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MANY LIVES LOST
TWO STEAMERS IN COLLISION
IN LAKE ACCIDENT

Port Huron, Mich., May 24.—The steamer James B. Wood, of the Gilchrist fleet, and the steamer Frank H. Goodyear, the latter carrying a crew of 23 men, collided in a dense fog yesterday morning, 35 miles north of Point Aux Barques in Thunder bay.

It was reported at first that 19 lives had been lost, as the Goodyear sank soon after the collision but it is known that six members of the crew, including captain F. R. Heminger, were rescued by the steamer Wood and taken to Port Huron. The steward, the steward's mother and a wheelman are among the saved.

A number of the Goodyear's crew are said to have been killed by falling hatches. The baby of the Goodyear's cook was dashed from his arms by a falling hatch and lost.

It is believed others of the crew were rescued by the steamer Sir William Siemans.

It now seems probable that 17 lives were lost. The steamer Siemens passed here this morning and did not report any survivors.

ORGANIZATION FOR CHARITY EFFORT

Importance of Cooperation Emphasized—Fatigue and Its Bearing on Life.

ABUSES OF THE INSANE CLASS

St. Louis, Mo., May 24.—The responsibility of the central commercial organization of a city and its relation to the standards of charity work done in that community were pointed out by Howard Strong, assistant secretary of the chamber of commerce of Cleveland, Ohio, in an address before the National Conference of Charities and Corrections here this morning.

"The Cleveland chamber of commerce" said Mr. Strong, "is concerned with every movement for the betterment of Cleveland, for the uplift of its citizens from a commercial, civic, or social standpoint, and it is therefore as much a chamber of citizenship as it is a chamber of commerce. The chamber has in its relation to the charity of the city assumed as a fundamental principle that the charity which receives its support from the public is in a sense a public institution, and that the public has a right, therefore, to know its methods and to demand its conformity with an accepted standard of efficiency.

"Fully 80 percent of the money which is collected each year for the support of Cleveland's charitable organizations is given by the members of the chamber of commerce or their families. The chamber in recognition of its responsibility, therefore, has assumed supervision of the charitable organizations of Cleveland. Because certain of the wiser contributors of Cleveland recognized the existence of a misconception of the standards of charity, a committee on 'Benevolent Associations' of the chamber was appointed.

The Commitee's Work.

"Because members of this committee discovered the existence of institutions 'which would rather give to an unworthy recipient a Sunday dinner a thousand times over than let him break the Sabbath day by working for it,' and because they found organizations which believed in 'giving to whomsoever asks and whatever he asks and leaving it to the good Lord in heaven to see to it that it does him good,' the committee has continued its efforts and broadened the scope of its endeavor. As fundamental principles for an effective scheme of municipal charities, the committee has insisted upon efficiency, nonduplication, and co-operation. In order to make effective its principles—and this should obtain in every city—the committee stipulates as far as is practicable that organizations comply with the following requirements before endorsement is granted:

"1—The organization shall fill a need not already well filled by existing organization, and not capable of being thus filled.

"2—The need shall be relatively great enough to warrant the equipment and support of a separate institution.

"3—The organization shall agree to cooperate with other charitable institutions in promoting efficiency and economy of administration in the charities of the city as a whole, and in preventing duplication of effort.

"4—The administrative committee of the organization shall meet at least quarterly.

"5—All funds shall be collected according to a method approved by the

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NICARAGUAN REBELS ARE COOPED

Federal Forces Said to Have Surrounded the Forces of Estrada.

BATTLE RAGES NEAR BLUEFIELDS

New Orleans., La., May 24.—A cablegram received today from Managua, Nicaragua, confirms the advices received by Tellmico Lopez, former governor of Nicaragua, now here, to the effect that the Madriz army under Gen. Lara succeeded in passing Rama after an engagement with the insurgents under Gen. Mena.

Today's message says Estrada's army is now hemmed in on all sides after being cut off from all approaches to the bluffs, and is considering a surrender.

