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LABOR CALLED TO STEEL TRUST WAR

Conference Presided Over by
Compers Decides to Fight
"Open Shop" Rule

BIG FUND IS TO BE RAISED

1,540,000 Steel Workers Assessed for
a Fight—A. F. L. Conferees at Pitts-
burg Appeal to All Unions to Join
Struggle in Which a Defeat Means
Their Extinction.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—War was formally declared against the United States Steel Corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a momentous "two days" conference.

The decision to battle, long and hard against the corporation's "open shop" policy was the outcome of an order issued several years ago by the managers of the corporation against unionism in the trust's mills. One mill after another, has changed from union shop to open shop, until the Amalgamated Steel and Iron Workers' found themselves facing the prospect of complete extinction of their unions.

The last victory for the trusts was in the strike at the McKees Rocks plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company. The latest strike, at the Aetna Mills, in Bridgeport, Ohio, which called out State troops, has only resulted in the indefinite shutting down of the mills—a drawn battle, with the strikers in danger of starving. Fighting now for their very existence, the unions of men who work in the trades employed by the Steel Trust have rallied to their support—all the unions comprised in the American Federation of Labor.

To furnish sinews for the great industrial war, an assessment of 10 cents per member was ordered. The Federation has a paid-up membership of 1,540,000.

TAFT ON THE BOWERY

President Addresses 500 of New York's Tramps in Mission.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—For the first time in the unwritten history of the Bowery, the President of the United States talked last night to an audience composed almost entirely of hoboes, panhandlers and gate-slammers, gathered in a ragged mess within the hospitable walls of the Bowery Mission. There were about 500 of these ragamuffins, of all ages, sizes, colors and races. That President Taft ever saw a stranger aggregation of American citizens is doubtful.

But the President seemed not to know how great the difference "from the White House to the Bowery," as one of the speakers put it, actually was. He told his unshorn listeners the "so-called chasm between us does not exist," and the good fortune which had made him seem temporarily above them might lift them up at any time in the same way.

TOO MANY THEATRES--BELASCO

Denounces Promoters, Whereupon Pittsburgers Drop \$1,000,000 Project.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—David Belasco, who was in Pittsburg, declared that the American drama was being rapidly ruined by the erection of too many theatres and the creation of too many "stars." He declared that in the mad rush for wealth promoters built theatres which they must fill in order to pay the interest on the money invested. To do this, he said, they must accept inferior talent, and thus hoodwink the public, which was rapidly becoming angered at the entire theatrical proposition.

So plain were the statements of Mr. Belasco that Pittsburg promoters who announced the cancelling of plans for a new \$1,000,000 theatre admitted that his statements had influenced them greatly.

ARMY'S ONLY LEPER DEAD

Sergt. Mix Underwent the Most Scientific Treatment.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—First Sergt. Charles O. Mix, U. S. A., the leper of Fort Screven, died at 5 o'clock after an illness of several years. Arrangements are being made to carry his body to North Georgia for interment in the National Cemetery. This was the final request of Sergt. Mix.

The death of Sergt. Mix, who was carried on the rolls as first sergeant of the Seventy-second Company, Coast Artillery, removed the only man in the entire service who suffered from leprosy.

"LIMITED" WRECKED IN STORM, 3 DEAD, 25 HURT

At Sixty Miles an Hour It Hits Rear Train of Three Stalled by Broken-Down Engine.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Lake Shore's Chicago to Boston special No. 19 ran into the rear end of Big Four train No. 26, known as the New York Central Limited, from St. Louis to New York at North East, six miles from here, in a blinding snow storm, killing three persons and injuring nearly a score, who were riding in the last Big Four car, a smoker. The dead are:

Francis Bernard, Cedar Point, Kan.; Jack Clair, Cedar Point, Kan., and Anton Lun, Hollville, Cal.

The following are the most seriously hurt, seven of whom were taken to a hospital here:

W. L. McFadden, Buffalo; left shoulder broken, Lauga Erlala, Cincinnati; head cut and minor bruises, Frank F. Cook, Green Bay, Wis.; legs broken and spine injured, E. L. Elgoston, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; legs fractured and hands injured, George E. McFangle, Indian Harbor, Conn.; head bruised, Aecola Delaques, Auburn, N. Y.; badly cut, Louis Zidole, traveling man, with nothing to indicate residence, George S. McFadden, Greenwich, Conn., Frank A. Starke, Greenville, Wis., Mrs. Edna Loatus, New York city, W. E. Burr, New York city, head bruised, M. Masters, Cincinnati, Clayton Chapman, Elyria, Ohio, William Coale, Warren, Ohio.

