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LIFE IS TRAMPLED BY SURGING MOB

Street Railway Strike in Philadelphia Reaches More Serious Proportions.

ONE DEATH RESULTS FROM CLASH IN STREET

Cars Are Stopped and Bricks and Other Missiles Are Thrown Through Windows While Elevated Train Speeds on Bullets Are Fired into Coaches—Climax Expected Today.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 21.—Following a day of rioting and bloodshed and the sensational arrest of C. O. Pratt, organizer of the street car men, an attack was made late tonight on the elevated road. It was the first time that this line of travel has been interfered with and when the police authorities learned that three bullets had been fired into one of the cars there was a feeling of apprehension as to what tomorrow will bring forth. The first fatality as a result of the street car rioting occurred tonight when an unidentified man died in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital. He was fatally injured today in a clash between a mob and the police at Broad and Spring Garden streets. Knocked down and trampled upon, he was found lying unconscious after the street had been finally cleared by the police and died without regaining consciousness.

Police officials took the initiative tonight in the war being waged between the striking street car men and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company when they arrested Clarence O. Pratt, the National organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees on a warrant charging him with "conspiring to incite riot."

The warrant was issued on an affidavit sworn to by Detective Frank O'Connor. It was served on Pratt following today's mass meeting of the union carmen. He was locked up to await a hearing tomorrow morning. The police force was augmented tonight by swearing in, for riot duty, of the State Fencibles, an independent military organization of about 200 members.

The regular force of 3,500 police and 3,000 specials, was also enlarged today by the swearing in of 66 park guards and 500 city employees of other departments. These men will begin duty tomorrow and assist the worn-out policemen who have been on constant duty on every street car.

Five carloads of strikebreakers reached here late tonight and were loaded on trolley cars at the Pennsylvania railroad station in West Philadelphia and taken to car barns in that section. A large squad of mounted police escorted the cars and prevented a threatened demonstration by a mob of several thousand, which had assembled. Trouble is expected following the use of these men on the cars tomorrow. The company claimed that 700 cars were in operation today, but the pickets reported that only 124 cars were in operation on all lines.

All cars were withdrawn from the surface lines at 6 o'clock tonight, the company stating they did not desire to endanger the lives of their loyal employees.

Rioting in the very heart of the city, the attempted burning of another car and many petty attacks by strike sympathizers, led the police officials to enlarge their force by every expedient and to consider the calling out of the state militia. The arrest of Leader Pratt also caused a sensation and resulted in renewed rumors of a general sympathetic strike of all the 100,000 union men in this city.

The day opened favorably for the Rapid Transit Company. The heavy down pour of rain which began shortly after midnight, deterred those who were the ringleaders in yesterday's lawlessness from beginning their depredations early today and at the same time dampened the ardor of those whose intentions were to boycott the cars.

Disorder Renews.

But as the day wore on and the sun appeared the spark, which had been smoldering again broke into a flame. The first serious disturbance occurred in the center of the city in front of the Reading Terminal station at Twelfth and Market streets. As a car was proceeding out Market street a small boy jerked the trolley pole from the wire, causing a block of cars. A pile of building material on the street provided ammunition for the lawless element and soon the

SENATOR TILLMAN NOW ABLE TO SPEAK

Change for Better in South Carolina Lawmaker's Case Said to be Most Remarkable.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The continued improvement in Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, has inspired renewed hope of ultimate recovery from his present serious illness. In the opinion of his physicians, the chances are now much in his favor.

There has been some abatement of the paralysis and today he regained the use of his right arm and leg to a limited extent. The asphasia has markedly improved and he is now able to speak. The change for the better was said to be most remarkable and was attributed to the senator's temperate life, strong physique and his generally good condition. The favorable developments in his illness were considered very exceptional. In fact, his case was looked upon as one in ten thousand. He is responding admirably to the medical treatment and it is said the power of speech may practically be re-established.

President Issues Proclamation

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The President today issued proclamations declaring the following countries are entitled to minimum rates of customs duties under the Payne-Aldrich act:

Morocco, Abyssinia, British Guiana, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Greece, Portuguese India, Timor, Mexico, Cape Verde Islands, Angola, Portuguese Guiana and St. Thomas and Prince Islands.

