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PORTLAND GRAIN HANDLERS STRIKE

Firm Refuses to Recognize Union and as a Result Men at Once Walk Out.

WILL AFFECT GRAIN EXPORTS

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Discriminated in Favor of Nonunion Men—Serious Complications Expected.

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—The grain handlers belonging to the union went on a strike at the Oceanic dock this morning, upon the refusal of the firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to meet their demands for recognition of the union. The strike was ordered at a special meeting of the grain handlers held Wednesday evening. The trouble has been coming on for some time. Balfour, Guthrie & Co. is said, is the only big wheat exporting firm of the city that has refused to treat the union fairly.

According to the story of the longshoremen, Balfour, Guthrie & Co. have been persistently violating the agreement made not to discriminate against union men. Union men have been discharged with regularity, and non-union men put in their places. Protest was made to the firm recently, and the grainhandlers were told that matter was in the hands of the superintendent. The latter told the men that he had orders from the firm to surround himself with nonunion men as fast as possible. And so the strike was ordered. It is said the firm may be fought by the longshoremen's union at all the ports on the coast if the matter is not settled.

Should the members of the union on the other docks join in the walkout Portland's grain exporting will come to a stop at its busiest time of the year.

MOLINEUX TAKES THE STAND

Asserts His Perfect Innocence With Unflinching Demeanor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Roland B. Molineux took the witness stand today to testify in his own defense against

the charge of murdering Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. He declared his absolute innocence of any part or knowledge of the crime. Throughout his examination and cross-examination Molineux preserved unruffled and confident demeanor, answering all questions promptly.

So great was the crush in the courtroom that the police reserves were called out to preserve order.

COMMENTS ON TREATY.

Purely Commercial, Being Entirely Outside of Politics.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Senator Quesada, Cuban minister, commenting on the negotiations now being conducted for a commercial treaty between Cuba and this country, said:

"The reciprocity treaty is purely a commercial convention and has nothing to do with any other political question between the two governments and has absolutely nothing to do with the Platt amendment. The Cuban government has been studying the draft of the treaty and has been consulting the different interests in the island and in due time will return it with observations and modifications deemed best for the interests of Cuba and at the same time which will not hurt the interests of the United States."

PEACE HAS BEEN MADE.

Colombian Insurgent Uribe-Urbe Has Laid Down His Arms.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Advices from Colon say that the Royal Mail steamer Orinoco has arrived there, cables the Panama, Colombia, correspondent of the Herald. She brought confirmation of the reported peace arrangements made with General Uribe-Urbe and Castillo by General Manjarros.

All of the liberal forces, numbering about 2000, were at once granted regular passports. Generals Uribe-Urbe and Castillo were in Barranquilla, but it is reported that they would soon leave for Bogota.

DEVELOP LARGE WATER POWER

Sound Cities Will Be Supplied With Electrical Force From New Source.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—Another large water power is to be developed for the purpose of supplying Seattle, Tacoma and other Puget Sound cities with electrical power. The power plant will be located on the Upper Puyallup river 2 miles from Tacoma and 4 miles from this city. The corporation has acquired the land and water rights for about nine miles of the river's length.

COMMISSIONERS TAKE ACTION

Any Increase of Existing Wages Will Be Effective From November First.

SHUTS OFF ALL CONTROVERSY

Arbitrators Continue Thorough Investigation of Mines—Preliminary Report Expected.

SCRANTON, Oct. 31.—The first important action by the anthracite coal strike commission was taken today when it was announced by Carroll D. Wright, recorder of the commission, that if any award affecting the existing rate of wages should be awarded, the award shall be effective from November 1st. It was expected this question would come up before the arbitration board, but the action of the commissioners shuts off any possible controversy that either side may have desired to raise.

The miners are perfectly satisfied with the decision of the commission. The commissioners spent the entire day in continuing its inspection of the mines and the mining region about Scranton.

It is possible that the commission may make a preliminary report on the principal strike question. They are increasing in wages, shorter work day and weighing of coal. After these have been decided the commission can take up the other questions without undue haste.

