

WARM CONTEST IN CONVENTION OF UNION MEN

MOVE TO LIFT BOYCOTT FROM A.-Y.-P. E. IS DEFEATED.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 9.—Boycott placed against the A.-Y.-P. by the State Federation of Labor last year will stay in effect. The federation, in annual session yesterday, refused to hear read a resolution to lift the ban. C. H. Miller, a barber delegate from Seattle, led the fight on the floor for the lifting of the boycott and he protested vigorously that he should be privileged to read his resolution, but he was voted down.

This was the hottest fight of the convention. The resolutions committee declared that the convention could not properly take up the matter, since it had not come up on request of the building trades council of Seattle, which had the original grievance against the exposition.

Miller, in his remarks, declared that the action of the convention sounded the death knell of trades

unionism in Seattle and in the state of Washington. Miller stated his motion read in full rather than by title, declaring there was a move on foot to smother it to death.

The discussion got a little warm and the president, with difficulty at times, maintained order. Some one suggested that the sergeant-at-arms remove the Seattle man from the room, receiving the tart reply from Miller: "Well, put me from the room if you want to; I have been sent here to speak for 25 members of my union and I am going to block this convention for two weeks if necessary, to transact the business that I was sent here to transact."

All Motions Lost. All of Miller's motions, and he was frequently on his feet, were lost by large votes.

Judge Wright's decision regarding the contempt of court of Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell, came in for condemnation, the delegates passing resolution condemning the language used and declaring that it was against freedom of speech.

OFFERS UP HIS SKIN TO SAVE TINY BABY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 9.—John H. France, 48, former deputy county prosecutor of Lawrence county, Indiana, now a member of the Buggy Co., Army av. and John St., walked past the Cincinnati hospital New Year's afternoon, bound downtown for pleasure, when he looked up into a window and saw a baby's face.

France had read the story telling that skin was needed to graft on Baby Russell Davis, 4, whose hips were burned when it toppled into a tub filled with scalding water. The man ran up the hospital steps and offered to allow the

doctors to remove two square inches of cuticle from his body. The doctor told him it was too soon to do the grafting and France left word to notify him when the skin is needed.

"I'm a busy man," said France, "but for humanity's sake I will gladly give some of my cuticle. No one man can stand the mutilation attendant upon the removal of several square inches of skin, but I am ready to give two inches. I am sure there are plenty others who will make a similar sacrifice. If there are not, the doctors can remove more of my 'hide' at a later date. I'll tell them flay me at any time, if it will do the injured baby any good."

HAY READY TO TAKE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR

(By United Press Leased Wire.) OLYMPIA, Jan. 9.—Lieut. Gov. M. E. Hay declines to discuss the possibilities attendant upon Governor-elect Cosgrove's failure to arrive here and take his oath of office. Mr. Hay has a letter received yesterday from the governor-elect saying that he would be here by special train, but there is grave doubt in Olympia whether Mr. Cosgrove will brave the snow storm. The snow is a foot deep on the level in this sec-

tion of the state, and is still falling. The lieutenant governor is all ready to take up his duties as acting governor and his secretary J. L. Ashlock, is quartered in a corner of the executive office in the capitol. "I have a letter from the governor-elect saying that he would be here on the appointed time," said Mr. Hay to the Times correspondent. "Further than that I do not care to discuss the situation."

ITALIAN RELIEF FUND NEARING \$2,000 MARK

The Italian relief fund is expected to pass the \$2,000 mark in Tacoma today. This morning it was \$1,800 and the committees are hard at work. Yesterday over \$400 was added to the cash receipts. The Red Cross society at the chamber of commerce received \$108.20, and the committees brought in \$343.30.

GAS COMPANY'S ASSESSMENT REDUCED

The Tacoma Gas and Light company, which has been suing Pierce county for a reduction in the assessment placed upon its franchise and personal property, was yesterday given the decision by Judge Clifford, the assessment being reduced from \$516,181 to \$403,767.

The gas company held that it was being assessed full value on its bonded indebtedness, whereas the rate should have been 85 cents on the dollar.

SPOKANE MAN ON ARBITRATION BOARD

SPOKANE, Jan. 9.—Ex-Senator George Turner of Spokane, Lewis S. Dabney of Boston, Attorney Lansing of New York and Dr. John Brown Scott have been selected by Secretary Root to represent this country before the Hague tribunal, which is to adjust the dispute between the country and Great Britain over the fishery question growing out of the treaty of 1812. The tribunal will sit next summer.

NEW TRAIN DURING SESSION OF SOLONS

A new train will be put on the Northern Pacific between Seattle and Olympia, making a single stop at Tacoma, starting tomorrow. It will run as long as the legislature is in session. The train will leave Seattle at 7 in the morning, leave Tacoma at 8:10 and arrive at Olympia at 9:30. Returning it will leave Olympia at 5 o'clock, arrive here at 6:10 and at Seattle at 7:30 in the evening.

IN MANY GUISES

A STORY OF AN EXCITING DASH FOR A FORTUNE BY AN ACTOIR-ADVENTURER. (Copyright, 1905 by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)



Next instant I uttered a scream of agony, for a burning pain had suddenly pierced my thumb. A long needle had been inserted down the joint between the nail and the quick. Jussieu was already busy at my forefinger. "Mercy, mercy!" I shouted. "I'll tell you the truth, the truth!" "Then speak!" "She has them—Marion!" "Once more, Jussieu!" said Sir Charles.

