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IS HEARD FROM

Expedition From Paris to New York Located.

MAKE TRIP OVERLAND

Left Point in Siberia February 17 in a Blinding Blizzard and With Epidemics and Famine Facing Them—More Than 2,000 Miles Covered.

London, March 24.—A letter received here from Harry De Windt, leader of the expedition which is attempting to make its way overland from Paris to New York, dated Yakutsk, Siberia, February 16, announced his intention to depart on the following day for Srednebsredne Kolymsk, East Siberia. De Windt had then already covered 2,000 miles of his land journey since he left the railroad, through blinding blizzards and with the thermometer from 25 to 50 degrees below zero. Officials at Yakutsk strongly urged De Windt not to continue his journey. They said the conditions were worse this year than ever and that the cold was more intense and epidemics and famine were raging. The traveler determined to proceed, but unless he reaches Sredne Kolymsk before May he will probably be obliged to remain there until winter makes sleighing possible.

ENJOIN RAILROADS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Gets Restraining Order.

Chicago, March 24.—With the consent of the defendants Judge Grosscup in the federal court today issued a temporary order asked for by the interstate commerce commission against six railroads entering Chicago. The order holds good until June 1, or until further orders from the court.

The railroads affected by the injunction are the Lake Shore, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago; Michigan Central; Illinois Central and Northwestern. It is believed the railroads named have agreed not to contest the petition for the injunction at this time, in order that other roads eventually might be brought into the case and compelled to live up to the provisions of the Sherman law and the interstate commerce act.

CRUSHED IN WRECK.

Freight Trains Come Together in Fog—Four Killed, Three Hurt.

Youngstown, Ohio, March 24.—In a head on collision in a heavy fog between freight trains this morning on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad, four men were killed and three were injured.

The dead are: NORMAN GRAHAM, fireman, New Castle, Pa. JAMES THOMAS, fireman, Ashtabula, Ohio. BRAKEMAN, name unknown. CHARLES BLACKBURN, target tender.

The injured are: Carl Bishop, brakeman. George Weather, engineer. Frank Brown, engineer.

POLITICS HOT IN ALBIA.

Three Parties Nominate Men for Various Offices.

Albia, March 24.—(Special).—There are three tickets in the field for the forthcoming city election which will be held Monday, the "citizens," the "republicans," and the "people's" each have candidates and there promises to be a warm time. The difference of opinion arises from the fact that the younger men think the town should have more paving, water works, and favor a more open policy. The older men are against too much "openness" and will fight.

BIG HARDWARE COMBINE.

Coalition With \$30,000,000 Capital Is Proposed.

St. Louis, March 24.—Options have been secured by eastern capitalists on the jobbing plants of the Simmons Hardware Co. of St. Louis, Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett, Chicago; the Bindley Hardware Co., Pittsburg; Bigelow & Douse, Boston and the Supplies Hardware Co. of Philadelphia, with a view of combining their interests with a capitalization of \$30,000,000.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Man, Wife and Child Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Chicago, March 24.—James Towns, his wife and eight year old daughter, were found dead in bed here today asphyxiated by gas from the kitchen range. The man's arm was thrown over the child and was apparently holding her down. These circumstances are cited by the police as evidence of a double murder and suicide.

IOWA AT WASHINGTON.

Matters of Interest to Hawkeye People in the Nation's Capital.

Washington, March 24.—Erastus T. Roland has been commissioned as postmaster at Eldon. Levi C. Traul, of Ottumwa, has been granted a pension of \$8 per month and the minor heirs of Elbert Spencer, of Keosauqua, will receive \$16 per month.

HITCHCOCK STAYS

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WILL NOT RESIGN.

Returns to Washington and Says That He Has No Intention of Leaving His Post as Has Been Rumored—Not Even Contemplated.

Washington, March 24.—Secretary Hitchcock has returned from St. Louis where he was called by the death of his brother. He denied he had any intention of resigning his cabinet portfolio, or ever had contemplated retiring.

WHIPS MAYOR

Woman Uses a Rawhide on City Official's Face.

THANKS GOD SHE DID IT

Victim Grabs Assailant by the Throat, Chokes Her, Tears the Whip From Her Hands and Ejects Her From His Office.

HULL IS SURPRISED.

Story County Casts Popular Vote in Favor of Prouty.

Des Moines, March 24.—The congressional convention has been held and Congressman Hull has been chosen as the nominee for this district, but Judge Prouty's friends have sprung a surprise in Story county where the primaries were held until Saturday. After the vote was counted it was found that Judge Prouty had secured a majority estimated at eight. Friends of Congressman Hull, however, rallied upon Judge Prouty's statement on the floor of the convention that he acknowledged himself beaten, hence did no work for their candidate.

