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LOEB IS ANGRY.

Labor Union Paper Hints at Graft and Prosecution Will Result.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Court proceedings by William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, are said to hang over the head of a local labor leader. Mr. Loeb has written to Samuel De Nedry, the editor of a local trades union paper, protesting vigorously against a recent article in the paper stating that Mr. Loeb contemplates appointing Charles A. Stillings, former public printer, to a position of trust in the office of collection of customs and which concluded with the question, "Who was at the head of the audit system?"

It is understood Mr. Loeb took offense at what he believes to be a veiled insinuation that he was interested in the audit system which was inaugurated at the government printing office by Mr. Stillings and which, ultimately, was responsible primarily for the resignation of Mr. Stillings as public printer.

Mr. Loeb intimates that it is his intention to carry the matter into the courts. Mr. De Nedry says he was absent from the city when the article appeared in the paper and does not know how it got into print.

Interior Department Mum.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The acuteness of the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy manifests itself here most strikingly by the dead silence of the interior department, and the suppressed but all pervading atmosphere of enthusiasm in the forestry service bureau.

Assistant Secretary Pierce of the interior department, did not care to discuss the charges of maladministration against Ballinger by Pinchot. Acting Commissioner Swartz of the general land office, keeps the same silence.

"The whole subject," said an official, "is threadbare. It is our policy to let the matter drop, notwithstanding the counter charges which emanated from the west that this filing was in the interest of the so-called water power trust. The public has all the information we care to give at present."

Bids on Dreadnaughts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Bids for the construction of two more American dreadnaughts, the Wyoming and Arkansas, authorized by congress, were opened in the presence of numerous representatives of shipbuilding firms at the navy department today.

The vessels are to cost \$8,000,000 each, exclusive of the armor and armament. They are to be 26,000 tons each, the largest ever undertaken by the American naval establishment, the increase in tonnage in this class of vessels being from 20,000, the size of the original dreadnaughts, the Delaware and North Dakota.

The Utah, now under construction by the New York Shipbuilding company, and the Florida, now being built at the New York navy yard, are the two remaining dreadnaughts, their tonnage being 22,000.

The naval officials expect lively competition for the contracts for the Wyoming and Arkansas.

Battleships Maneuvering.

NORFOLK, Va., August 17.—The fifteen ships of the Atlantic battleship fleet are again all together on the southern drill ground off the Virginia capes, with the exception of the Kansas, which is still in Hampton Roads, adjusting her gun sights, in preparation for the target work which is expected to begin Wednesday.

Everything is being put in readiness at the navy yard for the towing out on Wednesday morning of the torpedo boats Nicholson and O'Brien, which, with improvised masts and canvas stretched aloft are to be used as targets.

The Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Georgia, which spent a part of Saturday and Sunday night in Hampton Roads put to sea yesterday and today were maneuvering with the others close to the coast. The wireless operators working with code decline to divulge the day's program.

Townsites Reserved.

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—Announcement was today made by Superintendent Witten of the reservation by the government for townsites purposes of certain areas of land in each of the three Indian reservations thrown open for public entry last week.

Four townsites have been established in the Coeur d'Alene reservation at Plummer, St. Marie, Worley and Desmet. In the Flathead townsites have been reserved for townsites purposes, namely: Arlee, Ravalli, Ro-

nan, Revellos, Dixon, Dayton, St. Ignatius and Polson.

Klaxtain in the Spokane reservation has been selected for terminal and townsites purposes, but has not been reserved. These townsites will be sold at public auction this fall.

The Coeur d'Alene sites will be disposed of in September at Coeur d'Alene.

Dayton and Ronan in the Flathead will be sold to the highest bidders at Kalispell, September 7.

Report of Agricultural Department.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—During the last 12 years, the period covering the administration of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, the agricultural balance of trade in the United States increased from a yearly average of \$234,000,000 to \$411,000,000, or 75.7 per cent., according to the department's year-book made public today. At the same time it is stated many conditions affecting the lives of the farmers of the country have advanced in even greater ratio until many of the undesirable features of farm life have been eliminated.

