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SIXTY LONGSHOREMEN ON STRIKE: MEN WHO TOOK JOBS SOON FOLLOW SUIT

Unorganized Freight Handlers On New England Steamship Co. Docks Quit, Demanding More Pay, and Strike Breakers Do Same When Company Provides Only Straw for Them to Sleep On.

Police Rushed to Scene When Specials Call for Help to Handle Situation—Portuguese Imported From New York In Threatening Mood/When Officials Tell Them to Work or Walk Back.

A strike of unorganized longshoremen employed on the Union street docks of the New England Steamship Co. followed by dissatisfaction among the imported colored strike breakers over sleeping accommodations furnished by the company partly disrupted service last night and caused a call for the police to aid special policemen in guarding the property.

WOMAN IN PERIL AS AUTO JUMPS ONTO SIDEWALK

Machine Gets Beyond Driver's Control, Runs Wild and Fells Pedestrian

The lives of a number of women shoppers in Main street, north of South avenue, were endangered at about 1 o'clock today, when an automobile, driven by Fred Kelly, of 319 Park avenue, got beyond his control, careened off the left curbstone of the street, shot across the car tracks, narrowly missing an electric and several other autos, finally landing on the right hand sidewalk.

Tony Demetrio, of 535 Water street, was struck and knocked down by the machine, a number of women on the sidewalk fleeing just in time to avoid being hit.

Relly, whose father, Jeremiah Relly, owns the machine, was arrested for not having his license in his possession. He says that he was going south in Main street, when he was forced to turn into the gutter to avoid hitting a girl.

GERMAN DEPUTY WAR MINISTER LOSES HIS POST

Berlin, Sept. 29, via London.—General von Wandell, deputy minister for war, has been dismissed from the war ministry, according to an official statement given out by the German government.

Woman in Japan Brings Suit in Local Courts

Beatrice Lane Suzuki who lives in Tokio, Japan, has filed papers in the superior court in a \$12,000 suit against Emma Erskine Hahn of Wilton. It is alleged that the agency performed certain services in connection with a case in which Attorney Fallon was interested. A bill for \$217.36 was put in and the detective agency says Attorney Fallon refused to pay it. The suit is returnable to the October term of the common pleas court.

POOLROOM OWNER FINED.

For allowing his clerk to keep open the poolroom of which he is the owner after 1 o'clock in the morning, Harry Terzian was fined \$7 and costs, by Judge Wilder this morning. He was told if this violation of the law occurred again he would be sent to jail.

NOT DEFEATED IN N.Y. STRIKE, UNIONS ASSERT

Efforts to Call Out More Workers Will Be Made Next Monday

New York, Sept. 29.—Labor union officials who attempted to organize a general strike here and in Westchester County in sympathy with the striking street car men refused today to admit defeat and still claimed that nearly 200,000 workers had quit. They announced, however, that efforts to call out others would be postponed until Monday next, when a meeting of the local federated unions would be held to consider what action shall be taken.

FATHER OF TWO MISSING, WIFE FEARS FOR HIM

Left Home Yesterday to Go to Work, But Failed to Arrive There

Believing that her husband has met with foul play, as a result of verbal altercations with several men, Mrs. Ralph Hopper, of 840 State street, has appealed to the police for aid in solving the problem of his mysterious disappearance.

Hopper, who is only 22 years of age, and has two children, a boy three years, and a girl 17 months old, is employed as a steam engine fitter at the Connecticut Breweries Co.

His opinions resulted several times in his having a wordy war with unknown men, which nearly resulted in his coming to blows with them. Yesterday afternoon, he left home on his bicycle, in an apparently happy frame of mind, to go to his work at the brewery. He bade goodby to his wife at 2 o'clock and was due at the plant at 3 o'clock. Not the slightest trace of him has since been found.

CAPT. HUNT'S WIDOW SUCCEUMBS IN BOSTON

Harriet E. Moore, widow of Alvin S. Hunt, captain of police, died at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Nelson, of Boston. She had been ill for several weeks with a nervous breakdown and throat affliction. The body was taken to Charlestown, Prince Edwards Island, her birthplace, where she will be buried.

Mrs. Hunt had been a resident of Bridgeport for about 29 years and had a large circle of friends here. She was married at her home in Prince Edwards Island to the late Charles McNeil, a former merchant of Bridgeport. She came to this city to make her home with him. Several years after his death she married Capt. Hunt. Until the death of the captain they lived with Mrs. Mary A. Hayes at 347 Golden Hill street. Later, Mrs. Hunt lived at the home of Dr. Edward H. Eames, 540 State street. She had been living with her sister at Boston since the spring of 1915.