Negroes Can't be Pythians

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 21.—The Supreme Court of Georgia today handed down a decree debaring negroes from using the title of "Knights of Pythias" in this state.

WANTS TO KEEP POWER

Changes are Suggested in Proposed Commerce Law.

ADVICE FROM COMMISSION

Recommends That New Court be Not Given Any More Rights Than Exist in Circuit Tribunals—One Judge Not Sufficient to Stay Order.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—In a formal statement submitted to President Taft and to the house and senate committees, the interstate commerce commission has suggested certain changes in the interstate commerce measure now pending in congress.

The bill, as a whole, is approved by the commission and in its statement the commission expresses its gratification "that the measure embodies most, if not all, of the principal recommendations heretofore made to the congress, except the valuation of railroad properties, and also contains provisions of great importance which in their general scope are unanimously endorsed." However the commission recommends "that the bill be so amended as to contain the explicit statement that the commerce court shall have no jurisdiction or power over orders of the commission not now possessed by circuit courts of the United States."

Staying of an Order. "We are of the opinion that a single judge of the commerce court should not be empowered to stay an order of the commission" and the suggestion is made that such a stay may be granted only by the court or a majority of the judges thereof.

In the suspension of a proposed rate, the commission desires one hundred and twenty days instead of sixty days, as proposed in the bill. It is maintained that the commission should have power to compel through rates and joint rates, whenever in its opinion, they are required by public necessity. If it is the intent of congress to give shippers the right to choose between two or more routes, in the routing traffic, the commission believes that intention should be expressed plainly in the proposed law.

Should Extend to Water Lines. Concerning the purchase of one road by another road, the commission says:

"We see no reason why the prohibition that one road shall not acquire any interest in a competing road should not be extended so as to prohibit the acquiring of any interest in a competing water line, and an amendment is suggested to include water transportation. Such an amendment is to control competing lines by a holding company."

SOLD JUDGESHIPS TO HIGHEST BIDDER

New York Democratic State Chairman Charged With Selling Places on Bench.

IS GLAD LEGISLATURE WILL INVESTIGATE

When the Official is Informed Action is Taken to Probe Matter, He Declares His Readiness to Tell Whole Story—Connors Believes Now He is Going to Win Out.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—William J. Connors, chairman of the Democratic state committee, fighting for his political life against those who are trying to oust him as chairman, announced tonight that he stands ready to testify at Albany at the proposed investigation of the charges that places on the supreme court bench of the state have been "auctioned off" in Greater New York.

According to private advices Connors heard before 10 o'clock tonight that such an investigation would be demanded; also simultaneously came the announcement from Albany that resolutions to this effect had been introduced. Before hearing that the resolutions had been formally introduced, Connors commented with satisfaction on his private message that such action would be taken.

Will Be on Hand

"Good," said he as he read the telegram. "If they want me on the stand I'll be there. I'll tell them what I believe and—after a pause, 'perhaps what I know.'"

"What is the price for a judge?" Mr. Connors was asked. "Some of them came pretty high," he answered. "That will also come out if they appoint a legislative committee and put the judges and their friends on the stand—I'll tell them whom to call."

Connors was cheerful tonight. "Last night," he said, "I hoped I was going to win; tonight I believe I am going to win."

The prospect of scandals in his own party, the recent visit of President Taft to confer on the situation with the Republican party brought on by the Connors bribery charges and the hot fight that awaits the state chairman at Albany next Thursday, seemed rather to whet his appetite.

"I'm not in politics for my livelihood, like some of these fellows," he said. "The world don't owe me a living. To tell you the truth, I somewhat like fighting."

"I don't want to show my hand," Connors explained, "but I'll tell you this: The other fellows haven't got so many votes tonight as they had this morning and they will have less."

An exemplified description of the movement against him, as Mr. Connors sees it, followed.

Murphy Tries New Trick. "What Murphy is trying now," he said, "has never been attempted before in the history of politics; and the people up the state aren't going to stand for it. They are trying to Tammanize the state. I notice that this Democratic League shows a fondness for direct primaries up the state, but that they don't see any desire for direct primaries down here. Maybe it might interfere with the business of the auctioneering. Now I am for direct primaries all over the state and what's more, I'll say that the upstate Democrats are behind Governor Hughes in that wish."

