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CONFERENCE TO SETTLE STRIKE

Government Mediation Board Takes Hand in Switchmen's Labor Tangle

NOTHING DEFINITE DEVELOPS

Chairman Knapp of Interstate Commerce Commission and Labor Com. Neill to Make Effort to Settle Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 31.—An effort to straighten out the labor tangle growing out of the switchmen's strike in the northwest was made at the conference today between H. B. Perham, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor and Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Commissioner Neill of the Labor Com.

WILL SAIL ON JAN. 4.

Battleship Michigan With Capt. N. R. Usher in Command.

Washington, Dec. 31.—With the departure from the navy command of Capt. N. R. Usher in take command of the new battleship, which is to go into commission Jan. 4, Capt. R. T. Mulligan succeeded him as assistant to the bureau of navigation. Capt. Mulligan has been 'detail officer' of the bureau for some time and the duties of this office have now been undertaken by Commander H. B. Wilson.

TAFT RETURNS TO CAPITAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Taft returned to Washington at 8 o'clock this morning from New York, where he went yesterday to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Louise W. Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft. Also aboard the train were Vice President and Mrs. Sherman.

Mrs. A. B. Pennington of Calumet avenue, left yesterday afternoon for Beloit, Wis., where she will visit. I. Krolik of the Fashion store, left yesterday for Chicago on a purchasing trip.

Chicago in the Throes of Great Graft Investigation



At left, above, Mayor Busse of Chicago; at right, his secretary, Harry A. Smith; below, State's Attorney Wayman.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Chicago is in the throes of the greatest graft investigation of her history. The central figures in the investigation are Mayor Busse and his secretary, Harry A. Smith and State's Attorney Wayman. The grand jury was held over until after Christmas by the state's attorney. The grand jury is investigating at this time what is reputed to be one of the greatest graft mysteries in the history of the city. Coal is said to have been sold to the city at advanced rates and the difference pocketed.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW

President and Mrs. Taft Will Receive Friends According to Long Established Custom—First Time for Tafts.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The president and Mrs. Taft will hold their first New Year's reception at the White House tomorrow, beginning at 11 o'clock, when the vice president and members of the cabinet will be the first to extend their greetings to the executive. They will be followed by the members of the diplomatic corps, the justices of the supreme court of the United States, the district judiciary, and former members of the cabinet, members of congress, officers of the army, navy, and marine corps, various patriotic societies and, last of all, "the plain people."

The custom of the president holding a public reception on New Year's day is so old that no patriarch of the "oldest inhabitants' association" can remember a January 1 when there was not a snake-like column of humanity, headed by an orderly phalanx of high officials, waiting to shake hands with the president.

Aside from the big function at the White House there are always numerous other festivities to make the first day of the year a brilliant occasion in the national capital. It is the custom for the secretary of state to give an official breakfast and for the admiral of the navy to keep open house. The wives of the secretaries always invite a dozen or more attractive women to assist them in entertaining the callers whom friendship, duty or curiosity brings within their doors. The scene is always brilliant, as the diplomats and the officers of the army and navy, having donned their gold lace and decorations for the White House, keep it up for the rest of the day.

BIG AUTO SHOW OPENS.

Eighty-Four Makers Will Show Cars at Eight Day Exhibit.

New York, Dec. 31.—All "automobiledom" will turn its eyes and steps toward Grand Central Palace during the next eight days, where, beginning this afternoon, the Tenth International Automobile show takes place. It is the first of the big automobile shows of the season. Months in fact almost a year, have been spent in perfecting plans and making ready.

The show is notable for the unusual large number of cars which have been constructed during the past year and which have never been shown at a motor car exhibition. There are 84 exhibitors of automobiles which is the greatest number ever shown at one time in New York city. Of these, 72 are American and 12 foreign. The prices range from \$500 to \$18,000.

VETERANS RALLY AGAIN.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 31.—The National Association of the Survivors of the Battle of Stone's river, in which was sustained the greatest loss of killed and wounded of any battle of the nineteenth century, met in the city today for its annual reunion. The attendance included a large number of veterans from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

INCOME TAX LAW GOES IN FORCE

Corporations Will Now Be Required to Pay One Per Cent of Net Income.