A freight preceded the Boston train and out of Erie she delayed the special, so that by the time the Limited left Erie she was only a few minutes behind the Boston train. Near North East the Boston flyer had come almost to a stop behind the freight. The Limited was bowling along at close to top speed. The snow obscured the rear signal lights of the flyer and the Limited ploughed into it.

The flyer carried a smoker as the rear coach. It was splintered. It was in this that the dead and injured were riding. None of the passengers on the Limited was injured.

BIGGEST DRY CITY GOES WET

Worcester, Mass., with a Landslide Vote Returns to the Saloons.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—With a landslide vote the people of Worcester, the largest no license city in the world, decided for the return of the saloon by a majority of 3,710, as against the no license majority last year of 209. The landslide for license was big enough to cause even the most rabid liquor man in the city to wonder how it happened, and although during the campaign all kinds of predictions were made, no one believed that license would win at all.

It was evident that spellbinders for and against the open saloon had nothing to do with the majority that was piled up to-day, and that the people of Worcester had decided that the speak easy and the unlawful dive were worse than the open saloon. The vote showed that the people have tired of prohibition and are anxious to return to the open saloon and to the lawful sale of liquor in regularly licensed places.

GUILTY, SAYS CAPT. FRANKLIN

Army Officer Sentenced to 2 1/2 Years in Prison.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., who as commissary and treasurer of the United States Military Academy in West Point so improved the kitchen and the mess that it became famous throughout the world, pleaded guilty before Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, to three distinct charges of embezzling the funds of the Government and the cadets and presenting false vouchers for approval to the superintendent of the Academy. He was sentenced at 4 p. m. to two years and six months in the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga. His counsel, however, will seek to appeal the case.

GRANTS 3-CENT FARE

Cleveland Council Ends Fight and Mayor Johnson Wins Victory.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 21.—After traction troubles extending over eight years the City Council passed an ordinance granting the Cleveland Railway Company a general franchise for twenty-five years, providing a 3-cent fare service with 1 cent for transfers. If this rate does not bring in an income of 6 per cent, the fare may be increased to a maximum of 4 cents. The ordinance is subject to a referendum vote.

Friends of Mayor Tom L. Johnson say the ordinance marks the success of his long fight for 3-cent fares and is a victory for the closing hours of his administration.

SUGAR CHECKERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

But the Jury Disagrees About Bendernagel, Accused of Customs Fraud

A RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY

Stimson for the Government Moves to Separate Bendernagel's Indictment from the Others and the Court Granted the Motion.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—After deliberations lasting more than eight hours, the jury in the trial of the six former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government out of customs duties, announced a disagreement as to James F. Bendernagel, who was charged, with recommendations to mercy as to the former dock superintendent, Oliver Spitzer, and the four former checkers, Thomas Keane, John R. Coyle, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey.

The federal grand jury began an investigation of the Arbuckle Brothers' sugar concern affairs, and in the evening it was reported that several of the employees had been indicted as responsible for the frauds for which the owners of the business had made nearly \$700,000 restitution to the government.

From an authentic source it was learned that the Federal Sugar Company, an independent concern, would soon be called upon to pay to the government duties amounting to nearly \$700,000 as the result of an investigation of the company's books begun several months ago.

The verdict in the case of the six former employees was a disappointment to the counsel and friends of James F. Bendernagel, who was cashier of the Havemeyer & Elder plant of the American Sugar Refining Company. Instead of a disagreement an acquittal was expected. Gaston Plimthoff, the foreman, led the twelve jurors as they filed into the courtroom, where Judge James L. Martin sat, all ready to receive them. Mr. Plimthoff read the finding, as follows:

"We find the defendants, Spitzer, Boyle, Coyle, Keane and Hennessey, guilty as charged in the indictment, but cannot come to an agreement on the defendant Bendernagel. We recommend the five defendants found guilty to the mercy of the court."

The penalty for the convicted men may be two years or \$5,000 fine each, or both, on each count of the indictment. There are two counts.

Following the announcement of the verdict, Henry L. Stimson, for the Government, moved that the indictment against Bendernagel be severed from the rest. Judge James L. Martin granted the motion.

FACTORIES SHORT OF HELP

Busy Waterbury Institutions Need Nearly 1,200 More Hands.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—So great has been the pressure of new business here since October 1 that most of the factories, rather than attempt to get new unskilled labor for a day run, have run short-handed or slightly increased the working time, fearing that the new order of things was but temporary and had not come to stay.

The developments within the past twenty days are such as would lead to the conclusion that they are to enjoy an unexampled era of manufacturing prosperity. The factories here are nearly 1,200 men short of the quota they would like to use. This condition is liable to prevail unless they bring new recruits and educate them.

