

PREPARING TO FIGHT FOR 8-HOUR DAY American Federation of Labor Takes First Formal Steps

WANT SHORTER DAY OF UNIVERSAL NATURE

Have Manufacturers' Association with a Fund of Millions to Combat in Struggle.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

To Ask for Relief at Law to Navy Yard Employees in Case of Accident Same as Against Private Corporation

NORFOLK, Va., November 12.—The American Federation of Labor in its twenty-seventh annual convention, today took aggressive steps toward the establishment of a universal eight-hour working day in America. It began action by looking to the raising of a sufficient fund to fight the present war reported begun through the Manufacturers' association with a available fund of \$14,500,000 to wage battle against organized labor, the particular aim of the Manufacturers' association against the efforts of the federation for the amelioration of conditions of the working class.

The Federation authorized President Gumpers to appoint a special committee for the consideration of both questions, for the committee to report during the present session.

A resolution was passed calling for a report by the committee of the bill to be presented to congress, giving the same relief at law to employees in the United States navy yards who may be disabled by accidents or to heirs of navy yard employees killed while in the pursuit of their occupation as that given persons employed by private corporations. Another resolution was adopted asking congress to legalize half holidays on Saturdays during the months of July, August and September.

Important features of the annual report of the executive council were on the reversion of the Brewery Workers' charter because of their alleged refusal to relinquish jurisdiction over the brewery engineers, firemen and teamsters, and the report of court proceedings which had been brought at Washington through the Manufacturers' association in restraining members of the executive council from placing goods of a certain stove concern on the "We don't patronize" list. This, the report declares, was an effort by the "arch enemies of labor after a failure to disrupt all labor unions, to discredit the honesty and integrity of the American Federation and its officials and to deprive them of freedom of speech, of the press and of personal liberty."

The report declares the Federation without sufficient funds to meet the war that the Manufacturers' association will be able to put forth and asked for action by the convention for the raising of the same.

The Federation at present has only a per capita fund of \$4 per year for meeting all expenses and emergencies. In behalf of the electrical workers attention was called to the alleged discrimination and unfair treatment by the American Telephone & Telegraph company.

CHARLES RILEY BLOWS OFF TOP OF HEAD IN FIT OF DESPONDENCY

GOLDFIELD, Nev., November 12.—Charles Riley, superintendent of the Silver Pick and Lone Star mining property, committed suicide this morning by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. Riley had been drinking heavily recently and was despondent because of the closing of the Silver Pick.

NEGRO TO BE APPOINTED WASHINGTON, D. C., November 12.—James A. Cobb, a negro, is to be appointed special assistant to the United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

\$22,000 MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS FROM A STAGE AT TRINIDAD

TRINIDAD, Colo., November 12.—Checks and currency to the amount of \$22,000 intended to pay the wages of the Carbon Coal & Coke company and the miners at Conkdale, was stolen yesterday while in transit in a stage from the railroad to the camp, a distance of two miles. Charles McComber, driver of the stage, has been arrested on suspicion, but declares that he knows nothing about the supposed theft. The money package had been carelessly thrown with other express matter into the stage.

HORACE M'KINLEY ESCAPES FROM THE CHINESE OFFICIALS

PEKING, November 12.—Horace McKinley, wanted in Oregon in connection with the land fraud trials, was arrested by the Manchurian authorities at Mukden October 5, and incarcerated pending the arrival of an officer from America, escaped from custody yesterday. The Chinese government is making efforts to recapture the prisoner. The escape of McKinley will probably defeat the first attempt of the Chinese in co-operating for the extradition of criminals without a treaty. It is hoped the attempt would succeed in order to discourage numerous American criminals and adventurers from taking refuge in China.

CHICAGO WILL NOT ISSUE CLEARING HOUSE SCRIP AT PRESENT

CHICAGO, November 12.—The clearing house association announced today after a meeting that no clearing house checks will be issued in this city immediately. In its opinion the local banking situation will right itself without compelling the banks to resort to clearing house scrip and a plan will be proposed by which the bank embargo against the payment of currency can be lifted gradually. Just what policy it is to be followed will be declared in a few days.