UNITED STATES STEEL AT TOP

Total Yield to United States Will Probably Exceed \$25,000,000—Efforts Will Be Made to Fight Law by Many Companies.

THE BIGGEST TAXPAYERS.

United States Steel Corporation, capital, \$1,475,000,000; amount of tax, \$1,322,419.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company, capital, \$315,000,000; amount of tax, \$254,245.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, capital, \$310,000,000; amount of tax, \$174,456.

Union Pacific Railroad Company, capital, \$237,000,000; amount of tax, \$225,995.

Sou. Pacific Co., capital, \$236,000,000; amount of tax, \$276,985.

American Telephone and Telegraph, capital, \$180,000,000; amount of tax, \$258,197.

American Tobacco Company, capital, \$180,000,000; amount of tax, \$191,928.

Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe, \$219,000,000; amount of tax, \$243,682.

New York Central, capital, \$179,000,000; amount of tax, \$110,828.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The income tax imposed by act of Congress passed Aug. 5, 1909, becomes effective tomorrow and is retroactive, providing for the payment of the tax for the year ending today. The law levies a tax of 1 per cent. on the net income of all corporations, joint stock companies, associations and insurance companies with a net income in excess of \$5,000 annually.

It is calculated that the tax will yield to the United States Government an annual revenue of from \$25,000,000 up. This is only rough figuring, as it is impossible to get at the exact data of any corporations but the railroads, excepting as the corporations have consented to give information in their periodic reports. The railroads are obliged, by law, to file complete reports with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Under the corporation tax law all corporations will be required to file with the Internal Revenue Department by March 1 next a detailed statement showing the amount of their business for the past year.

The United States Steel Corporation will be the largest contributor to Uncle Sam's coffers under the 1 per cent. tax. In its report for 1907, which is regarded as a good indication of what its present business is, its earnings, upon which the tax could be levied, were \$133,244,930. This figure represents the earnings after the fixed charges, such as interest on bonds, were deducted. On a basis of 1 per cent, the steel corporation would pay a tax of \$1,322,419.

The Standard Oil Company, with its many subsidiary corporations, will pay the next highest rate. Standard Oil does not make a habit of taking the public into its confidence, and to arrive at a definite conclusion is out of the question. Wall street figures that the new tax will compel the Standard to pay \$500,000.

There are a score of large corporations which will be obliged to pay a tax of anywhere from \$100,000 to \$350,000. Many others will be taxed from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The census of 1905 showed the capital of corporations engaged in manufacture at that time to be \$19,510,811,395. The growth of corporations for the five years prior to 1905 was about 40 per cent. It is regarded as altogether likely that, with the constantly improved condition of business throughout the country it will be found, when the census is taken next year, that there has been a considerably greater increase than 40 per cent. over 1905, even with the set back of the panic. If this is found to be the case the corporation tax yield will be much higher than \$25,000,000.

It is a foregone conclusion that strenuous efforts will be made to have the corporation tax declared unconstitutional. Test cases will be brought just as soon as possible, and one of these will be carried to the supreme court and an expeditious decision asked there. All sorts of corporations are going to fight the measure tooth and nail, and are confidently predicting that it will be forced to go the way of the income tax law of the Wilson-Gorman tariff.

On the other hand, there are many who believe the supreme court will sustain it, and still others are inclined to hope that there will be at least an obiter dictum opinion expressed on the income tax question. They think that the court cannot well decide the question of the constitutionality of the corporation tax without giving some clue to its present views on the income tax.

W. Fitch, president and general manager of the South Shore road, was a Calumet business visitor yesterday. Quincy A. Shaw of Boston, Mass., a director of the C. & H. Mining company, is in the city on a short visit.

MAY HAVE \$25,000 DIAMOND.

Stone Found on a Maryland Farm Has Withstood Tests to Date.