"So increasingly disposed has the public been to ask and receive the aid of the department, and so large have been the new fields of work assigned to it by congress," says Mr. Wilson, in a resume of his work, "that the number of employees has increased enormously. On July 1, 1897, 2,444 persons were employed and eleven years later in 1908, the number was 10,420."

CORPORATION TAX SOLID.

A Plan To Reorganize the Interstate Commerce Commission.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 18.—Reports reaching Beverly daily from Washington and New York that the constitutionality of the new corporation tax to be levied is to be tested has not disturbed the president in the least. He so declared himself today. The tests and the protests, the president said, were all anticipated.

Mr. Taft, himself a lawyer of some eminence and father of the corporation tax idea, is thoroughly convinced that the tax will stand any test that may be applied to it. Attorney General Wickersham, a corporation lawyer of note, and Senator Knox, collaborated the corporation tax provision of the tariff bill and the measure as enacted, they believe, will survive any attempt to nullify it.

Attorney General Wickersham is coming to see the president Friday to discuss with him a plan for reorganizing the duties of the interstate commerce commission under an amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law bringing interstate corporations more under the control of that branch of the government.

According to Mr. Taft's view, the machinery to enforce the laws on the statute books is inadequate. He believes the interstate commerce commission is overcrowded with work and that it ought to be relieved of its jurisdiction as an administrative body, its functions to be limited to the quasi-judicial investigation of complaints made by individuals and by a department of the government charged with the executive business of supervision. The president also believes that under the Sherman anti-trust law there is much to interfere with legitimate business, but by amendment it can be made an effective and just instrument.

Waterways Commission Investigating

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The members of the American waterways commission, who are visiting in Europe in search of information as to the best methods of solving the problems confronting it, began their work today. Senator Theodore Burton of Ohio called at the Prussian ministry of public works today.

A large steam launch has been placed at the disposal of Mr. Burton and his party, which will be used during the next three days for study of the canals and streams adjacent to Berlin and the upper Elbe.

Professor Emery R. Johnson of Philadelphia, George McPherson and J. Hopkins will collect material bearing on the historical development of waterways system of Germany.

The commissioners were joined today by Major F. A. Mahan, U. S. A., retired, who came from Paris.

GLENVIEW, Aug. 18.—Many do not realize the rapidity with which that portion of Dawson county lying north of Wibaux is settling up. It is the section sometimes referred to as the "Blue Mountain country," and it lies mostly on Cottonwood, C. S. and Dry creeks. About forty homesteaders have gone in there within the past two months, and more are arriving every day.

STOCK THIEF INDICTED.

Wealthy New York Brewer Charged With Stealing Heinze Stocks.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The grand jury this afternoon handed down an indictment against Charles Katz, president of the Eastern Brewing company of Brooklyn, charging him with grand larceny in connection with the Windsor Trust company loan transaction, in which stocks belonging to F. A. Heinze were stolen.

The grand jury also returned an indictment today against Walter L. Clarke, a note broker, now under \$12,000 bail on a grand larceny charge in connection with the theft.

John Alvin Young, president of the Windsor Trust company, and Jordan J. Rollins, counsel and director of the trust company, went before the grand jury today as witnesses and were expected to explain the part the trust company took in the loan transaction by which M. J. Joyce, broker for F. Aug. Heinze, is alleged to have been swindled out of \$110,000 worth of Davis-Daly and Ohio copper securities.

Previously Mr. Young told the assistant district attorney that the books of the Windsor Trust company showed that \$1,000 bonus had been received for the part the company took in the \$10,000 loan to Joyce. Mr. Young declared to the assistant district attorney that the real lender was Charles Katz, a Brooklyn brewer.

Jim Hill To Entertain Japs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor today decided to invite Jas. J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board, to act as one of the government's agents in the entertainment of the thirty or more representatives of Japanese chambers of commerce who will visit this country in September.

The Japanese merchants and trade experts comprising the party will be the guests of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific slope.

The trip is being made in the interest of furthering commercial interests of Japan and the United States by inducing a greater exchange of business.

