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MUCH RIOTING BUT CARS ARE KEPT MOVING

Policeman in Vestibule and Wire Screen Around It Aids Traffic

IN CLEVELAND STRIKE

Lakewood, Suburb. Cut Off Because of Failure to Furnish Protection.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—Many acts of lawlessness were committed in connection with the street car strike between midnight and dawn today. Trolley wires were cut and crossed, crews driven from cars in some instances, and nonunion men attacked by strike sympathizers.

Stop Cars to Lakewood.

Trolley wires in Lakewood, a western suburb, were cut in several places with the result that the municipal traction company announced this morning no further attempt would be made to operate cars in that section until the Lakewood authorities guaranteed protection for the men and the cars.

Confer Most of Night.

After a conference which continued almost throughout the night between the union officers, headed by President Mahan of the street car men's union, and members of the state arbitration board, it was stated unofficially a formal proposition for arbitration would probably be made to President Dupont of the traction company by the arbitration board on behalf of the men.

There was a marked increase in the number of cars operated by the company today. Each car carried a policeman in the motorman's vestibule.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—Aside from a few minor disturbances, the street car strike situation yesterday bore no evidence of violence, while the service given by the Municipal Traction company was greatly improved. A police officer rode on each car and screens of heavy wire were provided around the motorman's vestibule.

Only one instance of a serious attempt to attack the crew of a car was reported when a crowd of boys and men sent a volley of stones and sticks at a Miles avenue car. Some of the missiles found their mark and the conductor drew a pistol, the police say, firing one shot. No one was hit.

BANK CLOSED, PITTSBURG IS OUT OF FUNDS

Failure of Allegheny National May Force an Issue of Bonds.

Pittsburg, May 18.—The Allegheny National bank suspended today and is in the hands of a national bank examiner.

The suspension is the result of alleged peculations of Cashier William Montgomery, and caused little or no excitement. Montgomery is in jail. His peculations are officially placed at \$594,000, but the bank's shortage is close to \$2,000,000.

City Lets In Bad Way.

Over a million and a half of city funds are tied up by the failure of the bank. The city is confronted with the possibility of being forced to issue bonds to raise money to meet current expenses, as it is practically without funds.

PEOPLE BACK GOVERNMENT

Constitutionalists Win in Tokio and Provincial Election.

Tokio, May 18.—The results of the general election held on Friday in Tokio and the provinces have not yet been compiled on account of difficulty experienced in communicating with distant points. It is safe, however, to predict that the constitutionalists have won a substantial majority and the government expects to face the next diet with a majority over all combinations. Those best informed declare that such a popular indorsement of the government insures the stability of the cabinet.

Well Known Actor Dies.

Philadelphia, May 18.—Hugo Toland the widely known actor, died suddenly today of Bright's disease.

IN THREE YEARS

Actual Digging of the Panama Canal Can be Completed in That Time

SAYS TAFT ON HIS RETURN

But There Are Other Things to Take Into Consideration Which Cannot Be Well Estimated.

Washington, May 18.—Secretary Taft returned to Washington from Panama today.

Charleston, S. C., May 18.—Secretary of War William H. Taft arrived here from Panama at noon yesterday on the cruiser Prairie. He was greeted by officials and friends, and left for Washington at 5:55 p. m. Secretary Taft sailed from this port for Panama on May 1 and completed his work and returned two days ahead of his schedule. He was in fine health and spirits.

"The isthmus now presents," he said, "an appearance not unlike a factory or mill village, or succession of villages clear across, and the lights at night and the noises, too, might keep one awake if not tired enough to sleep well." Labor conditions have improved, he said, and the health of the canal zone is excellent.

Case Dig. in Three Years.

When asked as to the possibilities of concluding the work, Mr. Taft said: "If it was only the matter of digging the ditch, I suppose three years were enough time at the present excellent rate of progress. The way in which the steam shovels are cutting into the land is almost wonderful, but there are other things that we cannot estimate at this time.