Washington, Dec. 31.—If the verdict of precious stone experts, by whom his possession probably will be examined in the near future, is favorable, Richard F. Preusser, a locksmith, of No. 713 Eleventh street, owns a diamond of fifty-eight grains in weight, and worth about \$20,000 or \$25,000. It was found on a piece of quartzose conglomerate found on his small farm in Prince George county several miles from Landover station. The stone has responded to practically every diamond chemical test known, with the exception of acid dissolution.

The rough stone from which it was ground was picked up about seven months ago among a quantity of iron stones, gold stones, specimens of quartzose and conglomerate. It resembled a piece of snow ice, according to Mr. Preusser, and was covered with yellowish oxide. The size of the stone was about two inches and a quarter by an inch and three-quarters in thickness.

TAX COLLECTION GOOD.

Believed That Most of Roll Will Be in Saturday, Jan. 8.

Township Treasurer William White reported a total tax collection this morning of \$38,000. This is several thousand dollars in excess of last year at this time. A total of \$12,000 has been paid the treasurer during the past three or four days.

The several mining companies in this district, which pay 80 per cent of the taxes, will square their taxes during the coming week so as not to incur the extra penalty of three per cent which goes into effect on and after January 8. This date falls on Sunday, so taxes will have to be paid on January 8 if the extra fees are to be avoided. It is expected that by Saturday of next week, practically all of township's taxes will have been paid.

EXTRA STRONG BILL.

Fine Program Has Been Arranged for the Bijou Theater.

The management of the Bijou theater announces a fine program for the coming week. Commencing with New Year's evening, Herbert Brooks, assisted by Miss Via Walker, will astonish and mystify the patrons of that playhouse with their inexplicable problems and wonderful new \$20,000 trunk sensation. The trick is one which merits the highest commendation.

Cora Ford and Wm. West will be included on the program this week as well, and have prepared an act which is sure to please the theater patrons. The moving pictures are also a strong feature of the entertainment. The feature film is, "All for the Love of a Girl."

PROMINENT CHINESE ON VISIT TO U. S.



Uncle of the Emperor of China, Baron Liangkuai.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The uncle of the emperor of China is here, registered at the St. Francis. He is the Baron Liangkuai, whose sister is the Princess Regent, is the mother of the boy emperor, for whom the Prince Regent, brother-in-law of the baron in question, is now conducting the affairs of China.

Baron Liangkuai is the son of the late Grand Consul of China, Young Lo, and the son-in-law of the present Grand Consul, Prince Ching. He is only 27 years of age, and his present trip, which will take him around the world, is mostly in the nature of a pleasure trip. He will spend several days in San Francisco and something over a month in the United States.

With the Baron are Sung Shan and Chang Hung Nien. The latter, who is a graduate of the American Episcopal College of St. John's, in China, has been in this country before, and speaks English with the perfection of one native to it.

The party declines to believe that the late assassination of Prince Ito of Japan will have any effect upon China one way or the other. He was notoriously hated in Korea, they state; but his immediate effect on China was small.

MANY KILLED; NINE INJURED

California Special, One of Rock Island's Finest Trains, is Wrecked

PASSENGERS BURN TO DEATH

Two Pullmans Catch Fire and Occupants are Extricated With Difficulty—Well Known Banker Killed in the East.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—The California Special on the Rock Island road, which left Chicago at 9 o'clock last night for California, went into a ditch three miles north of Trenton this morning. Two Pullmans burned so furiously that it was impossible to extricate the passengers and it is believed some were burned to death.

The cause of the accident is not known. The train was running at a high speed. The engine jumped the track and landed fifty feet off the right of way. The cars following all left the track and all but one tumbled over. Two Pullman cars that broke away caught fire.

The crash came without the least warning and the passengers were unable to extricate themselves. Those passengers and the crew who escaped went to work immediately with great energy to aid those imprisoned in the blazing Pullmans, but were unable to reach them and at 10:30 o'clock it was thought some of those in the Pullmans must be burned to death. The train is missing and it is believed he is buried beneath the engine which turned turtle.

The scene of the wreck is out in the country and neither apparatus to fight the flames nor aid for the injured was at hand. All the physicians of Trenton hurried to the scene. Several of the injured were brought to the Trenton hospitals. The ground was covered with snow and ice, causing suffering to the passengers and interfering with the rescuers.

