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INVITE A GREAT STRIKE; ROADS ANSWER EMPLOYEES

**Demand of Switchmen for
Eight-Hour Day
Refused.**

ONLY 2-CENT ADVANCE

**Applies Also to Other Organiza-
tions of Railway
Men.**

Chicago, Oct. 27.—The railroads to-day informed Grand Master Hawley of the Switchmen's union the demands of the men for an eight hour day, and increase in wages would be refused. The offer of an increase of two cents per hour, which the railroads have already made to the switchmen, was repeated.

Applies to Others.
The refusal of the demands of the switchmen was also made to apply to all other organizations of railroad employees which have presented demands for shorter hours or increased wages.

DIES WITH WOMAN

**L. G. Hampton, Prominent Trust
Company Official, in
Tragedy.**

MAY HAVE BEEN AGREEMENT

**Had Been Much Together of Late—
Widow and Two Children
Survive.**

New York, Oct. 27.—Louis G. Hampton, aged 60, assistant secretary of the United States Trust company of this city, shot and killed Victoria L. Taczek, aged 20, a beautiful woman, in Hotel Griffon late last night and then committed suicide. Hampton was infatuated with the woman and they had been together many times during the past month.

Seems to Have Been Agreement.
Whether or not the tragedy was the result of a pact between the man and woman to die together has not been determined, but circumstances seem to show the woman had agreed to die with her companion. Hampton leaves a wife and two children. Miss Taczek lived with her father and invalid mother, and was employed in a Fifth avenue department store.

Gage Was President of Concern.
The United States Trust company, of which Hampton was assistant secretary, is one of the largest and strongest trust companies in New York. Ex-Secretary Lyman J. Gage was its president until recently.

NEW CONVENTION OFFICERS

**State Y. M. C. A. Selects Leaders for
the Sessions at Aurora.**

Aurora, Ill., Oct. 27.—The state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday elected the following convention officers:
President—Frank Noy, Chicago.
Vice President—W. R. Wendall, Aurora.

Secretary—Dwight Bristol, Amboy.
Secretary—W. E. Edmunds, Decatur.
Secretary—Wright Welst, University of Illinois.

Don O. Shelton, New York, conducted the bible studies yesterday, and during the remainder of the convention will conduct four more. A banquet given by the business men was held last night. Six hundred delegates are registered. Today the annual election of officers will be held.

HITS INDIVIDUALS

**Oil Trust Heads to be Prosecuted by Moody as Last
Official Act.**

Washington, Oct. 27.—Attorney General Moody is about to bring proceedings against the prominent members of the Standard Oil company under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides penalties of fine or imprisonment for persons guilty of its violation. This action, which will be the most notable of any ever undertaken by the government against a commercial organization, will be Mr. Moody's valdictory to the cabinet.

RUSSIAN ROBBERS SEIZE LARGE SUM

Hold Up Wagon in Streets of St. Petersburg in Daylight and Secure \$193,000.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—A bold attempt was made at noon today, in the center of the city, to rob a wagon which was conveying cash from the customs department to the state treasury. Two bombs were thrown in quick succession at the vehicle.

The gendarmes escorting the wagon, although wounded by explosion of the bombs, fired a volley at the robbers. One of the latter was killed another wounded and a third captured. Many bystanders sustained slight injuries.

The highwaymen got away with \$193,000 from the wagons.

ANOTHER LEOPOLD SUSPECT IS HELD

Latest Clew Comes from Fairbury, Neb., Where Traveler Was Arrested.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Word was received by the Chicago police last night from Fairbury, Neb., that a man believed to be Leopold, implicated in the murder of Mrs. Leslie, the actress, was taken from a train there and is being held for identification. The suspect had a through ticket to San Francisco, which had been purchased at Sycamore, Ill., Thursday night.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT REACHES 48TH MILESTONE

Celebrates With Usual Round of Duties—Wireless for Trip to Panama.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Mr. Roosevelt today is celebrating his 48th birthday anniversary. It is like any other day so far as his work is concerned, but Mrs. Roosevelt and the children determined to celebrate the occasion. They prepared numerous presents for him, and the White House gardener was instructed to have an exceptionally exquisite bouquet upon the president's desk and a floral display in the dining room.