Will Not Extend Bribe Inquiry. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Speaker Wadsworth led the Republican assemblymen tonight in an unmistakable declaration against extending the scope of the legislative bribery investigation. By a vote of 75 to 33 the assembly refused to consider the resolution of a week ago introduced by former Lieutenant Governor Chandler, which sought to put the lower house on record in favor of a wider inquiry than that now in progress in the senate. Tonight's action by no means settles the question of further probing.

RICHMOND NEWSBOYS FALL HEIR TO FORTUNE

Wealthy Norfolk Man Provided for Brother's Sons in His Will.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21.—"We can go to college now." That is the way in which two Richmond newsies received the announcement that they had fallen heir to \$50,000 apiece.

The story of young Chris and John Core reads like that of an Alger book hero. Left orphans at an early age, these two young children were taken in charge by their aunt, Mrs. Belle J. Walthall, the sister of their mother. Their aunt not being a woman of wealth they soon went to work to do their part toward supporting themselves. In the morning they went the rounds with a milk wagon, delivering bottles for a small sum each morning. Regularly at 9 o'clock they went off to school and hurrying home in the afternoon to add to their small income by delivering newspapers.

John H. Core, the Norfolk business man, who died last week in that city, was the uncle who left the boys the money. Mr. Core, whose will was something of a unique document, provided for a monument to his brother, the father of the boys, who is buried in Hollywood cemetery; a memorial to his parents, and for a \$100,000 museum for his own remains, leaving residue, with the exception of several bequests to charity, to his two brothers, his sister and the three sons of Bovee J. Core, Core, Eovee, Jr., Christopher and John.

In his will he expressed the wish that the three boys be educated, two to the profession of law and one to the profession of medicine. The boys are only too glad to go to college, but it is not compulsory for them to follow the professions indicated in the will. L. Clay Kirby of Norfolk, is executor of the estate.

CONTEMPT SENTENCES ALLOWED TO STAND

United States Supreme Court Refuses to Interfere in Jr. O. A. M. Case.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Holding that it was without authority to review the case, the supreme court of the United States today refused to interfere with the sentences in contempt of \$20 fines in each case imposed by the chancery court of Richmond, Va., upon J. W. Forbes, Thomas Tatum Osborn, John T. Cox and others, growing out of a fraternal organization fight in the State of Virginia. The court refused to go into the merits of the case on the ground that the appeal from the supreme court of appeals of Virginia had been brought too late.

For more than ten years a bitter strife has existed in Virginia over the rights in the State of the Junior Order American Mechanics of the United States of America. In 1900 dissenting members in Virginia obtained from the State a charter under the style of "State Council of Virginia, Junior Order United American Mechanics of the State of Virginia."

When the National council organized subsequently the "State Council of Virginia," a decree forbidding its continuation was issued by the Virginia courts and left undisturbed by the supreme court of the United States.

Later a charter was obtained for a corporation known as the "Virginia Branch of the National Council of the Junior Order American Mechanics," and upon complaint the judge in the chancery court of Richmond, Va., held those who had procured this charter to be in contempt and fined them \$20.

The supreme court of appeals of Virginia held it was without jurisdiction to review contempt cases.

MAKES STATEMENT ON GIRL'S DEATH

Chief of Police Says Seigler Makes Confession Ament Tragedy.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 21.—Chief of Police Woodruff announced tonight that William Seigler had made a full statement of his connection with the death of Jane Adams, who was thrown or fell from the million dollar pier on the night of February 4. Chief Woodruff declares that Seigler made his confession without pressure and after the police had given up all attempts to coerce him. According to Woodruff, Seigler declares that he did not murder the girl, but admitted that he was alone with her on the pier as stated by Orvis Seigler and Alice Adams, sister of the dead girl.

WILL SHOW HAND OF UNITED STATES

Zelaya Says He Will Write a Book Proving Evil Designs of America.

WILL PUBLISH STORY WHILE IN BRUSSELS

Ex-President of Nicaragua Gives Out Interview at Madrid and Charges Government at Washington With Bad Faith—Revolutionists' Victory Means End of Independence.

