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FAIR TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

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PAID MURDER AND THREATS OF DEATH STIR CHICAGO

BANDS OF HIRED THUGS IN STRIKE

Scores of Letters to Employers' Managers Threaten Murder and Violence.

END OF THE STRIKE IN SIGHT, IS THE BELIEF

Move Is Made to Call Meeting of National Labor Federation Executives.

Chicago, May 15.—Armed with an entering wedge of confession that regularly organized "violence committees" are operating against non-unionists in the teamsters' strike, Chicago employers and officers of the law have begun an effort to break up this cruel system and bring the conspirators to justice.

Linked with information that murder has been done by these "violence committees" of armed thugs is further indication of the extent of the strike in the teamsters' strike, Chicago employers and officers of the law have begun an effort to break up this cruel system and bring the conspirators to justice.

"Slugging" Before Court.

Before Master in Chancery Sherman a hearing of the injunction cases continued today, attorneys for the employers and the union were heard in support of the alleged "slugging" feature of the strike to show that "violence committees" exist for every union during times of strikes and that men are trained for "slugging" work and employed exclusively for that purpose.

It was declared today that if the union men called as witnesses continued in refusal to answer questions or to admit for contempt would surely follow.

Threatened with Death.

Fully one hundred letters threatening death have been received by the half dozen men who have been given wide publicity as managers of the employers' end of the teamsters' strike. Serious consideration is being given the letters, since exposure of a confession of a hired thug that he and others made a business of slugging here at the rate of \$15 per person slugged.

Bodyguards are now attending all the principals on the employers' side of the teamsters' strike, and all are accompanied day and night by guards. Secretary F. W. Job of the Employers' Association and J. J. Thorne of Montgomery Ward & Co., admitted today having received many threats.

Murder Case, from Strike.

Charles Casey, business agent of the Carriage and Wagonmakers' union, No. 4, accused of being accessory to the murder of Charles J. Harrison, who is alleged to have been brutally beaten to death by alleged hired thugs, waived examination today and was held to the criminal court without bail for the examination of the case.

In the alleged plots was continued till May 25. With one exception the bonds of these men were fixed at \$17,000. Bonds of Henry J. Neumann, financial secretary of the Carriage and Wagonmakers' union, No. 4, who was arrested at the same time as Casey, was fixed at \$25,000. Unable to furnish the cash, the men were returned to jail.

The police are concentrating their efforts today to break up the strike of George Muller, ex-president of the union, who, according to the police, took an active part in the plans for what is declared to be a "slugging" against non-union men.

No Note of Surrender.

International President Shea's utterances today contained no note indicating a purpose to surrender.

"The papers say we are weakening," he said, "but I want to say to any teamster who comes into the meeting tonight and advocates surrender, I will not answer for him."

"Are you going to take any further legal proceedings in the prosecution of the strike?" he was asked.

"Legal proceedings," he exclaimed in apparent disgust, "I will leave that to the employers. They have an injunction, but I intend to drive wagons. We shall not resort to legal proceedings. The strike will be won by the strength of the teamsters' organization."

See End of Strike Near.

News that the teamsters' executive board would meet, and action of ice-wagon drivers in accepting the wage schedule of last year, coupled with reports that dozens of strikers have applied for the job of ice wagon drivers, sustains a belief among the employers that the end of the strike is not far distant.

A meeting of the joint liverners' association is called to consider action in relation to a threatened strike of 2,000 cab drivers, who refuse to take union men. The result depends upon the determination of the teamsters' joint council tonight.

Accident Unheeded by Mob.

Responding to a riot call from policemen who were unable to cope with a mob of strike sympathizers last night, a patrol wagon hurrying to the scene collided with a second patrol wagon, seriously injuring nine persons and breaking a dozen others.

Regardless of the victims of the wreck, the assailants used a destructive and non-union workman, whose actions had caused the appeal for police protection, continued their attack until they brought a second patrol wagon, who were compelled to fight their way through the mob. The policemen used their clubs vigorously and arrested fifteen men who were seen throwing stones or threatening the non-union men.

WALTER NEEF STRICKEN.

London, May 15.—Walter Neef, European manager of the Associated Press, died this morning in Liverpool. He was born in Chicago forty-eight years ago. He took charge of the Associated Press foreign service in 1890, having formerly been assistant general manager with headquarters in Chicago.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS BETTER.

Washington, May 15.—The condition of Admiral Dewey, who was taken ill Saturday in New York and who returned to his home in this city yesterday, is reported today to be better.

ACTION BY UNIONS MAY END THE STRIKE

Chicago, May 15.—Possible signs of the end of the teamsters' strike have appeared today. President Shea of the teamsters' union sent a telegram to President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, requesting a meeting of the national board of that body to be held in Chicago at the end of the week. President Shea has also telegraphed the national officers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to come to Chicago by the mail train. The teamsters' executive board will be in session Wednesday or Thursday. The move to bring the national board of the American Federation of Labor together was viewed by labor officials and by the team-owners, who, thru their various associations, have been striving to bring about a conciliation between the strikers and their employers, as important in the direction of a settlement. This may take the form of a call for a strike. A telegram to President Gompers asked that he call a meeting to be held in Chicago not later than Saturday.

AUTO SLAUGHTERS RIVAL JUGGERNAUT

Five Months' Total of Auto Accidents in New York Is 793—62 Dead.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, May 15.—Now are the horrors of the juggernaut of pagan India mild in comparison with the slaughter of the modern automobile. The juggernaut of the auto in this Christian land of America.

Since Jan. 1 the automobile accidents in New York and vicinity have numbered 793. Of these, 43 were in the week just elapsed. In 62 cases men, women and children were done to death. From the whole number may be selected between 50 and 70 which have rendered their victims permanent cripples.