"The work on the locks has not started except, of course, in the beginning of the Gatun dam. But everything seems encouraging and it is such a great undertaking that we will not be thinking of hurry or worry. It is going ahead satisfactorily and that is gratifying."

FORMER GOVERNOR HITS CONGRESSMAN

Cousin of W. J. Bryan Takes Umbrage at Charges Made by Frank Clark in Speech.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 18.—Congressman Frank Clark of the second Florida district, was belabored with his own walking stick by ex-Governor W. S. Jennings, cousin of W. J. Bryan, in the lobby of the Hotel Aragon yesterday afternoon.

Clark has been bitterly assailing those opposing him for reelection. He spoke at the opera house Saturday night, and among those he attacked was ex-Governor Jennings. Clark reviewed the public career of Jennings and said the ex-Governor had genius for grafting.

When Jennings learned of Clark's charges he announced that he intended to whip the congressman. The ex-governor called at the hotel and found Clark surrounded by a crowd in the lobby.

"Did you call me a grafter?" asked Jennings.

"I did," replied Clark.

"You are a liar!" cried Jennings, as he snatched the heavy cane Clark was carrying and began to use it forcibly on the congressman's head and shoulders.

After Jennings had dealt Clark several blows the bystanders recovered from their surprise and stopped the fight.

Clark says the matter shall not rest, and many fear there will be further trouble between the men.

REPUBLICANS BEAT TARIFF CHANGES

Solid Party Vote Puts Kibosh on Eighty Odd Measures for Relief.

Washington, May 18.—The committee on ways and means today served final notice of "no tariff revision at this session." Clark of Missouri moved in committee for a favorable report on the eighty odd tariff reduction and tariff removal bills. The motion was defeated by a solid vote of republicans.

Guild for Vice President.

Boston, Mass., May 18.—Massachusetts will nominate Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, as the republican candidate for the vice presidency at the coming republican national convention in Chicago. Henry Cabot Lodge and W. Murray Crane, United States senators from Massachusetts, have taken charge of the Guild movement and from this time on will labor for his nomination.

Minister Kills Wife.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 18.—Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged 50, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife today by cutting her throat. He is believed to be insane.

YOUNG WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN RARITAN CANAL

Mystery Involving Two Princeton Students Puzzles the Police.

SEEN WITH YOUNG MAN

Riding in Automobile With Former Suitor, Neighbor Says.

Princeton, N. J., May 18.—The body of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, assistant in Princeton university library, who mysteriously disappeared last week, was found floating in the Raritan canal this morning. Mrs. William Robinson has told the police on the night Miss Vanderbilt disappeared she saw her in an automobile with another young woman and a man. The man is said to have been a Princeton graduate who was the suitor of Miss Vanderbilt while in college. He came to Princeton last Wednesday to attend the baseball game.

No Signs of Foul Play.

Although parts of the girl's clothing are missing, there appeared to be no signs of foul play. Miss Vanderbilt was last seen Wednesday afternoon, and it is supposed she was drowned in an attempt to ford the stream which flows under the canal.

SOUTHERN ROADS INDICTED

New Orleans Grand Jury Charges Accepting of Rebates.

New Orleans, La., May 18.—The federal grand jury has indicted the Illinois Central and Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroads for accepting rebates on shipments of cotton lint.

Two indictments, containing two counts each, were returned, charging that on four consignments of linters to Hamburg, the roads, through employees, particularly Henry Baldwin, foreign agent, collected 2 cents a bale. The bill against the Illinois Central on the first count alleges that the company accepted a rebate for the transportation of freight, receiving greater compensation that set out in its published schedule of tariffs.

Hunter Leake, general agent of the roads, denies there was any illegality in the transactions cited.

BATTLESHIP FLEET IS MOVING

Sails From Frisco for North in Drizzling Rain.

San Francisco, May 18.—The Atlantic battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Sperry weighed anchor at 11:10 this morning and sailed out San Francisco bay in a drizzling rain for Puget sound.