MITCHELL COMPLETES STATISTICS

A Detailed Report on Conditions of Miners Now Prepared.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 31.—President Mitchell has data prepared which he intends to present to the investigation commission when it is called for. He has statistics from nearly every colliery in the anthracite region showing the wages of the employees; what it costs to live; the school facilities; the duration of the school term, etc.

KING UNDER THE X-RAY.

Treated Sixteen Times for Rodent Ulcer at Root of Nose.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—According to a medical periodical which will be issued here tomorrow, a letter has been received from the London correspondent of the paper to the effect that the death of Dr. Arthur Barry Blacker, on September 19, in London, disclosed for the first time the fact that King Edward was treated with X-rays 16 times last spring for a rodent ulcer at the root of the nose. The letter says: Dr. Blacker, who was just 40 years old, was one of the pioneers of the light treatment in this country and had for the last year or two held the post of superintendent of the X-ray department in a London hospital. To his obscurity he owed the honor of being chosen. The king had a small rodent ulcer at the root of the nose which was successfully dealt with after 16 applications.

By a strange irony of fate the physician himself fell a victim to cancer in the very moment of his success. He was attacked by epithelioma of the axilla. Amputation at the shoulder joint was thought of, but the disease spread so rapidly that the idea of surgical intervention had to be abandoned.

SIX DEATHS ON SHERIDAN.

Transport Brought Home for Burial Body of Chaplain McKinnon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—Six deaths occurred on the transport Sheridan while enroute from Manila. The dead are: H. Howell, troop C, Ninth cavalry; W. T. Hawthorne, an employe in the quartermaster's department; W. J. Johnson, troop C, Ninth

cavalry; Thomas Sawyer, civilian; Frank L. Durbin, company F, Twentieth infantry, and unassigned Private T. G. Godswort.

The body of the late Father McKinnon, ex-chaplain of the California volunteers, was brought home for burial.

STATUS OF CUBAN ISLE AFTER THE EVACUATION.

Prior to the New Republic It Was Foreign Territory, According to a Late Decision.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—A decision which was interpreted as signifying that the island of Cuba was a "foreign country," as understood by the United States constitution, from the time of the evacuation of the island by the Spaniards up to the establishment of the new republic, has been handed down by United States Judge Edgar B. Thomas of Brooklyn. The judge holds, therefore, that all crimes committed in Cuba during the military rule of the United States on the island are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the republic of Cuba.

The law department in Washington will receive a copy of the decision, which is the outcome of the case of Joseph Assia, a sailor of the ship Poloma, charged with killing John Orlov, while the vessel was cruising in the waters about Hayti last June. Owing to a rebellion in Hayti at the time there was no established form of law. The Poloma, however, was registered as a Cuban ship, under the military government of Governor-General Wood. In addition the Poloma sailed under the American flag and her ownership was vested in Americans residing in New York City. All these things brought up the question whether the Poloma was or ought to be considered an American or a Cuban ship and whether the prisoner was subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Cuba or of the United States. The ship was regarded as an extension of Cuban soil, thus complicating the matter.

DISAPPEARING CARRIAGE FOR THE SMALLER GUNS.

Six-Inch Bore Will Be Provided as Well as the Heavier Ordnance at Our Forts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Secretary Root has approved the recommendation that the disappearing gun carriage be used in connection with guns of six-inch calibre as well as with those of larger bore. This action marks the close of a contention lasting many months among the fortification authorities of the war department.

The carriage to be used is largely the design of General Crozier, the present head of the ordnance bureau. Its adoption was antagonized by General Miles as head of the board of the ordnance and fortifications. Congress, at its last session, because of the differences, authorized the appointment of a special board to pass on the merits of the invention. That board recommended the use of the carriages in the discretion of the secretary of war for guns exceeding six inches in calibre, but suggested that the use of the carriage for guns of six inches or less be suspended.

This suggestion recently has again been under consideration by the board of ordnance and fortifications, and in the absence of General Miles the board has agreed to recommend that the line should be drawn below the six-inch gun rather than above it; that the secretary has the same discretion with reference to it as he exercises to the guns of higher calibre, and that the carriage should be used for guns of smaller bore than six inches.

