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RIVER WORK BEGUN TODAY AT KEOKUK

ENGINEER ROWSE AND SEVENTEEN MEN START AT MOUTH OF DES MOINES—LETTERS BEING SENT OUT.

URGE BIG MEETING AT FARMINGTON

SECRETARY W. T. ARCHER SENDS LETTERS TO THE PROMINENT BOOSTERS OF NAVIGATION TO BE AT SESSION MARCH 29.

With the beginning of work by Engineer Rowse and a crew of seventeen men at the mouth of the river near Keokuk this morning, the ultimate navigation of the Des Moines river is practically assured. The work of the engineering department will be prosecuted with vigor until accomplished and the Des Moines River Improvement association to keep up the enthusiasm already enkindled, is working hard and faithfully to assist the work of the engineering body and to further the object of the improvements. Secretary W. T. Archer is keeping the mails busy with matter pertaining to the navigation of the stream and everyone who has thus far evinced any interest in the proposition of improvement, has, or soon will be, deluged with boost and enthusiasm literature to keep the good work going. The spirit of push and boost that was evidenced by the large meeting held in the Commercial association's rooms February 25, has been added to and replenished by the work of the officers who have mapped out a campaign for the furtherance of the river improvement. In line with the movement given impetus here February 25, a large booster river meeting is called for March 29 at Farmington, to which all who are interested or who can be persuaded to lend aid to the cause are invited. Secretary Archer has drafted a letter to the various vice presidents of the Des Moines River Improvement association, calling attention to the Farmington meeting and urging that they get their Commercial associations, mayor and city councils busy on the project.

Archer Sends Out Letter.
The letter to the vice-presidents follows:

"Dear Sirs:—This letter is intended to convey to you the glad tidings that on Monday, March 21, 1910, Assistant U. S. Engineer Major Rowse and a corps of engineers will commence the survey at Keokuk on our good old Des Moines river. Do you realize the possibility and extent of this work? I urge you to extend the 'glad hand' to this honorable body of men, render every assistance in your power, and show them by word and deed that you are interested in this work.

"Call a meeting of your Commercial association, have your mayor and city council get busy and interest your entire population in this important movement.

"Do not forget the big meeting at Farmington, Iowa, March 29, 1910, and remember we must contribute financially to carry on the work.

"I will respectfully ask you to mail draft at your earliest convenience for the proportionate share of funds due from your Commercial association, which is \$5.00 for each 100 members or fraction thereof, as provided by Article 3 in our constitution. Also section 2 of article 3, provides for the payment of annual dues of \$1.00 from each individual member. Will you attend to this important matter at once?"

"Remember, no great undertaking was ever accomplished without incessant toil. Pessimism is abroad in the Des Moines valley. A multitude of people will slur our work, but things that may appear as obstacles will only prove as friendly stepping stones to success.

"We are in this fight to win. Like the good soldier, if we prove true, victory is assured.

"Yours for success,
Secretary."

Call to Individuals.

To aid the various local officers of the Des Moines River Improvement association scattered along the stream and to assist them in reaching the persons in their various communities who are interested in seeing the river made navigable, letters to individuals are also being sent out by Secretary Archer. All of those who attended the big booster meeting held in Ottumwa February 25, will be reached by the letter of the secretary and urged to attend the Farmington meeting and become a unit in the big organization launched for the navigation of the

DES MOINES OPENED FOR NAVIGATION

CAPTAIN L. C. LIMING MADE SUCCESSFUL TRIP IN HIS GASOLINE LAUNCH FROM KEOSAUQUA TO OTTUMWA SATURDAY.

Eddyville, March 21.—(Special)—Capt. W. S. Keller, in charge of the steamboat, "City of Eddyville," arrived in Ottumwa tomorrow on a freight trip. He goes to Ottumwa to secure a boiler for use in his sand pits. Accompanying Captain Keller will be a number of Des Moines river boosters. The boat is expected to reach Ottumwa at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Loaded down with fourteen passengers, Captain L. C. Liming made successful trip in his gasoline launch "Keosauqua" arrived in Ottumwa Saturday evening, landing his human cargo near the South Side park. The bridge had been filled by Ottumwa people throughout the afternoon, and owing to the late start the boat did not reach Ottumwa until 7:15 o'clock. The shrill whistle of the packet as it wended its way up the river attracted a large crowd and Captain Liming and his passengers on the boat were given an enthusiastic welcome by Secretary John N. Weldenfeller of the Commercial association, members of the Des Moines committee, Captain Ed. Thomas and scores of citizens as the boat dropped its anchor and the fourteen passengers crossed over the gang plank and landed on the terra firma after a several hours pleasant voyage.