Methodists Have Memorial.

Baltimore, Md., May 18.—Memorial services in honor of the bishops and officers of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church who have died during the past quadrennium occupied the greater portion of today's sitting of the general conference.

CANNOT COMPEL MAYOR TO CLOSE SALOONS SUNDAYS, COURT HOLDS

Chicago, May 18.—The appellate court today affirmed the decision of the lower court in declaring the mayor of Chicago cannot be forced to close saloons on Sunday in conformity with the statute.

The court says: "To hold that such power and duty existed would be in effect to turn over the supervision of executive functions to the courts and to confuse all distinctions and the balance of power supposed to be an admirable characteristic of our system of government."

THRILLING RIDE FOR AN AMATEUR AERONAUT; DESCENDS SAFELY AFTER SOARING HIGH IN DISABLED AIRSHIP

St. Louis, Mo., May 18.—Four miles above the earth in a gale that bore him northward 50 miles an hour, with out motor or steering gear, and with a large hole ripped in the envelope, John Barry, a St. Louis amateur aeronaut, after a thrilling ride yesterday, landed safely at Orchard Farm, Ill.

The trip was made in a dirigible balloon, but the steering apparatus had been abandoned, and the journey was accomplished in the unnumbered envelope. This left the aeronaut at the mercy of the wind. When the northern gale was struck in the higher altitude the gas bag was hurried hither and thither.

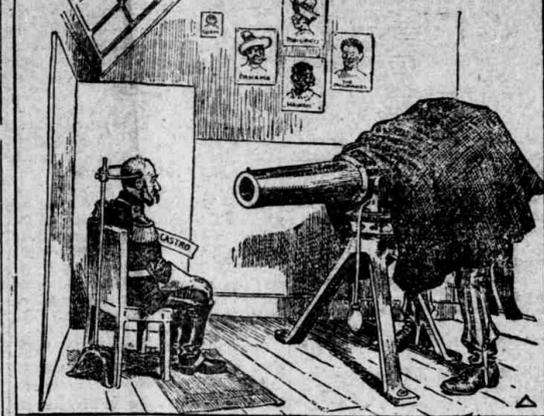
Berry yesterday morning determined to test his dirigible and took the bag to the roof of his workshop, a three-story building, where he inflated the envelope with gas. A strong wind was blowing and the steering apparatus jugged at its mooring, the wind almost tearing it from the grasp of the men holding it.

Ballast Prevents Collision.

At the last minute Berry abandoned the framework and steering apparatus and substituted a light swing or basket. As he entered the swing and shoved off the roof it was noticed that a rent almost two feet long had been torn in the envelope.

It was too late to stop, and Berry in his odd craft was born upward and to the east. He dropped his ballast when the wind swept his balloon down toward a tall building and the craft shot up to the clouds.

"LOOK PLEASANT, PLEASE."



TAKES UP WORK CASE IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Grand Jury at La Porte, Ind., Going into the Guinness Murder Mystery.

Damage Suit of Colored Woman Against Tri-City Railway Company Does Not Come to Trial.

The case of Maria Harper, colored, against the Tri-City Railway company for \$5,000 damages was settled out of court this afternoon, and the suit was dismissed. The plaintiff sued to recover for personal injuries sustained in an accident at the Sears transfer station. She claimed that the car had started before she had time to alight from it. G. C. Wenger and R. S. Sturgeon appeared for the plaintiff, and Searle & Marshall for the company. The case was set for trial this afternoon, but a settlement was made before it was called.

Plans for Contest.

The report brings out the fact that this has been the banner year at the local association but there are plans on foot to still further increase the work by the addition of new members. The board appointed a committee to plan for a day in the near future when a one day membership contest would be held. It is hoped that the membership of the Y. M. C. A. can be doubled by this means.

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ZION CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Dr. F. A. Linder, President of Lutheran Conference of Illinois, to Deliver Dedicatory Sermon.

