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## STREET CAR MEN WILL QUIT WORK UNLESS GIVEN BETTER TREATMENT

Unless the officers of the Washington Water Power Co. grant their car crews some little recognition and improved working conditions the 225 members of the union employed on the cars of the local monopoly will quit work in a body in the near future. The men have been harassed by the officers of the company to such an extent that they will bear no more, and if the company persists in its present attitude it will lose its car crews.

This is the situation that confronts the public today and from what can be learned of the temper of the men there is absolutely no chance of their changing their mind. They assert that as conditions exist they had better leave the employ of the company and have to hustle for work at some other line of business.

The statements of Superintendent Billingsly that he did not discharge some men for belonging to the union is denounced as false in every respect. Belonging to the union is one of the greatest offenses possible in the eyes of the company. When Vice President Roberts was discharged, Billingsly told him he was fired for belonging to the union and it was up to the union to protect him, if it could.

The whole trouble is said to originate through the absolute incompetence of the officers of the company and a desire to destroy any organization that would tend to elevate and strengthen the employees. It is also claimed that men imported from outside towns, some of whom know nothing about handling street cars, have been made inspectors and have kept the car crews in hot water by reporting them for alleged infractions of running time, although the inspectors in numerous instances were ignorant of the running time when they preferred charges.

The hours of work are so long and the pay so small that any sort of common labor would pay them better. The carmen earn about \$2.10 per day. They have asked for an immediate conference with President Richards, of the W. W. P. Co., and if that fails, it is considered certain that a general strike will ensue. Meanwhile the Traction Co. is having no trouble whatever with its men. They are perfectly satisfied.

## LOOTING CHARGED

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, Jan. 25.—There is reason to believe Governor Swettenham's resignation is in the hands of the colonial office. Officials refuse to affirm or deny the report.

KINGSTON, Jan. 25.—Americans here are boiling with wrath today on account of stories circulated by Swettenham's henchmen to the effect that American officers were guilty of looting in the earthquake excitement. The Americans and most of the Englishmen say all the Americans got were cuts, bruises and tired bodies.

## WILL SHOOT TO KILL

(Scripps News Association.) SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., Jan. 25.—The river is at the 52 foot mark and still rising. Small breaks in the levee have been repaired, but more are appearing. Guards have been ordered to shoot and kill any one attempting to cut the levee. Snow is falling and there is intense suffering among refugees. The food supply is diminishing.

### MAYOR DAGGETT BACK.

Mayor Daggett returned this afternoon from the coast. He attended the banquet at Tacoma tendered to William Jennings Bryan on the 21st by the state democracy.

## FIRST PICTURE OF KINGSTON DISASTER



This photograph, taken by an American tourist in Kingston immediately after the earthquake, pictures the lower end of King st. looking toward the bay. It shows the damage caused by the first shock and some of the terrified citizens fleeing from the buildings.

## RIDICULES IDEA OF ANGRY GOD

(Scripps News Association.) ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 25.—"Four thousand years of anger would be enough to change God into a fiend." These were the words of Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey, recently expelled from the Episcopal church here, in a lecture. "God is pictured as having been angry since the year 4000 because of Adam's fall," he said. "Anger is debasing as much in the case of a God as with man."

Cruelty is another quality attributed to God by Christian dogma, to which Dr. Crapsey disbelieves. He ridiculed the idea that God would keep a body of flesh in eternal existence in everlasting flames.

"A God who could do this," he asserted, "would out-devil the devil." He attacked the doctrine of original sin, saying the idea that a person could be damned before birth, breeds in many people a sense of injustice.

## MINING STOCKS

On the local mining exchange this morning 1,000 Alhambra sold for .10 1/4; 2,000 American Boy, .01 1/4; 500 Burke, .02 1/2; 1,000 Champion Copper, .04 1/4; 3,000 Gertie, .11 3/4; 1,000 Hypotheek, .02 3/4; 1,000 Happy Day, .00 1/4; 5,000 Idaho Copper, .03 1/4; 1,000 O. K. Consolidated, .03 1/2; 1,000 Rambler Cariboo, .28 1/2; 1,000 Reindeer, .09; 1,000 Sullivan, .07 1/4; 300 Stewart, \$2.10; 700 Tamarack, \$1.85.

## MUST HIKE FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—All dishonorable discharger soldiers in the Philippines must be accounted for and got rid of, according to a report from Manila. It is said that after their discharge they hang around the garrisons and add to that class of the population which is neither a credit or an advantage to the islands. The military courts sentencing soldiers to dishonorable discharge are instructed to impose a term of imprisonment, and during that term the prisoners will be transported to the United States. This will make it impossible for a dishonorably discharge soldier to be a liberty on the island.