Shows Stream Navigable.

Those who were skeptical about the Des Moines river being navigable were brought over to the right side when the little launch hove in sight. The eyes of the waiting throng were riveted on the little packet until it had anchored. It was the opening of the navigation of the Des Moines river, the coming commercial stream, and showed that the natural waterway was navigable for passenger and freight boats from the mouth at Keokuk to Ottumwa.

First in Many Years.

The launch "Keosauqua" was the first packet to come to Ottumwa for many years. Engineer J. B. Stillwell who accompanied the boat from Alton, Ill., was at the steering wheel and being unacquainted with the landing places attempted to stop on the north side of the bridge by the race. But here it was found to be too muddy for landing. The engine was reversed and the boat headed straight across the river to the South Side park.

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TRACKSEL IS SENT TO PRISON

BLOOMFIED MAN, CONVICTED OF
ADULTERY, JOINS WIFE
IN THE "PEN."

Bloomfield, March 21.—(Special)—Ed Tracksel, found guilty of adultery by the jury Saturday morning, was sentenced about five o'clock Saturday afternoon by Judge Eichelberger, to three years in the penitentiary, the maximum penalty. The court room was crowded.

It will be remembered that Tracksel sent his wife to the penitentiary about a year ago for the same offence. It is understood that defendant's attorney T. P. Bence will appeal the case to the supreme court.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Ben Myers' Family of Waterloo Nearly
Asphyxiated By Leakage
of Gas.

Waterloo, March 21.—(Special)—Inability of members of the Ben Myers family to detect the odor of escaping gas came near costing seven lives Saturday night. When neighbors called, they found the parents and five children unconscious. All have recovered except one son who is still very ill.

Heads of Meat Combine Are Indicted at Chicago

Chicago, March 21.—Simultaneously with the return of the indictments today against the National Packing company and its subsidiary companies charging violation of the anti-trust laws, United States District Attorney Sims also filed a bill in equity for the dissolution of the alleged trust. The bill names the National Packing company, the Armour, Swift and Morris companies and the individuals who dominate and control these concerns.

MAYBRAY GANG ARE SENTENCED BY M'PHERSON

TWO YEARS AT FORT LEAVENWORTH PRISON AND FINE OF \$10,000 FOR LEADERS; FOUR GET OFF EASIER.

FOURTEEN HELD GUILTY BY JURY

CONVICTION AND SENTENCING OF
GANG IT IS BELIEVED WILL
BREAK UP ONE OF GREATEST
SWINDLES OF HISTORY.

Council Bluffs, March 21.—(Special)—John C. Maybray, Leon Mosler, Tom S. Robinson, Willard Cowel, Clarence Class, Ed Leach, Eddie K. Morris, Clarence Forbes, Harry Forbes, Frank and Eddie McCoy, leaders of the famous Maybray gang of swindlers, were sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth and fined \$10,000 each by Judge McPherson here today. Frank Scott and Winford S. Harris, other members of the gang, were sentenced to six months in the Red Oak county jail and fined \$100. Bert R. Shores and George N. Marsh who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to fifteen months at Fort Leavenworth and fined \$100. R. E. L. Goddard was released. The sentences followed the finding by the jury in the Maybray cases Saturday, of all the men except Goddard, guilty of using the mails to defraud.

Fourteen Men Convicted.

John C. Maybray and thirteen of his associates, who for ten days have been on trial in the United States district court charged with illegal use of the mails in connection with an extensive race track and ring swindle, were found guilty by the jury, which returned a verdict at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Robert E. L. Goddard of San Antonio, the 14th defendant, obtained a disagreement.

Those found guilty are John C. Maybray, Leon Mosler, Tom S. Robinson, Willard Powell, Clarence Class, Edward Leach, Edward K. Morris (colored), Clarence Forbes, Harry Forbes, Frank Scott, Ed McCoy, Winford S. Harris, Bert R. Shores and William (Ole) Marsh. The latter three entered a plea of nolle prosequere when the trial opened, that, in effect, being a plea of guilty.

The defendants accepted the verdicts generally without show of feeling and Maybray shook hands with several of the jurors after they were discharged.

Mrs. Maybray broke down and cried when the verdict was read, and her husband attempted to console her. She soon left the room, however, still weeping.

With the conviction of these defendants the government believes it has broken up the most monumental swindling combination which has ever been operated. Statistics have been gathered which show the receipts of the combination since its organization about ten years ago, to have exceeded \$5,000,000.

Important Evidence Is Discovered.

The success of the government in bringing the defendants to trial was largely due to the capture, when Maybray was arrested, of a trunk; found in his home, which it was later ascertained, contained a complete document, containing a complete document, containing a complete document.