MURDER OF ORIDAN P. HALL.

Killed While Visiting at the Home of an Italian Merchant.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Details have been received here of the murder of Oridan P. Hall, the American mining engineer, at Guanacos near Chos-Malal, Nequen territory. He was visiting at the home of an Italian merchant, Salvador Trotta, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. Two of the latter's clerks were also murdered. Signor Trotta, it is also said, is being persecuted by the authorities of Guanacos and he has started for this city. During his absence his house was attacked.

Mr. Hall has been a resident of Argentina for many years. He was married to the daughter of Colonel Olascoaga, president of the Argentina-Bolivian boundary commission.

ROOSEVELT GOES HUNTING

Party of Famous Men Visit Virginia With Guns.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—President Roosevelt accompanied by Secretary Root, Secretary Cortelyou and Surgeon General Rixey of the navy left tonight for a gunning expedition near Manassas, Va. Tomorrow the party will shoot over the farm of Representative Rixey of Virginia.

SECOND ERUPTION QUITE PROBABLE

Souffriere Again Gives Evidence of Covering Island With Molten Lava.

CRATER VISITED BY EXPERTS

Appearance of Volcano Denotes Impending Disaster—New Crater Has Not Yet Been Active.

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, B. W. I., Oct. 31.—Henry Powell, curator of the government botanical station here; J. P. Quinton, of the British botanical station in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and W. E. Foster, of the British botanical station at Lagos, West Africa, accompanied by guides, visited the Souffriere volcano October 28 and spent an hour and a half on the summit. The party found the crater in activity. It was emitting volumes of steam and throwing up numerous cones of ashes from the fissure close under the southern wall to a height of 40 feet. During the last half hour of the explorers' stay the crater became violent. Mr. Powell, who, from his frequent visits, is well acquainted with the features of the mountain, is satisfied that the new crater shows no signs of having been in eruption. The old crater has become more funnel-shaped than formerly and is now deepest in its center.

Volcanic ejecta almost redhot and smoking profusely has been heaped up around the interior walls of the crater to a height of several hundred feet. The rim of the crater is considerably wider than it was and the depression on the western side overlooking Morne Rouge has been much lowered. In the center of the crater is a caldron of boiling water, and close in under the southern wall is located a fissure from which large volumes of steam and ashes are seen to emerge. The steam and ashes follow the trend of the depression under the southern wall, and, gaining the summit of the volcano, are blown to the westward, thus giving the appearance of having come from the new crater.

The party found no lava. The configuration of the mountain has been much altered. The sea is still encroaching upon the land at Wallabou estate. The Wallabou river is dry at its mouth, but far inland is it running with fair volume in small channels. There was a slight eruption of Souffriere October 28, when at a quarter past 8 loud growling sounds were heard and a cloud of dark vapor was thrown out. These disturbances have continued and are causing much excitement at Georgetown, where earth tremors are continually felt.

From the general appearance of the volcano another eruption of a serious nature can be expected. The administrator of St. Vincent visited the George town district October 28. He has advised the governor of the windward islands, Sir Robert Llewellyn, that it is advisable permanently to locate the people of the disturbed part of the island at North Union, which is at a considerable distance from the volcano.

NEW BICYCLE RECORD.

Parisian Rides More Than Forty-Eight Miles in an Hour.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Contentet, the bicyclist has ridden 48 miles 685 yards in one hour at the Vedromo Buffalo, says a Paris dispatch to the Herald. He continued up to 100 kilometers which he covered in one hour and 17 minutes. The track surface is of wood, built in the American style, and measures about five laps to the mile. Contentet's new mark for the hour is the most remarkable performance in history of the middle-distance cycling. It is only within two years that 40 miles in an hour has been reached. By gradual stages the record was brought up to 43 miles and finally Linton paced it at 43 miles, 1530 yards, on the Parc des Princes track, Paris, on May 11, 1902, in a race when he defeated Robl and Elkes.

