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LABOR FEDERATION FAVORS NATION-WIDE STRIKE

LIVING WAGES OR NEW COUNCIL; LABORING MEN ARE RESTLESS

COUNCIL REFUSED

Two Thousand Labor Unionists in Spokane Parade on the City Hall, Headed by Band.

ENDED IN NEARLY A RIOT

Labor Leader Seized by the Police and Dragged From the Council Accompanied by Hisses and Cat Calls From Unionists.

Spokane, Wash., March 9.—A riot of 2,000 labor unionists was narrowly averted in and about the city hall last night as a result of the city council's refusal to concede the request of labor for increased wages of teamsters and common laborers on city work and for the appointment of three jail matrons.

D. C. Coates, one of the editors of the Labor World, organized labor's official organ, who acted as spokesman, demanded that the matter be given consideration then and not tonight, as the council declared it had decided to do. He was seized by the

1,200 WALK OUT

Philadelphia, March 9.—Twelve hundred workmen employed by the Baldwin locomotive works struck this afternoon. The company employs 12,000 men. The union leaders here are elated over the walkout, as they were conducted on "open shop" principles.

The leaders declare that by nightfall they will succeed in having every man leave the works.

The Baldwin officials, however, denied this assertion.

police and dragged from the council chambers, accompanied by hisses and cat calls from the unionists. Coates was later allowed to return to the hall. It was then agreed that the city council meet in adjourned session tonight for the consideration of the demands both for increased wages and for the matrons. Some members attempted to have the council meet as a committee of the whole, so nothing could be done.

The parade on the city hall was led by a band and stretched out nearly a mile in length. Unionists carried placards and banners bearing inscriptions:

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REFUSED DEMANDS

Mine Owners Will Not Grant the Request of an Increase of Wages.

WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE

Looks as if There Would Soon Be Another Big Strike in the Coal Regions of the Eastern and Middle States.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cincinnati, O., March 9.—The mine operators of the Eastern and Middle states today refused to grant demands of the United Mine Workers of America for an increase of wages and the establishment of an eight-hour work day.

The decision was reached at the opening of a joint conference of mine operators and leading mine workers.

The decision of the operators came as a complete surprise to the mine workers' representatives, who had hoped for and had prayed for an amicable settlement of the questions at stake.

Should the conferences be unable to agree, it is probable that every union miner in the bituminous coal regions of the Eastern and Middle states will soon be on strike.

The present conference is the second to be held by the operators and miners' representatives. The first was at Toledo, Ohio. That conference ended when the operators refused to receive a delegation of Illinois miners, declaring that the mine workers were sufficiently represented by delegates from Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Whether the difficulty will spread to the Western Federation of miners cannot be predicted at this time.

Both the Western Federation and the United Mine Workers have committees appointed for the purpose of conferring on a plan for amalgamation of the organizations or at least for the establishment of a "fighting" agreement.

AMBITION MAY PREVENT SEPARATION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, March 9.—It is common gossip here today that Premier Asquith and his wife are to seek a separation. Mrs. Asquith has gone to Europe, where, it is said, the first step toward separation will be made.

It is strongly intimated today by those who stand in a position to know that the premier will resign the leadership of the Liberal forces, and retire from the premiership.

According to the general understanding, King Edward will elevate Asquith to the peerage, provided the present program is carried through. This, it is asserted, will probably delay actual separation, as it is known that Mrs. Asquith is too ambitious to throw over an opportunity to become a peeress.

Nominations.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 9.—President Taft today nominated Captain John B. Milton, of the navy, for the rank of rear-admiral. The nomination was forwarded to the senate for confirmation.

WILL HOLD INQUEST

Mysterious Circumstances Surrounding Death of Nettie Rhodes Last Night.

CORONER TO INVESTIGATE

The Doctor's Certificate is to the Effect That She Died From Mercorial Poison Administered by Her Own Hand With Suicidal Intent.

Because of the facts which came to light today concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Nettie Goode Rhodes, who died last night at the home of her father, J. F. Goode, Bellevue and Commercial streets, Coroner Clough this afternoon decided to hold an inquest over the remains for the purpose of ascertaining the true cause of her death, and the circumstances attendant upon it, and the hearing will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning.