The train was one of the heaviest and finest in the Rock Island's service. It is what is known in summer as the Golden State Limited and in winter as the California Special. The train consisted of a drawing room sleeper, stateroom, a buffet, library and observation car, smoking room, tourist, dining car and three baggage cars.

The train left Chicago at 9 o'clock Thursday night and was due to arrive at Kansas City at 10:35 today. At Kansas City the train picks up an additional sleeper.

Thirty May Be Dead.

A later report this afternoon says five are known to have been killed and nine injured, several possibly fatally, in the wreck. The number dead in the tourist car is unknown, but it is believed that none of the passengers escaped. A Kansas City dispatch says the number dead in the tourist car may be twenty to thirty.

Well Known Banker Killed.

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, a banker, was killed in a rear-end collision of the New York Central at Croton today. Trask was en route to this city from his home in Saratoga, and was killed in a collision between a freight train and the Montreal Express. One passenger and a negro porter were injured. Trask was one of the country's leading financiers and the head of the banking house bearing his name.

FLORA DE VOSS COMPANY.

"The Romance of the North" will be presented by the Flora De Voss stock company at the Calumet theater this evening, and it is expected that the attendance will be large. Ladies will be admitted free if accompanied by a paid ticket. Tomorrow afternoon, at 2:15 o'clock, a New Year's souvenir matinee will be held. The bill for the afternoon is, "Alabama," and each of the patrons of the playhouse will be given a half tone photo of Miss De Voss. In the evening the company will present, "His Only Son," one of the strongest plays on the repertoire, which will also be the closing bill.

WEATHER FORECAST



Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight.

WALL STREET CONCERNS REWARD FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES

Ancient Custom of Giving Bonuses is Kept by Wall Street Operators Today—Liberality Reflects a Prosperous Old Year.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Wall street employe was a man to be envied today. In accordance with a custom which is so old that none can tell when it originated, the exchanges, banks and brokerage firms closed the year with the distribution of rewards to faithful employes.

Some of the banks and trust companies distribute the bonuses the day before Christmas, but the big majority of the firms adhere to the custom of handing out fat envelopes on the last day of the year, enclosing at the same time a little card telling the recipient the amount of his salary for the coming year.

The year 1909 has been a prosperous one in "the street" and as a consequence the amounts given to employes were unusually large. One firm, it is said, distributed \$50,000 among its employes. None are overlooked by the Wall street Santa Claus. The managers, of course, receive the largest amounts, but all come in for a proportionate share, even messengers and scrubmen.

Among the most liberal men to his employes is J. Pierpont Morgan, who never fails to hand a fat envelope to each of his clerical force. Every man and woman on the payroll receives a sum ranging according to length of service from 10 to 20 per cent of his or her annual salary.

SEVENTEEN MILLIONAIRES.

Great Array of Wealth Among Few Men in Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.—One hundred and twenty residents, or less than one per cent of the population of Spokane, own \$50,000,000 of the wealth of the Inland Empire and of these 19 men and one woman control more than 45 per cent of it. There are 17 millionaires in Spokane, according to a carefully prepared compilation just completed; 32 with \$500,000 or more and 70 with \$250,000 or more. These fortunes have been accumulated in mining and real estate operations, railroad building and banking, timber and hotel business since 1858. The millionaires are:

J. J. Browne, banking and real estate; A. E. Campbell, mine operator; F. Lewis Clark, real estate and railroad; Patrick Clark, mine operator; D. C. Corbin, railroad builder and operator; Austin Corbin, mine operator; William H. Cowles, newspaper publisher and real estate; Louis M. Day-enport, restaurant, real estate and banking; Graham B. Dennis, real estate; John A. Finch, mine operator; Jay P. Graves, railroad builder and mine operator; Governor Marion E. Hay, real estate and capital; Levi W. Hutton, mine operator and real estate; O. G. Larabee, railroad and mine operator; James Monaghan, mine operator and real estate; August Paulsen, mine operator and real estate; Patrick Welch, railroad builder.

