

FEDERAL OFFICERS FIND BOTH SIDES DETERMINED

Make No Headway in First Conference With Rail Men.

AIM TO AVERT STRIKE

Expected Several Days Will Elapse Before Outcome is Known.

Chicago, March 29.—Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Charles H. Neill, United States labor commissioner, arrived here today from Washington to offer their offices in settling the dispute between the western railroads and members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Conductors.

Say Demands Are Final.

Representatives of the men, Grand Chief Morrissey and Chief Conductor Garretson were positive in their assertions before the meeting of the committee that the men would not abate anything in their demands. They declared it is not in their power to accept less than the men have asked, for the reason the membership in both organizations had voted on the propositions to be considered in the meeting, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of a strike unless the demands of the men were granted.

Other Side Firm.

C. P. Brown, chairman of the board of managers of the railroads, was equally explicit in his assertions that the railroads could not go further than they have already gone, and that it is not possible for them to make greater concessions than had already been offered.

Before entering the meeting Chairman Knapp said: "I cannot say just what will be done. My understanding is both sides are anxious to avoid a strike, and with such a disposition everything will come out happily. Of course I can tell more about the outcome when we have once heard statements from both sides. We shall certainly do everything in our power while acting strict justice for all concerned, to bring about a peaceable adjustment of the difficulty."

Met Managers First.

Knapp and Neill were first in conference with members of the board of general managers, who outlined their case and explained the situation as it appeared from their viewpoint. They were with the chairmen less than an hour, and representatives of the trainmen and conductors were then called in.

No Tangible Results.

Nothing tangible resulted from the first meeting of Knapp and Neill with parties to the railroad dispute. Later meetings will be held, but it is not believed any agreement or settlement will be had for several days.

HE FOLLOWS STAHL

Friend of Ball Player Drinks Carbolic Acid in Same Manner.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 29.—David Murphy, a well known engineer on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad, committed suicide today by swallowing carbolic acid. It is believed the suicide of "Chick" Stahl, the Boston player, who was an intimate friend of Murphy's, had some effect in giving a suicidal impulse to Murphy's mind. He left a note saying, "Bury me beside Chick."

General Comba Dead.

San Francisco, March 29.—Brigadier

LOSE SIGHT OF ISSUE AT CHICAGO IN EXCHANGE OF VITUPERATION

Chicago, March 29.—The real issue at stake in the local municipal campaign which involves the method of improving the local transportation system, has been almost lost in the flood of invective, vituperation, and libel suits threatened and actually begun. Threats of criminal prosecution are being hurled back and forth between individuals and politicians, and between newspapers supporting the rival candidates. Meetings are held in the interest of both parties throughout all parts of the city, almost every hour of the afternoon and evening, and all are

GRAPESHOT COWS RIOTING PEASANTS

Latter, However, Fight Roumanian Troops Desperately at Close Quarters.

Bucharest, March 29.—Field guns loaded with grapeshot, according to official reports are winning against the revolutionary peasantry whose arms are mostly hayforks and scythe blades. The insurgents are able to hold their own against the troops at close quarters, and even withstand cavalry charges, doing terrible execution with forks and scythe blades strapped to long poles, but the slaughter since the troops used artillery appears to be terrifying them into submission.

A number of conflicts between troops and marauders continue to be reported.

LEOPOLD FALLS FROM THE CHAIR

Man Accused of Murder of Margaret Leslie at Chicago Faints on Witness Stand.

Chicago, March 29.—Leonard Leopold, one of the defendants in the Margaret Leslie murder trial, fainted on the stand again today and fell from the witness chair. Proceedings were postponed to await improvement in his physical condition. Leopold fainted Thursday after making a sudden rush from the witness stand.

INDICTS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

New Jersey Grand Jury Proposes to Try New Remedy for Poor Service.

Newark, N. J., March 29.—The New Jersey Street Railway Company, which operates the large system of street railways in this city was indicted by the grand jury today for maintaining dirty and unsanitary cars, providing useless fenders, and allowing its cars to be overcrowded by passengers.

TAFT PARTY REACHES COLON

Secretary of War Had Uneventful Trip to Canal Terminus.

