

LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE

New Jersey Central Employees Taking Secret Ballot.

COMPANY BLAMES LABOR AGITATORS

Brotherhood in Wilkesbarre Said to Have Cast a Unanimous Vote For a Strike—No Official Announcement Has as Yet Been Made.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Negotiations between the employees and officers of the Central Railroad of New Jersey are still going on, but as far as can be learned at the offices of the company it was not known whether there will be a strike or not. It is evident that sentiment among the employees is divided. Some of the non-union, particularly those on the New Jersey division of the road, are bent on a strike and are doing their utmost to force one. On other divisions, however, the men are not so determined. A dispatch from Wilkesbarre said that there would probably be no strike. A later dispatch from them says that the men on that division have voted unanimously for a strike, but that it is believed that Vice President Warren will do his utmost to avoid trouble by granting a conference with the co-operative committee of the employees and in that way effecting a compromise.

One of the officers of the New Jersey Central in speaking of the trouble said: "The root of it all is that in the last few years the affairs of the employees of the road have fallen into the hands of professional labor agitators, and this road will not deal with them. The officers of the road have never refused to meet the men."

Brotherhood Favors Strike.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 10.—The brotherhood employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey held a meeting at Ashley last night. The gathering was for the purpose of learning some news from New York, but none came, and the meeting adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock. Another report is that the result of the voting on the strike question was made known at the meeting. No information was given out beyond the fact that the brotherhoods were almost unanimous for a strike.

Naval Observatory Inspected.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The board of visitors to the Naval Observatory assembled in this city yesterday. They reported their arrival to Secretary Long at the navy department and were escorted by him to the White House and formally presented to the president, after which they inspected the apparatus at the observatory, about a mile north of Georgetown. The board is composed of Professor Ormond Stone of the University of Virginia, Professor E. C. Pickering of Harvard university, Professor Charles A. Young of Princeton, Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago; Dr. Charles F. Chandler, dean of the School of Applied Science, Columbia university, and Professor Asaph Hall, Jr., of the University of Michigan.

A Somber Easter.

NEW YORK, April 8.—It was a somber Easter, rain coated and much unrelieved. It didn't rain enough to drive the people straight from church to their homes nor did it shine enough to draw the old time throngs to Fifth avenue. Every time the rain stopped sprinkling the dust blew in clouds, and the wind blew all the time. Altogether it was the dreariest, least interesting Easter in 20 years in New York city. In Fifth avenue between 12:30 and 2 p. m. the crowd wasn't great. Many a winter Sunday sees more people abroad there. At no time during the day was progress difficult. Society was absent. It had gone out of town or had decided to wait for a more propitious day.

Three Gold Bars Stolen.

CHESTERBURG, France, April 10.—On the arrival here of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Captain Engelhart, from New York April 2, it was announced that three gold bars worth \$4,000 each had been stolen during the voyage. All the baggage landed here was examined with the utmost care by the customs officers and detectives, but the gold was not discovered. One hundred and fifty passengers landed for Paris, and several detectives traveled in the special train with them.

Boutelle's Successor Elected.

BANGOR, Me., April 9.—The special election in the Fourth Maine congressional district yesterday to choose a successor to Hon. Charles A. Boutelle, resigned, resulted in a victory for ex-Governor Llewellyn Powers of Houlton, the Republican candidate, by a majority estimated at slightly more than 2,000 over Thomas White, Democrat. In September Mr. Boutelle's majority in the district was more than 10,000. The weather conditions were about as unfavorable as could be imagined.

Wise Viceroys These.

SHANGHAI, April 10.—The Yangtze viceroys and governors have forwarded a memorial to the throne suggesting certain reforms. These reforms suggest among other things that the royal princes and students of good family should travel and study in foreign countries, that the entire army be drilled by western methods, that colleges and schools be extended and that a standard dollar currency be adopted.

Knox Sworn In.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—P. C. Knox, the new attorney general, attended a meeting of the cabinet yesterday for the first time. He took the oath of office in the cabinet room shortly before the hour for the members to assemble. The oath was administered by Associate Justice Shiras of the supreme court, the only other person present being the president being the young son of Mr. Knox.