CANNOT PAY DIVIDENDS.

Mercantile Marine Company Has Paid too Much for Vessels.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Severe comment on the alleged extravagant price at

which the International Mercantile Marine company bought the White Star liners appears in financial columns of the London newspapers this morning. It is predicted that it will be impossible to pay dividends on such a watered capital and the public is warned to avoid subscribing if shares are issued. Comparisons are drawn with the Hooley methods of company promoting.

In an editorial article the Daily Mail points out that the steamship City of Rome, which cost \$1,500,000 in 1881, has just been sold for \$35,000 to break up. The paper asks what is the precise value of Mr. Morgan's collection of second hand liners, a majority of which are 10 years old.

DUEL WILL LIKELY ENSUE.

French Legislators Become Involved in Serious Controversy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—An altercation is reported to have just occurred in the lobby of the chamber of deputies between M. Dedion (nationalist) and Geraint Richard (socialist), says a Times dispatch from Paris by way of London. The cause of the dispute was a newspaper article by M. Richard on the abjuration of Judaism of a certain journalist, at which ceremony M. Dedion is said to have been present.

M. Dedion forbade M. Richard to write about him and made a gesture as though he were about to strike M. Richard is said to have retaliated by kicking M. Dedion. A duel will probably follow.

SHERIDAN BRINGS TROOPS.

More Than 1000 Men of Ninth Cavalry Return From Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—The transport Sheridan arrived in port early this morning, 23 days from Manila via Nagasaki. She has on board 1010 soldiers, including six troops of the Ninth cavalry, consisting of 520 men, 250 casualties, 134 sick, eight prisoners and five insane men. She also brought the bodies of 17 dead soldiers. There are 95 cabin passengers, including a number of officers returning to their homes. The transport Summer, with General Chaffee on board, left Nagasaki four days ahead of the Sheridan but on account of stopping at Honolulu is not expected to arrive here until next week.

MUST QUIT USE OF SOFT COAL.

New York Ordinance to Be Enforced After November 15.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Mayor Low has issued an order calling upon the board of health to enforce, after November 15, the ordinance forbidding the use of soft coal in this city. He also issued a proclamation saying that in view of the increase in the supply of hard coal and the fall in price there is no reason why the ordinance shall not be enforced again.

For domestic sizes of anthracite the price of \$7.50 a ton is still maintained by retailers.

TOM L. JOHNSON USES HIS FIST

Mayor Strikes Republican Tax Official During Public Political Meeting.

BLOW FOLLOWS HOT WORDS

Injured Man Started Out to Secure Warrant, but Evidently Later Altered His Intention.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—A sensation occurred during a political meeting in the public square in which Mayor Tom L. Johnson struck William Mycraine, a republican tax board official, in the face with his fist. According to a statement of a bystander the mayor overheard Mycraine assert that he (Johnson) was a liar. A few hot words followed and then Mayor Johnson struck Mycraine in the face. Mycraine left the square, declaring he would secure a warrant for the mayor's arrest, but up to a late hour the warrant had not been applied for.

MEN MEET SUDDEN DEATH.

Rush of Gas Creates Fatal Results—Four are Dead.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 31.—By a sudden rush of gas four men were killed and three seriously effected near the Twenty-fourth street heading of the big tunnel trunk sewer tonight.

THE DEAD:

LAWRENCE FISHER, colored.
GEORGE RHODES, colored.
HUGO SWANSON.
WILLIAM BRADSHAW.
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED:
Ivanovs Kovitch.
Sam Finch, colored.
Michael Mulroy.
Kovitch is not expected to live.

TWO NEW RECORDS.

Cresus Lowers Two-Mile, and Prince Albert the Pacing Time.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 31.—Cresus this afternoon was sent against the world's two-mile trotting record of 4:18.1 and completed the circuit twice without a break in 4:17 flat, clipping off the 11.4 seconds from the former record.

Another brilliant performance was that of Prince Albert who went against the pacing record for geldings of 2:34. The horse moved like clockwork, beating the former record by three-quarters of a second, the time for the mile being 3:00 flat.



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