MUST ENACT OWN LAWS.

Attorney General Decides That Legislature Cannot Delegate Authority.

Des Moines, March 24.—Attorney General Mullan has decided that the Dunham-Townsend bill for a standard fire insurance policy in Iowa would be unconstitutional if enacted into law because it delegates legislative authority to the auditor of state and the attorney general to formulate a uniform policy in accordance with the insurance laws of the state.

STUDENTS IN A RIOT.

Fire School and Attempt to Lynch the Professors.

Vienna, March 22.—Newspapers here report a students' outbreak of a revolutionary character at Plock, Russian Poland. Students there set fire to the technical school and attempted to lynch the professors who escaped with difficulty. Mounted troops quelled the disturbance.

TAKES MANAGERSHIP.

James Campbell Will Be Connected With Local Coal Company.

The announcement has been made that James Campbell, at present state mines inspector, will on April 1, when his term of office expires, become manager of the Roseland Coal Co. of this city. This firm was established some months ago by J. C. Devin and has mines west of the city.

APPROVES IOWA ARMY POST.

Secretary of War Says Plans for Military Station Are All Right.

Washington, March 24.—The secretary of war has approved all the plans for the regimental post at Des Moines (Ia.) which contemplates the accommodation of a full regiment of cavalry.

REFUSES TO MAKE RACE.

Illinois Congressman Will Not Ask for a Renomination.

Ottawa, Ill., March 24.—Congressman Walter Reeves at the county convention today, announced his refusal to enter the contest for re-election in the new twelfth district.

BATTLE TONIGHT.

Betting Even on Choynski and Carter Match in Chicago.

Chicago, March 24.—Joe Choynski and Kid Carter of Brooklyn, light heavyweights, are to meet in the windup of tonight's show at the American Athletic club. The betting is even.

PEACE IS MUCH NEARER

Prominent Boer to Confer With Steyn Relative to Ending War.

London, March 24.—The Associated Press has good reason to believe that Lord Kitchener in his interview with Schalkburger agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September, if Dewet and other Boer

leaders surrendered. In the house of commons War Secretary Broderick announced a fortnight ago Schalkburger intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted safe conduct through the British lines and

back, in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Kitchener with the consent of the government has acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was received with cheers.

DISAGREES WITH SENATE.

Amendments to Repeal of War Revenue Bill Not Concurred In.

Washington, March 24.—This was District of Columbia day in the house. The senate amendments to the bill for the repeal of the war revenue taxes was non-concurred in and the bill sent to a conference. A similar course was taken with reference to the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill.

After the conclusion of District of Columbia business debate upon the contested election case of Moss vs. Rhea, of Kentucky, was resumed.

The river and harbor bill was received by the senate from the house today and referred to the committee on commerce. Hearings will be given to the senators by the committee for four days beginning tomorrow.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Congressmen Invited to Ask General Wood About Cuba.

Washington, March 24.—A conference is being held at the White House between the President, Secretary Root, General Wood, Representative Tawney, "Dick" Morris, William Alden Smith, Minor, Metcalf and Dayton. The congressmen came at the request of the President who desires they shall hear from Wood a clear, full statement of the condition of affairs in Cuba. The congressmen mentioned are among the opponents to the tariff concessions to Cuba and the President, it is understood, hopes they may see their way clear to join with the other republicans in agreeing upon a policy that would have the unanimous support of the party. Before going into the conference Tawney stated he would have a great many questions to ask Wood.

SHERIFF'S FEE BILL PASSES.

Ranges From \$3,500 Down to \$1,500 Per Annum.

Des Moines, March 24.—The sheriff's salary bill has passed the senate. The bill provides for a scale of salaries for sheriffs, giving in those of over 45,000 population, \$3,500 per annum; over 28,000 and under 45,000, \$3,000; over 11,000 and under 28,000, \$2,000; under 11,000, \$1,500.

CHURCH WOMAN DIES.

Pioneer in United Presbyterian Sect in Nebraska Passes Away.

Omaha, March 24.—Mrs. Henrietta M. McCague, wife of Rev. Thomas McCague, D. D., died at her home in this city today. Mrs. McCague and husband were the founders of the United Presbyterian mission in Cairo, Egypt, and formed the first United Presbyterian church in Nebraska.

WILL REPORT PURE FOOD BILL.

Committee Favors Hepburn's Measure to Prevent Adulteration.

