OFFICIALS DISCUSS WAGE REDUCTIONS

Machinists' Representatives and Southern Railway Men Hold Conferences.

Both Sides Refuse to Divulge Work at the Meetings.

Officials of the Southern railway, who are to carry out the policy of that road in reducing the wage scale of its machinists, were in conference again yesterday afternoon with representative machinists from all over the system, headed by James O'Connell, president of the International Association.

Further conferences are planned for tomorrow with a view of arriving at some equitable adjustment of the proposed new scale that will prevent conflict between the road and its employes. President Finley and General Manager Ackert are caring for the road's interests, while the machinists are represented, as published in The Times yesterday, by a delegate from each of the large shops, called here by the Southern officials.

Both Sides Reticent.

Both sides were reticent last night about discussing what steps are being taken to arrive at an understanding. It ws stated that the matter was yet in a crude form, in that a proposition had not been settled upon, except that a reduction in the wages of Southern employes was necessary on account of trade depression.

President O'Connell, head of the machinists, said:

"General Manager Ackert outlined to us, as did President Finley at the morning session, that a retrenchment all along the line was inevitable. Just what this amounts to cannot be stated at the present time. The matter is in an advisory state tonight. We are in conference, trying to reach some kind of tentative agreement. This agreement, if made, will doubtless have to be submitted to the men themselves, as the delegates sent here from the various shops all over the system are not invested with powers to act and bind their co-employes. The matter is to be considered again Monday."

Road's Position Outlined.

The position of the road was outlined by President Finley in asking for the conference, it being said that it was the policy of the management to take these matters up in an advisory way before acting upon them, and to secure the support of the men "in the present condition of trade depression that are upon it and all rialways of the South."

The proposed cut in wages, it is said, involves a reduction of about 10 per cent, or it is desired to reduce each man to the wages he was drawing a year ago for similar work. Mr. Ackert called the attention of the men to the fact that the salaries of all the higher officers of the company had been cut in ratio, effective February 1.

Representatives from the shops are present from Richmond, Alexandria, Selma, Ala., Atlanta, Birmingham, Columbia, S. C., Raleigh, Salisbury, Charleston, and other points.

HARRIMAN DIVIDEND NOT TO BE ATTACKED

The Attorney General has no present intention of applying in the United States Circuit Court at Salt Lake City for an order restraining the Southern Pacific Railroad Company from paying to the Union Pacific and other Harriman interests the dividend recently declared.

It is pointed out that while the Government has, in the suit now pending for the dissolution of the alleged illegal Harriman combination, prayed among other things that the Southern Pacific "be enjoined from paying any dividend" to the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, etc., the benefits would be so slight, if successful, and the disadvantages so great, that only some unexpected move of the Harriman interests would force the Government into immediate action.

WOMAN SUES FOR $15,000; WAS RUN OVER BY WAGON

Fifteen thousand dollars' damage is asked by Louise M. Turnburke, who yesterday sued Samuel Koblen in the District Supreme Court for personal injuries. The woman says she was knocked down by Koblen's grocery wagon while crossing Eighth street near G street southeast January 14, and received permanent injuries.

She declares her right arm was fractured, her right ankle sprained, and her foot so badly crushed as to make it impossible for her to walk without aid. Attorneys W. G. Gardiner and E. N. Hopewell represent the plaintiff.

CHARLES F. CHOATE, JR., SELECTED

A joint resolution was passed in the House yesterday naming Charles F. Choate, jr., of Southboro, Mass., as a member of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to succeed Richard Olney, resigned.

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SUCH AN AWFUL HEADACHE LITTLE CHERUB WILL HAVE WHEN HE COMES OUT OF IT

A package of corn juice, a puff of wind, a loose hat blown from an addled head, a pair of wobbly feet, and a hard spot in the asphalt pavement made up a combination last night that will cause a certain young man to scream with pain when he wakes up this morning. Should he happen to gaze into a lookingglass he will not recognize his own face. And he will have a good reason for not doing so, because it's changed. It looks like a choice cut of top round steak.