(By Associated Press.) MADRID, Feb. 21.—Ex-President Zelaya of Nicaragua, after a week's stay here, will leave for Paris and thence to Brussels to join his wife. He intends to remain indefinitely in Brussels unless recalled to Nicaragua. He announced that in the meanwhile he will publish a book, justifying himself and proving by documents the evil designs of the United States.

Makes Statement. "The real cause of the attitude of the United States towards Nicaragua," said the ex-president today, "is the question of the inter-oceanic canal which the United States wished to dig across my country for its own use, to the utter exclusion of other world powers. I always opposed the realization of this scheme which would make Nicaragua forever a toy of the United States."

"There is no doubt that for this reason the government at Washington always opposed the conclusion of treaties between Nicaragua and the powers of Europe and Asia and it was over the power of this resistance that the hatred was directed against me and that the United States fomented a revolution against Nicaragua, Guatemala in the person of Cabrera, serving as an instrument."

His Prediction. "Besides, the United States wished Nicaragua to be another Cuba for it from a commercial point of view. This would have been another way to ruin my country, which could never shake off such a yoke. This is the explanation of the actual situation in Nicaragua. More than 400 American soldiers, styling themselves deserters of volunteers, fought for the revolutionists."

"It is difficult for me to predict the future, but if the revolutionists win there is an end to the independence of a country and to the union of Central American republics which constitutes the only barrier to foreign cupidity."

TUG NINA NOT FOUND WASHED ASHORE

No Trace of Missing Ship—Wife Believes Captain Still Alive.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Official information received here denies as unfounded the rumor which gained circulation today that the missing naval tug Nina had been found on the coast of Virginia where she had been driven ashore by the storm, which it is thought sent her to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Rush orders were given to the scout cruiser Birmingham today to hurry to the assistance of the supply ship Cyclops in distress with several large targets which she was towing to Hampton Roads, are believed to have been responsible for the rumor that the Nina had been found.

Don't Believe Him Dead. MALDEN, MASS., Feb. 21.—Mrs. John F. Grogan, wife of Boatwain John F. Grogan, who commanded the missing naval tug Nina, is confident to her bed at her home of friends here, having broken down under the strain occasioned by the uncertainty of her husband's fate. She still refuses to believe him dead and hopes against hope that he may have escaped from the wreck and has been picked up by a vessel bound to a foreign port.

Playful Act Burns Home. HARRISONBURG, VA., Feb. 21.—Eddie Crider, nine years old, playfully struck a match and poked it through a knot-hole in the weather-boarding of the home of his father, B. Crider, on Shenandoah mountain, near Morefield, Va.

The house and all its contents were consumed in the fire, which followed.

PARTIAL VICTORY FOR THE RAILROAD

Decision Handed Down by Supreme Court Judge is Against State of Georgia.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—In the first opinion rendered by Judge Lurton from the Supreme Court bench, a partial victory was won today over the State of Georgia by the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company. In the main it confirms the lower court, holding that the railroad was required to pay only a state tax of one-half of one per cent of the net earnings of its property and not property of franchise taxes. There was a modification of the decree as to the Washington branch, the state winning its contention on this point.

The language of the charter granted in 1883 by the State of Georgia, to the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company, to construct a "rail or turnpike road," was the great handicap in the settlement of this long controversy.

CHOPS HER UP WITH AXE

Iowa Woman Meets Horrible Death at Hands of Farm Hand.

(By Associated Press.) MARATHON, IOWA, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Guy Roberts, wife of a prosperous farmer living near here, was literally backed to pieces by an axe in the hands of Henry Johnson, an insane farm hand, this morning. Johnson confessed his guilt following his arrest, saying he killed Mrs. Roberts to prevent her killing her children. He probably will be sent to a hospital for the insane tomorrow.

Rev. Onan Elyson Dead

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 21.—Rev. Onan Elyson, aged 85 years, a native of Richmond, Va., for half a century a well known Baptist minister of this state, died here today after a brief illness. He was active in ministerial work until four years ago.

ADVERSE TO STATE-WIDE

Committee Reports Bill Unfavorably.

FIGHT GOES TO HOUSE

Proposed Legislation Covers Same Ground as That of the Strode Measure in the Senate—Special Act for Shenandoah is Endorsed.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21.—The house committee on privileges and elections today reported the Myers State-wide prohibition bill back to the house of delegates with the recommendation that it does not pass.

