

ANOTHER STRIKE ON IN CHICAGO

SCENES OF DISORDER IN THE DOWN TOWN DISTRICTS

MAY INVOLVE MANY WORKERS

Teamsters Quit Work in Sympathy With Garment Workers, Who Demand the "Closed Shop"

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Chicago is again in the throes of a struggle between capital and the labor unions. As on former occasions the unions have resorted to the use of the union teamsters to bring them victory in the struggle, which tonight promises to spread to many branches of the teaming industry of Chicago.

The present struggle had its beginning in a strike several months ago of a few hundred garment workers employed in the mail order house of Montgomery Ward & Co. The closed shop is the issue and in order to bring the firm to the terms of the union a strike of the 200 drivers and teamsters employed by the concern was called today.

As has always been the case in the past when the teamsters were called on to assist by a sympathetic strike, the down-town streets of Chicago today were scenes of disorders which followed fast on each other when an attempt was made to deliver goods with non-union drivers. Many teamsters, garment workers and their friends filled the streets and many clashes with the police occurred. In several instances it was necessary for the police to arrest a number of the belligerents before the blockades could be lifted.

May Involve Twenty Thousand Drivers In the belief of many labor leaders, today's strike is the beginning of a great contest that may involve 20,000 drivers.

The move against Montgomery Ward & Co. is an opening wedge by which teamsters hope to bring success to the garment workers in an effort to establish a closed shop. There are twenty-eight employing clothing makers in the city and it is the purpose to extend the teamsters' strike gradually until it includes all of the twenty-eight firms.

The indications are that the strike will not stop even then, but will involve many other branches of the teaming industry.

A resolution of the Railroad Express association to carry out orders for Montgomery Ward & Co. and to discharge any driver who refused to deliver freight to that firm was put to the test when A. D. Meyers, a driver for Wells-Fargo & Co. was about to turn and drive away at the command of union men in the streets. Superintendent Reed of the express association hailed the wagon and ordered Meyers to make the delivery. Meyers said he was afraid of the pickets. He was immediately discharged. Mr. Reed himself unloaded the wagon.

Express Drivers to Strike Business Agent J. B. Barry of the Express Drivers' union has declared that he will order a strike of all express drivers. It is reported that the Association of General Agents and Express companies entering Chicago is holding non-union men in readiness for such an emergency.

Pickets and strike sympathizers gave H. P. H. Phillips, manager for L. Feder, manufacturer of women's wear, a lively chase through the street, following a delivery to him of goods to the strike order firm. Feder's drivers refused to make the delivery. When the wagon left the police protected zone about the building it was pursued by hundreds of shouting men and boys. Whipping up his team, Phillips distanced his pursuers.

John Olson, a licensed expressman, was less fortunate than Feder's manager. Olson, after delivering four boxes of goods, was set upon by the pickets, who climbed to the seat and pulled Olson to the ground and handled him roughly.

Two big trucks were sent out by Montgomery Ward & Co. about noon to move goods from the Ward building in Michigan avenue to the railroad freight houses at Kinzy and North State streets. Two patrol wagons filled with police accompanied the trucks, one patrol preceding and the other following them.

Crowds Block Streets At South Water street and State street the progress of the trucks with their police guards was obstructed by a number of teams, many of them belonging to South Water street fruit dealers. Several policemen left the patrol wagons and cleared a passage for the trucks. The crowd meanwhile increased rapidly and soon over 1000 persons, jeering and yelling, surrounded the patrol wagon and trucks, following them to the Ward building. While the trucks were being loaded the crowd continued to grow and by the time the drivers were ready to start for the freight house it is estimated that fully 1500 persons had gathered around the wagon.

WILL COMPETE WITH STANDARD OIL TRUST

Independent Producers of Kansas to Construct Pipe Line and Refinery

By Associated Press. CHANUTE, Kas., April 7.—Representatives of thirty independent oil companies, which control three-fourths of the oil production of Kansas, met here today and decided to form a company, representing \$7,000,000 of invested capital, to build a fuel oil pipe line from the Kansas oil field to Kansas City and to construct a refinery and storage tanks in that city.