DETECTIVE AGENCY SUES LOCAL LAWYER

The William J. Burns International Detective Agency of New York has brought suit against Frederick B. Fallon of this city to recover \$250. It is alleged that the agency performed certain services in connection with a case in which Attorney Fallon was interested. A bill for \$217.36 was put in and the detective agency says Attorney Fallon refused to pay it. The suit is returnable to the October term of the common pleas court.

JEWELRY LOSS TO FAIRCHILD'S EXCEEDS \$1,550

Two Fake Diamond Rings Substituted for Valuable Ones in Store

NOTED SWINDLER IS SUSPECTED OF TRICK
Police Believe Man Caught in Same Place 13 Years Ago Is Thief

It was learned today from an authentic source that the loss to the firm of G. W. Fairchild & Sons, Inc., who were victimized by two jewelry thieves, last week, exceeds \$1,550.

The swindlers by means of substituting two fake diamond rings obtained one diamond, valued at \$875 and another the cost of which exceeds \$675.

What is considered strange by the police is the fact that the very man, who is alleged to have bunched the jewelry store, was arrested in their establishment in 1903, where he was attempting to carry out the same plans pursued by him a week ago to defraud the company.

James McCrossen, who is now being held in Philadelphia, charged with the Fairchild swindle and with the theft of a \$1,700 ring in Boston, by the same methods, having been arrested yesterday, has operated in this city before.

He obtained a ring in the establishment of Isaac Brush, in State street. Ten minutes after his departure the substitution was detected and a search made in the streets for him. He was found in the Fairchild store attempting a theft and was placed under arrest.

That he should have the nerve to walk into the store where he was once arrested is not at all puzzling to the police, who assert McCrossen is a brazen, resourceful thief.

No trace of his pal, who, pretending to purchase, learns the cut, sign and tag number on the rings first, that fake duplicates may be made, has been found.

ONE-THIRD OF JITNEURS MAY LOSE LICENCES

Police Threaten to Refuse Renewals to Many for Minor Violations

More than one hundred drivers of jitneys filed application this morning at police headquarters to have their licenses renewed. Of the total number of jitney licenses, 613, now about to expire, it was learned today that a number of renewals will be refused to total between 150 and 200.

It appears that the police have been quietly taking the numbers of all jitney drivers, against whom complaints have been made, for slight infractions of the traffic rules and other minor difficulties.

The police have registered against about 50 drivers, complaints of ungentlemanly conduct, it being alleged in some instances that they have told policemen in citizen's clothes, and pedestrians to get out of the street, or passed some remark when forced to slow up by a person crossing the street.

No police action was taken in any of the cases, the driver's number simply being registered at police headquarters.

ALLEGED GUNMEN ARE HELD IN HEAVY BONDS

The two alleged New York gangsters, who came to Bridgeport early this week, and were charged with carrying on a wholesale hold-up campaign, but who were arrested following a stiff fight last night in front of 802 Pembroke street, were held in bonds of \$2,000 by Judge Frank Wilder this morning, after a hearing Tuesday.

They asked for the continuance to obtain counsel.

WIFE OF BROKER STRANGLER, THEN BURNED IN HOME

Mrs. Fred L. Small, of Boston, Choked By Rope and Skull Crushed

HUSBAND IS HELD PENDING INQUIRY
Mangled and Charred Body Is Found in Cellar of Cottage

Mountainville, N. H., Sept. 29.—Mrs. Fred L. Small, wife of a Boston real estate broker who was killed in a fire which destroyed the Small summer home at Lake Ossipee, last night, was first strangled by a rope tied about her neck and beaten over the head, it was discovered when her body was taken from the ruins today.

It is believed by the police that the fire was set to cover the crime. By a mere chance, however, this ruse failed. The body dropped with the burning floor into the basement and the head and neck lodged in a pool of water.

The rope which had been drawn tight about the neck and secured in a square knot in at the back, was preserved.

Mr. Small, who had left the cottage at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, six hours before the fire was discovered, made a hurried return by automobile this morning to assist the police in their investigation. He stated that he had left his summer home yesterday for a business trip to Boston and that his wife was alone in the cottage when he departed.

