

D. L. & W. Railroad Company Enjoins Switchmen's Union.

WOULD BREAK CONTRACT

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 19. — Judge Hazel in the United States circuit court granted a temporary injunction upon behalf of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad company, restraining the Switchmen's Union of North America, Buffalo Lodge No. 4 and its officers from breaking an agreement alleged to exist between the company and the Switchmen's Union. This agreement provides for the scale of wages to be paid the switchmen, and the petition for the order states that a strike is threatened which will place this contract in jeopardy. The injunction is returnable November 23. At the office of the attorneys of the company it was stated that the action was taken at the urgent request of mercantile bodies and large individual shippers, who feared the results that might ensue from the closing of even one of the trunk lines at this time, when every car was being utilized in transporting the crops of the country to the coast. Notwithstanding the present condition of affairs, it was said the Switchmen's Union is demanding an increased rate of pay and "threatens that if the same is not immediately granted a general strike will be called, in violation of the agreement fixing schedule now current and which does not expire until 30 days after notice given after January 1, 1908."

Pressmen Obey Injunction. Cincinnati, Nov. 19.—No violation of the injunction of the federal court prohibiting a strike of the members of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union were reported in Cincinnati, although Monday was the day set by the organization for the general enforcement of its demands for an eight-hour day. An injunction has been issued by the federal court here on representation of the United Typothetae of America, that for the unions to strike for an eight-hour day would be in violation of an agreement between the unions and the Typothetae.

President Berry, of the International Pressmen's Union, whose headquarters are in Cincinnati, said: "So far as I know there has not been a single violation of the injunction. Monday five-sixths of the subordinate unions in the country signed with the employers, and 85 per cent. of the membership of the union is now working under the eight-hour day."

THE SPEED TESTS

Steam Locomotive Again Makes Better Time Than Electric Engine.

Clayton, N. J., Nov. 18.—Steam locomotive No. 6089 again made better speed in the tests on the Pennsylvania railroad here than did the big electric engine No. 10,003. The steam engine made 33.6 miles an hour on the specially built curved track, while the electric made but 30 miles an hour. Five runs were made by the steam locomotive, and it was said that the first test was really the best, but the tripper was not properly set and the record of speed failed to show on the first try.

The electric engine was permitted to start the run at Glassboro, giving it six miles in which to get up speed before the curved track was reached, but the apparently poor showing of the electric engine is said by railroad men not to mean much for the big machine is not completed. It is also at a disadvantage because it was built for use with an alternating current, while the current supplied for the tests by the West Jersey & Seashore railroad is direct. To utilize the current it has been necessary to carry a converter on a baggage car, drawn by the electric engine.

TO FIGHT BLACK HAND

Chicago Italians Organize to Exterminate It.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Aroused by increasing boldness on the part of the "Black Hand" blackmailers, professional and business men among the Italians organized the "White Hand" society, its object being to wage a war of extermination against the Black Hand society.

The crusade was started by the Unione Siciliana, the strongest society in the west, and the Society Tringleria and the Italian chamber of commerce is behind the movement. A fund of \$10,000 will be raised.

Raided Husband's Pockets; Divorced.

Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 19.—When a wife searches her husband's pockets she is furnishing him grounds for divorce, according to the decision of Judge Sandora. David Walker asked for a decree, and the judge held that the persistent and continued intrusion of the wife into the personal affairs of the husband—particularly the pockets—constitutes a charge of cruelty. David got his divorce.

Furniture Polish Exploded.

Toledo, O., Nov. 18.—Mrs. George Decker, aged 25 years, died at a hospital here after receiving fatal burns as a result of an explosion at her home. Mrs. Decker was preparing some furniture polish and placed the pan containing the liquid upon the stove. There was a loud report, a flash of blue fire and the woman was enveloped in flames.

PEACEMAKERS SHOT

Curvin Hoover Dead and Brother Dying Near York, Pa.

York, Pa., Nov. 18.—William and Curvin Hoover, aged 17 and 15 years, sons of Charles Hoover, a prosperous farmer residing near Pleasantville, about two miles from here, while acting in the role of peacemakers, were shot. Curvin died a few hours later, and William is in a dying condition in a hospital. The Hoovers were on their way home, when they met Henry Snyder, Oscar Hoover and Lester Kauffman. The three latter were involved in a quarrel, and the Hoover brothers separated and apparently pacified the combatants. The Hoover brothers resumed their homeward journey and had reached a bend in the road leading to their home, when one of the youths who had been engaged in the fight drew a revolver and fired upon the Hoovers. Both fell to the ground mortally wounded by bullets in the head.

Their bodies lay on the ground all night, and when they were discovered they were frozen to the ground by the blood which had flowed from their heads. The boys lay close together and several feet from a country graveyard.

The boys were apprehended by the chief of the York detectives, Charles S. White, assisted by Jacob Cookes. They are all neighbors and are: Henry Snyder, aged 22; Oscar Hoover, aged 18, and Lester Kauffman, aged 17. They were arrested upon the clue furnished by a collar button belonging to Snyder. All have confessed to their guilt.

TRIED TO KILL FAMILY

Cuts Wife's Throat, Attacks Daughter and Stabs Himself.

Redding, Conn., Nov. 18.—Temporarily crazed as the result of financial losses during the last month or two, Lucian F. Underwood, professor of botany at Columbia university, New York, attempted to kill his entire family, and after cutting his wife's throat, ended his own life, stabbing himself under the right ear. Professor Underwood returned from New York and complained of not feeling well, and it is said acted strangely. While his wife and daughter were in the dining room he took a knife from the table and rushed at his wife. He drew the weapon across her throat, and then ran over to where his daughter sat, making an attack upon her. Mrs. Underwood struck the professor's arm as he was about to stab his daughter. Going to another room, the professor cut his own throat, and when physicians arrived at the house he was dead. Mrs. Underwood will recover. The daughter was not harmed.