JAP-AMERICAN SILK WAR IS OFF

Unfair Methods of Oriental Traders Have Been Entirely Overcome

NEW YORK, November 12.—The war between Japanese and American silk dealers, which the dealers say arose from an attempt on the part of the Japanese to control the trade and eventually drive Americans out of the silk commission houses, has been amicably settled, according to a cablegram received today. The American firms claim they forced a deal through the Japanese middlemen to pay higher prices than the Japanese concerns who bought directly; also their orders were laid aside until those of their competitors were filled. To correct this condition American dealers organized and refused to buy from Japanese agents in this country. The trade was affected for several months, but through the efforts of the Japanese ambassador at Washington and the American embassy at Tokio the difficulty was finally settled.

COINED PURE SILVER INTO HALF DOLLARS AND MADE A PROFIT

NEW YORK, November 12.—The arrest of Herman Henzee on a charge of counterfeiting has brought to light what the secret service officials regard as one of the most important finds in that line in recent years. Henzee was held to await the grand jury's action. Henzee, it is alleged, produced half dollars of pure silver. His plant is said to be in a secluded spot in the mountains. The present price of silver made possible the purchase of silver with which to make the coins of standard weight and fineness and make a profit of about 50 per cent.

GROCERY COMPANY FAILS

SELMA, Ala., November 12.—The Gary Grocery company, one of the largest wholesale firms in central Alabama, was declared bankrupt today. E. Lamm was appointed receiver. The liabilities are estimated at more than \$100,000; assets are yet unknown. Bad collections are given as the cause for the failure.

INDIAN TERRITORY BANK FAILS

SAPULPA, I. T., November 12.—The Farmers and Merchants bank of this city, capitalized at \$50,000, suspended business today. The bank announced that business would be resumed and depositors would be paid in full. The bank is heavily interested in oil property and was unable to turn them into money.

NO CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 12.—Unless some unforeseen change occurs within the next few days, materially relieving the money stringency, I shall call a special session of the legislature to convene on the first of next year," said Governor Gillett today before he left for Sacramento.

WILL ACCEPT JAP BID

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 12.—State department officials favor accepting the invitation of the Japanese government to participation in the exposition at Tokio in 1912. If approved by the president the matter will be called to the attention of congress with a view to an appropriation for the purpose.

HER TESTIMONY WILL CHANGE COMPLEXION OF THE THAW CASE

Pittsburg, Pa., November 12.—Miss Ida Veronica Simonton, whose name was frequently mentioned during the first Thaw trial, returned today after spending a year and a half in the jungles of Africa. Concerning the second trial of Thaw, Miss Simonton said: "I will go to New York to testify in the Thaw case. I have not been subpoenaed, but will answer a summons from either side. My testimony will change the whole complexion of the case. The story told by Mrs. Charles J. Holman of her being deserted in London is not true. I will not say which side my testimony will favor."

UTE INDIANS AND TROOPS MIX AND SIX RED MEN ARE DEAD

DURANGO, Colo., November 12.—A report reached here tonight that a battle occurred at McElmo canyon between the Ute Indians and United States troops in which six Indians were killed. No soldiers were killed or wounded. McElmo canyon is in the Montezuma country, close to the Navajo reservation. The Utes had been resisting the attempts of the soldiers to compel them to return to the reservation. The report of the battle cannot be verified, but is believed here.

PRICES OF COPPER ARE UNCHANGED

Stock Market Drops Down the Scale and Settles at Saturday's Prices

NEW YORK, November 12.—Copper was lower in London with spot closing at \$60 5s and futures at \$59 15s. Locally the market was dull without further changes. Lake, 13.50 to 13.75; Electrolytic, 13.25 to 13.50; Casting, 13 to 13.25.

Lead was quoted 5s higher at £17 5s in London, but unchanged locally at 4.50 to 4.75.

Spelter was unchanged at £21 10s in London and weak and lower at 5.05 to 5.15 in the local market.

Iron was higher in the English market and locally firm and quiet.

The following closing quotations were posted by the H. H. Bru company last night:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Items include Amalgamated, Anaconda, American Smelters, Erie, Reading, U. S. Steel common, Bingham, Calumet & Arizona, Copper Range, Greene Cananea, North Butte, Old Dominion, Shannon, Utah Consolidated, Helvetia, Denn-Arizona, Globe Consolidated, National Exploration, Superior & Boston, Superior & Pittsburg.

