

## CALIFORNIA BOMB CASE COMES TO TRIAL TODAY; LABOR MEN ACCUSED

Outrage During San Francisco Preparedness Parade in July Not Fostered by Pacifists, Police Say

FIVE DEFENDANTS IN ALL

Principals Accused in California Dynamite Case

WARREN K. BILLINGS, an ex-convict, Thomas J. Mooney, who attempted early in July to foment a strike of platform men of the United Railroad of San Francisco, Mrs. Rena Mooney, his wife, an accomplished musician, Edward Nolan, delegate of the machinists' union to the 1916 international convention of the union in Baltimore, Israel Weinberg, jitney bus driver.

The crime was the explosion of a bomb, hidden in a suitcase, in the crowd watching the preparedness parade in San Francisco July 22, 1916. Ten lives were lost and thirty-five persons were injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—The first of the bomb cases resulting from the murder of ten persons by the explosion of an infernal machine in a suitcase planted in the preparedness parade crowd here July 22, 1916, when Warren K. Billings, principal suspect, went to trial.

The theory of the prosecution is that Billings and his confederates were not anti-preparedness cranks, as at first was supposed, but sought to kill employees of the United Railroads, a division of which would have been passing the bomb suitcase at the moment it exploded if the parade had not been delayed. Thomas J. Mooney, indicted for complicity in the bomb attack among these employees and the prosecution will claim the bomb was used to get even with the four other defendants.

The trial of the four other defendants, Mooney, his wife, Rena Mooney; Israel Weinberg and Edward Nolan, will be held later.

The prosecution is based on the theory that Billings, under instructions from Mooney, planted the bomb; that Mrs. Mooney was an accessory before and after the act; that Nolan either manufactured or assisted in manufacturing the bomb; and that Weinberg was an accessory in that he transported the conspirators in his jitney bus and had guilty knowledge of the plot.

Four persons were killed outright when the bomb exploded in the crowd of 25,000 persons. One man died of heart failure and forty persons were injured, of whom two later died.

Among the laden missiles, automobile bearings and bits of metal that sprayed the crowd like shrapnel enough pieces of leather and clock-work mechanism were picked up to show that the bomb had been set to explode at 2:30 p. m.

Billings has served a term at Folsom prison for dynamiting.

FORMER PREMIER WARNS ALLIES NOT TO TOUCH SPAIN

Senator Maura Says Western Powers Must Modify Their Policy

MADRID, Sept. 11.—Antonio Maura, who served as Spanish Premier in 1909, today in the morning warned the Entente Allies that they would have to move carefully to maintain the friendship of Spain.

"Never attempts to violate Spanish neutrality will pay the penalty," Maura declared. "After the war we will have to decide in favor of one of the belligerents, setting the interests of our country before our personal sympathies."

"Historically and geographically Spain sits with the western group, but England and France must change the methods they have adopted which are driving Spain headlong into decadence."

"If they refuse, we look elsewhere for an alliance which will guarantee our prosperity. We must preserve the right of free trade from all pressure."

WILSON ARRAIGNED BY COUSIN FOR YIELDING TO LABOR MEN

St. Louis Pastor Says 8-Hour Bill Is Menace to Free Government

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—Dr. Samuel H. Woodrow, a cousin of President Wilson and pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, arraigned the President and Congress for passing the eight-hour railroad law. His sermon was entitled "A Menace to Free Government."

"It is a question of dictating to the national government," he said, "and the most visible exhibition we have ever had was the dictation of the President and Congress to a blue funk by the demands of a small element. It is a question of whether Congress is servant of the people or of any group that goes to Washington. When lawmakers bow to any group of men free institutions are in jeopardy. Under such circumstances there is no government by the people and for the people. Oh, for a dozen free heads in Congress today!"

Ex-Postmaster General Dead

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—General Thomas A. James, Postmaster General under President Garfield, died at his home in this city today. He was eighty-six years old, born in Ulster, and after a career in up-State journalism came to New York city in the customs service.

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WHERE IS W. HARRY BARNETT?