Heney Is the Candidate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor in the so called San Francisco graft cases, which has occupied the courts of this city for two years, and the continuation of which is being made one of the principal issues in the municipal campaign, was nominated for district attorney on the democratic ticket at San Francisco's first direct primary election yesterday.

At midnight virtually all the returns were in and indicated that Heney had defeated Charles M. Fichert for the endorsement of the democrats by less than 150 votes. Heney received 2,384 votes on the democratic ticket and Fichert 2,260, with probably 100 votes yet to be counted. On the republican ticket Heney received 4,364 votes, as against 11,658 for Fichert. The latter was a candidate for nomination on the republican, democratic and union labor tickets. Heney's name did not appear on any of the ballots and those voting for him wrote his name in with a pencil.

G. A. R. Standard Stolen.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 18.—The standard of the Grand Army of the Republic which has been carried for the past 20 years by the commander in chief of the Grand Army and has been the official banner of every encampment since 1889, has been missing since the day of the recent parade of the veterans, August 11, and it is feared that it has been stolen.

When last seen it was floating over the reviewing stand. The color bearers failed to take it down immediately and when they went to get it it was gone.

The flag is of yellow silk eight by twelve feet in size, and woven into it are the words: "National Standard of the Grand Army of the Republic."

It was presented to the Grand Army in 1889 at Milwaukee.

Rockefeller's Wealth.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Despite the slump in stocks caused by the veiled announcement that E. H. Harriman's health is alarming, there has been no drop in Standard Oil stock. It is quoted on the curb at \$712, the highest price since the panic of 1907, November 4th, of which year it dropped to \$390. Since then it has risen 322 points.

Wall street experts say this rise increased Rockefeller's wealth by \$80,000,000. Statisticians declare that if

Rockefeller lives to be 80, he will have a billion dollars. It is estimated today that he has \$700,000,000, despite the fact that he has been given away to public charity \$130,000,000. It is declared that if he suddenly withdrew his fortune from circulation it would create a world-wide panic.

Big Decline In Stocks.

NEW YORK, August 20.—Another spasm of liquidation came over the stock market in the final hour today on dealings, prices of the more active issues, such as the Harriman stocks, Reading, Illinois Central, United Steel and American Smelting declined from 2 to 3 points or more. Excitement on the floor was intense and the stocks were thrown over at whatever prices they would bring.

Aside from further rumors regarding the health of E. H. Harriman no news was offered in explanation of the sensational decline.

Wellman Starts For North Pole.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—A dispatch has been received here from Trieste saying that according to a telegram received from the captain of the Italian steamer Thalia, now at Hammerfest, Norway, Walter Wellman left Spitzbergen August 16, in his dirigible balloon bound for the north pole. He had a favorable wind when the start was made.

For the last four years Walter Wellman of Chicago, has been devoting his time to preparations for an undertaking to reach the north pole by airship.

He was at Spitzbergen in 1906 with a balloon, but postponed his departure on account of the lateness of the season. In 1907 a start was made in the airship America, but the vessel encountered a storm and was driven back and the attempt was abandoned.

Mr. Wellman left on January 12 of this year for Spitzbergen, where he has been engaged in completing his preparations for the start he is now said to have made three days ago.

He estimates that under favorable conditions the pole can be reached from Spitzbergen in from two to five days.

Alaskan Indians in Strike.

SPOKANE, Aug. 19.—"Indians of the northland are fast learning the ways of the white man," says Jeremiah Smith of Spokane, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, who has just returned from Alaska. "They have gone through their first strike in the Copper river country, where the Guggenheim interests are constructing a railroad, and they were successful from the start. The reds went in like a lot of dockmen, and we have learned that they can be depended upon to 'stick' once they have made up their minds. There is the making of a strong union among the aborigines and I believe we shall have them in the field in a short time. Alaska is flooded with men, and as a result they do not receive more than \$3 a day for common labor. Because of the many looking for work there is a tendency to force wages down, for which the transportation companies are largely to blame. Their chief aim is to get the money. Conditions are such that a man cannot work all the time, even during the open season, but I believe this will be remedied soon."