## WARSHIP SINKS WITH ALL ON BOARD

(Scripps News Association.) TANGIER, Jan. 25.—The sultan's warship, Turkey, while bombarding Raisuli's camp this morning, hit a rock and sunk with all on board.

## ONE HOSPITAL OVERLOOKED

A number of Spokane physicians familiar with local hospital work are wondering if the annual hospital benefit ball Feb. 1 is really what it purports to be.

The beneficiaries this year are St. Luke's and the new Sacred Heart, and while no criticism is offered against either institution, or its demand upon public aid questioned, attention is called to the fact that the Deaconess hospital has never yet received any help of this sort in the nine years the "charity balls" have been given. The Deaconess hospital is considered the only really charitable institution for the care of the sick in the city. It is maintained under the auspices of the Methodist church. Numerous instances have been cited to show that penniless patients have been cared for there for months at heavy expense when

the management knew that no reimbursement could be expected. The men in charge of the ball this year expect to raise \$4,000. The occasion has been made a sort of society event of the season.

## MILLION DOLLAR FRAUD

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 25.—A complaint just filed here charges fraud and conspiracy on the part of the Barnett interests in securing the Dome creek properties, valued at \$100,000. It is alleged the deed was altered.

## SCHOOLMASTER KILLED MERCHANT

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The police today say Wm. Whiteley's slayer is Horace Rayner, a schoolmaster. The motive was not disclosed. Following an operation the surgeons this morning said Rayner would probably recover.

### FIGHT FOR CONVENTION.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—Dry farming delegates are playing politics today in the selection of the next meeting place. Cheyenne and Salt Lake are fighting for the honor.

## "PUT UP OR SHUT UP" SAYS AUDITOR GREEN

"Twenty representative business men signed for \$5,000 each on an indemnifying bond," was the ultimatum handed out yesterday by Auditor F. P. Greene to representatives of the railroad committee of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Greene was approached yesterday by these representatives, who hinted at political effect and a whole lot of other things to induce the county auditor to sign the warrant for \$5,000 in favor of H. M. Stephens, who was retained by the county commissioners to carry on the fight for better freight rates before the interstate commerce commission. It was even hinted about that Mr. Greene is playing with

the railroads in refusing to issue the warrant, but Greene this morning said such was not the truth; he was merely carrying on the affairs of the county office in business fashion, as he would an enterprise of his own.

The chamber of commerce does not take kindly to Greene's suggestion that they go into court and test the legality of the donation. The auditor is of the opinion that they fear the outcome of such a test. The indemnity bond is demanded to protect the auditor's official bondsman who will hold him responsible if the warrant is issued and found to be invalid.

## LONGWORTH IS MOUTHPIECE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—When interviewed here today Longworth says his father-in-law, Roosevelt, will not run for the presidency. He says the president favors and will continue to favor Taft. Taft objects but will not be reactionary if the president has his way. "I mean by that," said Longworth, "that people expect the republican party to select a nominee responsive to the new political thought, who can complete the task begun."

## "BANDITS" IN COURT

Seven small boys of Union park and vicinity are facing Judge Poindexter this afternoon on the heinous charge of picking up coal off the Northern Pacific railroad trucks during the late cold snap and coal famine, when their families, little sisters and brother, were shivering and chilled to the marrow. The railroad holding up tons and tons of coal at the same time. M. A. Covington, a truant officer, is the sleuth whose cunning resulted in the detection and arrest of the urchins.

Some of the boys, more industrious than the others and of a mercantile turn of mind, even sold coal they gathered for 30 cents a sack. Most of the boys who sold coal, sold it to families that were needy. During the time the boys were getting the coal, housewives were also gathering it, but were not molested. Railroad employees all the time were cognizant of what was going on but encouraged it, knowing the arbitrary manner in which the railroads were holding up fuel.

Following are the "train robbers": Len Keefer, age 15; Freddie Davis, 13; Ralph Davis, 15; Reuben Clemons, 14; Paul Taux, 13; Arthur Robinson, 14; Ray Soure, 15.

## SAYS JAPANESE ARE CROOKED

VIENNA, Jan. 25.—Japan's commercial methods were harshly criticized today at the conference of Austrian exporters. Karminski, a high official of the ministry of commerce, asserted that Japanese merchants are untrustworthy and inclined to be tricky. He said that intimate trade relations of American producers with Japan would not prosper and added: "Things are different in China, where native merchants are reliable and prompt payers, and creditors are afforded every protection by the law."

