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CAR STRIKE IMPROBABLE

The Washington Water Power Co. has every man among the carmen today urging them to vote down the strike. As it requires a two-third vote there is reason to believe that the strike will not carry.

To strike or not to strike, in mid-winter, with snow on the ground, is the question strewed carmen employed by the Washington Water Power Co. must decide today.

They believe that the present trouble has been forced on them by the company at the most unfavorable season of the year from the employees' standpoint in order to break up the union before spring opens and the demand for labor of all kinds improves.

From this action the men reason that the wedding process will be prosecuted until the union men are cleaned out and the organization broken up. The union takes the stand that its downfall will be accomplished gradually by this means and union men compelled meanwhile to assist the company to this end by keeping the system working until enough new men are broken in to replace them.

Many of the men reason that they might as well bring the trouble to immediate test to determine whether or not their union shall exist. Those who have taken active part in the organization, in fact all who have allied themselves with the union, feel that they are marked for dismissal unless they renounce the organization and subscribe to the conditions responsible for the trouble that has slumbered for months.

On the other hand the company maintains its refusal to deal with its men on any basis implying recognition of the union. It refuses to consider reinstatement of men discharged and flatly rejected the arbitration agreement asked by the union.

The carmen cite numerous instances to prove that individual employees can present no case to the company officials with any hope of fair hearing. They say they have been forced into organizing as a last resort in an effort to secure fair

BUYS A GOLD MINE WITH WORTHLESS CHECK

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The police today announced the arrest 20 days ago of E. W. Emmons by request of Detective F. N. Sumner, of San Francisco. It is alleged Emmons purchased the Drummer Boy gold mine in California and gave a worthless check in payment. He

treatment and protection from the caprices of company officials.

The men have taken time to consider the matter and are balloting today in a calm, methodical manner that argues a decisive result one way or the other.

In the event of a strike, the union men affected will receive a strike benefit of \$5 each per week and the support of organized labor in this city.

The statement that the international union has a representative in Spokane for no other purpose than to stir up trouble is declared false by the carmen. They deny that Edward McMorrow, international officer now in Spokane, has at any time urged them to strike.

They say as a matter of fact that he has put the question of a strike up to them in all its serious phases and has plainly pointed out what a strike at this time means.

In discussing the trouble, Mr. McMorrow said:

"The international union with its 90,000 members has already spent more money in this city for the benefit of the local union than it will receive in dues from here in the next 10 years. I was sent here at the request of the local union and am looking after the business end of the situation, viewing the matter from a dollar and cent standpoint as well as from the interests of the members of the local union. Any statement that I am in any way attempting to get the men into trouble is absolutely untrue in every particular."

"In regard to the statements appearing in the Spokesman-Review, that the company only asks the right to discharge their employees for negligence of duty and incompetence, I will say that the union is not now and never has attempted to abridge the right of the company in this respect. What is requested is the right to have grievances investigated and that all differences between the men and the company be submitted to arbitration."

ADMIRAL DEWEY STIRS 'EM UP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Admiral Dewey's reported denunciation of what he bluntly termed "d— cowardice" of the administration in regard to the Japanese affair has created a great stir in government circles. Dewey is not a bit afraid of Japan. The old war-horse declares the United States navy could clean up the Japanese ships in six weeks after fighting being in earnest. He admits that Japan might get possession of the Philippines and Hawaii, but that the United States would take them back without great trouble.

It is admitted that Roosevelt has found his attempt to interfere in the San Francisco affair illegal and has tried a new tack of appealing to California congressmen and school officials to avert what he represents as danger of serious trouble with Japan by accepting a compromise. It is conceded that the president is determined to have his way and will now resort to diplomacy where threats of using federal force have failed.

EVERYBODY SMOKED UP.

A report of the finance committee of the 150,000 club today shows that the expenses of the annual "blow out" held Jan. 23 were \$110.72. Seven hundred cigars were smoked during the evening, or an average of two and a half to the man.

TARBES, Feb. 4.—Relief parties have been sent to the village of Bareg, near Lourdes, France, where a casino and 20 houses were destroyed by an avalanche. Several persons were buried alive.