A hundred were killed or wounded in yesterday's battle.

Officially Confirmed.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—A telegram from consul Moffat, at Bluefields, Nicaragua, dated yesterday evening, states that Gen. Lara's forces were than attacking Estrada's army, entrenched back of the city.

General Lara, commanding the force of government troops, is today fiercely attacking the provisional government's position at rear Bluefields. The government steamer Venus is landing 500 troops off a lagoon 26 miles north of Bluefields bluff for the purpose of attacking the bluff in conjunction with general Lara's force back of Bluefields.

Government troops began the attack last night, where the provisionals were entrenched but they were repulsed and returned to the woods. An artillery fire was kept up all night and the attack was resumed this morning.

IS THE PROHIBITION WAVE RECEDING?

Wholesale Liquor Men Think It Is and Think Strict Regulation of Saloons Is the Cause.

Cincinnati, O., May 24.—Confident that the prohibition wave is receding, 500 delegates to the convention of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association began a three days' session today. United action against prohibition and local option laws and the enactment of statutes providing for moderate licenses and strict regulation of liquor selling were advocated at the opening session.

WOMAN DIES AS HER CHILD COMES INTO WORLD

Herlinda Luna de Medina, a young Mexican woman, forfeited her life early Tuesday morning through lack of medical attention. The woman gave birth to a girl at 2 oclock in the morning and died a few moments later.

HADLOCK STRIKES WATER NEAR WASHINGTON PARK

E. J. Hadlock, who made a proposition to the city council to supply El Paso with water, has sunk a 10 inch pipe 260 feet in his well east of Washington park. Hadlock will drill 400 feet, although he has already struck a good flow of water.

UNIONS FORM POLITICAL CLUB

Will Investigate Records of All Candidates for Office In El Paso.

FOREIGN LABOR QUESTION IS UP

The unions of El Paso are going into politics. The Central Live Wire club is the name of their organization, backed by the Central Labor union.

The club plan was reported upon by a committee of the members from each of the 16 different unions in the city at the regular monthly meeting of the Central Labor union Monday evening, and unanimously adopted by that body. The plan will now be passed upon by each of the 17 labor unions in the city, and if they pass upon it favorably, as it seems they will, the political club will be a working machine, ready for business.

The Live Wire club will act only negatively in politics, according to the bylaws of the organization; that is, it will not come out publicly in support of any candidate for any office but will, through channels provided for, investigate the records of each candidate offering himself for office and among themselves and in secret pass unfavorably on the candidate or candidates deemed unfriendly to labor interests.

The Reason.

The political club owes its inception to the recent and current blacksmiths' trouble with the city and the question of cheap labor being passed over the international line of the United States and Mexico. The avowed objects of the club are to use its influence to have only union labor employed in the departments of the city and county governments, to use the voting power of the club to give union and home citizen labor preference on all occasions and to investigate and report on all who deviate from the home labor principle. The organization is secret and no lawyer, doctor, professional politician, candidate for office, or officer, either elective or appointive, may be a member, it is stated, membership being confined exclusively to members of labor unions who have paid their poll tax, a poll tax receipt being a necessary exhibit to the application for membership. Members will be received, however, if they declare in good faith that they intend paying poll tax for the next election.

The Platform.

Following is the platform of the club:

"Whereas, Certain employing interests recognize no principle of right or justice except the principle of greed and oppression. They conspire with the powers that be (political and otherwise) to use the refuse of Mexico's criminal and foreign labor in competition with home and citizen labor, all of which is to the detriment of the families of the workers, the interest of home merchants, the city and state.

"Therefore, It becomes necessary for the workers to unite upon political lines, as well as economic, for the purpose of protecting and advancing the interests of our city, state and the wage workers who are compelled to compete with this undesirable class of labor. The following rules governing such an organization are hereby approved, with the understanding that said control shall remain within the members in good standing of the various labor organizations of El Paso county."

Other Matters Discussed.