## BLOCKADE COMPLETE

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—The blockade in the Northwest is growing rapidly worse. No trains have arrived from the coast for 24 hours on the Northern Pacific and none since Wednesday on the Great Northern. The Great Northern announces that the main line between Larimore and Devil's lake, 60 miles, is completely blocked. Twenty dead engines are tied up between the two points.

## LEAVES RICH GIFTS

The Spokane lodge of Eagles has been enriched to the extent of \$250 through the will of P. H. Harrington, deceased miner from Ketchikan, Alaska. He also left a diamond horseshoe to W. H. Jackson and a diamond studded eagle to W. P. Pray.

Harrington was buried in Fairmount cemetery. He was an enthusiastic member of the Eagles.

### SHE WON'T BE THERE.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25.—In a signed statement Mrs. Holman, mother of Evelyn Thaw, says under no circumstances would she appear at the trial, either as witness or spectator.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—A house resolution limiting the cost of junketing trips to actual traveling expenses was passed today.

## W. P. GRABS GRAVES ROUTE TO NINE MILE

## SNUBS WIFE IN COURT

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Evelyn Thaw and May McKenzie appeared in court early this morning. Evelyn carried a satchel containing the noon lunch which she and May eat in the clerk's room adjoining the court room during recess.

Evelyn is a pathetic figure today, broken and crushed under the weight of apprehension. The prisoner's mother attended court today, accompanied by her sons, Edward and Josiah, and Mrs. Carnegie. No greeting passed from the mother to Evelyn, who searched the older woman's face in mute appeal for sympathy.

Thaw shook his mother's hand when he appeared, but apparently did not see Evelyn, whose eyes followed him as he took his seat.

Thaw continues his activity in the selection of jurors. When a man appears acceptable to attorneys for both sides, Thaw turns to his wife or mother, trusting to feminine instincts rather than to himself or the lawyers, and frequently awaits a nod of acceptance from them before agreeing.

Howard R. Thayer, a printer, was sworn as the sixth juror at noon.

James M. Ketcham, in reply to a question, said he was pleased to state he did not know Stanford White. He said he formed his opinion of White from the newspapers. This is the first time anything reflecting upon the reputation of the principals has appeared in the trial. After a tilt between Jerome and Partridge Ketcham was excused.

## BIG DIVORCE GRIST

Judge Kennan this morning signed a decree of divorce in favor of Maud Pauline against William Polen, alias Pauline. They married at Algonia, Iowa, in 1900. Soon after that William became a drone and ever since Maud has supported herself. Then she found out William had married her under an assumed name and it was this fraud which had much to do with the court's decision.

Other divorces granted this morning are as follows: Susie May Moore from G. W. Moore; Pearl Runyan from Frank Runyan; Amanda Bailey from S. J. Bailey; Ida O'Connell from John O'Connell; Ada Smith from Marcellus Smith. The following were granted by Judge Huneke: Christina Dalberg from Robert Dalberg; Lindfield S. Rose from Georgiana Rose; J. D. Gilbert from Blanche C. Gilbert; Alice C. Olds from William B. Olds; Mae A. Hodges from B. G. Hodges; Laura F. Parrish from C. G. Parrish; James F. Holt from Stella Holt.

## SKIDDED INTO OCEAN

(Scripps News Association.) DAYTONA, Fla., Jan. 25.—Fred Marriott, driving a Stanley steam car in the race this afternoon, was probably fatally crushed when the car skidded and turned over in the ocean.

Marriott was revived this afternoon. Apparently his optic nerve is paralyzed and he is unable to see. Internal injuries may be fatal.

## LEARNING TO FARM

(Scripps News Association.) DENVER, Jan. 25.—Sixteen states west of the Missouri river are represented at the dry farming congress here. The agricultural department has sent a number of experts. Thousands of delegates, men and women, have turned the place into a school of instruction, asking and answering questions. They will likely select advertising representatives to boom the Western country and dry farming.

Carpenters today began the remodeling of Justice Hinkle's judicial bench. It will be made to resemble those of the superior court judges.

## BUILD WEIRD AND WONDROUS RAILWAY FROM OLD SMELTER INTO TOWN IN ORDER TO HOLD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON ANCIENT MCCURDY FRANCHISE

The Washington Water Power Co. has butted into the fight of the Graves people for a right of way down the Spokane river to Nine Mile, and thereby have done some peculiar "rallroading" in more ways than one.