RAILROADS ALL BALLED UP

Traffic on the O. R. & N. line is again stranded on account of a snowslide near Booneville. Many carloads of perishable goods are standing on the tracks and though snow plows are hard at work on that division traffic cannot be resumed till late today.

The Great Northern also reports considerable trouble, trains out of here being from five to 10 hours behind time.

ONE EYE TORN OUT

John Hill, age 50, lies at Sacred Heart hospital today with one eye torn from his head as the result of falling at 6:30 o'clock last night while alighting from a moving Coeur d'Alene car at the corner of Main av. and Wall st.

Hill was with a party of laborers from the Federal Mining Co. at Enaville, Idaho. All were in a hilarious mood and attempted to get off the moving train. D. R. Ott, a brakeman, grabbed Hill when he saw he was going to attempt the jump and both rolled off the platform together. Ott was uninjured.

CONSIDER RAILROAD QUESTION TONIGHT

At a special executive session tonight of the 150,000 club, officers of the organization will discuss the right of way desired over the Fort Wright military reservation by the Portland & Seattle railroad. E. J. Cannon, division counsel, at a meeting with the club officers and other interested parties last week, threatened to build a 40 foot dike across the city if the company was interfered with in its plans to build in front of the fort buildings. The 150,000 club wants the route to go behind the buildings. At the executive session tonight a date will be decided on for a public mass meeting.

KNOCK OUT CHINKS.

The Cooks & Kitchen Helpers' union has scored on the heathen Chinese. They have banished him from the Europe cafe kitchen and that place has signed up with the union.

KILLED IN COASTING

Robert Warren, age 22, was killed, and Marcel Warren, 24, seriously injured while coasting down the hill on Oak st. Saturday evening. They are the only children of Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Warren, of 1818 Seventh av. When near Second av. the bob struck a runaway team and Robert suffered a concussion of the brain. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

LOSE THEIR LITTLE BABY.

Vernon Dilts, age 9 months, died this morning at his home, E2007 Sprague av. The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Dilts. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery. Funeral notice will be given later.

NATIONAL BANK CLOSED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Examiner Silsby today notified the comptroller that he had closed the national bank of Scotland, N. D. The reason is not stated. Silsby was appointed receiver.

POOR FREEZING WRETCHES.

It was chilly last night everywhere except in Spokane. Havre had a temperature of 42 below. Calgary was 36 and St. Paul got it at 16 below. Bismarck, N. D., saw the mercury drop to 38 below. Spokane's worst was 10 above.

COTTLES CAN'T GO

Leonard Cottles, who has been held in the county jail for over 30 days on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon fled against him by Justice Beard, of Deer Park, is having his share of trouble. This morning Judge Keenan granted a writ of habeas corpus and directed that Cottles be released. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gordon immediately asked that Cottles be held till new evidence could be filed against him. The motion was granted.

STATE PRESENTS CASE AGAINST THAW FACING THE JURY

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—No further changes in the Thaw jury were made this morning and at 10:45 Assistant Attorney Garvan began his opening address for the state. Garvan said:

"The purpose of punishment for crime is the example set to a community. The defendant here is charged with the murder of Stanford White with premeditation on June 25, 1906." He detailed the scenes connected with the murder, and continued:

"This murder was criminal, cruel and malicious, as the state will prove."

While Garvan was closeted with Jerome and a witness May McKenzie left the room accompanied by Evelyn Thaw, who, in passing her husband, clasped his hands, tears falling down her cheeks as she turned away.

Lawrence White, son of the dead architect, was the first witness called by the state.

White told of dining at a cafe with his father and a friend and going to the theater, where he parted with his father. He then went home and learned of the death of his father from reporters. The defense declined to cross examine White.

Meyer Cohen, of the "Mollie Champagne" show, playing at Madison Square garden, testified to seeing White seated at a table. Thaw came in later. Thaw walked slowly toward White, approaching him from the rear.

He fired three shots, then held the revolver above his head by the Cohen arose and walked toward Jerome, made detour and approached the district attorney from the rear, illustrating fully the scene of the shooting. While explaining his actions his arm was extended and he fired imaginary shots.