District Attorney McNary, owing to the conflicting stories which reached his office this morning concerning the girl's death, took the initiative steps for the calling of the inquest. After an investigation of the matter he came to the conclusion that the true cause of death and the circumstances surrounding it could not be ascertained without an inquest and looking to that end he communicated with Coroner Clough and requested that it be held. Coroner Clough, after an investigation of the matter decided that it was a case for a coroner's jury, and at a late hour this afternoon advised the district attorney that he had decided to hold the inquest.

Certificate Shows Suicide.

During all of the forenoon the rumor was prevalent upon the streets that Nettie Rhodes had committed suicide by taking poison. This rumor reached the office of District Attorney McNary and was what caused him to call for an investigation, but it was not until a late hour this afternoon that the office was able to verify it. The verification came when Assistant District Attorney Charles McNary learned that Dr. R. D. Byrd was the physician who attended the girl, and when he was given an opportunity of making an examination of the death certificate made out by him. Dr. Byrd's certificate is to the effect that Nettie Rhodes died from mercurial poison, administered by her own hand with suicidal intent.

Disappointed in Love.

While none of the relatives or friends of the girl have made any statement as to the cause of the girl's rash act, it is learned from good authority that it was due to being disappointed in a love affair. It is learned that she was engaged to marry C. K. Trippe, a telegraph operator of this city, and that the other day she was made aware of the fact that he was a married man and had a wife living in the East, and that it was therefore impossible for him to marry her. The disappointment occasioned by this discovery is said to have been so great that she was unable to bear up under it, and decided to end all by committing suicide.

It is also stated that this was the second attempt, the first being made about a week ago, but this could not be verified this afternoon.

Was Well Known.

Nettie Rhodes was the daughter of J. F. Goode, of this city, and was 35 years of age. She was well known in the city and had many friends who will deeply mourn her death.

C. K. Trippe was also well known in the city and the two were often seen together. During his residence here, he stayed at the Eldridge Hotel, but an inquiry at that place today disclosed the fact that he had departed from the city yesterday afternoon. His destination was not learned.

Tschakovsky Acquitted.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Nicholas Tschakovsky was acquitted today on charges of criminal revolutionary activity, growing out of his visit to the United States in 1907.

AFFAIRS OF ORGANIZED LABOR HAVE REACHED A GREAT CRISIS

HAVE A HARD ROW TO HOE

The Refusal of Conservative Unions to Violate Trade Contracts Put a Kibosh on the General Strike.

OPEN SHOP ALSO FACTOR

The Action of the Strike-Breakers Firing on Crowd Made Many Friends for the Strikers—Further Trouble Is Anticipated by the Unionists.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 9.—Only the most radical union leaders and followers today will not concede that the great general strike here is a failure. Throughout the city it is popularly acknowledged that the sympathetic strike designed to force the Rapid Transit Co. to arbitrate its differences with its striking carmen, has not proved successful.

The primary causes for failure are attributed to the disinclination of conservative unions to violate trade contracts and to the prevalence of the open shop system here.

Labor organizations like the typographical unions insisted that their members should not protect iron clad contracts.

Many of the largest plants here, such as the Cramp Ship Yards and the Baldwin Locomotive Works are not unionized and these were not affected by the general strike.

Moreover it is conceded that many union men struck simply as a protest against the city administration over its attitude toward the car strike and the labor question generally. These men, it is said, now have returned to work satisfied that they had done all that could be expected of them.

Many special police were withdrawn from duty today. This indicates that the city officials believe the crisis has passed. Certain union leaders still maintain that 125,000 men are on strike, but they refuse to give any figures to support their claim.

A careful canvass indicates that 20,000 is the correct number today of those who walked out.

In spite of a riot started by strike-breakers last night in which five men and a girl were shot, the authorities today do not expect any further serious disorder.

Unionists, however, are not so sure that trouble can be avoided. They point to the fact that the persons shot were members of the crowd that was hooting and jeering the non-unionists.

The fact that the strike-breakers shot over the heads of the crowd and injured non-combatants, aroused intense anger.

Many persons intimate that the strike-breakers and the majority of the police have fired their revolvers indiscriminately and are responsible for the clashes.

A dozen strike-breakers, angered at an attack on one of their comrades, manned a car, ran it from a barn and sped down the street firing right and left. After proceeding for several blocks they switched back and returned to the barn.

The act aroused bitter resentment and further trouble may be the result.