When that particular face came to town yesterday it looked as though it had been massaged every day in the week. It was Cherubic. Its owner, twenty years young, was out for a good time. The face was very happy.

Cherub Had His Troubles.

During the afternoon the youngster—we'll call him Cherub just for convenience sake—took his face into several barrooms along Pennsylvania avenue and poured into it large quantities of whisky. The face stood it as well as it could, but presently it began to lose expression. The corners of the mouth drooped downward instead of curling upward like Cupid's bow. While the upper portion was having its struggles Cherub was having troubles of his own with his lower regions.

In front of the Raleigh Hotel he decided to cross Pennsylvania avenue and take a car for Alexandria. No one but Cherub knows what an awful long journey that is when you're carrying home a package.

Oh! It Was an Awful Night.

He looked as though he was playing checkers with his feet, so regularly did he cross and uncross them. All things considered, however, Cherub was navigating fairly well, considering the size of his cargo, when a gust of wind came bowling down the Avenue. It came in contact with Cherub's head, already swelling rapidly, and removed therefrom the slouch hat which adorned it.

The next incident showed where the owner of the hat had too much faith in himself. He tried to run. The wind did feel refreshingly cool as it whirled its way through the curly hair, but the hat must be rescued. So, he tried to run. But he only tried. He didn't even get started.

To be sure one foot was put forward as if in obedience to the command of the owner, but unfortunately, its love for its neighboring foot was greater than its instinct of obedience. Accordingly it curled itself affectionately behind the heel of its mate, having first passed in front of the shin bone, then on the side and finally resting on the heel.

Something Hit Him.

He tried to walk with one foot and that was his undoing. He fell forward as heavily as it is possible for any great weight to fall. The left side of his face came into contact with the pavement with quite some force, with so much force, in fact, that something had to give way, and the asphalt refused to yield. Cherub was stunned. He was paralyzed in two ways now. A couple of pals dragged him to an Alexandria car and accompanied him home.

Merciful sleep came to the assistance of Cherub during the night. But this morning! Oh! Wow!

NAVAL MILITIAS ASKED TO ATTEND MANEUVERS

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry has addressed a letter to all governors of tidewater States that have a naval militia, inviting the participation of the militia in the joint torpedo and submarine torpedo boat maneuvers to be held next July, probably in Gardner's Bay, Mass. Most of the States have not yet been heard from.

No action has been taken by General Harries commanding the District Militia, though it is thought improbable that the Puritan will be sent so far North on a summer cruise, as the men would not have sufficient time. It is nearly a week's sail for the Puritan from this city to Gardner's Bay, and the cruise is seldom longer than two weeks.

HOUSEBREAKERS CAUGHT; MANY THEFTS SUSPECTED

In the arrest of William Henson and Emory Wright on a charge of housebreaking, the police are confident they have thwarted a deep plot. The two men are said to have planned a wholesale looting of private residences.

The men delivered a load of fuel at the home of John Basket, at 3451 Holmead place northwest, yesterday, and after putting the coal in the cellar left the window unlocked. They entered the place after nightfall and secured a number of valuable lawbooks which were disposed of.

The theft was reported and an investigation disclosed the fact that Henson and Wright were the two men who had sold the books to a number of dealers. Detectives Greene and Sullivan, of the Tenth precinct, were assigned to the case and arrested Henson and Wright. All the books were recovered.

The prisoners will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow morning.

INJURED FIRE FIGHTER REMOVED TO HIS HOME

Joseph Bentley, the fireman who was injured while responding to an alarm of fire in the Bernard apartment yesterday, was sent to his home, 1364½ Georgia avenue southeast, after receiving treatment at the Casualty Hospital. Truck No. 18 collided with a tree at the corner of Tenth street and South Carolina avenue, and Bentley was thrown heavily to the ground. Upon his removal to the hospital it was discovered that he was suffering from a fractured collar bone, bruises about the body, and shock.

AMATEUR JOURNALISTS AT BUSINESS MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Washington Amateur Journalists' Club was held at the home of Miss Pearl K. Merritt, 154 F street southeast, Saturday evening.

