

W. O. W. CAMP IN TURMOIL OVER SLANDER ACTION

Secretary Seaman Causes Arrest of James Monport, Another Member.

DEFENDANT MADE SERIOUS CHARGES

Trouble Follows Investigation into Accuracy of Fraternity Books.

Woodmen of the World in Bridgeport, and especially Kossuth Camp, No. 14, the biggest in this city and one of the largest in the state have been thrown into a ferment as the result of charges brought in open meeting against Anthony Seaman, secretary of the organization and the arrest of James Monport, a member, in suit for \$2,000 for alleged slander.

According to the papers drawn by Attorney Ernest Berger for Seaman, the complainant, and served yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W. C. Stogler, such friction has developed recently in the order and culminated last Sunday when Monport is alleged in their papers to have declared before more than 100 persons that Seaman was "a crook and a robber." He is a dirty handed mean thief and he does not belong among men.

COBBLERS NOW JOIN RANKS OF UNION MEMBERS

Shoemakers of Smaller Establishments Organize for Better Hours.

As a result of agitation said to have been stimulated by merchants throughout the city who close their stores at night, the cobblers of Bridgeport are now being organized under the direction of John J. O'Neill and other labor leaders of this city.

SIX CHILDREN DIE WHEN FIRE SWEEPS HOME

Martinville, W. Va., Jan. 6.—Six children of John Morgan, ranging from 4 to 14 years, were burned to death in the home today. Morgan saved one daughter, and while attempting to save the others was so seriously burned he may not recover.

"Hermit Farmer" Leaves Large Sums To Catholic Church

New Britain, Jan. 6.—Among the bequests in the will of Hugh Kerwin filed today in the court of probate, are the following:

Trustees of St. Joseph's Church, this city, \$1,000. Rev. John J. Nihan, Bishop of Hartford diocese, or his successor, \$1,000 to be used at his discretion for St. Agnes Home in West Hartford; Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, this city, \$1,000; Little Sisters of the Poor, New Haven, \$500.

THE WEATHER

Pretty cloudy and much colder today with a moderate cold wave; Friday fair. Strong west winds.

SUFFRAGISTS AND "ANTIS" GRAPPLE IN DEATH BATTLE

Ideals Are Torn From Their Pedestals and Beliefs Are Shattered.

LEADERS BITTER IN BIG PUBLIC DEBATE

Trade Virile Verbiage In Furious Fight on Which Men Look With Awe.

Suffrage and anti-suffrage stood caustic fire from speakers and a large audience gathered last night under the auspices of the Bridgeport Philosophic society in Knights of Pythias hall.

The suffragists, with which the hall was packed, listened to one of the most caustic arraignments of their own kind in the history of the city.

FRITZ PFAU DEAD AFTER BEING ILL ONLY FEW HOURS

Taken to Hospital With Pneumonia, He Survives But Short Time.

Fritz Pfau, one of the most widely known hotel and restaurant men in the state, died suddenly at the Bridgeport hospital, last night. Death was caused by oedema of the lungs, following an acute attack of pneumonia.

Pfau had been ill for several days with a severe cold. Pneumonia followed and at 7 o'clock last night he decided to go to the hospital for treatment.

Mr. Pfau was 51 years of age and was born in Bridgeport. His father, Julius Pfau, now deceased, is said to have sold the first lager beer dispensed here.

About 1893, Mr. Pfau left his father and went into business for himself in partnership with Matthew J. Maloney. They opened a saloon in what is now the stock quotation room of T. L. Watson & Co.

For a time Mr. Pfau managed what is now the Pratt cafe in Fairfield avenue. For one summer season he had charge of the Pine Grove Inn in Stratford.

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MACHINISTS GET \$1,000 FOR FUND IN FIRST MONTH

Labor's Defense Money Generously Contributed By Members of Local.

TOTAL EXPECTED TO PASS \$6,000 MARK

Five Months Remain For Donations to Treasury for Eight Hour Fight.

More than \$1,000 has been contributed by machinists of Bridgeport to the Labor Defense fund to protect members of the craft from discrimination during next summer and to fight the battle for the eight hour day.

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The money will be used, it is declared, in the effort to establish a general eight hour day in Bridgeport.

The contributions are made even eagerly because the men making them generally are men who have worked 10, 12 and even 15 hours a day before.