The company to be formed will be the only one which will compete with the Standard Oil company for the markets of the middle west. The producers decided that a consolidation of all their interests is the only salvation of the independent operators in Kansas.

AIRSHIP INVENTOR IS SUED FOR \$100,000

J. J. Montgomery of Santa Clara College Brings Action Against Baldwin

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, April 7.—J. J. Montgomery of Santa Clara college, professor and inventor, whose aeroplane bids fair to revolutionize the present methods of navigating the air by means of dirigible balloons, today brought suit against T. S. Baldwin, exhibitor of the California Arrow at the St. Louis fair, for damages in the sum of \$100,000 and to be adjudged the owner of the Arrow.

He also demands an accounting from Baldwin of all moneys received by him in the exhibitions and that Baldwin be required to surrender to him certain parts of the Arrow.

GREAT LOSS REPORTED FROM INDIAN EARTHQUAKE

Four Hundred Soldiers Killed in One Building, and Heavy Mortality Among Natives

By Associated Press. CALCUTTA, April 7.—It now appears that 400 of the Seventh Gurkhas were killed at the Dharmasala cantonment by the collapse of a stone barrack building in consequence of the recent earthquake. In addition twenty members of the First battalion and fifty members of the Second battalion of the First Gurkhas were killed, while it is roughly calculated that from 20 to 30 per cent of the native population of the surrounding villages were killed.

In addition to the Europeans already reported killed at Dharmasala seven children of Europeans are said to have perished. Three missionary society's representatives at Kanray—the Rev. H. F. Rowland, Mrs. Dauble and Miss Lorber—were killed by the fall of the mission house during the recent earthquake. All the other missionaries in the Punjab are believed to be safe.

SENATOR PLATT'S CONDITION SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Has Passed the Most Comfortable Night Since His Illness Began

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Conn., April 7.—The condition of Senator O. H. Platt, which took a turn for the worst last evening, showed improvement today. His physician said that the congestion that appeared in the right lung late yesterday afternoon and evening had cleared up this morning.

The senator, he said, had the most comfortable night since his illness began.

RUSSIAN MILITARY TRAINS IN COLLISION

Eight Killed and Many Wounded, Owing to Crew Being Worn Out With Work

HARBIN, April 7.—By a collision of military trains west of Harbin eight soldiers were killed and 28 men wounded. The accident was due to the fact that the locomotive crew, who were worn out with excessive hours of continuous work, fell asleep and ran past signals.

CONDEMNNS DOCTORED WINE

San Francisco Health Officer Making Crusade Against Adulteration

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The health officer has condemned 5560 gallons of adulterated wines found in the possession of various local grocers and wine dealers and the wine will all be destroyed as soon as the dealers have been given sufficient opportunity to square accounts with the wholesalers from whom the wines were purchased.

The health officer says that the condemned wines are being traced to the source of this manufacture and that many thousands of gallons of adulterated wines are likely to fall under the ban of the health authorities before long.

BIG HAUL OF ABALONES

Diver Secures Two Tons in Eight Hours' Work

SAN PEDRO, April 7.—Diver Mori of the abalone fishers made a record haul yesterday a short distance north of Portuguese bend. He was down about ten hours and sent up from the ocean bottom two tons of abalones. His work was performed in from fifty to seventy feet depth of water and he worked continuously with the exception of a half hour's rest at noon.

DESPONDENT WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE

MRS. JOSEPH LEHMAN SHOTS HERSELF

BROODS OVER ESTRANGEMENT

Fails to Effect Reconciliation, and the Woman Takes Her Own Life, Husband Stunned, Unable to Make Statement

While in a fit of despondency brought on by prolonged brooding over the estrangement of herself and her husband and her failure to effect a reconciliation, Mrs. Ida Lehman of 1345 Rich street last night committed suicide by shooting herself in the mouth. The bullet lodged in the base of the brain.