Washington, March 24.—The house committee in interstate commerce today voted to report the Hepburn pure food bill, to prevent the adulteration and disbranding of imitation foods, beverages, etc., and regulating the interstate traffic in such goods.

AGAINST WESLEY ELKINS.

The Pardons Committee Votes Against Young Elk.

Des Moines, March 24.—The senate committee on pardons by a vote of 4 to 3 has decided to report to the senate against pardoning Wesley Elkins, who is confined at Anamosa for murdering his father and mother.

FLORENCE BURNS IS FREE.

Alleged Murderess Is Out of Clutches of the Law.

New York, March 24.—Florence Burns, the alleged murderess of Walter Brooks, who was said to have been her lover, was discharged in Justice Mayer's court. It was charged that she killed Brooks because he would not marry her.

DIE IN BLAST.

Three Men Killed in Explosion of Engine.

Salt Lake, March 24.—A helper engine on the Union Pacific railroad blew up this morning while going up Lake Hill, seven miles west of Ogden. Wm. Wilton, the engineer, E. A. Uphoff, a brakeman, and an unknown tramp were killed. Fireman Roy Munsie will probably die from his injuries.

MILLS EYES A TOGA.

Sees One in Illinois Which He Thinks Will Fit.

Chicago, March 24.—Luther Laflin Mills, a prominent attorney of this city, is a candidate for United States senator on the republican ticket. He makes this announcement in reply to a petition of 300 citizens.

SUICIDE HAS NERVE TO BEGIN SOON

HOLDS DYNAMITE UNDER CHIN AND EXPLODES IT.

Charge Blows Off Head and Arms—Kansas Man, Tired of Life, Takes a Swift and Sure Way to End His Existence.

Fort Scott, Kan., March 24.—John Leshler held a stick of dynamite under his chin today and deliberately exploded it, the charge blowing off his head and arms.

REVISE WAGES WILL STRIKE

Burlington Employees Meet in Burlington.

DATE IS NOT YET FIXED

In Case Mine Operators Do Not Accede to Demands of Men the United Mine Workers Will Lay Down Their Tools.

Shamokin, Pa., March 24.—The United Mine Workers' convention today adopted a resolution declaring for a strike to take effect on a date to be fixed by the district executive boards, providing the final effort at reconciliation with the operators through the medium of the civic federation proves unavailing.

IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors Together With Switchmen Plan a New Scale—Watched With Interest.

Burlington, March 24.—(Special).—Twenty-five delegates representing the order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Switchmen from all points on the Burlington railroad, met here today to discuss the subject of a revision of the wage schedule. The meeting is of great importance and the outcome is awaited with interest by employes and officials.

CONDUCTORS V. W. COPOLAND AND V. V. KITTELMAN

Conductors V. W. Copeland and V. V. Kittelman of this place in the service of the C. B. & Q. railway went to Burlington last night to attend the convention of the Order of Railroad Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which convened in that city today for the purpose of revising the pay schedule of the trainmen in the employ of the Burlington system and arranging several other minor details in connection with their work. The convention will be one of the largest that has ever been held by the two orders and delegates will be present from every division of the Burlington system and all lines operating under it from Chicago to Denver and St. Paul to St. Louis.

TO ARRANGE PAY SCHEDULE.

Since the lease of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company the trainmen have been working under the agreement made with the former with regard to pay and the convention is called for the purpose of revising the schedule that a new agreement may be made with the railway company.

MAY REQUEST A FEW CHANGES.

It is expected that the convention of the O. R. C. and B. R. T. now in session in Burlington may ask the directors of the road for a few changes in the pay schedule. It is the desire of the train employes of the Burlington system that they be placed on an equal footing with the trainmen of the Rock Island, Milwaukee and other lines in the west with regard to the pay received by them. It is claimed that the trainmen of the Burlington are now receiving on an average of \$10 less per month for the runs made by them of equal mileage with those of the other roads. They state that heavy trains which have been run on the Burlington system and the number of miles traveled by them during the past few years have increased and their wish in this matter seems to be that they may be put on an equal pay schedule with that of other roads.

NO DISCORD PREVAILS.

Concerning this convention one of the trainmen, who has been in the employ of the Burlington system for a number of years stated that there is the most cordial feelings existing at present between the train men and the officials of the road and that the convention is simply for a revision of the old schedule that a new agreement may be made with the new company. He also states that the men feel great pride in the prominent place the Burlington system holds among the roads of the west and that whatever changes are made in the present schedule will be presented to the officials of the road by them and they have confidence in the fairness of the authorities to believe that they will do all in their power to promote the welfare of the employes of the road in accordance with the prosperity of the same.