BIG SUGAR REWARD

Prize for Unearthed Weighing Fraud May Be \$1,000,000.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the Port, has approved the claim to money by Richard Parr on the \$2,175,185.32 paid into the United States Treasury by the American Sugar Refining Company as restitution on custom duties evaded by means of fraud on the docks of the Havemeyer & Elder plant in Williamsburg. This was done after an exhaustive examination by Harrison Osborne, solicitor of customs. The largest sum that could be awarded would be about \$1,000,000.

Family of Three Asphyxiated.

Topeka, Dec. 18.—John Richards, his wife and son, Thomas Richards, were asphyxiated by fumes from a gas stove in their home here. The three bodies were found by the wife of the younger Richards.

12 DEAD IN WRECK; GOULDS ARE UNHURT

Cars Plunge from Trestle Near Greensboro, N. C., and Passengers Are Crushed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—George J. Gould and his son Jay escaped injury in the wreck of local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern railway, known as the Richmond & Atlanta. The train, which was due in Greensboro at 6.10 a. m., was wrecked at 6.32 o'clock at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here, before many of the passengers in the sleeping cars had arisen. Twelve are known to be dead, and the number may reach fourteen. Twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's Hospital.

The identified dead are:

A. P. CONE, superintendent of the Richmond & Danville division of the Southern Railway, Richmond, Va.

H. C. WHITE, travelling auditor, Washington, D. C.

ISAAC DAMMALS, porter on the Richmond sleeper.

FRANK W. KILBY, Birmingham, Ala., or Wilkesboro, N. C.

VIRGIL E. HOLCOMB, Mount Airy, N. C.

ED. SEXTON, Denton, N. C.

RICHARD EAMES, mining engineer, of Salisbury, N. C., and New York City.

JOHN G. BRODNAX, Richmond, Va.

ED. BAGBY, Richmond, Va.

CHARLES T. BROADFIELD, Americus, Ga.

Among the fatally injured patients at the hospital are: Henry L. Scribbling, Decatur, Ga., and F. C. Smith, Spencer, N. C.

The ill-fated train was composed of two baggage, express and mail cars, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and the baggage and mail cars had passed over the little trestle before the defective rail broke. When this smashed the first of the day coaches was passing. With the break the connections of the car snapped and the coach was hurled from the trestle over the edge of the trestle into the creek below. As it fell it dragged with it the other coaches and the Pullmans.

The appearance of the dead at the undertaker's shop showed that some had been scalded to death and others horribly mutilated, while one was cut in half at the waist, the portions of the body being found at opposite ends of the coach.

The sleeper immediately in front of the one occupied by the Goulds landed partly in a creek and partly on the bank. Most of the twelve deaths and twenty-five injuries occurred in that car. It was demolished by striking the bank. The Gould car landed together in the water and soft mud of the creek, and in that way the lives of its occupants were saved.

ZELAYA STEPS OUT

Nicaraguan President Declares He Wishes to Prevent American Intervention.

San Juan Del Sur, Dec. 20.—Jose Santos Zelaya fled with Congress his resignation as President of Nicaragua. The document was accompanied by a message from Zelaya in which he declares he wishes to prevent American intervention.

Americans in Managua, Nicaragua's capital, fear attack by Zelaya's followers, and the Buffalo, at Panama with 700 marines aboard, was ordered to go to Corinto.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

MILK—Per quart, 4 1/2 c.
BUTTER—Western extra, 34@35c;
State dairy, 25@26c.
CHEESE—State, full-cream, special, 17 1/2@18c.
EGGS—State, fair to choice, 37@40c; do, western firsts, 25@33c.
APPLES—Baldwin, per bbl., \$2.00@2.50.
DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, per lb., 14@24c; Cocks, per lb., 12 1/2@13c; Squabs, per dozen, \$1.50@1.75.
TURKEYS—Per lb., 23@28c.
HAY—Prime, per 100 lbs., \$1.02 1/2.
STRAW—Long Rye, per 100 lbs., 50@55c.
POTATOES—Jersey, per bbl., \$1.31@1.75.
CRANBERRIES—C. Cod, per bbl., \$2.50@6.50; Jersey, per bbl., \$4.00@4.50.
ONIONS—White, per crate, 60c@1.00.
FLOUR—Winter patents, \$5.50@6.00. Spring patents, \$5.40@6.00.
WHEAT—No. 2, red, \$1.56 1/2@1.27; No. 1, Northern Duluth, \$1.23 1/2.
CORN—No. 2, 68@72 1/2 c.
OATS—Natural, white, 47@50c; Clip white, 48@52c.
BEEVES—City Dressed, 8@11 1/2 c.
CALVES—City Dressed, 10@15 1/2 c.
SHEEP—Per 100 lbs., \$3.50@5.00.
LAMBS—Per 100 lbs., \$8.25@8.85.
HOGS—Live, per 100 lbs., \$8.50@8.45; Country Dressed, per lb., 10 1/2@12 1/2 c.