Frederic L. Small, the husband, retired from active business about three years ago and purchased the cottage at Lake Ossipee which had been the home of the Small for most of the year. The house stood on the shore of the lake two miles from this village and was the only occupied place in the vicinity. The fire had gained strong headway before anyone was attracted to the village arriving from a distance were unable to put it out.

It was some hours later before the ruins had cooled sufficiently to permit a search for the missing woman. This morning the body was found in the basement. It appeared that the skull had been crushed in by a blow or blows and also that the body had been partially burned while resting on a bed.

High Sheriff Chandler, of Carroll County took charge of the investigation when it seemed certain to the police the case was one of murder instead of suicide. Medical Referee Home, of Conway, prepared to make an autopsy and hold an inquest.

Later on his own authority, Sheriff Chandler placed Small under arrest and held him at a local hotel pending instructions from the county solicitor.

The local agent of a life insurance company today made known that in Mrs. Small's last will, written in joint policy on the lives of Small and his wife, Mrs. Ariene Small, for \$20,000, he solicited the business, he said, and both the husband and wife participated in negotiations that led to the issuance of the policy.

Before his arrest, Small had announced that he would give \$10,000 for the discovery of the person who killed his wife, adding that he knew of none who might have had a reason for wishing to harm her. Some time prior to the discovery of the nose about Mrs. Small's neck, her husband suggested the possibility that her clothing had caught fire while she was sitting before a fireplace as was her custom. After his arrest he refused to make any statement.

The Smalls came to the lake, it is understood here, from Southborough, Mass., last year, when they had announced here that he had retired from active business but still traded occasionally in the stock market. Both Small and his wife were about 50 years of age.

In 1909 Small sued A. H. Soden, widely known as one of the three owners of the Boston International League baseball club, for \$50,000 for alienation of Mrs. Small's affections. He was awarded \$10,000.

CHILD PLAYING IN GUTTER HIT BY CAR

Dodging from the gutter where she was running directly in to the path of the automobile of Charles B. Mark, in Hancock avenue last night, opposite Pine street, Annie Sentries, four years old, was knocked down. She suffered a severe scalp wound.

Annie was taken to her home, 401 Hancock avenue, and treated by a physician from the emergency hospital.

TRIES TO RUN CAR WITHOUT GASOLINE

H. C. Beek, left his automobile standing at Seaside park, at 9:30, the gasoline having been consumed and walked to the nearest garage to obtain fuel. When he returned he found a man in the seat frantically trying to start the machine.

Beek yelled to the man to get out of his machine. The would-be thief ran through the park when he heard Beek call to him.

FORMER U. S. BATTLESHIP, TAKEN TO GREECE BY LOCAL BOY, GOES OVER TO REBELS

GERMANY TO PERSEVERE UNTIL VICTORY IS WON, REICHSTAG IS INFORMED

Berlin, via London, Sept. 29.—Germany will persevere until victory is hers, the Reichstag was told yesterday by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the full text of his speech which was published here today. The Chancellor declared that this year's harvest had made Germany's position much more secure than was the case last year.

In his attack upon Great Britain he declared that that country was breaking one international law after another and was above all Germany's "most egotistical and obstinate enemy."

"A German statesman," he said, "who would hesitate to use against this country every available instrument of battle that would really shorten this war—such a statesman should be hanged."

The chancellor declared his contempt for those circulating reports that all Germans means of fighting were not being employed to the fullest extent. He added that in order to disappoint the enemy "who is on watch for every breach of our international relation," he would not give details.

QUESTION RIGHT OF CITY TO TAKE AWAY JITNEY LICENSES FOR ORDINANCE INFRACTIONS

A court ruling which may affect the decision of the local police department to revoke numerous jitneys' licenses was made today by Judge Scott of the common pleas court who held that a city has no right to make an ordinance regarding motor vehicles which would conflict with the state laws. This decision was given in the case of the state against Fred Scheidler of Norwalk. Scheidler was fined \$40 and costs in the Norwalk city court for driving a jitney without a license. His counsel filed a demurrer which Judge Scott sustained.

CHARLES DAVIS, NOTORIOUS BANK ROBBER, ESCAPES

Man Who Was Caught in This City After Shooting Up Town, Again Free

Charles C. Davis, noted bank robber, who after shooting up an Arkansas village, Dardanelles, and robbing the bank, escaped from prison and was captured in Bridgeport a year ago last July, has again broken jail and the local authorities have been asked to look for him.

Davis, who is anything in appearance but a dangerous criminal, is considered one of the worst types of hold-up men and safe breakers in the country. For years he and companions had terrorized Western cities, before they were caught and jailed.