He Left Home July 5 and His Sister Asks the Police to Find Him

W. Harry Barnett left his home, 854 North Twentieth street, for a short walk July 5 and has not since been seen or heard from.

Fearing that he may have suffered a lapse of memory, his sister, Mrs. W. C. Holcomb, with whom he lived, has notified the police of his disappearance. Any person who sees him is requested to inform her. Barnett, who is thirty-six years old, weighs about 125 pounds and is about five feet tall. He has a short brown beard, very few teeth, brown hair and hazel eyes. When he left home he wore a brown coat and vest, dark gray trousers, brown gaiters and a lavender-striped shirt.

NEW YORK CARS STOP AS STRIKE GROWS

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The obligations imposed on them by the agreement reached in the former strike. Organizer William B. Fitzgerald, leader of the traction strikers, declared that fully 11,600 men were on strike, listing them as follows: Interborough, 4000; New York Railways, 4000; Third Avenue, 2500; Second Avenue, 500; Westchester, 600.

Traction officials say this is greatly exaggerated, but are not inclined to give any figures.

SLIGHT DISORDER

A number of firms had provided motor-trucks to gather up their employees and bring them to the downtown offices. The New York Telephone Company used 100 machines for this purpose.

Considerable rioting took place during the darkness of the early morning, but this almost ceased at sunrise. Most of the traction cars were surrounded by crowds that jeered the men taking out cars, but the police had the situation well in hand.

U. S. OFFICIALS TAKE HAND IN NEW YORK CAR STRIKE

Labor Secretary Expected to Make Personal Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Washington officials today were gravely concerned over the labor outlook in New York. The fact that the American Federation of Labor has espoused the cause of the striking carmen and that President Samuel Gompers personally has assumed direction of the struggle means, officials here say, that unless the strike can be checked soon it may spread throughout the country.

By direction of President Wilson the Department of Labor has taken a hand. Several of its experts already are on the ground, and it is expected that Secretary Wilson will go there in the near future.

Inasmuch as the issues involved between the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and its men—the transportation company responsible for the initial strike—center around the so-called master-and-man contracts, organized labor is intensely interested in the outcome.

At the offices of the American Federation of Labor here it was said that the underlying points of difference affect every labor union in the country. The proposition of making individual contracts with men, it was said, recently was introduced at various meetings of manufacturers and the "ideal way to check the spread of unionism."

NATIONAL FORESTERS MEET

Irish Organization Holds Ninth Annual Convention Here

The ninth annual convention of the Irish National Foresters began today. Business sessions will be held in the Eagles' Temple, etc.

At the opening session a welcome was extended to the visitors by Mayor Smith and Register of Wills Sheehan. The big event of the convention will be the banquet at the Hotel Walton on Tuesday night. The convention will end on Wednesday.

The present high chief ranger is Martin E. Joyce, of Charlestown, Mass., and the officers of the convention committee are Joseph J. McGuire, chairman; Joseph O'Connor, vice chairman; Owen McKelvey, treasurer, and Edward Gallagher, secretary.

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## SPIDER'S DOUBLE-BARRELED TACTICS GIVE FLOURTOWN BETTORS PAUSE

Insect Spun a Sure Win for Democrats and Then Permitted Its Destruction—Now the Republicans in Flourtown Say "Put Your Money on Us"

An educated spider with decidedly Democratic tendencies disturbed Flourtown. Heretofore, spiders, centipedes, ants, fleas and other insects have remained neutral in regard to politics, despite the fact that their names were used in campaign mudslinging.

But this spider in Flourtown was more than an adjective or a noun. He was of the species one sees when prospecting with a shovel in a coal bin on a winter night.

Henry Lower, who lives along the Bethlehem pike, discovered the spider while walking through his grape arbor. The insect was in the midst of a web in which he had woven in fairly good "handwriting" the names of "Wilson and Marshall."

Lower gasped.

"Wilson's elected," he uttered.