The dead woman was about 27 years of age and had been married to Joseph Lehman, who is a letter carrier, about three years. The couple lived at the address given above since their marriage and seemed happy until about six months ago.

They tried to conceal their quarrel. Even when Mrs. Lehman went to San Francisco early in January and did not return to Los Angeles until a week ago the husband continued to rent the home which they occupied and gave out that she was visiting some of her relatives in the northern city and would soon return.

Neighbors Hear Shot

It developed last night that she had no relatives in San Francisco, but as that was her old home she had merely gone there after the disagreement with her husband.

A week ago she returned to their home. During her absence Lehman had been living at the house but taking his meals at the home of his mother, who runs a small grocery store on the corner of Valencia and Pico streets, which is in the same neighborhood. Mrs. Lehman, the proprietor of the store, has living apartments in the rear of the store and at the time of the shooting Joseph Lehman was calling on his mother.

About 7:30 o'clock the neighbors heard a muffled shot and on investigation found Mrs. Lehman lying on the bed in her room with blood running from her mouth and a small caliber derringer revolver clutched in her right hand. She had put the point of the pistol into her mouth and pulled the trigger, the bullet penetrating the base of the brain.

Will Hold Inquest

The information that his wife had committed suicide by shooting herself seemed to stun Lehman and for a time he could neither do nor say anything, and could give no account of what had taken place previous to his leaving the house a short time before the woman took her life.

During the absence in San Francisco of his wife Lehman had applied for a divorce and it is thought that his wife had gone home again with the hope of effecting a reconciliation but had been unsuccessful and took her life while despondent.

The body was taken to Pierce Bros' morgue, where an inquest will be held this morning.

TAPS NEVADA GOLD FIELDS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 7.—The Nevada & California Railway company filed articles of incorporation with Secretary of State C. F. Curry today. The new road, which is a Southern Pacific undertaking, is capitalized at \$15,000,000, divided into 15,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. Of this amount \$457,000 has been subscribed, 10 per cent of which has been paid over to the treasurer.

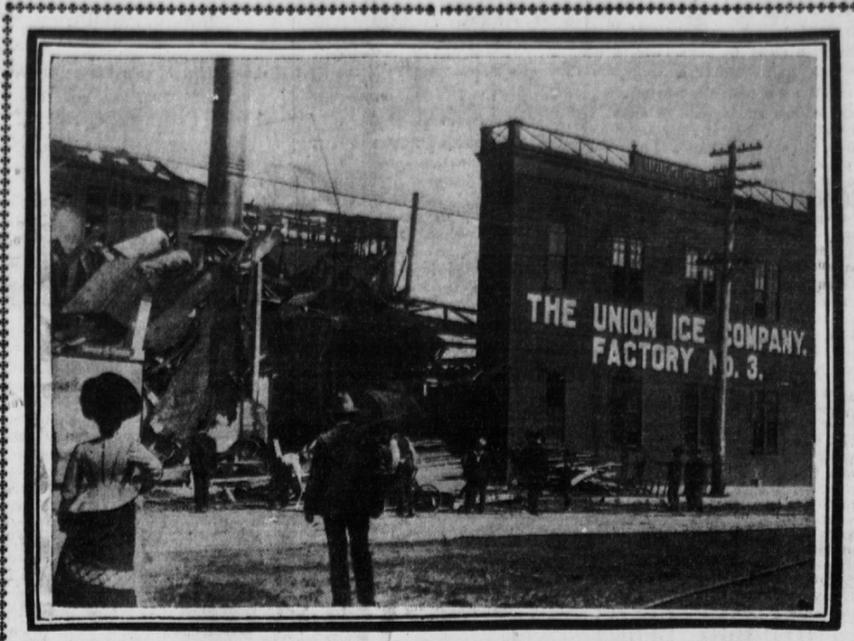
The directors and the number of shares they hold are: William F. Herrin, 2270; William Hood, 2270; Peter F. Dunne, Nicholas T. Smith and Joseph L. Willcutt, 10 each.