Again that penetrating agony. Again I raved and screamed. Again I swore I'd tell the truth. "Speak!" cried Sir Charles. "They are in Sir William Dagmar's library, where I said before, behind—"

"Once more, Jussieu!" interrupted the surgeon. I lost sight of the agonizing periods. I fainted more than once, and was restored to life by pain. Sometimes I lied, more often I shrieked aloud the truth, and was not credited. But at last, growing wise under the torture, I perceived what my inquisitor wished me most to say, and I vowed time after time that Marion possessed the jewels, and Marion alone. At last Sir Charles decided to believe me, and my mangled hand was grudgingly released.

I fell into a heavy sleep before they left the room and when I awoke I was numb and very listless. The table remained in the room, and a lamp thereon cast a yellow glitter round the plastered walls. To the left of my chair there yawned a deep hole in the wall, with bricks and earth and stones heaped against the wall behind. Very patently it was my grave!

Beudant came and made me eat and drink. I was very faint, and only asked him for the time. He told me it was 2 o'clock upon the fourth day of my imprisonment. While pondering at the news, I fell asleep. Beudant again awoke me with more food and sleep. Again I fell asleep, and again I awoke to find myself being softly carried from the cellar of my grave into an adjoining room. It contained, however, a long rack furnished with some dozens of champagne, neck downwards, and most carefully bestowed.

Next instant the door opened. I saw the tail end of a flight of rick steps, and into the room rushed Marion Le Mar, followed less quickly by the surgeon. The girl stopped midway on the floor. But I did not look at her. I was too deeply agitated, and I wished to gather up my strength for later use. "Mademoiselle Le Mar denies that you gave her my packet, Hume?" "Does she?" "Yes, and she is here to confront you?" I ground my teeth. "Bah!" I snarled; "you doubt her word, or you'd not have brought her here. I see your game; you wish to make her own her theft by witnessing my torture. But you will fall, you fool. Do you forget that she betrayed me? She'll laugh to hear my screams!" Marion spoke for the first time. "Sir Charles," she began, in low vibrating tones, "this man looks very ill. What have you done with him, and what is the matter with his hand?" "He will tell you," said the surgeon, curtly. I looked up at her for the first time. Her eyes were dilated, and

in knowing that I have brought you to your death!" "I'm not dead yet, mademoiselle. You reproach yourself too soon."

"But you will die!" she cried. "When it is written." She gave a little moan. "For God's sake," she pleaded; "for God's sake, Mr. Hume."

"Sir Charles," said I, "I thought myself a liar till I met this woman—and selfish too beyond comparison. Did you ever hear the maxim I invented for the ruling of my life? It was this: 'First person paramount!' But look at her! She dwarfs and shadows me so much, without a maxim, but her womanhood, that I can only keep my dignity by noising my defeat. Here I am I, bound, helpless, ill, and threatened with a painful death because of her. But she has jewels which she sets before my agony, and she would spare herself the shame of witnessing that agony. Wherefore she tries to fool me to the end, not caring what I suffer, so that her eyes and ears are not offended."

"Very well!" she cried in a voice grown hoarse and desperate. "Torture him! Torture him! That is all I have to say!" Sir Charles glanced from her to the negroes. "Light the stove," he said.

The wretches disappeared behind my chair, and I heard one strike a lucifer. (Continued)

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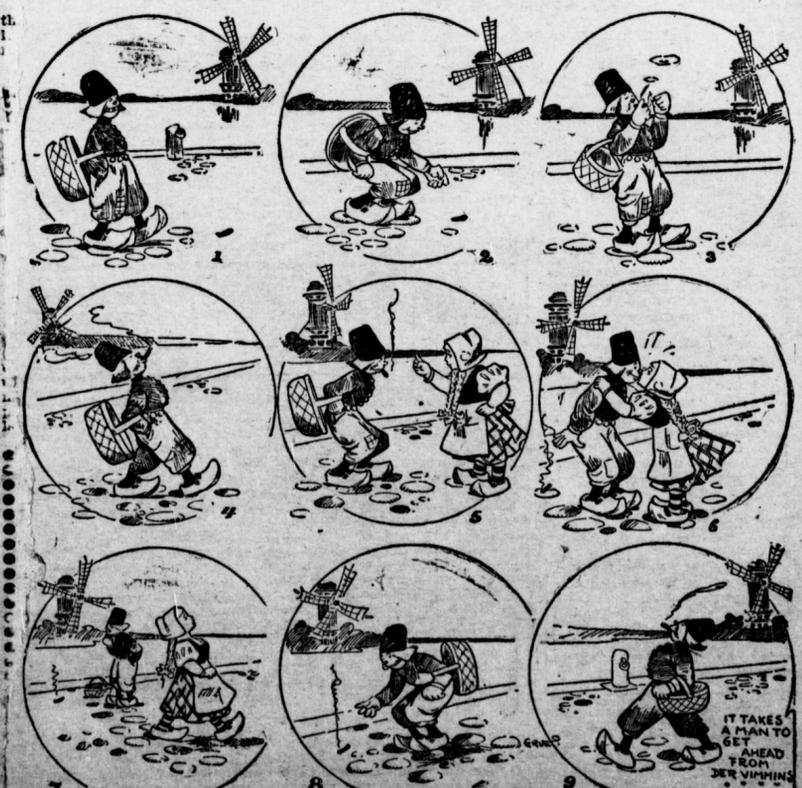
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