he said, it was going sixteen miles an hour. When the automobile reached the Arsenal the two young women followed the driver, who was taken before Sergt. Kelly.

CHINA RENEWS HER PLEDGE,

GIVES POSITIVE ASSURANCE TO US OF NEUTRALITY.

Secretary Hay Opened Negotiations in View of Russian Anxiety Over Chinese Troops Along the Manchurian Border—Expected to Please Russia.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Russia has just received substantial evidence of the American Government's desire to continue its friendly relations with that country, so that no ground apparently remains for further suspicion on the part of the St. Petersburg press and those officials at that capital who have shown an inclination to construe the policy of the Administration in the Russian-Japanese conflict as inimical to Russia's interests. Russia's appreciation, it is understood, will be expressed by the reorganization of the American Government's desire to continue its friendly relations with that country, so that no ground apparently remains for further suspicion on the part of the St. Petersburg press and those officials at that capital who have shown an inclination to construe the policy of the Administration in the Russian-Japanese conflict as inimical to Russia's interests.

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The tree on which the seedless fruit grows is unusual in that it has no blossoms.

BRYAN WINS IN NEBRASKA.

June 1 Fixed as the Date of the Delegate Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 15.—Mr. Bryan's friends, by the close vote of 17 to 14, won first blood to-night in the fight that is being made by the reorganizers to dominate the Democratic delegation from Nebraska to the St. Louis convention. The contest came up in the meeting of the State central committee to issue a call for a State convention.

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Several of the members declared they would not support Cleveland if nominated. After three hours of vigorous debate the committee issued a call for a delegate convention on June 1, a compromise date. The advocates of one convention were careful to declare that they favored sending Mr. Bryan as a delegate, but they also wanted to get in line with the national Democracy.

NEW THEATRE ORDINANCE.

Cuts Down Seating Space by Providing for More Open Areas.

The Aldermen's Committee on Buildings reported favorably yesterday an ordinance for the better safeguarding of patrons of theatres in time of panic or fire. The ordinance provides that the front entrance to theatres shall not be less than twenty-five feet in width, and that in the rear of each theatre there shall be an open court yard of ten to fourteen feet in width, according to the seating capacity of the building. It is provided also that the area of the foyers, lobbies and corridors shall be of an extent of 120 square feet for each 100 persons who can be seated. Another provision is that the number of seats in the number of seats exceed 500 the theatre shall have an open space sixteen feet deep back of the orchestra and that back of each of the galleries there shall be an open space of not less than twelve feet in width. The report was made a special order for next week's meeting.

CUSTOMS BILL TO MRS. BERWIND.

It Costs Her \$600 to Get Back Her Seized Trunks.

Mrs. C. F. Berwind of Philadelphia, whose trunks were seized by customs officers of this port upon her arrival here on the St. Paul on Feb. 14, visited the custom House yesterday and received notice from the Treasury Department that she could get the seized goods by paying their foreign value and the duty here. Mrs. Berwind went through the trunks and proved all but \$300 worth of the goods to have been bought in this country, so that on payment of about \$300 duty, making \$600 in all, the Government will turn over to her the imported goods.

TILLMAN SEEKS OFFICE.

Man Who Killed Editor Gonzales Now Wants to Go to Congress.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 15.—James H. Tillman, ex-Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, who was recently acquitted of the murder of Editor N. G. Gonzales, to-day announced himself a candidate to succeed the late Congressman George W. Croft in the Second district.

Since his trial Tillman has been living at his home in Edgefield and until now has not been in the public eye. Congressman Croft was his law partner and his leading counsel in the recent trial. There are three other candidates for the vacancy.

WITNESS TO THE TOMBS.

And Prisoner Acquitted in an Election Case.

Charles A. Grabert, Republican chairman of a Fifth district election board, testified before the Grand Jury that on Oct. 10 last he saw Edward Lawless, a Tammany man, register as James Donohue. Before Recorder Goff yesterday, on the trial of Lawless, Grabert testified that he did not see Lawless register as Donohue. The prisoner was acquitted and the witness was committed to the Tombs. The case is one from State Superintendent Morgan's office.

BURKETT INDORSED.

His Nomination for Senator From Nebraska Now Assured.

ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

All Matters of Dispute Have Probably Been Settled.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 16.—The Times and some other papers give prominence to a report that an announcement is to be expected that an amicable arrangement has been reached by France and Great Britain on all outstanding questions between them, including that of the French Shore, Newfoundland.

SEEDLESS APPLE AT LAST.

Looks Like a Navel Orange and Grows on a Blossomless Tree.

GREENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., March 15.—After experimenting for seven years John F. Spencer, an old fruit grower of Grand Junction, Col., has succeeded in perfecting a seedless apple.

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