Famous Swamp Sold.

ATLANTA, April 10.—The famous Okefenokee swamp in south Georgia has been sold to Charles Hebard & Sons of Michigan. The consideration, it is understood, is \$175,000. The swamp contains 354,000 acres, and its circumference is 137 miles. The sale carries with it the land, timber, water courses and game with which the swamp abounds.

Electricity in St. Peter's.

ROME, April 8.—The newly installed electric lighting plant at St. Peter's was inaugurated last evening. The effect was most brilliant. There were 80,000 spectators present, including many tourists.

A Source of Weakness.

An old and curious exhibition of intellectual furniture is now being given by parties who treat the surrender and alleged miraculous conversion of Aguinaldo as the final victor of imperialism and adjustment of the Philippine question.

Supposing that it is true, as intimated, that Aguinaldo has accompanied his oath of allegiance with proposals to use his influence for the pacification of the islands and the reconciliation of the natives under our sovereignty; supposing that the war is thus terminated with the complete and final submission of those millions of little brown men who have repeatedly declared that they would be content with nothing less than independence; suppose a miraculous transformation of Philippine character, as shown in the long struggle and intrigue with Spain, so that we might rest assured of their tranquility and loyalty under our dominion; the question is whether all these suppositions granted would make our position in the Philippines one to be approved upon grounds of policy, justice or common sense.

Many believe that there is now a great war pending in the Orient. The possession of the Philippines brings us that much nearer to the scene of trouble, so that although we should easily keep out of it, we must be brought to realize the essential weakening of our position among the nations by the possession of territory so distant and so vulnerable. A naval station, duly fortified and equipped, would have been a source of offensive strength; a vast and populous island empire invites attack, and proves a source of weakness, demanding fleets and armies otherwise available for aggressive service or home defense. The wise Old World diplomats and statesmen have reason to smile scornfully at our boast of taking our place as a "world power" thus illustrated by the deliberate abandonment of our natural and unique position as a compact republic guarded by great oceans, and pledged to an avoidance of foreign entanglements; for they see that our own imperialist statesmen have blindly contrived this entanglement, which already claims two-thirds of our active naval force and the greater part of our available army; and they know that the assurances of a decreased Philippine military and naval establishment following the pacification of the islands must depend upon circumstances not entirely within our control, for the balance of power is now a feature of our Oriental relations.

The injustice of our position is sufficiently measured by reference to our own standard of national right and wrong, as applied to the popular basis of government, the principle of liberty and representative government; and references to our territorial rule of out-posts in the wilderness are quite feeble in their application to the swarming race of Filipinos organized for the government of their own corner of the earth, in their own way.

The common sense solution of the situation is clearly as far as possible from the uncommon spectacle of American interference against liberty in Asia, where anything like liberty has been long enough unknown.

The attitude of Aguinaldo and the Filipinos need not affect in any way the answer to these questions. The point is that the holding of those islands must be a source of weakness, both at home and abroad a rank injustice to their people, whether they are content or not, and in the light of our history and our professions, a rank absurdity.—Ex.

House cleaning time is upon us and you no doubt will want to paper a bed room, or some other room. Do not forget to see Mercer's line before you buy.

Dead and Unknown.

Two young men, names unknown, were struck by the Pennsylvania Railroad main line express, knocked off the high bridge at Coatesville, at 5:10 Monday evening, and killed.

The young men were walking across the bridge, which is 90 feet high, and stepped upon the south track out of the way of a freight engine and caboose on the north track just as the express came onto the bridge. Seeing that escape was impossible, they clasped hands and turned their backs to the oncoming train.

One was knocked off the bridge instantly and fell headforemost upon a pile of pipes below. His skull was crushed. The other appeared to have been run over by the train, as he was completely dismembered and his body cut nearly in two. They were thrown 20 feet apart.

In the inside coat pocket of one of the unfortunates was found an open envelope addressed, John Mouring, Catawissa, Pa. It is believed that he was either employed or resided in that vicinity, as the letter had evidently been lifted by him from the Catawissa postoffice.