The trouble which recently arose between the contractors of the Toltec club building was discussed and the blame for the trouble laid at the door of the importation and employment of foreign labor. It was declared that 40 mechanics were due and more for their work on the building.

Influx of Laborers.

The question of the influx of Mexican cheap labor into El Paso and its damaging effects upon the wages of American workmen was discussed. This matter was taken up with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, several months ago, and he in turn took it up with the commissioner of immigration, who made the following answer:

Washington, April 30, 1910.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, esq., president, American Federation of Labor, 801 G street, Washington, D. C.:

'I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, quoting a copy of the preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted by the Texas State Federation of Labor at Galveston, April 12-16, 1910, in reference to the admission of Mexican aliens to the United States under conditions which give rise to the belief that the immigration laws are being violated.

In response thereto, I beg to state that the subject matter of your above acknowledged letter has heretofore been brought to the attention of the bureau by the supervising inspector at El Paso, Tex., who has had immediate jurisdiction over all immigration matters for the Mexican boundary as far west as the southern border of California.

An Investigation.

Plans were made several months ago to detail an officer especially skilled in such matters, to go into the subject thoroughly, as soon as the spring season opened. This detail was authorized on March 25 and information has just been received to the effect that good results are being accomplished and that the prospects are excellent for suppressing the efforts of labor employment agents whose activities are believed to be fundamentally responsible for the conditions heretofore existing.

As soon as a complete report is received, I will be pleased to communicate with you further and trust that you may find the time to call and we will go over the subject together. Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Daniel J. Keefe.
Commissioner General.

A special representative of the immigration service was in El Paso Monday investigating the working or the remedy referred to in the letter above.

RIOTERS AND OFFICERS IN A BLOODY FIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Pa., May 24.—A riot broke out among the striking miners at No. 14 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company near Pittston, today, following an attempt of a posse of state police to disperse the crowd of Italians who threatened others when the work train reached the colliery.

Sheriff Rodda was shot at several times, but escaped the bullets, though a coupling pin gave him a scalp wound.

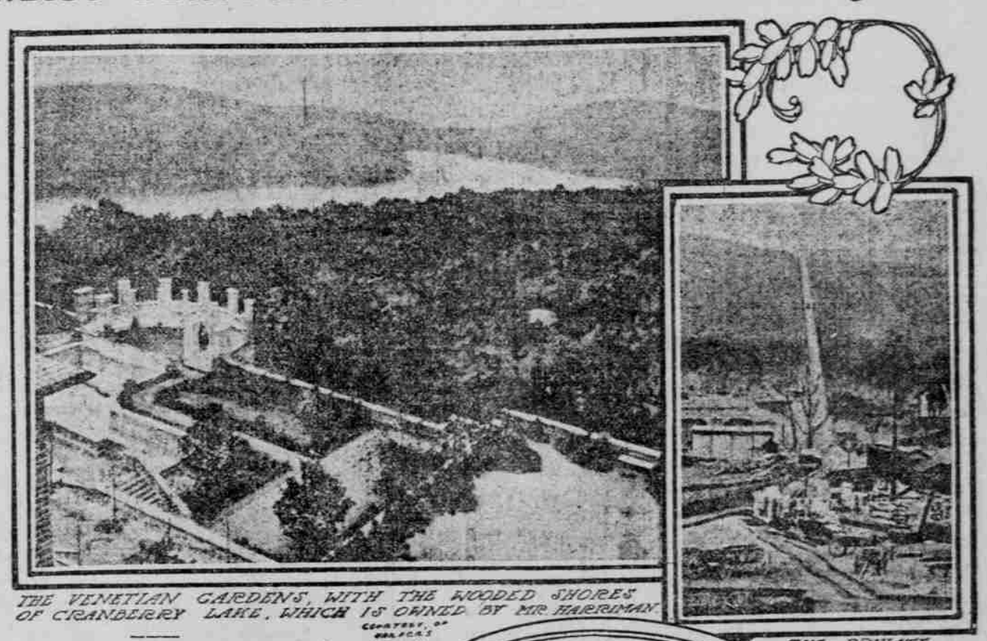
Peter Sura was so badly clubbed by the police that he will die.