Colon, March 29.—The United States dispatch boat Mayflower arrived early today from Charleston, with Secretary Taft and party on board. The voyage was uneventful, all members of the party enjoying good health.

PASSED THE WINTER WELL

Condition of Live Stock April 1 Reported Unusually Good.

The report of Crop Correspondent Thomas Campbell mailed to the department of agriculture today deals with the number and condition of live stock in Rock Island county. Mr. Campbell estimates the number of horses in each 1,000 that have died of disease during the past year at 15 and of swine 5. The condition of hogs is placed at normal and the number of breeding sows on hand, as compared with a year ago, 100 per cent. The condition of horses is placed at 95 per cent of normal and of cattle at 90 per cent.

TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGED

Western Golf Association Disarranges Local Program for the Season.

At the meeting of the Western Amateur Golf association at Chicago yesterday, the Rock Island Arsenal Golf club was assigned Aug. 15-17 for the Trans-Mississippi tournament. It is final it will render several changes in the local program necessary. It had been arranged to have the Trans-Mississippi meet in July.



"He Is Risen!"

PROGRAM IS OUT

Those to Take Part in Bethany Home Minstrel Next Week Are Announced.

TO BE GIVEN AT ILLINOIS

Event of April 4 for Charity Promises to Be Greatest of Home Talent Successes in City.

The program and cast of the Bethany Home minstrel, to be given at the Illinois theater April 4, are announced as follows:

- #### Cost of First Part.
- President.....O. B. Hampton
 - Secretary.....Charles Roantrac
 - Mascot.....Harold Taylor
 - Buttons.....Jerome O'Connor
 - Waiter.....Harvey Goff
- Second and third ends:
- Tambos...Charles Goff, Henry Kimer
 - Bones...Floyd Wilson, Arthur Anderson
 - Extreme ends.....
 -F. H. Burgess, R. P. Hampton
 - Ballad Singers—Gilbert R. Graves, William Trimble, Herman Schnell, Axel Dunderberg, Moline, and William Mueller, Bayconet.
- Members—Herman Applequist, John Graham, Forest Rambo, Robert Clou das, William Muenster, Dr. Brown, Otto Schwenker, Robert Adams, Virgil Ward, Lee Kaupke, Mark Roache, Lee Smith, W. H. Smith, Louis Baker.
- Double quartet—Axel Dunderberg, James Normoyke, Herman Schnell, Herman Applequist, William Trimble, William Mueller, Gilbert Graves, and O. B. Hampton.
- Quartet—Forrest Rambo, William Muenster, Robert Cloudas, John Graham.
- Military Girls—The Misses Nina Van Buren, Evangeline Castrol, Julia McIlvain, Charlotte Smith, Cora Gaetje, Orpha Tremann, Blanche Smith, Maud Young, Mable Smith, Sara Stoddard,

WHAT OF APRIL

Observer Sherier Tells What Has Been but Does Not Vouch for Future.

MAY BE DISAPPOINTING

Month Has Often Brought More Winter Than We Have Seen Having of Late.

April is no warmer than the present month has been have been experienced here, as the figures covering the last 55 years prepared by Observer Sherier of the local weather office show. The coldest April in the above period was that of 1874, which averaged but 41 degrees. That means that a good share of the time the mercury hovered about the freezing point. But not all Aprils have been like that of 1874, and Mr. Sherier wants it understood that he is not vouching for anything in the shape of weather a month in advance. There was the April of 1896, which shows an average of 57 and which is the warmest on record.

The normal temperature for the month in 55 years has been 50 degrees. The highest mark ever recorded was 87 on the 30th, 1895, and the 29th, 1901, and the lowest 14 on the 2nd, 1886. The maximum, it will be noticed, was attained near the end of the month and registered but 5 degrees higher than we have had at two periods this month, some 35 days or more earlier. So if April this year comes up to its traditions, we are apt to find it a trifle disappointing after this precocious March.

Frosts Likely for Three Weeks.

The average date of the last killing frost has been April 22. It would puzzle most of us to remember when we have had a killing frost this month.