The formal dedication of Zion Lutheran church will take place next Sunday afternoon. The congregation has been using the church edifice for some time, the dedication being postponed until the church was entirely finished and furnished.

Sunday morning the sermon will be preached by Rev. A. F. Almer of St. Paul, the first pastor of the church, and the choir will render several numbers. The dedicatory sermon will be preached at 3 o'clock by Dr. F. A. Linder of Geneva, president of the Illinois conference. An English address will be delivered by some one not as yet determined. Mrs. Edla Lund and Einar Joranson will assist the choir at this service. The pastor, Rev. E. K. Jonson, will be assisted by about 15 pastors of the neighboring cities.

COMPANY H WITHOUT A HEAD

Captain Porter Resigns and Monmouth Command May Lapse.

Captain C. M. Porter of Company H, the Monmouth organization of the 6th regiment, has resigned and the affairs of the company are in bad shape. There are no lieutenants and as a result no officer is authorized to take up the work. For some time Monmouth has had difficulty in keeping its company up to requirements and there is fear that it will now be forced to disband. Captain Porter has been connected with the company since 1899 and has risen from the ranks.

BUILD COLLEGE DORMITORY

House Costing \$25,000 to Be Erected at Aledo.

Plans have been drawn for a dormitory to be erected in connection with William and Vashli college, the institution endowed by the late C. F. Drury. The main college building costing \$50,000 has now been completed, and the dormitory, which will house 60 students and will cost \$25,000, it is planned to have ready for use this fall.

TO JOIN IOWA FRUIT GROWERS

Rock Island Men Connected With Davenport Organization.

Rock Island fruit growers are joining with the Scott County Fruit Growers' association across the river. At a meeting Saturday afternoon Albert Fleming and Robert Baker from this side were admitted. The outlook for fruit, it was stated at the meeting, is particularly bright.

River Riplets.

The Columbia was up and back. The Marion and Ruth were also north and south.

The stage of water was 9.99 all day.

OFFICERS REPORT WEEK DECIDES FATE OF THAW; WAS ON STAND

Officials of Y. M. C. A. Present Annual Statements to the Board of Directors.

RECORDS SHOW A GROWTH

Increased Interest in Physical Department Indicated—Plan for Membership Contest.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. met Saturday evening at the association rooms and reports from the secretary and the physical director were the principal topics discussed. The report of Secretary A. L. Burnett was along financial lines and stated exactly how the association stands in money matters. Physical Director Harry Franks submitted his annual report, showing marked increase in the attendance of the gymnasium classes. Last year was the best in this line for many years but the figures for this year are considerably better. The report shows that there were 199 different persons making use of the gymnasium and 163 of these were regularly enrolled in the classes. There were 278 sessions of these classes during the year and the total attendance was 3,015. The grand total of all who made use of the gymnasium was 8,110. Mr. Franks gave a thorough physical examination to 86 members at their request.

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WATERTOWN NURSES ARE TO GRADUATE JUNE 4

Class of 14 Will Complete Work at That Time—Speaker Secured for Memorial Day Services.

Fourteen trained nurses will be graduated from the training school of Watertown hospital June 4. The exercises will be held in the chapel and the commencement address will be by Rev. R. S. Haney, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Moline. Commencement day for the nurses will also be marked by a banquet to be tendered the graduating class by Dr. W. E. Taylor, superintendent, in token of appreciation of the services of the young ladies during their training period.

A Hanby Jones of Robinson, Ill., pure food commissioner of Illinois, has been secured by Dr. Taylor as speaker at the Memorial day service at the hospital. There will be a memorial program in connection with the address.

NO MORE MEETINGS UNTIL OCTOBER

Movement to Organize People's Church Will Be Taken Up Again After Hot Season Ends.

At a meeting of the committee that has in charge the organization of a People's church in Rock Island it was decided to discontinue services until the first Sunday in October. The movement has met with much success and two largely attended services have been held at the Illinois theater, conducted by Dr. Hedy Hall, but because of the approach of hot weather it was thought advisable to close for the summer.