State trooper Jasper was caught under a horse when it was knocked down and was badly clubbed before rescued.

The riot was finally quelled but another broke out at Ewen colliery a mile away. This was also dispersed.

The strike spread rapidly today. Already 10,000 are involved.

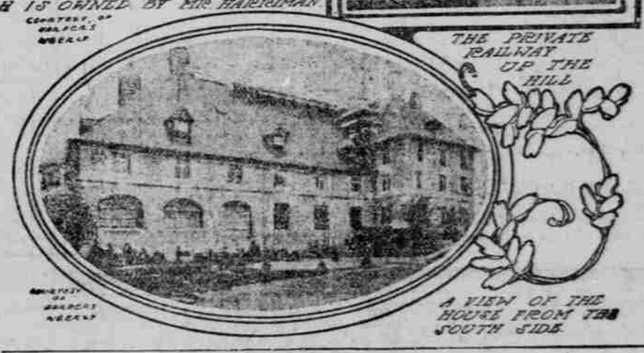
Miss Harriman Will Wed May 26



THE VENETIAN GARDENS, WITH THE WOODED SHORES OF CRANBERRY LAKE, WHICH IS OWNED BY MR. HARRIMAN.

COURTESY OF BROOKS'S WEEKLY

THE PRIVATE RAILWAY UP THE HILL



A VIEW OF THE HOUSE FROM THE SOUTH SIDE.

COURTESY OF BROOKS'S WEEKLY

Preparations Under Way at Harriman "Castle" for the Event.

Arden, N. Y., May 24.—The date for the marriage of Miss Mary Harriman and Charles Cary Rumsey, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been made known and instructions given at Arden House, the country home of the Harriman family, to have all ready for the date, May 26.

Orders have been received that the roads leading to the house on the mountain were to be touched up and the grounds cleaned at once. The work of excavation at the foot of the inclined railroad leading to the house is to be carried on to a certain point and the excavation covered over temporarily.

Orders also have been issued to thoroughly renovate the little Episcopal church near the house as soon as convenient, and work will begin at once. It was in this church that the simple funeral of Mr. Harriman was held, and his body now rests in the little churchyard. The Rev. Dr. MacGuinness, the rector, it is said, will perform the marriage ceremony.

Mrs. Harriman and Miss Carol Harriman are to go to Honolulu early in July.

ROOSEVELT GUEST OF QUEEN MOTHER

Alexandra Expresses Appreciation of American Sympathy.

London, England, May 24.—The queen mother, Alexandra, received Mr. Roosevelt, at Buckingham palace today. The two had a long chat during which her majesty told the former president how much she appreciated the sympathy exhibited for her in America at the time of her bereavement.

ROOSEVELT HAVING A QUIET TIME IN LONDON.

London, Eng., May 24.—Col. Roosevelt is enjoying the quietest days thus far of his European tour and is getting something like a real rest. His throat, however, still bothers him and his voice is husky. After spending the week end at West Park, the home of ambassador Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Kermit have returned to London, and are the guests of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Arthur H. Lee at their city house. Wednesday Mr. Roosevelt will receive a delegation from the British group of the interparliamentary union and on the following day he will receive a degree from Cambridge university.

Monday Mr. Roosevelt was the guest at luncheon of 20 big game hunters, several of whom joined in presenting him with a rifle before he started on the African expedition. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Roosevelt had tea at Dorchester house, meeting Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie, Dr. William Osler and a few others.

COMET MAKING BIG LOT OF GAS.

Chicago, Ill., May 24.—Forty degrees of the new born tail for the comet and the doubling of its luminosity owing to flaming hydrocarbon gas were recorded by the arstonomers at Williams-bay observatory last night after spectographic negatives had been developed.

"The internal activity of the comet is in full blast," said professor Frost. "It is making gas at terrific rate."