President Roosevelt during his trip to Panama next month will be kept in constant touch with Washington and the world by wireless telegraphy. The battleship Louisiana, on which he will make the trip, will be fitted out with the necessary apparatus and will keep in communication with wireless stations going to and from the isthmus. For all practical purposes the president hopes to be in almost as close touch with the members of his administration while on the trip as he would be in his office at the White House.

\$50,000 FOR IOWA UNIVERSITY

Wife of Late New Yorker Bequeaths Amount to Aid Poor Students.

Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 27.—A. Whitney Carr of Jordan, N. Y., who died suddenly here on Thursday, aged 81 years, has bequeathed the University of Iowa \$50,000, to be used in continuance of the A. Whitney Carr scholarship fund. For several years the university has had the use of all the income from that amount, except an annuity of \$1,500, which Mr. Carr reserved for his own needs. Mr. Carr, though not an alumnus of the university, was a friend of education. His gift is for the benefit of poor and ambitious students. Mr. Carr was in the Iowa City hospital, but was not expected to die. The end came without warning as he was seated in a chair.

MARLBOROUGH STILL APART

Mediation by King Fails to Reconcile the Separated Couple.

London, Oct. 27.—The separation of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough has now become public property and is openly discussed in Mayfair. The Onlooker declares that it constitutes the greatest society sensation in years. Kink Edward, who, partly out of good nature, always strives to prevent these aristocratic upheavals, used the utmost personal effort to bring about a reconciliation. Even an apparent reconciliation would have satisfied the king, but the duchess displayed what his majesty termed "incredible obstinacy."

Editor Victim of Thugs.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 27.—William E. Barber, publisher of the La Crosse Tribune, was lured into a dark alley at night by two men said to be "Bobbie" Fisher and "Cockle" Crowley and severely beaten. The men are declared to be thugs and henchmen of Harry Palmer, candidate for sheriff. Barber has vigorously opposed. Palmer-Barber charges, was a silent party to the assault.

PEN PICTURES OF PROMINENT PEOPLE

FAMILIAR FACES AS SEEN IN ROCK ISLAND'S EVERYDAY LIFE.



CAPT. MARCUS L. HENDERSON.

President of the Rock Island & Davenport Ferry company, Captain Henderson has been on the river the greater portion of his life since attaining his majority. In the old days of the ferry, Rock Island, he was her master for 11 years. Then he became a land lubber, and a ranchman, and for 17 years he conducted successfully one of the largest and best farms in southwestern Iowa. Ten years ago his old love for the Mississippi returned and he came back to Rock Island to become master of the Augusta, afterward named by him the T. J. Robinson. He is now president of the company, that recently built from his plans the ferry, Davenport. Captain Henderson has proven a popular and enterprising manager. He has constantly improved the service between the two cities in response to the demand of the public until today he has the finest ferry line on the entire river. Capt. Henderson possesses all the fine attributes of a jolly, good natured steamboat captain and his pleasant smile has become part of the treat passengers on his boat enjoy. Captain Henderson is a member of the Rock Island Club.

IN TRUST'S GRIP

**Independent Grain Dealers at
Mercy of State Organization**

ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY

Given at Des Moines Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 27.—Sensational incidents marked the offering of testimony before the interstate commerce commission in session here yesterday relative to the fixing of prices for grain by the Des Moines Cereal club for the members of the State Grain Dealers' association, and the posting of elevator business at many Iowa points. Several members of the Cereal club testified that they could not remember that the organization had ever voted to fix prices for grain.