Peculiar Escape from Death.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—When Miss Ruth Rogers leaped foremost from a raft in the lake at Manhattan beach yesterday, she touched with one of her feet the body of a man lying on the bed of the lake. Her cries for help, when she arose to the surface brought former congressman Charles S. Wharton and others, who were swimming near by.

Mr. Wharton dove and saw himself that what Miss Rogers had touched was the body of a man and after repeated efforts the rescuers were successful in bringing it to the surface. They were astonished to find that breath still remained, although the victim was unconscious. When he had been resuscitated after an hour's work, he said he was John Tuzocki. He is twenty-three years old. He was unable to say how he came into his plight but it is believed by those who were at the beach that in diving from a post he struck a great rope stretched as lifeline and was rendered unconscious.

Butte, Aug. 20.—An incendiary fire totally destroyed the boiler plant and the power house of the Britannia mine west of Butte at 2 o'clock this morning and the loss is about \$5,000. The machinery is totally destroyed. The fire was discovered by a miner who lived nearby, and he first sent his family far away to avoid possible dynamite explosions, at the same time he sent word to Symons.

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

ANACONDA, Aug. 18.—More than 1,500 head of young cattle have been shipped from Spikes, Idaho, and will arrive here in a day or two, to be sent to the feeding grounds of the Big Hole basin. The animals are being brought across the plains on 60 cars and are shipped by Bales & Jones.

MISSOULA, Aug. 18.—News was received this morning from Hamilton that a rich strike has been made at the Golden and Silver mining claims, located 12 miles from Hamilton between Butte and Mineral Hills, and owned by V. Jones, J. B. Shipman and William Bennett. The assay shows \$3,400 per ton. The mine was discovered by Shipman last fall while hunting, and is believed to be a lost Indian mine. The lead where the gold was discovered is 15 feet in width.

LEWISTOWN, Aug. 18.—The Fergus county mines made shipments to outside smelters last week. The Cumberland, now under the control of A. S. Wright, who has the property bonded, made its first shipment under his management, the lot comprising 30 tons of high grade ore going to the smelter at Anaconda. It is expected to give a profit of about \$7,000 and was mined by three men in a short time. The famous old Maginnis, also of Maiden, owned by W. G. Conrad and Helena men, also sent out a nice lot of ore. The mine is being worked under a lease.

LEWISTOWN, Aug. 20.—The past week has been a notable one for big deals in Fergus county ranch property, and aside from the purchases made by Mr. Penwell of Helena, one of which involved \$100,000, eastern capitalists have purchased about 2,000 acres of the Mason tract on Little Rock creek, while a Wisconsin investor has bought 1,000 acres of the Branger tract in the same locality, paying \$25 an acre.

HELENA, Aug. 19.—J. J. Arthur, arrested in Great Falls Tuesday morning by Constable Frey, on the supposition that he was A. C. Berlic, who is alleged to have passed a number of worthless checks on Helena merchants a couple of years ago, was discharged this morning by County Attorney Hepner, who stated that he was satisfied that Arthur was not the right man. The men in Helena on whom Arthur is alleged to have passed the checks, were unable to identify him as Berlic.

BUTTE, Aug. 20.—By the first of next year it is authoritatively stated, the Milwaukee will begin work on its new line through the Yellowstone country. The new line will run between Harlowton on the Milwaukee and Cooke City and the Yellowstone National park. The new road will run from Harlowton to Melville and thence to Big Timber. From Big Timber the line will extend westward to Cooke City.

HELENA, Aug. 19.—Former United States Senator W. A. Clark is in the city tonight. He is here looking after his interests in the Missouri River Power company. In an interview he stated that the Missoula electric road, which he is building, will be ready for operation in about five months. The system includes an interurban line to Bonner, Mont., and its completion is looked forward to, Senator Clark says, as a great factor in the development of the agricultural district adjacent to the city of Missoula.

HELENA, Aug. 20.—Henry Neill, state land agent, who went to Belton, in Flathead county, recently, to put representatives of the Great Northern in possession of land the state had sold the company, but which the forest service had fenced, has returned to Helena and reports that a truce has been made. Mr. Neill's instructions from the state land board were to place the purchasers in possession of the land and to tear down the fence the forest service had put up, if necessary.