To clinch matters in this direction, he

noticed that the spider was orange black in hue—Princeton's actual colors. As Mr. Wilson was president at Princeton before being Governor of New Jersey, Lower uttered a yell and ran all around the neighborhood. He told everybody to put all the dough in Flourtown on Wilson's chances in the coming set-to with Mr. Hughes.

Several farmers of Democratic tendencies and others, too, followed Lower back to the grape arbor to see the political spider. But, alas!—some organization must have come along in the meantime. The spider's web had been torn to fragments and looked as though it had been hit by a gas bomb, while Mr. Spider himself was trying to tie himself together atop a nearby post.

The Republican farmers say the accident portends a Republican victory, and the people will be forced up to the last minute.

## SYRACUSE FAIR CROWD BIDS HUGHES WELCOME

Republican Candidate Warmly Greeted When He Goes to Attend Formal Opening

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Charles E. Hughes received an enthusiastic welcome when he arrived today for the opening of the State fair, the scope of which was greatly enlarged when he was Governor. The welcoming ceremonies were made as nonpartisan as possible.

There was "something doing" all the time in the program laid out for Mr. Hughes. Shortly after his arrival he reviewed a motor parade in Clinton Square. Thence he proceeded to the fair grounds, where he officiated at the opening of the fair in the presence of a throng estimated at more than 25,000.

Luncheon followed the formal opening, after which Mr. Hughes was scheduled to speak from the bandstand. It was arranged that later in the afternoon he would witness the grand circuit races.

At 5 p. m. he will hold a public reception, and this evening he will speak at a banquet. Many State politicians have gathered here, and before Mr. Hughes leaves tonight for the training camp at Plattsburg he probably will hold several conferences.

## MID-SPAN OF QUEBEC BRIDGE COLLAPSES

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span above river, 150 feet. The cost of the bridge was \$17,000,000.

The accident was seen by thousands of persons and those nearby. Scores of prominent persons had been invited to see the span placed in position. These include members of the Canadian Parliament, leading American engineers and members of the Australian Parliament returning from Europe. A cry of horror went up as men were seen clinging to the structure and within a few minutes a small fleet of rescue boats were operating over the point where the span had disappeared.

About forty men still alive were rescued from the water, but they said a large number of their comrades had been caught beneath the span without any opportunity to escape.

It will be hours before the exact number of dead can be ascertained, as the entire payroll containing the names of the employees will have to be gone over.

Paul Cret Writes of His Work

After two years in the trenches, Paul Cret, professor of architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, has now been assigned by the General Staff of the French army to draw maps of the German positions from the photographs made by airmen flying above the battle line. In a letter to friends in this city he said that outdoor work and exercise have benefited him wonderfully.

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## ARGENTINA PROTESTS AGAINST BLACKLIST

Great Mass-Meeting Criticizes Adversely Restrictive Policy of Great Britain

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 11.—The greatest demonstration against the new British blacklist staged in any country attracted an immense crowd to the Plaza Congreso Sunday afternoon.

The plaza was packed. Ten political and patriotic organizations participated in the demonstration, but their members were outnumbered by the great throng of business men and their employees who gathered to protest against the blacklist.

The speakers included some of the most prominent politicians and professional men in the Argentine capital. They accused the British of attempting to break down the whole structure of international law, and declared that no neutral nation should submit to the throttling of its own trade by any belligerent.

The retaliatory legislation passed by the United States Congress has greatly strengthened the hands of the opponents of the British blacklist here. In demanding anti-blacklist legislation at the Sunday demonstration several speakers referred to the stand taken by the United States.

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## HEARING ON HARBOR LINES

Suggestions from the public on the proposed modification of the harbor lines in the Delaware River on the Pennsylvania side of the channel, near the east end of League Island and below the mouth of Hollander Creek, will be received at a public hearing to be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in Room 815, Witherspoon Building.

ing, 1219 Walnut street. The United States Engineering Corps will conduct the hearing, with Major J. C. Oakes presiding.

The question of relocating or closing the gap in the existing harbor lines opposite a point below the mouth of Hollander Creek will be considered. Arguments in writing to supplement oral arguments have been solicited by the War Department, United States engineer office.

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