POLICEMEN LOSE DAYS OFF UNTIL GRIP WAVE GOES

Shortage of Men in Department Causes Ruling.

Owing to the epidemic of pneumonia prevalent here police department officials today ruled that policemen having tickets of leave will not be granted days off unless they are ill or some other equally imperative reason.

There are now about 15 members of the department ill of grip, three are out because of death in their families, and about 30 policemen are enjoying their regular vacations which were started before the epidemic struck this city.

The rule was put in vogue this morning when Capt. John H. Regan was compelled to refuse three men applications for days off owing to the shortage of men in the department at present.

In the absence of Court Officer Christopher Finnegan, who is ill of the grip, Policeman Joseph T. Coughlin will fill the position. To show how hard hit the police department is at the present, Policeman Coughlin although filling the position of court officer, is suffering from abscesses on his right shoulder.

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CHEER UP, FOLKS! PHYSICIANS SEE GRIP'S FOE HERE

Cold Wave, on Way to City, Will Rout the Busy Germs, They Promise.

MORE THAN 10,000 IN THIS CITY HIT

Doctors Say That One Out of Every Three Families Has Felt Disease.

Cheer up sad hearts and cease repining. Behind each cloud is the sun still shining. The grip pandemic—It's a pandemic now, not an epidemic.

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The cold, they say, will cause the death of the germs. Others declare that this is not so, but that a pneumonia epidemic will be looked for.

It is conservatively estimated that 13,000 persons in Bridgeport have been ill with grip since the illness became an epidemic, just before becoming a pandemic.

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ARREST WOMAN WHO DROWNED HER TWO SONS

Judge Issues Bench Warrant For Arrest of Mrs. Sophia Kroszeski.

New Haven, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Sophia Kroszeski of Milford, was arrested on a bench warrant today charged with having drowned her two sons, Edward, five years old, and Stanley, six, in the Milford reservoir, on Dec. 23 last.

Hartford, Jan. 6.—Since the law passed at the last session of the General Assembly imposing a tax of 1 cent per square foot on billboards went into effect on August 1, 1914, the revenue from it which is collected by the secretary of state, up to date has amounted to only \$500.

PRESIDENT WILL POND HIGH COURT APPOINTEE

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Wilson told callers today that before appointing a successor to the late Supreme Court Justice Lamar he would thoroughly canvass the situation. He said he wanted to get the best man in the country for the place.

PICKETS DIDN'T THREATEN THEM, WITNESSES SAY

Testimony in Silver Company's Suit Against Strikers Refutes Charge.

"FEARED TROUBLE," SO SOME QUIT JOBS

Completion of International Co.'s Damage Action Hastened By Judge.

New Haven, Jan. 6.—The hearing on the petition for an injunction against the striking former employees of the International Silver company in its Meriden and Wallingford factories, asked for by the company, was resumed before Judge James H. Webb today.

Counsel for both sides had been asked to present evidence in concise form. Ralph O. Wells, of Hartford, for the petitioners, devoted yesterday afternoon to calling the attention of the court to the fact that at all times the strikers had been peaceful and that they were not violent.

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NAVY MAY ABANDON MARE ISLAND YARDS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Possibility of the navy being forced by an inadequate channel to abandon the Mare Island Navy Yard for the site of big ships, at least was advanced today by Rear Admiral H. T. Stanford, head of the bureau of yards and docks, before the House Naval Committee.

U. S. ASKS AUSTRIA TO HURRY DETAILS ON 'PERSIA' ATTACK

Ambassador Penfield Presents Request For Full Information at Vienna—Identity of Attacking Vessel is Yet in Doubt.

GIRL DISPUTES SCHULTZ EDICT ON WHO'S BOSS

Copypist in Town Clerk's Office Sees Mayor After Tilt With Superior.

WON'T TEACH NEW CLERK HER DUTIES

Deeds Pile Up Awaiting Truce Declaration Among the Clerical Help.

Although he has posted a long list of printed rules in his office and concludes them with one in which he states that infringements will mean dismissal, Town Clerk Joseph Schultz is unable to maintain discipline among his clerks, say reports at city hall.

Monday morning, as the story goes, Mrs. Cuddy reported for instruction at the town clerk's office. Miss McGrath is in charge of the Burr index book on which all really important matters are recorded.

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