The business meeting of the club consisted of a discussion of associate membership and the March number of the club's official organ, which was increased to eight pages, the Washingtonian.

Following the business meeting was a reading of selected articles from amateur papers, with a brief sketch of the amateur history of the writers.

Edgar M. Hayes, who was a prominent member of the old Washington A. J. Press Club, was present and gave several interesting experiences of his career as an amateur journalist.

THUGS ATTACK MAN; LEAVE HIM TO DIE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dr. Henry Bentley, a dentist, about sixty-five years old, was found unconscious and nearly dead from hunger and exposure early today by Policeman Adams in a vacant lot on Whitlock avenue near 144th street, the Bronx.

The aged man was unable to give any address or tell how he got where found, but the police believe that if he recovers his faculties he will be able to furnish the details of a case of drugging and robbery in which he was the victim, left to die.

At Lincoln Hospital where Dr. Bentley was taken, Dr. Seaman said the man was on the verge of starvation and had probably been lying in the cold for many hours.

Bankbooks of the Fifth National Bank and papers relating to the City Savings Bank, showing he had on deposit $4,500 at the former, established his identity. His address, from the books, is believed to be 441 East Twelfth street.

Neither money nor jewelry was found on him, and it is believed that he was drugged, robbed, and left in the unfrequented locality where the policeman was attracted by his groans. Dr. Bentley is still unconscious, but it is believed he will recover.

MRS. SARAH URTTER DEAD.

After being operated upon, Mrs. Sarah Urtter, the seventy-three-year-old widow of Michael Urtter, residing at Takoma Park, Md., died yesterday. She is survived by three children, two sons and one married daughter.

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TRAPPED IN WELL BY ESCAPING GAS

Policeman Rescues Laborers at Peril of His Life.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Overcome by gas at the bottom of an ancient well twenty feet deep, in the rear of 420 Lincoln road, Brooklyn, today, two men were rescued by a policeman, who climbed down into the hole to get one of the men out. The other he pulled out by means of a rope.

The two men were John Rabello, of 491 Lincoln road, and John Jasazza, of 424 Lefferts avenue. Lawrence Helfin, the policeman who rescued them, was seriously affected by the gas while he was dragging Jasazza up a ladder.

The ladder on which Rabello and Jasazza had gone down into the well was removed by an assistant to give the men room to work. While Rabello was at work his shovel struck an old rusty gas pipe, ripping a big hole through which the gas began to pour, filling the well.

The men shouted to their assistant to drop the ladder, but he was too frightened to do so, or to go to their aid. They cried to him to go for a policeman and he summoned Helfin.

A piece of rope with a hook attached, which had been used to draw up the refuse in pails, was lying near by, and this Helfin lowered into the well. Rabello caught it and, tying it round his waist, was pulled out safely.

Helfin dropped the rope a second time for Jasazza, but he was unconscious, so, tying the rope about his own waist, and placing a handkerchief around his face, Helfin put the ladder in the well, and went down for Jasazza. The fumes were so strong that Helfin was scarcely able to stand.

Holding tightly to the unconscious man and resting on every step of the ladder, Helfin managed to get him to the surface. Helfin, who was exhausted, was attended by an ambulance surgeon, who removed Jasazza to Kings county hospital. Rabello went home after receiving medical attention.

BURTON RENOMINATED.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton was unanimously renominated today by the Republicans of the Twenty-first congressional district.

Burton and former Judge Fred L. Taft were named as delegates to the Chicago convention, and instructed for Taft, for President.

Slays Salary Of Employes; Gets a Boost

"House Goliath" Smiles Smile of Satisfaction When Commended.

Representative Robert Bruce Macon of Arkansas, who has been affectionately called by his friends "Dr. Mary Walker," twined a few laurel wreaths in his midnight hair yesterday.

He tripped through the legislative appropriation bill in the House, merrily kicking out of the measure every salary increase that came within his view. He did this by making points of order against each increase. His voice sounds like his nickname, but he used it as a rapier thrust yesterday and stabbed the salary raises to ignominious death.