Thaw watched the dramatic illustration intensely and winced like a man under the lash when Cohen enacted the firing of the shots.

Other witnesses corroborated this story of the shooting.

Robert Paxton, an employe at Madison Square garden, was called and described the garden assignment of tables. He heard a shot and turned, seeing Thaw fire the last two shots. To friends who came up, Thaw said: "I shot him because he ruined my wife."

The witness said Thaw told the young woman he had probably saved her life.

The state rested its case at 12:45. Policeman Debs told of the arrest and identified the revolver. He turned Thaw over to Officer Wright and then went to see White's body.

Paul Bruderick, a fireman, told of taking the revolver away from Thaw. In answer to Delmas' questions he said Thaw was pale, his eyes staring and he appeared frightened.

Coroner's Physician Lebane, who performed the autopsy, testified that White died of gunshot wounds in the head and body and identified bullets he took from the body.

At 2 o'clock Gleason, one of Thaw's counsel, began the presentation of the defense's case.

THREE DEAD IN RUINS

(Scripps News Association.) WHITE PLAINES, N.Y., Feb. 4.—Three volunteer firemen were killed and four injured, one probably fatally, early today while working upon ruins of the Mead building, destroyed by fire last night.

BRUISED BY RUNAWAY

Just before noon today a runaway team on North Post st. struck down S. Diehlman, a broommaker, severely injuring him internally and about the head. The patrol wagon carried him to Sacred Heart hospital, where Dr. George Gray, city physician, was called. The injured man is not in a serious condition and will recover. The team belonged to the grocery store on the corner of Monroe st. and Shannon av.

FAVOR 10 MONTHS SCHOOL.

The committee comprising W. D. Vincent, A. W. Jones and George Langdon, appointed by the 150,000 club to look into the question of 10 months school, reported favorably at a bard meeting at noon today. The committee was appointed to meet with the school board and present the question as favored by the club.

A small blaze early this morning did slight damage to the roof of the residence of John McGonigle, 0817 Hogan st. Fire caught from a defective chimney and burned some shingles on the roof.



MRS. WM. THAW, His Mother. EVELYN NESBIT THAW, His Wife. COUNTESS OF YARMOUTH, His Sister.

THROAT CUT IN VARIETY THEATER FIGHT

As the sequel early this morning to a half-pulling match at the Comique theater between Mrs. Walter Owens and Mrs. Ed Forrest, two actresses, Ed Forrest lies with his throat cut in his apartments in room A of the Rainier-Grand hotel on Riverside av. From the story of Detective Alec MacDonald, who arrested Mr. and Mrs. Owens, the women were fighting at the Comique and the men tried to separate them. During the separation Forrest's throat was cut from ear to ear, the jugular vein being

missed by about an inch. Although in a serious condition Forrest refuses to accuse either of the Owens and says he would not prosecute them anyway. Both the Owens were arrested this morning but later were charged with disorderly conduct and allowed their freedom on depositing \$100 bonds each. Physicians advised the police that although Forrest was cut badly he was in no danger of dying. All parties concerned are members of the stock company.

SPOKANE COAL DEALERS DENY HOLD UP

With reference to the charges of R. J. Johannes, who represents the Gebo Coal Co., of Wyoming, that Spokane dealers are making a profit of \$3.55 per ton while Butte, Mont., dealers are content with a profit of \$2.25 per ton, E. F. Waggoner, of the Union Fuel & Ice Co., today said that his company was making less than \$2 gross profit on any grade of coal it handles. "Considering the high expense and conditions which have prevailed the last 90 days," said Mr. Waggoner, "no company could figure on the profit it would make under normal conditions and make expenses. It costs just as much to deliver a half ton as it does a load which averages two tons. Therefore when coal is sold in small lots the companies should secure a higher price. We add 25 cents for a half load. This man Johannes is mistaken with regard to us, anyway."

Regarding the charges that coal companies were working in defiance of the interstate commerce laws which forbids companies in the coal business where the stockholders are also stockholders in the railroad hauling it, Mr. Waggoner said that perhaps some of the companies had stockholders who were also interested in railroads, but that that law does not become effective until Jan. 1, 1908. General denial to the holdup charges is entered by local fuel dealers. It is pointed out that Carney coal instead of selling here for \$11 is actually sold for \$9.75, the highest price ever charged here.