INJURED IN WRECK.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 24.—Mrs. Jennie Wheeler, of Fort Worth, one of 30 injured in a wreck of a northbound Frisco passenger train at Rogers yesterday, is still alive, but death is expected.

SANTA FE TO HELP NEW MEXICO FARMERS

Albuquerque, N. M., May 24.—According to R. E. Wilson, of the industrial department of the Santa Fe, that road is preparing to start a department of agricultural experiment to assist farmers along the road.

Exhibition cars will be used to display the products and agriculutural experts will give lectures. Two or more experts will be employed to assist Prof. J. D. Tinsley in experimenting in dry farming. They will use automobiles for overland work.

ICE CREAM MAY KILL NINE PEOPLE

Employes in Telephone Office Suffer From Ptomaine Poisoning.

Wichita, Kans., May 24.—The office of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company was converted into a temporary hospital last night when nine operators became violently ill after eating ice cream purchased at a nearby confectionary store. The physicians pronounced it ptomaine poisoning. Three of the patients, including the chief operator, may not recover.

TARIFF INFORMATION MAY NOT BE GATHERED.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—Chairman Tawney's amendment appropriating $250,000 to permit the president to obtain information bearing on the tariff was today decided by representative Mann, of Illinois, in the chair, to be out o forder.

Chairman Tawney then offered another amendment appropriating the same amount to enable the president to gather tariff information to guide him in enforcing law, and this was declared in order.

LIBERIA MAKES PEACE WITH SAVAGE BLACKS.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The chiefs of the wild tribes on the border of Liberia are signing an oath of allegiance and trouble with those turbulent people seems to be at an end.

COMPANY WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

Dallas, Texas, May 24.—The report of the Equitable Fire and Marine Insurance company which has headquarters in this city, would withdraw from Texas today is wholly denied by officials of the company. The concern says the report is based on the fact that a number of risks were canceled in Fort Worth but that its business is expanding and it will remain in Texas.

RED MEN IN CONVENTION

Beaumont, Texas, May 24.—The state convention of Texas Red Men is being held here today, with several hundred delegates attending. The sessions will continue three days. Dallas, San Antonio, Waco and Fort Worth are in a close contest for the next year's convention.

LIVING HIGHER IN TEXAS NOW

Locomotive Firemen Asking for More Money as a Result.

Chicago, Ill., May 24.—That there has been a vast increase in prices of food products in Texas in everything but rice was brought out yesterday in the federal arbitration hearing here of the wage dispute between 49 western railroads and their 27,000 locomotive firemen.

Fred Barr, of San Antonio, general chairman of the grievance committee of firemen employed by the Southern Pacific railway, testified that on the Southern Pacific lines, firemen now work more hours for less pay than in 1907 and also have to work harder because of heavier trains.

He was asked by attorney John Burton Payne why the firemen did not turn to rice. "Because Texas cooks have not been educated in preparing it" was Barr's answer.

TAFT PARDONS TEXAN ON SWEETHEART'S PLEA.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—President Taft today ordered a reduction in the term of C. H. Thornton, now serving a long sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth for embezzlement. Thornton will be freed December 1 to marry his sweetheart, Alice Carter, at Christmas. It was the latter's repeated pleas that induced the president to take action.

RATING BOARD WILL NOT APPROVE

New Rates of Fire Insurance If They Result in Higher General Average.

POSITIVE STATEMENT OF A FAIR POLICY

The Herald wired the state fire rating board as to El Paso's protest against the new rates, and received in reply a telegram stating that "this board has not made nor approved said (El Paso) rates, but will investigate at earliest date possible." A letter from the board, which is here reprinted, is of particular interest in connection with the visit here of a member of the board and a number of special agents of the insurance companies:

No Intention to Raise Rates.

"Austin, Tex., May 23.

"Editor El Paso Herald:

"In addition to your telegram we beg to advise that the policy of the board is that the people are entitled to as low an average rate throughout the state as has been heretofore paid.