SMALL FAILURE

CHICAGO, November 12.—The Ravenwood Exchange bank, a small institution, has closed its doors. It has deposits of \$35,000 and has been declared solvent.

HARAHAN IS AGAIN AFTER FISH'S SCALP

Intimates that His Opponent is Technically Guilty of Committing Forgery.

ADDRESS HOT LETTERS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS

Thinks if Fish's Contentment that Corporations Cannot Vote in Illinois that All Corporations Will Be Greatly Injured.

CHICAGO, November 12.—President Harahan of the Illinois Central railroad today reopened an active campaign for proxies to be used at the postponed annual meeting of the company on December 18. He issued two circulars to the stockholders, in one of which, after narrating the facts regarding the restraining of injunction by Stuyvesant Fish restraining the voting of certain shares of stock, he says:

"Of course, if Fish's claim that corporations cannot vote or hold stock in Illinois corporations be sustained, then every insurance company, trust company, savings bank or other company which has invested in Illinois corporations will suffer a disastrous loss and all persons interested as policy holders or stockholders in such companies will likewise suffer."

Traffic arrangements with the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, now in force, are those which made Fish president. The circular concludes as follows:

"In these days when public sentiment with regard to corporations is so disturbed, heavy responsibility ought to attach to taking an unfounded charge of fraudulent conduct amounting in law to forgery, against the management of railroad corporations. Such a charge, if believed by the overcredulous, injures and discredits not only the officers of the company, but the corporation itself."

EARLY MORNING BLAZE DAMAGES BANK EXCHANGE

A fire of mysterious origin, which was discovered about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning, damaged the Bank Exchange saloon to the extent of about \$200. Fully covered by insurance.

The fire was first detected burning briskly in the ceiling and in close proximity to a stovepipe, running parallel with the ceiling, and an electric wire which traversed the immediate point of the blaze. It is quite evident that the fire originated from the overheated stovepipe or from a short circuit.

The fire department responded promptly to the alarm, and stringing a line of hose from a nearby hydrant, soon had the blaze under control. Considerable damage was done by water. The building is owned by Charles Nesbit.

SENATOR PLATT STILL INSISTS THAT MAE C. WOOD ISN'T HIS WIFE

NEW YORK, November 12.—Counsel for Senator Platt today asked the supreme court to make an order that the certificate and alleged admission in writing, said to have been signed by Platt, that Mae C. Wood is his wife, be kept on file in the county clerk's office. An affidavit by Platt was filed setting forth that the certificate is a forgery and that he will prove that the letter purporting to have been written by him, acknowledging her as his wife, "was manufactured by the plaintiff." The decision was reserved.

PLACING NOOSE AROUND ADAM'S NECK State is Introducing Damaging Testimony Against Accused

JUDGE THOMAS TO HOLD SESSION OF JUVENILE COURT

On charges of disturbing the peace and swearing and using vile and obscene language, John Clark, Fred Davis, Ed Hendrickson, Harry Temple Jr., Jack Bowman, Guy Witt and Bernice Jones were arrested yesterday and their cases continued until today in Justice Thomas' court.

The boys, a number of whom have been in previous trouble, make a playground of West Push street, just off Broad, and engage in very rough play in which vile language is often used in the presence of passing ladies and little schoolgirls. Yesterday in addition to their other "frolics" the boys took possession of a Chinese huckster's wagon and engaged in a battle of tomatoes, much to the annoyance and loss of the celestial. The court has made a practice of allowing youngsters to go with a reprimand, but it is quite likely in these cases he will give the boys a chance to pay a fine or serve time in jail.

BOY BITTEN BY SNAKE TUCSON HAS SISTER LIVING HERE

John Pike, the youth who was bitten, in a tent show at Tucson, by a moccasin snake, is a brother of Mrs. Charles Glenn of this city.

Brief mention of the accident was made in the territorial news of yesterday's Silver Belt, which conveyed to Mrs. Glenn the first intelligence of the mishap. The lad was in quite a serious condition at last accounts, but as late Tucson papers do not mention the case it is presumed the young man is out of danger.