It was a day of fearful slaughter. Always the battle raged, and always Macon, with a death's head in one hand and a flaming sword in the other, charged down the aisle and beat the growing prosperity of Government employes over the head with a cruelty that reminded the beholders of a surgical operation. Mercy was a stranger to him. He would not have realized kindliness if they had met in the middle of a narrow road under the glare of a noonday sun.

Blood was in his eye. Behind him stretched the path of his devastation, and before him other salary increases lured him on. His fight was to the finish. Into his head there had crept the idea that economy in the Government must be subserved. He subserved it. He is a small man physically, but mentally he was a Goliath for whom no David had ever been born. He was enthroned in the midst of the Gath and everyone did him homage.

At the close of the day, when he wiped the sweat of conflict from his bulging brow and readjusted his cuffs, somewhat mildewed with the blood of the slaughter through which he had waded, he looked about him to see if commendation was his reward.

Chairman Tawney, of the Committee on Appropriations, was right on the job with the commendation. He reminded the House that Mr. Macon had done yeoman service in keeping down salary increases. "Dr. Mary Walker" smiled, not to say beamed. His reward was sufficient. Forgotten was the dust of conflict and the gore of grappling with mighty issues. He sank into his seat and smiled some more.

And, as the ice water and the ice packs were brought in to refresh him, he smiled again.

VANDERBILTS MUM ON HETTY GREEN

Refuse to Answer Allegations About Offering Diamonds for Cash.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The various members of the Vanderbilt family who were mentioned in the interview with Mrs. Hetty Green as having been turned down when they begged loans from the great feminine financier on their jewels refused today to discuss the allegations of the richest woman in the world.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, the mother of the Countess Szechenyi, against whom Mrs. Green turned her most biting comments, declined to have anything to say on the statement of Mrs. Green that "if Mrs. Vanderbilt marries this foreigner the control of the Vanderbilt system of railroads will pass out of the family's hands."

Harry Payne Whitney, the son-in-law of Mrs. Vanderbilt, who, Mrs. Green declared, obtained from her a loan of $1,000,000, giving as security a first mortgage on his mansion at the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, said, through his secretary: "I have nothing whatever to say. I have not made a statement to any one and I shall not."

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Vanderbilt, and who was not mentioned in the interview with Mrs. Green, was the only member of the Vanderbilt family who would consent to answer any of the statements of Mrs. Green. Mrs. Shepard said:

"I cannot believe the utterances credited to Mrs. Green. Those which have to do with the Vanderbilt estate are absurd, I am sure. Mrs. Vanderbilt would scarcely seek such means of raising money as Mrs. Green is quoted as telling of. These statements are surprising and incredible to me."

E. V. W. Rossiter, vice president of the New York Central and executor under the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, consented to talk as to the allegations of Mrs. Green that the New York Central had applied to her for financial assistance. Mr. Rossiter was found at the Union League Club. He said:

"It is both absurd and ridiculous. The New York Central's directors have never, to my knowledge, either applied to Mrs. Green or the Chemical National Bank, which she owns, for a loan. I am pretty sure I would have known it, if such were the case.

"Neither has the Vanderbilt estate applied to her for financial aid. The statements seem so absurd I can hardly believe that Mrs. Green has been correctly quoted."

CONDUCTOR KILLED IN REAR-END SMASH

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 15.—Adam Smith, a conductor, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was instantly killed, and an engine and twenty cars were demolished in a rear-end collision of extra freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Pawpaw, W. Va., twenty-five miles east of Cumberland.

A thick fog obscured the danger signals, and the engineer of the second train ran right by them. His train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour when he discerned the train ahead and jumped.

JAP IMMIGRATION SLUMPS, OTHER NATIONS INCREASE

There has been an enormous slump in the number of Japanese entering the United States. Last month shows a falling off of 4,304 over January of last year, only 971 being recorded as having passed Uncle Sam's borders. Although the shrinkage in Jap immigration reached 81 per cent, the increase of other aliens was 2 per cent.

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35-inch All-pure Silk Black Taffeta,

Strong and brilliant; warranted to wear; $1.25 value..... $1.00

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