PRESIDENT MADE CANNON SORE

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Members of President Taft's official

MILITIA THERE

Saratoga, N. Y., March 9.—Two companies of state militia were dispatched to Corinth today, for strike duty. General strike orders were issued by the labor union leaders. These affect 82 mills of the International Paper Company. Strike-breakers were taken to the Corinth plant by company officials to replace striking union men, who, according to union leaders, number 10,000.

family are still tittering today over a slight misunderstanding between Taft and Speaker Cannon over an engagement to go for a ride in the White House auto yesterday afternoon.

Shortly before the House adjourned the president called Cannon over the telephone and told Cannon that he would pass the capitol building in "about 10 minutes" to take the speaker for a spin. Cannon was on the steps at the appointed time. He was there twenty-five minutes later, but the president had not made an appearance.

The speaker then became slightly peeved. He hurled a bill smoked stogie on the steps and climbed into his own machine.

He then left after instructing a messenger to tell the president that he had waited as long as he could. Taft did not put in an appearance.

STILL DOING BUSINESS

The "Meat Strike" a Busted Boom and the Leaders Are Now Paying the Freight.

New York, March 9.—An investigation by the United Press today revealed that the "meat strike" has gone the route of many noble crusades, while the object of its attack, the meat trust, is still doing business at the old stand.

The prices of all meat products today are higher than before the "meat strike" was declared.

Meanwhile the meat trust is busily making the crusaders "pay the freight of their crusade."

Soon after the strike began the prices of meat products were lowered slightly in some cities, for a few days. Then started a steady rise in the retail prices, until now, beef, lamb, mutton and poultry are selling from 3 to 9 cents higher per pound than last December. Pork and pork products have almost doubled in price.

From Maine to Florida; from New York to the Pacific coast, the tendency has been toward higher prices.

MABEL IS DISSATISFIED

Mabel Poe has commenced a suit of divorce in the circuit court against Arnold Poe. She alleges that they were married in Frazier, Iowa, in the year 1901, and alleges cruel and inhuman treatment as a ground for the dissolution of the marriage bond existing between them.

In support of her allegation in this respect she alleges that her husband compelled her, while in the state of Iowa, to perform manual labor, and that he was abusive to her. She also cites a number of instances of cruel and inhuman treatment towards her, after they took up their residence in the town of Albany, in this state.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Organized Labor Must Take Drastic Action or Lose the Ground Already Gained.

PASS STRONG RESOLUTIONS

The Action of Strike-Breakers in Openly Attacking and Firing Into the Crowds in Philadelphia Is Said to Be the Cause of the Decision.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New Castle, Pa., March 9.—The State Federation of Labor in session here today adopted a resolution favoring a nation-wide strike of all union labor in sympathy with the Philadelphia strikers.

The adoption of the resolution practically amounts to a declaration by the Pennsylvania organization of its belief that the affairs of organized labor in America have reached a great crisis.

It was expected that a state wide strike would be proposed but the resolution in favor of a national strike came as a surprise to those not within the councils of the federation.

It is believed that the action of strike breakers in openly attacking and firing into the crowds in Philadelphia last night is in a great measure the cause of the decision to take immediate action on the largest possible scale.

The labor leaders state that union labor never had a better case to present to the world.

They assert that the union men have conducted themselves peacefully and with respect for the law since the strike was declared in Philadelphia.

They point to the acts of the strike-breakers and declare that the violent measures adopted by the police and the authorities have won the sympathy of the national public for the strikers.

The apparent failure of the Philadelphia strike with the anti-unionists gaining ground daily, also made immediate and drastic action necessary, according to the union leaders.

After the resolution was adopted it was decided that a committee of nine delegates be appointed for the purpose of carrying the plan embodied in it.

The resolution was adopted after President Mahon, of the national organization of street railway employees had appeared at the convention and declared that a national strike would be the only remedy for labor if arbitration failed.

He represented to the convention that as the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. had positively refused to arbitrate, there was little hope of relief for the striking railway employees in that direction.

His statements were taken by the delegates to mean that the striking carmen had reached the point where they were practically forced to ask for aid.

The fact that Mahon stands high in the American Federation of Labor unquestionably had weight with the delegates here.

Gompers Will Take Charge.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 9.—It was learned this afternoon that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will go to Philadelphia upon his return from Chicago.

Whether he will take charge of the strike in Philadelphia depends upon the developments. There is a persistent rumor that the federation officials have decided to call strikes of street car employees in four or five big cities, but this cannot be confirmed.

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