FIREBUG FOILED

Attempted to Destroy Government Building at Santiago, Cuba.

Santiago, Cuba, Nov. 19.—An unsuccessful attempt was made here to set fire to the governmental headquarters. A man entered the civil government department of the palace, carrying a large can of gasoline. As he was passing the office of the governor he threw the can to the floor, and then, slashing it open with a knife, applied a lighted match to the liquid. The flames flared up and the building was threatened, but help was summoned, and the united efforts of the policemen on duty at the palace, a number of officials and others served eventually to put out the fire. Considerable furniture and draperies were burned and the building itself sustained some damage. In the confusion the man who made the trouble got away. The reason for his act is not known.

PAY CHECKS FORGED

\$8000 Worth of Them Come Back Upon Railroad.

Easton, Pa., Nov. 19.—It is said in railroad circles here that the \$5 pay checks issued by the Central Railroad of New Jersey in payment of wages have been counterfeited, and that it has been discovered thus far that \$8000 of forged checks have turned up in the Central railroad offices. The railroad's officers, it is said, have now called in the checks.

The checks were easily duplicated, and the forgers had little trouble in circulating them, as they were made payable to bearer.

Checked to Death On Cake.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—Four-year-old Marie Adams choked to death on a piece of cake. The child was eating knick-knacks at her home when one of the little cakes slipped down her throat before she chewed it. Her mother heard her coughing, and after trying in vain to ease her suffering, carried the little girl to the Pennsylvania hospital, where she died.

Smothered in Roadside Mud.

Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 18.—Grant Bordner, a Swatara township farmer, was found dead on the mountain at Indian Gap. The body was lying face downward in a mud hole, and evidence was found showing that Bordner was thrown from his carriage when it collided with a stump, and, stunned by the fall, he smothered.

Twins' Separate Birthdays.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 18.—The stork played an unusual trick at the home of Henry K. Shue, a Rapho township farmer. On one afternoon Mrs. Shue presented her husband with a bouncing boy. On the following day she presented him with a second son.

Bank Cashier Shoots Himself.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—J. B. Thomas, aged 65, cashier of the Bank of Albany, Missouri, committed suicide by shooting himself at a hotel here. No motive is known.

A Real "Hoss" Race.

If you would see a horse strapped, nooted, braced and geared to the limit you must seek such a track as you see at the old time country fair. Here comes an awkward flea bitten gray which never went under 2:50 in his life. He is hobbled and checked and goggled and hitched up sidewise, lengthwise and crosswise until there is more harness than horse. You wonder how his driver ever got him into this rigging and how he will get him out again without cutting him free with a jackknife. A farmer with a gray beard and twinkling eye observes to his neighbor:

"Last time John Martin had that plug out on the road I told him he had the old cripple overloaded with fust aids to the injured. Them straps that was ca'lated to hoist up his knees must ha' pulled too tight, and the crittur was yanked clean off the ground. What John was gettin' ready for was a race for flyin' machines, not a hoss trot."—David Lansing in Outing Magazine.

Dina Moe and Dina Mite.

Mr. Cracker, a young colored gentleman of our city, had just obtained employment in one of our department stores as an experienced porter, but after a short time proved to be unfit for the position. Being fired, he thereby gained the nickname of Fire Cracker. Fire Cracker was deeply in love with a young woman of his own race by the name of Miss Moe and after a short acquaintance found that her surname was Dina. He went to Dina Moe and said:

"Dina Moe, does you lub me?"

She quickly replied, "No."

Not being disheartened and at the same time remembering the motto he learned at school, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again," he went to Dina Moe again and said:

"Dina Moe, could you learn to lub me?"

Dina this time rolled the white of her eyes and, looking Fire Cracker in the face, answered:

"Dina—Mite!"—Judge's Library.

Snapdragon Seed Pods.

The antirrhinum, or snapdragon, is one of the old fashioned garden flowers known by every one. Although it is a visitor from southern Europe, it has been here so long that it has become naturalized. When we say "lion's mouth," "frog's mouth," "calf's mouth," "rabbit's mouth," we mean snapdragon, all these names being suggested by its grotesque masklike corolla. But there is something still more grotesque if we will wait till the seed time and gather the dried, brown skeleton of the seed pod. Look at them sideways, under a bright lamp if possible, and you will find they have quite a resemblance to a rhinoceros. Remove the calyx and the little horns on the nose and look at them from the front, and they have a still more striking resemblance to human skulls, and by turning them about you get all sorts of queer expressions on the grinning mouth.—St. Nicholas.

Hurry.

To our own age belongs the credit of having raised hurry from the degraded position of a disease to that of a commercial process. Formerly hurry simply brought people to an early grave, with nothing to show for it, whereas now it is become the means of transforming peace of mind, which is a solecism, to say the best of it, into ready money. Hurry has grown to be a great fact in life. Even the fashions take account of it until women are found doing up their hair in such a way that they may go the speed limit without fear of its coming down. And the best of hurry is that it is its own sufficient justification. Nobody expects hurry to have any particular reason behind it any more.—R. B. in New York Life.

Preposterous.

An aged Jersey farmer visiting a circus for the first time stood before the dromedary's cage, eyes popping and mouth agape at the strange beast within. The circus proper began, and the crowds left for the main show, but still the old man stood before the cage in stunned silence appraising every detail of the misshapen legs, the cloven hoofs, the pendulous upper lip and the curiously mounded back of the sleepy eyed beast. Fifteen minutes passed.

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