His arrest in this city a year ago created a sensation. He had come here from the West after driving completely out of town the inhabitants of England, Arkansas, and robbing the bank of \$25,000, with three companions, two of whom were Bridgeport men. The authorities picked up 350 empty shells, when they arrived on the scene.

INTERNED SHIPS ARE REMOVED TO NEW U.S. BERTHS

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 29.—The interned German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz and Prinz Eitel Friedrich left the Norfolk navy yard early today for Philadelphia, where they are to be laid for the remainder of the war. Squadron of American battleships waited off the Virginia Capes to escort the cruisers to the coast and serve the double purpose of preventing their escape and guarding against interference by allied warships.

The Prinz Eitel Friedrich went out under her own steam while five tugs towed the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

Connecticut: Rain this afternoon and tonight; much cooler tonight. Saturday fair and cooler; fresh south shifting to west winds.

THE KILKIS, ONE TIME U. S. S. IDAHO, DESERTS GOVERNMENT CAUSE—L. E. BROWNE, BRIDGEPORTER, COMMANDED SHIP ON TRIP, JOIN HELLENIC NAVY.

Another Greek Warship, the Hydra, Is Seized By Revolutionary Party—Allies Report Continuation of Success Attained On the Somme.

Athens, Thursday, Sept. 28, Via London.—A report that the battleship Kilkis, formerly the United States battleship Idaho, has deserted to the revolutionaries, has been received here.

Louis Edgar Browne, of 2351 Bunnell street, this city, was the first commander of the Kilkis. With several hundred sailors who came from Greece on a transport, Browne ran the Kilkis from Newport News, Va., to Grecian waters, as a lieutenant-commander of the Hellenic navy. He taught the Greeks how to navigate the craft and work its complex fighting apparatus.

Browne is now in the Balkans as a war correspondent for an American Newspaper.

He is a graduate of Bridgeport schools, whence he went to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Not completing his course there, he entered newspaper work, first in Bridgeport and later in Washington, D. C. In the latter city he made the acquaintance of Secretary Joseph Daniels of the Navy Department.

When the United States sold the Mississippi and the Idaho to Greece, the latter country asked to have a naval officer lent to teach the Greeks how to manage the craft. This was impossible, but Secretary Daniels offered the post to Browne, who accepted and carried out a contract that he subsequently made with the Grecian government. The training he had received in Annapolis enabled him to thoroughly instruct the Greek seamen in handling the battleships.

ARMED REBELS TAKE ANOTHER GREEK SHIP

Piraeus, Wednesday, Sept. 27, via London, Sept. 29.—The defection to the revolutionists of the Greek warship Hydra in the small hours of this morning has caused great excitement in this Greek port. The Hydra, anchored under the guns of the arsenal, last night, was silently boarded at 3 o'clock this morning by a command of men in civilian dress.

The loyalist officer in command was aroused from his bunk and with pistols at his head, was forced with other loyalist officers to embark in a rowboat. The commander, being a Venizelist, readily surrendered the boarders.

Two tugs were attached by tow ropes to the ship and as noiselessly as possible she slipped her anchor and was drawn by the tugs from the company of the other Greek men-of-war. The tugs towed her to Salamis Bay, where the allied warships are stationed.

The minister of marine stated today to the Associated Press representative that he regretted the incident, as, while the perpetrators of it are unknown, owing to their attire, it was impossible to still the suspicion that they were not all of them Greeks.

"It is more to be regretted," added the minister, "as it tends to lessen the prestige the government at a moment when it needs all possible credit and unity to accomplish the difficult task before it."

ALLIES ALONG SOMME MAKE FURTHER GAIN

London, Sept. 29.—An attack by British troops on the Somme front early today resulted in the capture of a strongly defended farm 500 yards southwest of LesSars, the war office announces.

FRENCH MAKE GAIN

Paris, Sept. 29.—Further progress made by the French last night between Freucourt and Morval on the Somme front, according to a statement issued by the war office.

On the Saloniki front the Serbians repulsed four Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakcalan.

EPIDEMIC WANES SLOWLY

New York, Sept. 29.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis wanes slowly. Today's health department report gives 26 new cases, the same figure reported for the two previous days. Deaths numbered 12, two more than yesterday.

John F. Howland was chosen president of the Odd Fellows association at a meeting of the board of control held last evening. This organization has charge of Odd Fellows home in Broad street.