The main line of the new road will commence at Hazen station, Churchill county, Nevada, on the line of the Carson & Colorado railroad, running in a general westerly direction to Moundhouse station on the Virginia & Truckee railroad, a distance of twenty-seven miles. The principal place of business of the new road is San Francisco.

The building of this road is said to be a move on the part of the Southern Pacific company to offset the Santa Fe and Senator Clark's road, the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, both of which contemplate building in that territory.

The branch road will be in striking distance of Tonopah and the newly discovered gold fields of Nevada.

PLANT OF UNION ICE AND COLD STORAGE COMPANY WRECKED BY EXPLOSION



Property of Union Ice and Cold Storage Company Blown Into a Mass of Wreckage by Burst of Gas

SIGHT FLEET IN MALACCA STRAITS

FORTY-SEVEN RUSSIAN SHIPS STEAMING SOUTH

News Confirms Previous Report of Thirty Russian Warships and Fourteen Colliers Being Passed by the Dart

By Associated Press.

LONDON, April 7.—A dispatch from Singapore to a news agency says that the British steamer Tara reports having passed 47 Russian vessels off One Fathom bank in the straits of Malacca at noon on Friday, steaming southward.

A dispatch from Durban, Natal, March 29 said that the British steamer Dart from Rangoon reported that she passed on March 19 thirty warships and fourteen colliers (probably the Russian fleet), steaming eastward, 250 miles northeast of the island of Madagascar. The fleet reported by the Tara is probably the same as the one sighted by the Dart.

Japanese Watching the Straits

LONDON, April 7.—A dispatch from Singapore to the Express says that the captain of a coasting steamer reports having sighted twenty-seven warships seventy miles southwest of Penang. A Batavia (Java) dispatch to the same paper says that Chinese junk reports that Japanese warships are patrolling all the straits available to Rojstvensky in an attempt to reach the China sea.

Had Chinese Bandits With Them

ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—Chief of Staff Karkovitch, in a dispatch to the general staff, dated today, says: "Yesterday our sharpshooters forced the Japanese cavalry to retire from Erdabeh and Tshushu. One of our detachments on arriving on the morning of April 4 at Tsintsatun engaged the enemy, who had 6000 Chinese bandits with them. I have not received a report of the results of the battle."

MUST HAVE INDEMNITY

Former Japanese Minister of Interior Explains Position

LONDON, April 7.—Baron Suye-matsu, formerly Japanese minister of the interior, has written an interesting and significant article for the Outlook, under the heading "War and Indemnity," upon the Japanese claims. The whole trend of the article is intended to show that Japan will carry on the war until Russia consents to pay indemnity.

The baron says: "A canon of the Japanese-Bushido is 'one should not sheath the sword unless one is totally overcome or has secured equitable satisfaction for one's cause.' This is our ideal in international intercourse. The sword of Japan is drawn, and the aim for which it was unsheathed has scarcely been attained. We want peace which will secure tranquillity in the Far East for at least a generation or more."

"The world should know that in the present war Japan staked her whole existence, whereas, with the enemy, it was a mere war of caprice. Why, then, in case of defeat, should not Russia be made responsible in equitable accordance with the nature of the affair? I believe, therefore, that in case of the adversary asking for peace, the satisfaction which she will have to make to Japan should include making good the material loss of Japan; in other words, indemnity."

Baron Suye-matsu says further: "Japan has not formulated definite terms of peace, because she might be accused of skinning the bear before it is shot. We have, however, outlined our idea."

MURDERED MAN IS IDENTIFIED

MUTILATED BODY IS THAT OF ITALIAN LABORER

San Francisco Police Find Clues Which They Believe Will Lead to Capture of Perpetrator of the Crime

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Positive identification was given this morning of the mutilated body found Wednesday night at Vallejo and Powell streets and yesterday afternoon off Meiggs' wharf when Peter Antonio Crespano Concello called at the morgue tonight and declared the mutilated body to be that of his half brother, Biaggio Vilaro, an Italian laborer. Concello tells a mysterious story of the disappearance of his brother, whom he saw for the last time three weeks ago. He also gives information which the police believe will lead to the speedy apprehension of the murderer.