There were fourteen branches in various parts of the country, all operated from one city. The headquarters were moved from time to time, as the leaders came under surveillance by the authorities. Foot racing, wrestling, prize fighting, horse racing and wire tapping were the specialties of the victims on which to make "easy money." The victim usually was first approached by an actual friend, who had been previously solicited by a regular "steerer," as he was known.

CONGRESSMEN SEEM NERVOUS AFTER FIGHT

SPEAKER COMPELLED TO WARN
BELLIGERENT MEMBERS IN
TODAY'S SESSION; REGULAR
PROGRAM CARRIED OUT TODAY.

FRIENDS OF JUDGE SMITH ARE ACTIVE

IOWA MEMBER OF THE RULES
COMMITTEE FIGHTING TO RE-
TAIN PLACE—REVISION RESO-
LUTION MADE TODAY.

Washington Bureau of The Ottumwa Courier
Washington, D. C., March 21.
Whether Judge Walter I. Smith committee, or whether he shall be deposed and with him Representative John Dalzell of Pittsburg, is one of the big questions before the Republican caucus, which will select the six Republican members of the new rules committee. Friends of Judge Smith today are insisting that he be not removed. If Smith's friends can keep him on the rules committee and he is re-elected from Iowa, they will boom him for the next speaker.

J. C. Welliver.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Prior to the convening of the house today there was a general inquiry by members, regardless of party or faction, to ascertain the exact situation. On the surface it was apparent there was no immediate trouble. The session is likely to be confined to the usual Monday calendar, which calls for consideration of minor measures under the rule of unanimous consent.

When the house met today the attendance was very small. The speaker had great difficulty in maintaining order and angrily warned the members. The bill providing for the enlistment of the navy academy band was the first measure presented and passed with unanimous consent.

The house quieted down and proceeded with business. Wilson, (Democrat) of Pennsylvania introduced a resolution today authorizing the new rules committee to revise the rules.

Hardly anybody here thinks that the condition of affairs represents any satisfactory conclusion. The speaker and his friends appear to interpret the refusal of the house to depose him as justifying them in claiming to have wrested victory from defeat, in derogation from repudiation. Not a few of the insurgents who voted for Mr. Cannon's retention are wondering today if they made a political blunder; whether their anti-Cannon constituents will not indeed hold their retaining him in the speakership to have nullified their vote to eliminate him from the rules committee.

The Republican regulars claim that the insurgents who voted for the speaker have returned to the party fold. The Democrats taunt these insurgents with having been recreant to the logic of their insurgency.

The conclusion of the fight which ended after 5 o'clock Saturday evening may be briefly summarized as follows:

Reorganize Rules Committee.

By a vote of 191 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats, the house adopted the resolution of Representative Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, regarding the reorganization of the rules committee, increasing its membership from five to ten, and declaring the speaker ineligible to membership thereon.

By the curiously identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the house defeated the resolution of Representative Burleson of Texas, declaring the speakership vacant and ordering the immediate election of a successor to Cannon.

Here is Norris' Resolution.

Here is the Norris resolution which was adopted:
"There shall be a committee on rules, elected by the house (hitherto the committee of five, like all other house committees, has been appointed by the speaker, consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of the minority. The speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own members. Resolved, further that within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules be dissolved.

Here is the resolution of Burleson which was defeated:
"Resolved, That the office of the speaker of the house of representatives hereby be declared vacant, and that the house of representatives shall at once proceed to elect a speaker."

Committee Today Votes Pensions for Ex-Presidents' Widows

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The senate committee on pensions today agreed to report favorably the bills to grant pensions of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. Cleveland, widow of ex-President Cleveland and Mrs. Harrison, widow of ex-President Harrison. At the same time the committee declined to report the bill placing "ex-Presidents of the United States" on the retired list as commander-in-chief of the army and navy and allow them \$10,000 a year for the remainder of life. The bill could not affect any one except Roosevelt at present.

S. K. ALDERDICE OFFERS YARDS FOR NEW ROAD

RESIDENT OF WEST OTTUMWA
WILL GIVE INTERURBAN CO. 4
ACRES FOR SWITCHING AND
ALL RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Ten acres of valuable level land, suitable for the location of almost any enterprise, is at the disposal of the Ottumwa Interurban Construction Co. S. K. Alderdice is the man behind the gift and the conditions he attaches to handing over a deed for the property are not impossible to meet. Mr. Alderdice, who owns seventy-three and one-half acres of ground just north and west of the Ottumwa Brick & Construction Co., will deed the interurban company, the four acres for yardage purposes, the right of way for the line through his farm and enough shale to ballast 100 miles of track. In addition to this Mr. Alderdice proposed to give to the Ottumwa Commercial association a deed to six acres of land provided it is employed as locations for factories that will employ a reasonable number of men.