Pike is a lad 17 years of age and until embarking in the show business lived with his parents in Pueblo, Colo. He was persuaded a number of months ago to leave home and go on the road, appearing in female attire as the "Australian Wild Girl," the snake charmer. It is doubtful if the parents of the young man know his whereabouts or of his present condition. Mrs. Glenn is considerably worried by the report and may decide to go to Tucson to care for her brother.

DETECTIVE WELLS TELLS OF ALLEGED CONFESSION

Said Tyler Was Led from Place of Confinement to Secluded Spot and Then Shot.

STEVE ADAMS CLAIMS KILLING JUSTIFIABLE

Detective Naturally Took a Shot at Western Federation, Being a Member of Colorado Mine Owners.

SPOKANE, Wash., November 12.—Butler Wells, former adjutant general of the state militia of Colorado, occupied the witness stand in the Steve Adams trial at Rathdrum, Idaho, this afternoon. He testified as having seen Adams May 27, 1906, at Orchards, Idaho, on the Oregon Short Line about thirty miles from Boise. He went there to meet him and go to Colorado with him. Adams told the witness of a number of crimes in which he had participated. They had some conversation at the time in reference to crimes in St. Joe county in North Idaho of the killing of a man named Tyler and a man named Boule. No one but Adams and the witness were present during the conversation. The witness positively stated that at the time or prior to that time he had offered no immunity or reward to Adams to make a statement to him, nor did he make any threats to Adams.

Nothing of importance was brought out on cross examination. On re-direct examination the witness said he found the body of Barney at Telluride Junction, where Adams had mapped out for him to go.

On cross examination Wells, who is a member of the Colorado state railroad commission, said he was in charge of the special train that took Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone to Boise from Denver. He said as a member of the Mine Owners' association and being manager of a mine then at Telluride, he had an interest in the prosecution of these men as he believed from what had been said by Adams and Orchard that they were guilty of instigating the murder of Steunberger. Wells said that he and the guards were armed, as he said Adams expressed some fear lest they meet with some members of the Western Federation.

"Why?" he was asked. "Because Adams said if any member of the organization recognized him he would be violently dealt with for statements he had made in exposing the officers."

E. I. Whitney, warden of the state prison at Boise, was called when Wells had finished and retold the story of Adams as to the killing of Boule and Tyler. About the only new features added were that Newt Glover, Alvah Mason and Adams had led Tyler out to die the morning following the night they kept him a prisoner, and while trying to ascertain who sent him into the country and who were his relatives, they had a rope around his neck. Whitney said:

"He told me when the men had reached a certain spot he stopped and said:

"This is good enough for him," he said they caught the body there and went away and left it."

Whitney said afterwards Adams retold him the story and said he believed the shooting of Boule and Tyler was justifiable, as they had been sent into the country by someone to jump claims, and he had met his just fate.

At the last hours of court Adams' confession was read to the jury. It was the confession made to James McFarland, a Pinkerton detective, soon after Adams was arrested in February, 1906, and put into the Boise penitentiary. It was admitted by Judge Wood during McFarland's direct examination. Darrow objected on the ground that it had not been made voluntarily, but that inducements and promises of leniency had prompted it.

GEORGE F. HARDING ON THE CARPET ON A CHARGE OF CONTEMPT

CHICAGO, November 12.—Judge Landis today cited George F. Harding, George F. Harding Jr., A. J. Joyner and William Ammon to appear tomorrow and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. Harding, last June, applied to have a receiver appointed for the Corn Products company, a Standard Oil company subsidiary corporation. The judge denied the application and issued an injunction restraining Harding from further proceeding along that line. Despite this, Harding filed another application for the appointment of a receiver. Harding Jr. and Joyner Ammon were parties to the second proceeding.