Man-Poor Man!

He cannot put a puff round his elbow when his sleeves wear through. His friends would smile if he disguised a pair of frayed trousers with graceful little shingle flounces.

He would likewise be grieved if he sought to cover the ravage of a spark from his cigar with an applique of even the finest lace.

The poor thing must shave every other day, at the outside, or pose as an anarchist.

He has to content himself with somber colorings, or to be accused of disturbing the peace.

He may not wear flowers or ribbons in his hair, no matter how bald he becomes.

His heirs would have a guardian appointed should he take to lace-trimmed lingerie.

The feathers in his cap are as nothing from the decorative standpoint.

He may not take unto himself a lace overskirt when his pearl trousers become dingy.

He can't edge his coat sleeve with a fall of lace to hide a scarred or maimed hand.

A pink veil is out of the question, no matter how muddy his complexion may become.

As for covering up the stain made by a careless waiter, with a jabot—no!

Moral: We're glad we're a helpless woman.—Philadelphia Record.

A Practical Guide to Washington, D. C.

Can be secured from P. & R. Ticket Agent, Bloomsburg by persons who expect to go with the excursion to Washington on Thursday, April 18th. Special through coaches will be attached to train leaving Williamsport 7:20 a. m. Passengers taking the 7:10 a. m. train from Bloomsburg will transfer to the through coaches at West Milton. Tickets good also on the 11:30 a. m. train from Bloomsburg. Stop over allowed at Philadelphia returning. Tickets good eleven days. Round trip rate from Bloomsburg, \$6.55—4.43t.

Get Young People Interested.

In almost any village the young people could be enlisted in the work of village improvement, and they could give entertainments for the benefit of the society and thus realize a good sum, since everybody would feel in duty bound to patronize them.

We have not been ambitious to make costly experiments in our village. Instead, we have been satisfied to make the most of possibilities in a practical way. We have let competent men, having good taste and good judgment, plan the public work for us, and we have been sensible enough not to interfere with them or hamper them with unwise and uncalled-for suggestions which we have insisted on having adopted. Wherever and whenever this is done there will be friction. We have performed the work assigned us by those whom we have chosen to take the lead in an honest, hearty fashion, glad to do it, because we felt that it was of general as well as personal benefit. It has stimulated and strengthened our pride in the place we live in. It has made us feel, as never before, the mutuality of our interests.—Eben E. Rexford, in April New Lippincott.

A series of stamps will shortly be put on sale by the Post Office Department, to be known as the Pan-American series. They are intended to commemorate the Exposition and will be of one, two, four, five, eight and ten cent denomination.

Recently there have been several cases of prominent men suddenly falling in collapse just after eating a hearty meal. These men have all been under treatment for gastric "trouble," and yet the result shows that the treatment they had received had smothered the symptoms but had not retarded the progress of the disease.

There is a real danger in the use of palliatives when there is disease of the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. The disease in such cases goes on, while the distressing symptoms alone are stopped. Presently, like a smothered fire, the disease breaks out in new places, involving heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, or some other organ.

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Unique Indian Relics.

Some probably unique Indian relics have found their way to the Historical Society, the gift of Thomas M. Mensch of Franklinton township, Columbia county. There are eight stone implements and they are supposed to have been used for ceremonial purposes, as it is difficult to imagine any practical use to which they could have been put. They are from 5 to 8 inches long, and of dissimilar shape. They are approximately of the diameter of a person's finger at the largest part and they taper to a dull point. Two of them are very much the size and shape of an ordinary white chalk crayon used in the schools, and one has a distinctively flaring and flattened butt. They were handed to the Historical Society by Charles E. Randall of Catawissa, who says they were found three miles below Catawissa in a sand pit 300 yards from the Susquehanna River. Although the society has a remarkably fine collection of Indian remains there is nothing even approximately resembling these curious specimens—Wilkes-Barre Record.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office April 23, 1901. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised April 9, 1901":

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—BY—

General Charles H. Grosvenor.

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