The Graves interests some time ago began negotiations with Scott McCurdy, of Detroit, Mich., who controlled an ancient franchise four miles down the river to the old smelter site.

When Jay P. Graves thought he had matters about settled so he could take over this old franchise and thus save building his line on a right of way which would require some vigorous engineering, the McCurdy interests re-organized a company under the name of the Spokane Western Traction Co. and began the erection of a sawmill on the old smelter site. Graves got into the harness to begin a condemnation suit but before he got thoroughly organized a young railroad sprung up between suns.

The Graves representatives on going over the right of way of the new company a few days were surprised to see men bearing Washington Water Power Co. badges building

railroads and working like beavers. Rails are now laid from the old smelter site into town to connect with the W. W. P. Co. boulevard line. True, this railroad will not bear a car, or even the slightest load, but it is called a railroad nevertheless and an evidence of the good faith of the Spokane Western Traction Co. to use its franchise. The rails are laid upon ties eight or 10 feet apart. In one place, where they cross a gully, two young trees were felled, stretched across and upon these ties laid. Just outside the city the rails shoot up a young hill at a totally impossible angle for any mode of locomotion. But it's a railroad, just the same.

The Washington Water Power Co. has absorbed the McCurdy interests for the purpose of blocking Graves, evidently.

A new factor, however, has entered the controversy. The rails traverse property owned by Frank P. Hogan, a local capitalist, which the Spokane Western Traction Co. believed it owned by right of tax forfeiture. Hogan filed a condemnation suit yesterday which will be heard before Judge Huneke next Tuesday.

## STATE ATTACKS HILL'S CHARTER

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—The state's attorney general filed mandamus proceedings today, seeking to compel the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad to show cause why its charter should not be revoked.

It is attacked as a part of the Great Northern system and the alleged merger which was formed by J. J. Hill.

The attorney general says he believes the Great Northern was formed upon the foundation of the Manitoba road for the sole purpose of inflation of capitalization. He

asks that the stock issued by the Great Northern on assets of the Manitoba be declared void and that payment of dividends on it be enjoined.

The Great Northern claims exemption from the 4 per cent gross earnings tax under the original Manitoba franchise and therefore the state seeks to wipe out the franchise. The suit also involves the right of the Great Northern to create subsidiary companies of its own stockholders to build extensions and manipulate the stock of such companies.

## YEGGMEN LEAVE A NOTE

"This safe is empty."  
"Right, b'gosh!"  
The first statement was left hanging on the door of the Cocolalla Ice & Fuel Co.'s strong box in the office on Railroad and Walnut avs.  
The second was added by the burglars who went through the safe last night.

of the safe, which was open. But the inner door was locked, so the yeggmens knocked the combination knob off and blew it open to be certain of not overlooking anything. They secured a lot of papers but no cash. Then they left their endorsement and departed with the papers.

Detective Weir was detailed on the case this morning. He traversed the railroad track for a quarter of a mile and recovered all the papers, but secured no clues to the identity of the marauders.

## SALT LAKE FEELS PINCH OF FUEL FAMINE

(Scripps News Association.) SALT LAKE, Jan. 25.—The coal famine has reached serious proportions here. Citizens are paying watchers at the coal yards to report arrival of cars and are hiring teamsters by the day to wait in turn. A prominent pawnbroker displays the sign: "Money loaned on coal. This is no josh. Bring in your black diamonds and get the cash." Passengers on incoming trains report sidings full of cars of loaded coal unable to move on account of lack of motive power.

alleged, had charged interest at the rate of 10 per cent a month. Hurt borrowed in all at different times \$90. He had receipts for \$80, which he claimed was part of the illegal interest. There was not evidence enough that Sanders had practiced usury and as Hurt had \$80 in receipts MacLeod was granted judgment for the balance.

## SOCIALISTS CLAIM GREAT GAIN

(Scripps News Association.) BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Elections for 397 members of the reichstag began at 10 o'clock this morning. The weather is freezing and clear. The emperor called upon Von Buelow this morning and with the chancellor later drove to a polling place and voted.

Singer, social democratic leader, says his party has increased its vote by five or six thousand.

## HE ALLEGED USURY

Justice Hinkle this morning gave N. M. MacLeod judgment for \$10 against J. H. Hurt, an employe of the Northern Pacific railroad. MacLeod's complaint alleged that Hurt owed \$90. In his answer Hurt charged usury on the part of E. L. Sanders, who transferred the note to MacLeod. Sanders, the answer