FRIGHTENED BY FALSE RUMORS TO MAKE A RUN

Solid Bank of Portland Forced to Close to Check an Unwarranted Run

PORTLAND, Ore., November 12.—The Merchants National bank of this city failed to open this morning as a result of a quiet, but none the less, depleting run which has been going on. While strictly solvent, the bank was obliged to close temporarily awaiting advice from the comptroller of the currency, who has been notified. On August 22 the deposits amounted to nearly five and a quarter millions. It has since liquidated over two and a quarter millions, of which a million and a half has been withdrawn since the holidays began October 29. Knowing the Merchants National was solvent, three New York banks offered assistance, but the national banking act stood in the way. For a long time before the trouble commenced the bank held a larger reserve than any other bank in the city.

J. Frank Wilson, president of the Merchants National, said: "Since the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank last August we have paid out \$2,300,000. Of this sum we have liquidated more than a million and five hundred thousand dollars since the holiday season commenced. We attribute the special run to the fact of vicious rumors about the bank started at that time and kept up continually ever since the holiday season began. In fact, we have been informed by some of our depositors that they received anonymous letters and messages by telephone from anonymous sources advising the withdrawal of funds from the bank. The clearing house association has loaned us up to the limit permitted by the national banking act of \$250,000."

"UNCLE JOE WILL BE NOMINEE, SAYS TILLMAN"

DANVILLE, Ill., November 12.—In an interview today Senator Tillman of South Carolina declared that Roosevelt would not accept a third term and that Cannon would be the republican nominee.

AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE SUFFERING IN KOREA SAYS HURLBUT

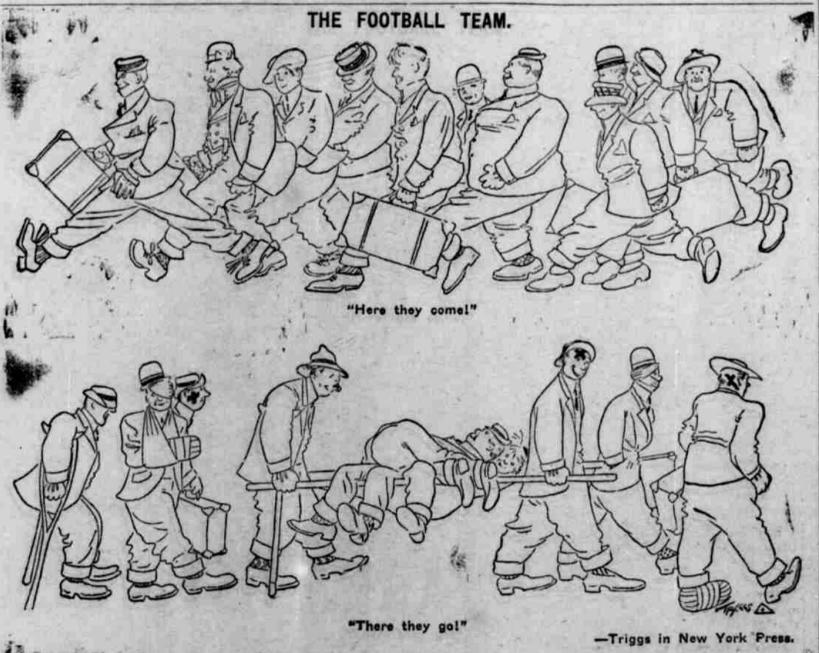
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 12.—The local chamber of commerce has received a communication from H. H. Hurlbut, who claims to represent the interest of the deposed emperor of Korea, stating that American interests are suffering under the present administration in Korea. It has decided to refer the communication to the California delegation at Washington, who are instructed to ascertain if the American interests are being discriminated against in Korea.

TENNESSEE PLANTERS MISTREATED BECAUSE OUT OF ASSOCIATION

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., November 12.—Four masked men held up J. M. Wade and two sons near Guthrie, Ky., last night and ordered them to leave their home within forty-eight hours. Wade with his sons had raised a crop of tobacco, but had not joined the association. The men called him from his home, one held a revolver over him and another struck him with a stick. His sons, Thomas and Claude, were upstairs and came down to see what was the trouble. They were struck several times. Claude and his father received several bruises. They left the place and came to Clarksville today.

BATON ROUGE, La., November 12.

Corporation reform began its progress through the extra session of the general assembly today when the proposed new laws were favorably reported to the state senate. The expulsion from the state of foreign corporations which carry state cases to federal courts and increased powers for the state railroad commission were measures reported.



—Triggs in New York Press.