The precipitation for April has averaged 2.71 inches, with an average of nine days on which there was .01 inch

BOTTLERS JOIN THE STRIKING BREWERS

St. Louis, March 29.—The bottlers' local of the United Brewery Workers struck this afternoon, making 2,700 employees in the different breweries out.

ORDEAL IS TO BE BRIEF

Thaw's Test Before Insanity Commission May End Today.

HAMILTON IS CALLED

Alienist Expected to Tell Why He Believes Prisoner Paranoiac.

New York, March 29.—Harry K. Thaw was under examination for two hours and 50 minutes today before the commission in lunacy appointed to inquire into his present state of mind, and when, at 1:15, a 25-minute recess was taken, it was announced his ordeal was nearly over. After a half hour's further questioning, it is believed the commission will have concluded its mental test of the defendant, and there will then be an open session for the examination of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton. The commission is bending every energy to conclude its work this afternoon.

Guards Have a Clash.

It is stated today there has been a clash of authority before the commission as to the custody of the prisoner. Police Court Captain Lynch wanted Thaw's prison guard to withdraw from the room, but the latter declined to do so without a receipt for his prisoner, signed by the commission. The guard withdrew during Thursday's session, but today had different orders from his superiors. He remained in charge.

Inquiry Resumed.

New York, March 29.—The Thaw lunacy commission went into executive session at 10:25 today. Harry Thaw was immediately called before the board. His counsel reported him today as in good spirits and fully capable of understanding whatever mental tests were put to him. Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, the alienist, who was summoned last night by the commission, was waiting when today's inquiry began. Hamilton said he did not know what was required of him. "I am in the hands of the commission," he said.

Speculation as to Reason.

There was speculation today as to the reasons which prompted the subpoenaing of Hamilton. One explanation was to the effect that Hamilton, having stated on the witness stand before Justice Fitzgerald his belief that Thaw at present is incapable of rationally advising his counsel, the lunacy commission cannot afford to ignore him if his records are to be kept free of objections. The examination of Hamilton is likely to be brief, for it is known he has not had intimate relations with the defendant since last July.

May Not Have Weight.

The alienist may be asked his reason for stating Thaw is of unsound mind today, and when he gives the date of his last examination, the commission may place whatever value it desires on his testimony. Hamilton believes Thaw is a paranoiac.

Cross Examined Privately.

The commission this afternoon permitted the cross-examination of Thaw while in executive session. At the conclusion of the cross examination the doors were opened and Dr. Hamilton was called to the stand, but was not allowed to testify before the commission.

A SEVERE WIND AT KEWANEE

Several Thousand Dollars' Worth of Damage Done in City.

A small tornado struck Kewanee Thursday night about 12 o'clock, covering a strip about one hundred yards wide through the manufacturing and residential portions of the city. A number of factory buildings were damaged and roofs blown off. The loss will reach several thousand dollars.

RAISE THE RATES

Railways of Country Announce Advance in Grain Tariff.

Washington, March 29.—In accordance with their intention expressed some time ago railroads constituting the western trunk lines, Central Traffic association, and eastern trunk lines, have filed with the interstate commerce commission tariffs increasing their rates on east bound grain and grain products, to become effective about April 1.

TAFT ACCEPTS DEFI OF FORAKER; WILL SEE WHO IS OHIO'S FAVORITE

Cincinnati, March 29.—In reply to a statement made public by Senator Foraker a few days ago, Charles P. Taft, proprietor of the Cincinnati Times-Star gave out the following today in behalf of his brother, Secretary of War Taft: "Foraker's statement indicated he is running for the presidency and for the senatorship. Friends of Secretary Taft are urging him for the presidency. As the senator has included two offices in this primary contest, Taft's friends accept the proposition and will make it a distinct contest, Taft for the presidency or senatorship or Foraker for the presidency or senatorship. By their votes at the primaries, indicate they prefer Foraker for the presidency or senatorship. Taft is eliminated from the situation.

"If the people of Ohio indicate Taft for the presidency or senatorship, Foraker is eliminated from the political situation.

"This is a direct contest between friends of the administration of Roosevelt and his opponents. We are willing to submit it to the republican voters and the sooner the better."