R. W. Harper testified that as a guest of the club he had often attended its banquets and meetings, which were held at the Grant club weekly, and that after discussion of prices the vote of the meeting was taken on motion by the presiding officer, George A. Wells, secretary of the Grain Dealers' association, and expressed by lifted hands, as a basis of quotations for the ensuing week furnished to members of the association by Ward G. Case of this city.

Central Facts Disclosed.

The facts disclosed by the testimony in the hearing were to the following effect:

The grain dealers' association is making a fight against the farmers' elevator, which is not a member of the association, by restricting its terminal market when possible. Extensive pooling arrangements have existed and now exist in Iowa,

which control the amount of business done by competing elevators.

Prices of "regular" elevators are governed more or less by a card issued here by Mr. Case; this card formerly was the result of the weekly discussion and frequent vote of the member of the Des Moines Cereal club.

Secretary Wells and the members of the grain dealers' association regard this card as the basis for prices to be paid the farmers.

Independent elevators are forced into a pooling arrangement with line elevators on penalty of losing business in price manipulation.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS ARE HIT

American Society Recommends That They Be Discontinued—Officers Elected.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 27.—The Society of Equity yesterday condemned the crop bulletins issued by the agricultural department and recommended that congress order them discontinued. It was voted to establish a press bureau at Indianapolis whose work will be to get out a crop bulletin and furnish data to the press.

The fruit and produce growers' branch of the society elected the following officers:

President—O. Drayton, Greenville, Ill.
Secretary and Treasurer—Thomas Emmerton, Bloomer, Wis.
Directors—J. B. Whiting, Interlaken, N. Y.; T. L. Morrell, Cedar, Minn.; A. K. Pinout, Barryton, Mich.

The directors will select this city for the next convention.

12 FIRE VICTIMS; FOUR MORE LOST

Kansas City, Kan., Oct. 27.—Four additional bodies were removed this forenoon from the ruins of the chamber of commerce building, making a total known dead 12. Four persons are still missing.

SECRETARY METCALF SENT TO PLEAD FOR JAPANESE

ALL INDEPENDENCE CANDIDATES LOSE

But Six Exceptions to Ruling of Court—Petitions Were Improper.

New York, Oct. 27.—By a decision of the appellate division of the supreme court every one of the independence league organization candidates for the assembly and for congress with six exceptions, were thrown off the ticket and under this decision they cannot run under the independence league emblem of the scales. Independence league attorneys announced that an appeal will be taken at once to the court of appeals at Albany.

FIREMEN CARRY OUT FIRE BOUND GUESTS

Several Seriously Injured in Hotel Blaze Due to Defective Wiring.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 27.—Eleven terrified people were rescued early today in a fire in the upper rooms of the Palm hotel. The fire caught from defective wiring and cut off guests from escape by the stairways. Firemen carried the half suffocated women and children down the ladders in their night clothes. The seriously injured: Mrs. J. R. Rush, Columbus, Richard Regan, fireman, William Foster, Columbus, Mary Hoover.

LUTHERANS NEED MEN OF THE CLOTH

Thousands of Ministers Required to Fill Vacant Charges in Country.

Pittsburg, Oct. 27.—Thousands of ministers are needed to equip vacant churches and new missions of the Lutheran church throughout the country. This conclusion was reached at a conference of officers of the Home Mission board and ministers of the Pittsburg synod now in session here.

CORTELYOU TO QUIT JOB AS PARTY CHAIRMAN

Will Retire from the National Committee Before Cabinet Changes.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou will retire from the chairmanship of the republican national committee before he becomes secretary of the treasury in succession to Secretary Shaw. This statement was made on excellent authority. It has been generally understood that Secretary Shaw would retire from the treasury March 4 next, but an intimation was given that he might sever his connection with the department between Jan. 1 and the date mentioned. Harry S. New, the vice chairman of the republican national committee, will, it is expected, assume the duties of chairman when Mr. Cortelyou retires.