HELENA, Aug. 20.—Congressman Charles N. Pray, who has arrived in this city from the national capital, in an interview today predicted that under the next federal census Montana would have three congressmen instead of one as at present. The basis for the representation is 200,000 and Congressman Pray expects that Montana will show a population of approximately 600,000 under the new census. He calls attention to the fact that it has been necessary to establish 165 new postoffices within the last year to provide mail facilities for the new settlers.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Several Towns Menaced By Flames From Burning Timber.

SPOKANE, Aug. 21.—Batting almost hopelessly, 300 farmers and timber men are fighting a great forest fire, three miles wide, which is sweeping through the splendid fir and tamarack timber north and west of Lake Coeur d'Alene today. For forty hours the fire has defied all efforts to check it, the blaze dividing as it nears Rockefeller bay, one wall of fire moving north-east, the other southeast, beyond control.

The fire, which is now about 25 miles southeast of Spokane, is burning a path three miles wide and has already gone a distance of more than six miles. There seems to be no possibility of gaining immediate control. For every mile it moves now it is estimated \$100,000 worth of fine timber is destroyed, and the total loss up to noon today is estimated at \$1,250,000.

GRAND FORKS, B. C. Aug. 21.—This town is in danger of total destruction by a forest fire that has been raging in this vicinity for two days. Already the nearby town of Roseberry has been destroyed, its inhabitants narrowly escaping with their lives.

The fires are now sweeping through the valley toward Hatton and the residents of the little town are feeling for their lives.

The forest rangers are recruiting fighters and apparatus is being hurried to the scene from points outside of the damage zone. Although the flames have not yet touched Grand Forks, they are headed in this direction, and every preparation is being made to stop the fire before it reaches the city.

The Champion Broncho Buster.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 21.—Before 40,000 people Clayton Danks of Cheyenne, after a sensational ride on Steamboat, the famous outlaw horse, was awarded the world's championship in the bucking contest finals at the frontier celebration this afternoon. Danks won the championship here two years ago and in Denver three years ago. Harry Brennan won second prize.

Ed. McCarty of the Cheyenne high school won the world's championship in roping, Thursday, throwing a steer in 44 2-5 seconds. W. H. Garrett of New Mexico, was second, with a time of 50 4-5 seconds.

The humane society prevented the finals in the roping contest today on the ground that it was too cruel to the steers, a number having been badly injured.

Seven Deaths in Auto Races.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—Three more lives were sacrificed today in the speed carnival which has marked the opening of the new Indianapolis motor speedway. One mechanic and two spectators were today's death toll, when a National car in a 300-mile race, lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators.

The casualties today raise the speedway fatalities to seven. William Borque and his mechanic were killed in an accident in the 250-mile race Thursday. Cliff Litterel was killed by being hit by a big racing machine while on the way out to the speedway. On Thursday Elmer Crampton, a six-year-old boy, was killed by the automobile of Dr. Clark E. Day of this city, while the latter was on his way to the races.

Has Faith in Rain Making.

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 21.—Nicola Tesla, the inventor, in a letter received here today by George G. Matthews, a rainmaker of Wichita, predicts a final successful solution of the problem of the artificial production of rain. He says:

"I cannot recall that I have expressed myself on the subject before. But it is a fact that I have developed certain electrical appliances with which it would be possible to control the precipitation of moisture from the atmosphere. A great problem of this kind cannot be solved by one man. But a successful solution will come, the result of the cooperation of many."

Mr. Tesla asks Mr. Matthews, who is trying to produce rain by putting chemicals in the air, to report to him regarding what is accomplished.

Another Big Land Lottery.

SPOKANE, Aug. 23.—Superintendent Witten, who presided over the recent Indian land drawings announced today that the Cheyenne reservation, and Standing Rock Indian lands in North and South Dakota would be opened in October. This is the largest compact area of Indian lands left unopened, being 90 miles long and from 30 to 40 miles wide, containing approximately 2,019,000 acres in South Dakota and 217 acres in North Dakota. Applications will be managed in much the same manner as the Coeur d'Alene and Flathead reservations.