"Hundreds of fortunes have been made in the Inland Empire in the last 10 years," said J. J. Browne, "and at that the undeveloped resources have scarcely been touched. There is untold wealth in our mountains and forests, agricultural and orchard lands and power streams and millions of dollars are within reach of many. The coming five years should make as many rich men as became wealthy during the last fifth of a century."

NAVY SECRETS STOLEN.

Great Britain Tries Draughtsman for Theft of Wireless Plans.

London, Dec. 31.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, models and sketches, which in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy, is charged against Richard Knowlden, who was placed on trial at Portsmouth Tuesday.

Knowlden is a draughtsman attached to the torpedo school ship Vernon. In his room were found no less than eighty plans for wireless improvements and code books of the most confidential character, which are issued to officers only.

The authorities attach the greatest importance to the arrest of the accused man, as they contend that if the documents abstracted from the Vernon had reached foreign governments all the labor given in recent years to the perfection of a wireless system for the British navy would have been rendered practically fruitless.

CHEAPER RIDES IN 1910.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 31.—This was the last day for high fares on Pullman cars in Oklahoma. The reduction order of the corporation commission, to which the Pullman company has agreed, will be put into effect tomorrow. The rates for berths are reduced about 25 per cent and for seats about 40 per cent.

MUCH EXPRESS IS BURNED.

New York, Dec. 31.—Delayed Christmas packages and other valuable express packages in large numbers went up in smoke today in a fire which destroyed the American Express company's office and store room near the Grand Central station, causing a loss of \$500,000.

ESTRADA WANTS MADRIZ OUSTED

Insurgent Leader in Nicaragua Remains Firm in Stand Against Government

TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN

Preparations Are Under Way for Attack on Capital and Greytown—Determined to Wipe Out the Zelayan Regime.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 31.—Estrada remains firm in his determination not to recognize President Madriz. He holds the election of the latter by congress illegal and that the people of Nicaragua have not spoken. He has refused offers of peace through compromise from Managua and is continuing his preparations for a campaign against the capital.

Today the proposed attack on Greytown is under discussion. General Mena has arrived at Chile after capturing a number of government soldiers and a supply of ammunition. The prisoners with their supplies were on their way to reinforce Gonzales when the battle at Recreo was fought.

Recent peace representations by Madriz are viewed here as intended to delay the eastward march of the insurgents. If Madriz had this purpose it has been frustrated. Estrada is determined no vestige of the Zelayan regime shall remain in the government of Nicaragua and peace is possible under no other terms. Madriz and the congress which elected him are regarded as Zelayan in sentiment and intent.

COWBOYS HOLD REUNION.

Big "Round Up" of Southwestern Cattlemen Starts Today.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 31.—A big round-up of cowboys from many parts of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona began in this city today and will continue over tomorrow. The chief purpose of the gathering is to form a national association to perpetuate the memory of the old-time cowboy of the plains, who is rapidly vanishing before the inevitable march of modern progress.

In connection with the reunion there is being held a monster exhibition of riding and roping contests and cowboy races. One thousand dollars in prizes will be distributed among the winners. The chief promoter of the affair is J. Edson Carroll, the champion cowboy of the world, who won the championship at San Antonio in 1901.

NURSES' EXAM FEB. 9.

The state board of registration for nurses will hold an examination at Lansing on February 9, and it is expected that between fifty and one hundred applicants for registration will attend this first examination held by the newest state board.

Thanks have been sent to all training schools in order that the board may ascertain whether the course comes up to the requirements of law, and the graduates are eligible to registration. At the meeting of the board this week a constitution and by-laws were adopted and the organization completed.

ALBERT CASE IS DIS MISSED.

The case against James Albert, charged in Justice Jackson's court with making threats against the life of Mrs. Vincennes Bates, was discharged yesterday, there being no evidence forthcoming to hold the man on the charge. According to the evidence produced in court yesterday, the charge was based on hearsay only.

NEW MINISTER TO PERSIA.



Charles W. Russell, new minister to Persia. Mr. Russell has been previously in the department of justice at Washington, where his work has won him many friends.