The first information that led to the identity of the murdered man was given to Captain of Detectives Burnett by a member of the curious throng that crowded about the morgue. The stranger said he believed a brother of the deceased was employed as an oiler at Sixteenth and Harrison streets.

With this information as a clue, Detectives Harrison and Graham soon located Concello and took him with a friend named Giacomo Licursi to the morgue. The moment the men rested their eyes on the face of the deceased they at once identified him.

The detectives found that Vilaro, who was a native of Palermo, Sicily, and 28 years of age, had been living in a room at 710 Montgomery avenue. The apartment was found to be deserted and the few things found there did not furnish the slightest clue. An effort is now being made to find the last lodging place of the murdered man, for it is there that the detectives believe the crime was committed.

In telling the story of the events preceding his brother's death, Concello said:

"It has been three weeks since I last saw my brother. I missed him from his customary lodging place and learned that he had moved and was working as a day laborer in Oakland. "Just after the murder of Giuseppe Brogardo on January 21, a cousin of the dead man, named Ferritina Benedetto, and my brother called on me and made the request that I furnish some money to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of the murdered man. I refused to do so and they went away. I also received a letter from Benedetto making a request for money but I never complied with it. "I have not the slightest idea why anybody should have borne enough enmity against my brother to have murdered him."

Russian Main Force Retreats

TOKIO, April 7.—The main force of the Russians which was recently defeated in the neighborhood of Chinchiatun has deviated toward Shumiencheng, and a part of it has retreated along the Fenghua road. On the evening of April 5th no Russians were to be seen south of Hsinlitun, eight miles north of Chinchiatun.

A small force of Russians is occupying Talislyo, twenty-six miles east of Welyuanpaomen.

Roads Become Impassable

GUNSHU PASS, April 7.—Important operations are thought to be out of the question for some time to come; rain, snow and thaw having spoiled all the roads and created impassable mud.

PIONEER STRUCK BY ELECTRIC CAR

SAN FRANCISCAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

L. H. Bonestell Sustains a Broken Leg and Severe Contusions While Attempting to Board Grand Avenue Car

By Associated Press.

L. H. Bonestell, a pioneer of California and a prominent resident of San Francisco, was struck by the step of a northbound Grand avenue car at 9 o'clock last night and thrown into the gutter. His left leg was broken below the knee and he was considerably bruised.

Bonestell, who is 78 years of age, has been spending a short time in Los Angeles and last night intended to leave for the north on the 10 o'clock train. He was in the act of taking a car for the station.

Mr. Bonestell was standing on the north side of Adams street waiting for the car, and as one approached he stepped into the street to hail it, but stood too close to the track and evidently did not see the iron step protruding from the side. The forward step struck him and threw him backward with great force.

The crew of the car immediately went to the injured man's assistance. He was sent to the California hospital in the police ambulance and Police Surgeon Smith was summoned.

So far as appeared last night the injuries inflicted are serious, but not fatal, though the doctor has some fears of internal injuries.

Bonestell is a well-known man in San Francisco and is the head of the firm of Bonestell & Co., wholesale stationers.

NEW YORK REMINDED OF "JACK THE RIPPER"

Woman Stabbing Case Bears All the Marks of the Atrocious White-chapel Murders

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Elements of mystery, recalling the stories of "Jack the Ripper," who terrorized the White-chapel district of London years ago, attend the sensational stabbing today in a Thirteenth street hotel of Mamie Wilson, a young woman. She died in a hospital a few hours after the stabbing. The woman was stabbed in the abdomen. The wound was made with a very long knife. The character of the cut was similar to that made on the victims of the London "Jack the Ripper."

James Boyne, a club steward and patron of the hotel, has been arrested. He told the police he was with the woman last night, but said that she had left him and he did not know how she was stabbed. When he was arrested it was found that seven of Boyne's teeth had been knocked out and that one of his eyes had been blackened by a blow.