"I have a farm of over seventy-three acres just outside the city limits in west Ottumwa," said Mr. Alderdice, "and it is as level as a floor. I ask that the Interurban Construction Co. make a survey to Oskaloosa through my property and thus cut off any great incline such as will be met with on a more northerly route. I am satisfied that a route through my property, with the incitements I offer of yardage and right of way, together with the ballast I give, will save the company fully \$20,000. All that is necessary is to lay the ties and rails. The natural lay of the land does away entirely with any grade. A line through my land will mean the giving away of ninety-five rods for right of way, which I will gladly fence and make hog tight. City water is accessible, the drainage is perfect and within the proposition is an excellent one. Four acres will be devoted by me to the interurban people for switching yards, and I am willing to give six additional acres for use as factory sites."

Mr. Alderdice's land is mostly pasture, although eleven acres are set out in fruit. Should the interurban company accept the proposition, the line would in all probability enter Ottumwa by Park avenue to Second street and thence east. Mr. Alderdice states that the line could be run parallel to the Milwaukee tracks, but he would like to see the line run through his property. The ballast he now offers is now located on his property, being burned refuse from mines.

MANY HURT IN STRIKE RIOT.

Excitement in Cleveland Following
Sunday Fight Between Men and
Strike Breakers.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—One man was shot, several others were injured and considerable property damage done in a fight here Sunday between several hundred striking garment makers and their sympathizers and a party of strike breakers.

The trouble started in a fist fight between two of the strikers and a couple of the men who have taken their places. In a few moments a mob of over 500 men had gathered, consisting mainly of the strikers and their friends. The strike breakers, who were very much in the minority, were being roughly handled when a squad of private detectives, hired to protect them, charged the mob with drawn revolvers. In the free-for-all fight which followed, one of the strikers was shot through the leg.

LEATHER WORKERS STRIKE

Fifty Union Men Walk Out at Oskaloosa—Want Shorter Hours
and More Pay.

Oskaloosa, March 21.—(Special)—About fifty members of the Leather Workers union employed here have struck in accordance with orders from headquarters. The Oskaloosa Saddle company is closed in consequence. The men demand ten hours pay for eight hours work and fifteen per cent increase on piece work.

CRAZY MAN RUNS AMUCK AT MARENGO

HARRY SCHULTZ WHILE VIO-
LENTLY INSANE SHOTS AUG-
UST SCHLOMAN THREE TIMES
AND FIRES 12 BULLETS.

Marengo, March 21.—(Special)—Harry Schultz a young farmer residing in Lenox township became violently insane on Sunday morning and after chasing his mother and brother from the house, he secured a revolver and left. Finding a neighbor, August Scholman doing chores in the barn, he drew the revolver and shot him three times. One bullet struck him above the heart, another in the shoulder and the third in the foot. Sheriff Owen of Marengo was wired for and arriving at the home of the insane man represented that he was circulating a nomination paper for Republican office of sheriff and asked Schultz who is quite a politician to sign it. While in the act of signing the paper, the sheriff overpowered him and took the weapon. He was then taken to Marengo and adjudged insane and will leave for Mt. Pleasant on the first train. Scholman was well known and was a member of the board of supervisors, the year the court house was built. He is resting easy, but the bullet above the heart has not been found and an operation will be performed today. After Schultz had left Scholman's house he went to the home of William Callahan and fired twelve bullets in the house, none striking the people in the house.

Old Railroader Suicides.

Galesburg, Ill., March 21.—William Cunningham, an old resident of this city and a former employe of the C. & Q., was found Saturday in the summer kitchen back of his residence with his throat cut from ear to ear.

OFFERS REWARD TO THE HOSPITAL

H. C. WILLIAMS, ONE OF JUNKIN'S
CLAIMANTS HAS PLAN OF
SETTLEMENT.

H. C. Williams, one of the claimants for the Junkin reward, has issued the following statement offering a plan of settling the case:

To the Editor:—

In the case of J. Redman vs. T. J. Phillips et al, as one of the defendants and, a claimant for the reward offered, for the arrest and conviction of John Junkin, for the murder of Clara Rosen, I think there has been enough litigation and in as much as the settling of this matter as to who is entitled to the reward offered by the city of Ottumwa and by private citizens of Ottumwa, in all 1700, will mean protracted litigation, I wish to make this proposition to all claimants. I am willing to have said case dismissed and the reward offered paid to the Ottumwa Hospital association and as to the \$300 offered by the state of Iowa, I am willing to let Governor Carroll award that to the party or parties whom he thinks entitled to the same, on the showings made, and which showings are now before him.