TOLEDO ICE MEN LOSE OUT

Judge Kinkade's Sentence of Fine and Imprisonment Upheld.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 27.—The circuit court yesterday handed down a decision in which it sustained Judge Kinkade in sentencing the ice men to jail for combining to raise the price of ice. Sentences given the men were a \$2,500 fine each and six months in the workhouse. If the supreme court affirms the lower courts the ice men must serve the sentences.

NO HAZING AT ILLINOIS

"Soph's," Usually Chief Offenders, Lead in Crusade Against Custom.

Urbana, Ill., Oct. 27.—Hazing of freshmen is branded as undemocratic, un-American, and unfair by the sophomore class of the University of Illinois in resolutions which will be sent to members of the state legislature. The class declares that the custom tends to injure the name and prospects of the university and advises other methods of supervision for the newcomers. The "soph's" are usually the leading hazers and this action will probably end hazing altogether at the state university.

Boy of Eight Kills Brother.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 27.—The 8-year-old twin sons of Cyrus Coffee, living near Hillsboro, went into the yard yesterday to "play soldier," taking a revolver with them. Charles shot Robert in the right temple. The child died within an hour.

Portugal Tobacco Monopoly.

Lisbon, Oct. 27.—The house of peers today passed a bill establishing a state tobacco monopoly.

**President Dispatches a
Cabinet Member to
Frisco.**

SHOWS APPRECIATION

**Nothing Left Undone to Con-
vince Asiatics of Our Good
Intentions.**

Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf were guests at luncheon today of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. The opportunity was embraced by the president and the secretary to discuss fully the special mission of the latter to San Francisco respecting the anti-Japanese movement in that city and the exclusion from the schools of Japanese children. The secretary will go to San Francisco as the personal representative of the president, and he has been given wide latitude as to his actions.

Shows Feeling.

This action of the president indicates how thoroughly aroused the administration is over Japan's resentment of the discrimination against its subjects in California, and how seriously it views the situation, which threatens a continuance of the cordial good feeling between the two nations. Mr. Metcalf is a Californian. His home is at Oakland, just across the bay from San Francisco. His selection as the president's envoy was due in part to the geographical proximity of his residence to the seat of the anti-Japanese agitation.

Merely an Emphasis.

But the president wishes mainly to emphasize that his interest in the situation is great enough to justify sending one of his own cabinet officers to the scene of the agitation.

RAISULI IN FIGHT

**Former Moroccan Bandit Chief
Routes Insurgents and
Captures Town.**

MAKES LEADER A PRISONER

**Strong Representations of French Gov-
ernment Leads Sultan to
Bestir Himself.**

Tangier, Oct. 27.—Raisuli this morning attacked and captured Arzila, recently held by insurgent tribesmen. The insurgents were routed with the loss of many killed. Their leader, Berriani, was captured.

Sultan Wins Skirmish.

Mellila, Oct. 27.—The sultan's forces have been victorious in a skirmish on the borders of Mulayya. Strong agitation against foreigners is reported to be in progress in Morocco City.

Agree to Send Aid.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The French government has been advised that the Moroccan authorities, as a result of the energetic representations made by French officials at Morocco City, have agreed to send aid to Tafaleh, south Morocco, for the purpose of calming the fanatical tribes there and persuading them to abandon their project of declaring holy war after the Ramadan festival. No change is reported in the situation of affairs in the northern part of Morocco.

LOSES OIL FIGHT

**Attorney General of Ohio Gets
Adverse Decision in Im-
portant Case.**

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 27.—Attorney General Ellis was defeated today in his fight against the oil trust in a decision handed down by Judge Dillon in the common pleas court. The Manhattan company, which is understood to be a part of the Standard Oil company, was sued by the attorney general for fines amounting to \$270,000, this method being taken instead of trying to oust the company from the state by ouster suits. The state claimed the above amount under the Willis law. The corporation admitted it had not paid the tax, but claimed it was exempt. The case was decided against the attorney general.