And yet no guilty owner or driver of a murderous automobile has been punished for manslaughter. The severe penalty has been a moderate fine, and many have even escaped paying this blood-money.

Of the 62 fatal accidents, 53 of them took place when the owner of the automobile was in the car. It is an awful list which presents these facts, but the record is just the bare truth. In 27 cases the driver of the automobile was at the wheel. Those 27 cases were represented by 23 members of licensed clubs.

There have been, every now and then, accidents which are aggravated by the utmost heartlessness. The other day a man was run down in Brooklyn by an automobile in which, in addition to two men, were two women. One of the women shrieked out, "Get on, Harry, you have killed him," and the automobile fled, leaving the victim dead on the ground.

There is, however, no monopoly of such occurrences, as reports from other cities plainly show.

MOODY TO RETIRE; TAFT FOR PLACE

Washington Rumor Has Change in Cabinet Coming Next Fall.

By W. W. Jernane.

Washington, May 15.—There is a rumor today that Attorney General Moody is to retire from the cabinet in the fall, and that the president will appoint Secretary Taft as his successor.

There is a sentimental reason for this. Secretary Taft, who is now secretary of war, and later as attorney general, and his son would, therefore, be glad to fill this same position. But of more weight than the sentimental reason is the practical reason for such a change.

Taft today is potentially the strongest man mentioned by the republican nomination in 1908, and if the president desires Taft to be the next president, he could not indicate that desire more strongly than by placing Taft in a position where he could add greatly to his already large prestige.

If Chief Justice Fuller were to retire from the supreme bench prior to 1908, there would be an opportunity to name Taft for that position. The chances are, however, that Taft, while preferring a judicial career, would not feel inclined to put the presidency aside.

In addition to talk of Moody's retirement, it may be stated that Secretary Morton is to retire in the fall. Secretary Shaw will retire next February, when he will have served four years.

Secretary Hay has written the president, the latter having received yesterday that he has fully recovered his health and will sail for home June 7. This sets at rest for the present talk of a vacancy in the state department.

Blanchard Coming West.

Clarence J. Blanchard, statistician of federal revenue, is expected to leave Washington yesterday for Chicago and Minneapolis, where he will spend several days' leave. He will leave Chicago June 1 with a party consisting of members of the house and senate committees on irrigation, for a trip thru the irrigation states, viewing works now in progress, and attending to the duties of the trustee canal in Nevada, the first under the federal law. Mr. Blanchard will then establish headquarters at Portland, where he will remain until late in October.

STRONG GOTHAM BANKER, DEAD.

New York, May 15.—William E. Strong, a well-known banker and broker, is dead at his home here from pneumonia. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1836 and became a member of the New York stock exchange in 1868.

KILLED BY TRAIN WRECKERS.

Emporia, Kan., May 15.—Six passengers were injured, two fatally, in a train wreck caused by wreckers, a mile east of Emporia, yesterday. This is the fourth attempt by wreckers in the same place in four months.

WOMAN IN FLAG INVADES DIAMOND

Female Crusader Attempts to Stop Sunday Baseball Games in Minnesota Town.

Special to The Journal.

When the American flag was carried in an American flag and bearing a copy of the Minnesota statutes, Mrs. M. Lillie Slaight yesterday took up the crusade against Sunday baseball games in Hutchinson, Minn. She then pleaded with the town to suppress Sunday games. A game between Hutchinson and Kokomo was announced for yesterday. Mrs. Slaight, who is well known thruout Minnesota in connection with the W. C. T. U. and I. O. O. F., sent protests to the churches which were read at morning services. She also carried the town with notices declaring that "100 mothers" had decided no Sunday baseball should be played in Hutchinson.

When the crowd assembled for the game, placards were found declaring that "to molest the flag while it is floating in defense of law is high treason." Mrs. Slaight, flag-wrapped, took a position between the pitcher and the catcher. She then threw a ball at the pitcher. Then, two batteries were put on the field, and Mrs. Slaight dodged about, endeavoring to reach the pitcher's box. She was blocked fast play, and the crowd took up solution of the problem, gathering closely around her and moving off the field. Mrs. Slaight protested vehemently, but she was overpowered and the game was played.

But Mrs. Slaight announced that, temporarily defeated, she would carry the case to the state supreme court. She telegraphed to Washington the news of this action against the American flag.

Italian opinion favors Rumania's action.

The entire strength of the Rumanian army in three divisions, the active militia and the general leave. Every man, after his twenty-first year, is liable to military service. The active army has two subdivisions, active and territorial. In the former branch, in 1904, there were 66,120 officers and men, and in the latter 72,000. The war navy consists of one first-class and two second-class torpedo-boats.

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The infantry uses the Mauser repeating rifle.

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ROMANIA INVITES WAR WITH TURKS

Sends Sultan Ultimatum Demanding Recognition of Roumanian Nationality.

Trouble Grows Out of Two Illegal Arrests Made by Turkish Officials.

New York Sun Special Service.

Rome, May 15.—A telegram from Bucharest states that in consequence of the illegal arrest by Turkish authorities of two Roumanian citizens, the government of Roumania has sent Turkey an ultimatum.

The ultimatum demands the immediate release of the men arrested, and an official recognition of Roumanian nationality. Turkey has not yet complied.

May 28 the limit.

May 28 is the ultimatum's limit, and the situation is regarded as extremely serious. The Roumanian government has communicated to the members of the diplomatic corps in Bucharest notice of the issue of the ultimatum and its tenor and has telegraphed its ministers in foreign capitals to make it known to the governments to whom they are accredited.

The people and press of Bucharest are giving hearty support to the energetic attitude adopted by King Charles and the government. The army is put on a readiness for every emergency.

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