USES KNIFE IN A FIGHT

Carl Minne Is Arrested for Assaulting Leo DeSmet.

Carl Minne and Leo DeSmet engaged in a personal battle Saturday evening at Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, and during the conflict a knife was drawn and DeSmet received a slight wound. Minne was arrested on a charge of assault and battery and his hearing set for tomorrow. The men are brothers-in-law. Charles Dremen was fined \$5 and costs this morning by Magistrate Elliott on a charge of disorderly conduct.

BODY IN RIVER AT DUBUQUE.

Dubuque, Iowa, May 18.—The body of Charles Kruse, 60 years of age, a butcher of Dubuque, was found in the Mississippi river four miles below the city yesterday morning. Kruse had been visiting friends in East Dubuque last Monday, and when last seen was standing on the dock waiting for a ferry boat to take him home. His death is unexplained.

MAY BE CLOSED THREE WEEKS

Break in Canal Bank at Wyanet Stops Water Traffic.

Major C. S. Richy, of the local United States engineers' office has been at Wyanet where the continued rains softened the bank of the Hennepin canal and caused a break last week. The damage was done near the viaduct at that place. It has been necessary to shut off water from the east end of the canal while repairs are in progress. The work will require two or three weeks.

REPLIED RATIONALLY TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY JEROME, WHICH WERE FEW.

Thaw was not permitted to respond, the court itself instructing him not to do so. Judge Morschauer suggested, however, that Thaw consult with his counsel and that perhaps they might decide it wise to grant the request.

ATTORNEY WAS ASTUTE

Sought to Get Examination by Alienists Before Judge.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 18.—Harry K. Thaw's plea for his liberty from Mattewan insane asylum, where he has been confined since his acquittal of the murder of Stanford White on the ground of insanity, will probably be decided by Judge Morschauer on Monday, May 25. The hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by counsel for Thaw ended late Saturday night, after District Attorney William Travers Jerome of New York had made the sensational request that Thaw, whom he had called to the stand, permit his alienists to examine the Pittsburgher and to judge of his mental condition because they had had no opportunity to converse with the defendant.

Silence Is Ordered.

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Thaw and his lawyers, Graham and Peabody, and Dr. Pilgrim, Evans and Jelliffe, who had testified that Thaw was sane, went into the judge's private room and after a conference lasting a little over an hour, came back into the court room and said that Thaw would submit to a personal examination, but not by the alienists, who had appeared for Mr. Jerome. The alienists to make the examination they stipulated must be some who had never appeared in the case. Another condition was that the examination be restricted to a personal study of the relator and be not founded on testimony of previous trials.

Instantly Rejects Proposal.

District Attorney Jerome instantly rejected these terms, saying he would deserve to be committed to an asylum himself if he accepted them and there the question ended.

RENEW EFFORT TO BREAK SNELL WILL

Famous Clinton Suit Resumed Before New Judge—Hope to Get Famous Letters In.

Bloomington, May 18.—The effort to break the will of the eccentric Colonel Snell, the millionaire who cut off his only son with \$50 per year, began today in the DeWitt county circuit court with a new jurist, Judge Solomon Philbrick, on the bench. The presence of the new judge is an important feature of the case. The former judge, W. I. Cochran, was said by the prosecution to have been unfair in ruling out celebrated letters reputed to have been written by Mabel Snell, the alleged grand-niece of Kansas City, who got such a large slice of Colonel Snell's money and who was his favorite relative.

CHICAGO MAN BECOMES MANAGER OF HOTEL HERE

A. W. Clarke Takes Charge of the Rock Island House for Montrose & McHugh.

A. W. Clarke, an experienced hotel man from Chicago, has assumed charge of the Rock Island house as manager. Mr. Clarke has been in the city for several days familiarizing himself with his new position. E. H. Wey, who has, in the absence of a steward at the Rock Island house, been acting in that capacity at both the Rock Island and the Harper, will confine his attention to the Harper hereafter.

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