The decision to report the bill unfavorably was made in executive session and although the members were extremely reticent as to who was for and who was against the bill, was made rather clear that the decision was reached only after a hot fight made by the members with prohibition tendencies.

The Myers State-wide bill is exactly the same as the Strode State-wide bill and was offered in the house shortly after the senate measure was introduced.

The argument before the joint committee on privileges and elections applied exactly the same to both bills and the action of the house in this regard is said to be indicative of the action of the senate.

Because the bill is reported unfavorably by the committee does not mean that a fight will not be made for it on the floor of the house, but it does mean that the committee which has looked carefully into the matter has come to the conclusion that the measure would be a bit of bad legislation. The bill will be acted on in the house within the next few days, when it will come up for its first reading.

For Shenandoah Vote.

The senate bill provided that the question of manufacture or no manufacture and sale or no sale of ardent spirits in the town of Shenandoah and county of Frederick be submitted to a popular vote in those localities were favorably reported in the senate by the committee on special, private and local legislation. The measures were referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Senator Echols offered a resolution providing that the senate on Wednesday afternoon elect three experienced educators, from a list of eligibles from each of the faculties of the University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, State Female Normal school at Farmville, the school for the Deaf and Blind and the College of William and

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ENGLAND IN GRIP OF TRYING PERIOD

Parliament Meets and Most Significant Political Cards are Played.

GOVERNMENT WITHOUT SUFFICIENT ALLIES

Present Prospect is That the Country Will Soon be Stirred by Another General Election—Irish Leader Declares Nationalists Will Not Support Program.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 21.—The players in the game of politics threw their cards upon the tables in the house of commons today. The government is without the allies necessary to carry legislation and the present prospect is that the country will be stirred up by another general election within a few months. Premier Asquith announced that the financial organization will be put ahead of the proposals to curb the power of the house of lords. John Redmond, the Irish leader, declared flatly that the Nationalists would not support that program.

The Liberals are holding a meeting to decide their course. They will probably follow in the footsteps of the Irish members.

Will Favor Lords. The government may be able to adopt the budget by the grace of the Conservatives, who possibly will vote for it in order to avert financial chaos and keep the wheels of the empire turning. But the enactment of the budget will, as Mr. Redmond pointed out, leave the winning cards in the hands of the lords, who then will be free to reject the bill for the reforming of their house and force another election.

The meeting of parliament today was a momentous one for the cabinet's policy was not revealed to the country until the moment Premier Asquith took the floor. Seldom in the history of the house have its proceedings been watched with more intense interest by the small but distinguished assembly of spectators who were able to gain admission and the millions who depend upon the newspapers for their information.

Mr. Redmond and his Irish colleagues controlled the course of events. His announcement that the prime minister was not support the program of the day and it appears to have settled the administration's fate.

It is reported that 45 Radicals have declared their intention of supporting Mr. Redmond against the government's action and that great pressure is being brought to bear from the Radicals to induce Mr. Asquith to resign forthwith.

Would Amend King's Speech. Austin Chamberlain will propose an amendment to the King's speech in favor of tariff reform and imperial preference, at the same time deploring the failure of the ministers to recognize in the speech the nature and gravity of the state of trade and employment.

The King's speeches usually are precise, but one clause in his speech today is regarded as most significant. Referring to the proposed reform of the house of lords, the speech contained the qualifying clause: "In the opinion of my advisers," which is interpreted as meaning that the king wants to dissociate himself from such proposals.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, rode in the royal procession and attended parliament. He appeared in the uniform of a British admiral and the crowds gave him a reception less warm than visiting members of royal families usually receive.

WILL MARRY IN LONDON

Engagement of American Society Lady is Announced.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 21.—The engagement is announced of Miss Mildred Carter, daughter of John Riddle Carter, formerly first secretary of the American embassy and now minister to Portugal to Viscount Acheron, late lieutenant in the Cold Stream Guards and a veteran of the South African war.

Miss Carter is one of the most beautiful and most popular Americans in London society. Viscount Acheron is the eldest son of the fourth earl of Gosford.

One-Third Have Mock Worm. (By Associated Press.) MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 21.—Dale county families, investigated by Dr. H. G. Perry, of the State health department, who reported today show one-third infected by hook worm.

This ratio is shown in 10,000 families.

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