PLUNGES TO ETERNITY

Slips While Unloading Timber and Falls Into Shoot

By Associated Press.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 7.—Lee Marsh was instantly killed last night by falling 150 feet down a timber shoot at the Morning mine near Mullan. He was unloading timber when he slipped upon a plank and fell into the shoot.

EXPLOSION RUINS STORAGE PLANT

ENGINEER'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

DAMAGE WILL BE \$70,000

Property of Union Ice and Cold Storage Company Blown Into a Mass of Wreckage by Burst of Gas

A heavy pressure of escaping gas from an oil tank in the engine room of the Union Ice and Cold Storage plant on Alameda street ignited from the furnace fires beneath the boilers early yesterday morning and exploded, wrecking the entire plant and hurling pipes and ammonia tanks high in the air. Mark E. Hazel, assistant engineer, who was on duty at the time, was hurled through the air and severely injured by the explosion but managed to escape with his life.

The explosion occurred shortly after daybreak. An oil tank, filled with crude oil for fuel purposes, was sidetracked into the yards of the storage company on Alameda street, between Second and Third streets. The plant occupies a position at the southern end of a large lot at that corner and, the offices being at the extreme northeast corner, escaped without damage.

The oil was being forced from the car to a tank beneath the floor of the boiler room. The tank, it is supposed, was filled with gas from the refuse oil, which forced it upward and outward into the boiler room above. As the tank became filled the gas in the room above became heavier and Hazel started toward a window to let the fumes out. As he did so the gas ignited with the furnace fires and in a second the entire plant was a mass of ruins.

The force of the explosion tore out the entire north wall and wrecked the west wall. The room above was also totally demolished and the entire building piled up in a mass of splintered timbers and twisted pipes.

Caught by Exploding Gas

Hazel was caught by the exploding gas just as he started to move. To this fact he probably owes his life, for he was thrown violently to the floor instead of being crushed through the north wall. His face and head were burned and he was badly bruised and injured.

Seeing that he must perish beneath the weight of the staggering building Hazel made a desperate effort and crawled through the gap in the wall. His clothing was fanned into flames by the draught and, becoming panic-stricken, he dashed south on Alameda street, followed by an officer and a number of spectators. At the corner of Third and Alameda streets he was overtaken and thrown in the sand and the flames extinguished. At the emergency hospital Hazel regained consciousness and, although badly injured, will recover within a few weeks, it is said.

Following the explosion the building

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THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Cloudy on Saturday; fresh west winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 66 degrees; minimum, 55 degrees.

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EASTERN Grand jury investigating beef trust expected to bring in indictments very shortly. Judge Dunne explains how Chicago proposes to realize municipal ownership. People of San Antonio, Tex., give president elaborate reception.

FOREIGN Russian fleet sighted in Straits of Malacca and Togo watching all exits. Court and court absent themselves from annual parade of India's G.I.R.s. Earthquake in Hong Kong widespread and inflicted great losses.

COAST G. W. Pratt, prominent citizen of Pasadena, is dead. People of San Bernardino becoming terrorized by frequent recurrence of hold-ups. San Francisco police identify murdered man and find clues to slayers.

LOCAL Councilmen ridicule mayor's gas plans. City officials inspect outfit sewer seventy feet under ground. Autolite raise howl over proposed new speed ordinance. Sanitary inspector declines to quit job, although he was discharged by health board. Prosecution scores heavily in trial of Tom Hays.

Will of the late Helen Denmore of New York finds its way into California courts. Los Angeles police identify murdered man and find clues to slayers. Explosion of gas wrecks Union Ice and Cold Storage plant, causing damage of \$70,000 and seriously injuring engineer. Thousands of dollars worth of jewelry and gold found in safe deposit box of alleged gentleman burglar. Detectives arrest man charged with wholesale burglary of boarding house. High railroad official says Salt Lake commands approach to Goldfield.