The above proposition is subject to acceptance on or before March 26, 1910. (Signed) H. C. Williams.

Killed By Wife's Visitor.

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Nathan A. Gill, a brakeman, was killed in his home in Kansas City, Kas., Sunday morning by Jesse Brody. Brody was visiting Gill's wife. Gill was killed with his own revolver, which he had left with his wife to protect herself. Gill returned unexpectedly from a run.

Eagles Hold Memorial.

Oskaloosa, March 21.—(Special)—The local aerie of Eagles held memorial services yesterday for three members who passed away during the year. Major John F. Lacey, delivered the address.

SCORES MEET DEATH IN IOWA WRECK TODAY

ROCK ISLAND TRAIN GOES INTO
DITCH NEAR MARSHALLTOWN;
FROM THIRTY-TWO TO FORTY
DEAD; TWENTY-FOUR INJURED.

MANY OF INJURED EXPECTED TO DIE

FRONT ENGINE OF DOUBLE HEAD-
ER LEFT TRACK, PULLING OTH-
ER ONE WITH IT; SLEEPER TEL-
ESCOPED FORWARD COACHES

Marshalltown, March 21.—The dead in the wreck now total forty-five. Prof. L. W. Parrish of the Iowa State Teachers' college, of Cedar Falls, died shortly after reaching the hospital in this city.

Marshalltown, March 21.—Thirty-two known dead, which may be increased to forty, and twenty-four injured, several fatally, are now reported as the result of the wreck of a Rock Island train being derailed on the Great Western tracks four miles north of Green Mountain, Marshall county, today. The train was a combination of two Rock Island trains being derailed around a freight wreck near Shellburg, Iowa, with two engines. The front engine left the track at a deep cut, carrying the other engine with it. Both stuck in the clay bank, stopping the train so suddenly that the sleepers telescoped the smoker and the day coach. The identified dead are:

JACOB NAUHOLOZ, conductor; Cedar Rapids.

I. ROSS, fireman, Cedar Rapids.

C. HARTER, brakeman, Cedar Rapids.

ARCHIE PRICE, colored porter, Cedar Rapids.

The injured are:

Irene Cowan, Waterloo.

Prof. Parrish of the Iowa State Teachers' college, Cedar Falls.

Fireman Goodenough of Cedar Rapids.

G. W. Thompson, Vinton.

L. E. Eggleston, Vinton.

Lizkie Anderson, Vinton.

August Swanson, Vinton.

Florence Winn, Waterloo.

Mrs. Lem Patterson, Louisiana, Mo.

Nora Wilcox, Louisiana, Mo.

Charles Davis, Minneapolis.

P. J. Swift, of the Daily Reporter staff, Waterloo.

Dr. G. W. Newman, Mr. Vernon.

P. A. Russell, Grand Forks, Minn.

Mrs. P. A. Russell, Grand Forks, Minn.

A. S. McDonald, Perth, N. D.

— Switzer, Waterloo.

L. M. Wallin, Washburn, N. D.

W. B. Kennedy, Burlington.

A. H. Nagel, Waterloo.

Mrs. Nease Reinbeck.

Alfred Abraham, Claremont, S. D.

John White, Marshalltown.

The greatest loss of life was in the smoker and in the ladies' coach, in each of which there were about eighty passengers.

An unknown woman was brought to the morgue here. No effort as yet has been made to establish the identity of the dead owing to the fact that the wounded needed the attention of the rescue party.

PEACE PLAN TURNED DOWN.

Philadelphia Car Strikers Reject
Penrose Proposal for
Arbitration.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 21.—Reputing the offer of settlement from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company through the assistance of United States Senator Penrose, the executive committee of the striking car men last night voted to continue the strike against the company until all their demands were granted.

The proposition submitted for their consideration provided for the immediate reinstatement of as many strikers as possible, with the payment by the company to all surplus men of \$2 a day until places are provided for them, a wage increase to 23 cents an hour on June 1; an annual increase of one-half cent an hour until the wages reach 25 cents; recognition of a grievance committee and a reservation by the company to recognize other grievance committees; disposition of the cases of the 173 men whose discharge led to the strike, by a board of arbitration composed of President Kruger of the company and President Driscoll of the carmen's union, with a third to be appointed by these two in case of disagreement.

This proposition differed from the others in that, until jobs are provided for them, the strikers were to receive \$2 instead of \$1.50 a day, and that "the 173" are to be handled by an arbitration board instead of as provided by the act of 1893.

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