The Consumers' Co. claims that it pays \$2.50 per ton more freight on coal it sells for \$10 per ton than is charged to Butte, and is selling at a closer margin. The margin of profit given by dealers here per ton runs from 75 cents to \$2.25, according to distance and contracts.

FIRE BUGS BURN CHURCH

Fire bugs, determined to destroy a fine new church for some unknown reason, started the fire which Sunday morning destroyed the Trinity Evangelical church, corner of Fourth av. and McClelland st. The structure is a total loss. Next Wednesday it would have been completed and ready for dedication. It was built at an expense of about \$12,000 and it is estimated that it will cost more than that sum to rebuild owing to the expense entailed in tearing down the charred brick walls and wooden structure. The insurance was but \$4,000. Two men were noticed near the church when the fire was discovered, but no clew has been secured as to the identity of the incendiaries.

J. L. Gehring, the janitor, this afternoon said that Saturday night he had left kindling in the furnace so as to be in readiness to fire up for Sunday morning services, which are held in the basement. The furnace was closed tight during the fire and the kindling is still unburned.

Mrs. H. I. Bittner, wife of Rev. H. I. Bittner, presiding elder, who lives in the parsonage next to the church, discovered the fire and attempted to use a garden hose, but the pipes were frozen. The blaze was started in the coal bin, at the other end from the furnace. Rev. Bittner is at Reardan and has been notified of the loss. C. Empfield, a young man boarding at the parsonage, tried to turn in an alarm from box 19 but it did not work. Then he called the fire department by telephone.

Mrs. Bittner claims the fire department was very slow in reaching the scene and when it did arrive the water pressure was so low the water did not reach 30 feet. As

WELL KNOWN SPOKANE ATTORNEY DEAD

William L. Husbands, aged 45 years, died yesterday of pneumonia at Sacred Heart hospital. Mr. Husbands was well known in law circles of this city, having practiced law here for about 10 years. He was formerly associated in partnership with James Z. Moore, and has been employed for the past year and a half by the firm of Robertson, Miller & Rosenbaum. The deceased is a native of Kentucky and read law with Senator Piles. He leaves two brothers, both living in Paducah, Kentucky.

FUNERAL TODAY.

The funeral services of James Taylor, who died Jan. 29, were held at 3 p. m. today at Smith & Co.'s undertaking parlors. Rev. Givens officiated. Interment was made at Greenwood cemetery.

FLORA LAWRENCE, AGED 42, WHOSE HOME IS AT 1416 CLARK ST., DIED AT THE DEACONESS HOME HOSPITAL TODAY.

REPUBLICANS ARE HAPPY

The republicans are now claiming a clean sweep this spring. They base their claims on the past record of Dr. Byrne as a forerunner of political events. It will be remembered that the genial doctor predicted the election of the entire democratic ticket last fall. He also said that the democratic congressional ticket would win, and at various times he has made predictions that have panned out the reverse. It is on his past record as a prophet that the republicans take hope and feel justified in claiming the earth and the fullness thereof, figuratively speaking. The doctor says he is with Daggett and the machine from start to finish and that the ticket would win in a walk, or words to that effect. This statement has given the republicans new hope and fresh confidence.

Notwithstanding the statements of Dr. Byrne there is a well founded belief that he will not drape his home or wear mourning in case the machine is downed this spring. He has had considerable rough usage at the hands of the combine and is not lacking friend who state that this element went to the polls at the last election and knifed him from start to finish. At any rate the rank and file of the democracy will bear watching at the coming election.

TENEMENT HORROR

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Seven were injured, some probably fatally, in a tenement house over a burning ragshop on Cherry st. Some were asphyxiated and others injured by jumping.

LONG LIFE ENDED.

Garrett Anderson died this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital. The deceased was 74 years of age and lived at 1824 Augusta av. Funeral services will be held at Smith & Co.'s undertaking parlors at 2 p. m. tomorrow. Rev. Downey will officiate. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.