"The insprance representatives have stated to us that the new schedule of rates which they have filed with us will produce, in their estimation, the same average rate as they have heretofore collected.

"The board has not waited for the citizens to file complaints, but have busied themselves investigating and comparing the old rates and new rates all over the state, with the view of ascertaining if the contentions of the insurance representatives are correct. It is a well known fact that prior to January 1st, a great deal of discrimination in insurance rates had been prevalent, the companies granting exceedingly low rates in some instances, but maintaining much higher rates in many other instances. The effect of schedule rating under this law will be to equalize the insurance burden, and to give the town and the citizens with the best protected and best buildings, a reasonable rate without the necessity of the policy holder going from one agent to another for the purpose of getting competitive rates. The companies in many instances permitted unreasonably low rates, because they calculated on collecting much higher rates from the average insurer.

"The investigations made by the board to date indicate that 90 percent of the dwelling risks have been reduced and that the reduction amounts to about 20 percent of the old rate. A sufficient number of mercantile rates have not been issued by the insurance companies' actuary to make a comparison with the former mercantile rates.

No Abuse To Be Allowed.

"This board intends that the law shall not be used as the means for the companies to collect an excessive insurance rate from any class of business and, whereas, the dwelling rates have apparently been reduced, it should not be an excuse for unjustifiably high mercantile rates.

"Any one who gives serious thought to this subject will realize that the board has a monumental task on its hands in adjusting the rates under the new conditions, and that it will take a great deal of time and hard work to settle the various questions which arise.

"It is the intention of the board that each citizen shall be treated fairly in this matter, whether he complains or not, and that no one shall be put to any expense in making his complaint to the board.

"R. M. Hamby,
"Secretary."

NEW PUMPING STATIONS, MAYBE

Matter Is Now Being Taken Up With View to Cutting Rate.

W. E. Anderson, general manager of the International Water company, has received a message from C. B. Roulet, actuary for the insurance companes of the state, which states that if the Watts and the mesa pumping plants of the water company are rebuilt of brick a deduction of 10 cents will be made from the key rate of 50 cents as it stands at the present time. A further reduction of 5 cents can also be made, the actuary says in his message, by installing a duplicate system of pumps in either the Watts or mesa station. As the company is under agreement to sell to the city at a fixed sum, it will be necessary to take the proposed change before the directors of the water company and also before the council in order to have an agreement as to the changes. This was taken up Tuesday afternoon by general manager Anderson and an effort will be made to have both changes made at once, thereby reducing the key rate to 35 cents.

Such a reduction would mean much to the policy holders of the city should it be made. The exposure distance on mercantile risks would be reduced

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CHINA TO BUILD RAILROAD

Paris, France, May 24.—The Hankow-Szechuen railway loan agreement was signed today. The signers are representatives of a financial group of the United States, France, Great Britain and Germany.

The agreement provides for a loan to the Chinese government of $30,000,000 for railroad construction.

RIOTING IN CHINA IS GROWING SEVERE

Shanghai, China, May 24.—Native riots occurred Saturday at Chuan Chia, 30 miles northwest of Changsha.

A considerable portion of the city was burned.

The Lutheran church was destroyed by fire.

General unrest and anti-foreign sentiment is spreading.

Changsha, May 24.—A number of Chinese have been killed and a chapel destroyed by rioters at a village between Yi Yang and Niagsianga, a little to the north of Changsha. It is reported that an armed band is marching on Yi Yang. This city is quiet.

DYNAMITERS AFTER THE KING OF SPAIN

Madrid, Spain, May 24—As a result of their investigations the police believe the bomb thrown last night at the monument erected for the victims of the attempt against king Alfonso on his wedding day was also intended for his majesty, but the authorities think the original intentions of the anarchists were to strike down the king on his arrival at the railway station from London

The plans for king Alfonso's return have been changed and he will enter the city by automobile. The bomb thrower who was wounded by his own weapon and who committed suicide when about to be captured, proves to be a South American.