WAS A CANARD.

Powell Clayton Not Forced to Leave Mexico as Reported.

Washington, March 24.—Official contradiction has been received at the state department of the report that Powell Clayton, son of Ambassador Clayton, a former attaché of the United States embassy at Mexico, was forced to leave his post because of his refusal to fight a duel. Clayton left Mexico last August and was banqueting by many people in Mexican official and social life.

TO BEGIN SOON

Contractor Arrives Today With His Outfit.

FORMILWAUKEE CUT-OFF

P. Schwenck, Representing Owen Bros. of Omaha Is On the Ground and Will Do Grading Near Rutledge at West End of Proposed Line.

WORK IN SILENT.

The firm which Mr. Schwenck represents has the contract calling for the preparation of the thirteen miles of grade at the west end of the proposed line of the cut-off, which strikes the present line at Rutledge, the little village three miles north of Ottumwa. Only three miles, at the extreme west end, will actually be done by Mr. Schwenck, however, as he had the other ten miles sublet to several smaller contractors.

IS EASY WORK.

Mr. Schwenck this morning stated that if he is fortunate enough to get a sufficient number of men of the right kind he will finish the three miles of grade in about ninety days if the weather remains favorable. He had been present fifty and sixty teams in the city at present, in addition to several excavating machines. He intends to establish his camp at Little Cedar creek and to work both ways from that point.

HURT BY A MULE.

Clarence Cranbriet of Munterville in Serious Condition from Accident.

Clarence Cranbriet, a 10 year old boy residing near Munterville, was dragged about the pasture at his home by a mule Saturday morning receiving injuries from which he is now confined to his home in a very critical condition. The attending physicians state that there is little hope for his recovery. Young Cranbriet went to the pasture to catch a mule and in order to secure him he tied one end of a rope about the mule's neck and the other about his own left leg. The mule became frightened and ran dragging about the pasture having his right leg dislocated at the ankle and a compound dislocation of the left knee joint. He was badly bruised about the body and injured to such an extent that little hope is given for his recovery.

MINERS PREPARE FOR CONTEST.

First Special Assessment for Creation of Strike Fund Is Made.

Indianapolis, March 24.—The United Mine Workers of America have voted the first of the special assessments for the creation of a strike fund, authorized by the national convention of the organization about two months ago, and expect to have not less than \$200,000 in the treasury by April 15, at which time a general strike in the coal fields of Virginia and West Virginia is expected to be ordered.

EXPECT STRIKE IN VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., March 24.—The announcement of Secretary-treasurer W. B. Wilson of the United Mine Workers of America that a strike of the 35,000 miners in this state and Virginia is likely to be declared caused no surprise here, as both sides seem to be anticipating it. A conference between the operators and the miners of the two states will soon be held, although the demands of the miners may be made without further conferences.

CATCH A STYLISH SWINDLER.

Police Accuse Frank M. Schuer of Victimitizing Many Persons.

Chicago, March 24.—Frank M. Schuer, 22 years old, who claims to be the son of wealthy and respectable parents of Valley Junction (Ia.) is a prisoner at the Cottage Grove avenue police. Larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses are the charges against Schuer and in each instance his victims were induced to render him financial aid through sympathy.

SEALING SEASON FAILS.

Fishing the Worst on Record—Four Thousand Men Involved.

St. Johns, N. E., March 24.—The steamer New Foundland, the first sealing ship to return from the ice floes, arrived in the channel today with reports which indicate the season's fishery the worst on record. The steamer reports meeting the whole fleet with practically no seals. The news has occasioned grave depression. Twenty ships and 4,000 men are involved in the failure of the fisheries.

WILCOX WILL APPEAL.

Sentenced to Be Hanged April 25, for Murder of Nellie Cropsy.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 24.—James Wilcox found guilty of the murder of Nellie Cropsy, his sweetheart, whom he killed in a fit of jealousy, will appeal the case. The court sentenced him to hang April 25.

PLAGUE KILLS HUNDREDS.

Seven Hundred and Forty Deaths Each Day in Arabia.

Gedda Arabia, March 24.—There have been 470 deaths from cholera at Mecca and Medina during the past ten days.

HIGH COURT ADJOURNS.

United States Tribunal Takes Recess Until April 17.

Washington, March 24.—After announcing a few opinions the United States supreme court today recessed until April 7.

THE HEIGHT OF CLEVERNESS IS THE ABILITY TO CONCEAL A KNOWLEDGE OF ITS POSSESSION.