

ALL LABOR FACES CONTEMPT CHARGE

The Supreme Court Stops Argument in Dispute.

CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS GO ON.

Concluding That the Only Question Possible to Decide Was Who Should Pay the Costs, Tribunal Halts Proceedings — Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Sit in Court and Listen To Plea in Their Behalf By Judge Parker—Argument Concludes Monday.

Washington, D. C. (Special).— Reaching the conclusion that the Bucks Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, Mo., and the American Federation of Labor had settled their disputes out of court, the Supreme Court of the United States Friday stopped the oral argument of the so-called "boycott" case of the former against the latter on the theory that no issue in it remained for the court to pass upon.

Following that action the court listened to oral argument on the "contempt case" embracing the charges of the Bucks Stove and Range Company that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, John Mitchell, its vice-president, and Frank Morrison, its secretary, had violated the injunction of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the "boycott" case. Each was held to be guilty and sentenced to jail. Friday they sat side by side within the bar of the court listening to the arguments as to whether or not they should serve their sentences.

"It is commonly stated that this case is dead," said Justice Lurton, interrupting argument of the "boycott" case. "I wish you would tell us if we are trying a moot case?" Daniel Davenport, addressing the court in behalf of the company, said that his client had informed him, after two appeals, that neither the controversies at the base of the case, nor the case itself had been settled, although a friendly relation existed between the company and the federation. He then produced a copy of an agreement which, he said, his client had sent him very recently, providing for the adjustment of disputes and for the publication by the American Federation of Labor that the Federation was on friendly relations with the company.

Chief Justice White asked Judge Alton B. Parker, one of the counsel for the American Federation of Labor, what he had to say. Mr. Parker responded that there was no doubt but that it was moot. Thereupon the Chief Justice announced that the court would not continue to hear the arguments, when the only question possible was to determine who should pay the costs.

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 91,000,000.

That does not include outlying possessions, which have a number of millions more. The figures put this country foremost among nations having a homogenous and united people. There are several countries where the aggregate population is larger, including China and India with their hundreds of millions. But nowhere else is there such solidarity and harmony of general purpose as in the United States. We have out little differences, political and otherwise; but taking in the fundamentals the Americans are a pretty harmonious family.

The New York police have captured a band of kidnapers. This ought to afford a fine chance to make so signal an example of retribution that this despicable form of crime will receive a staggering blow to its industry of blackmailing distracted parents.

A dispatch from Berlin informs us that the Kaiser drinks with "frankly boyish enjoyment." We are glad to hear that he enjoys it. We were afraid that he might do it purely out of patriotism.

New England women are protesting against the use of cork screw curls by stage people to portray their type. This is quite right. New England women are no longer in the dagger-reotype period.

Since wholesale prices of meat have gone up a cent in Omaha, watch and see whether your butcher does not hear of it much more promptly than he did of the preceding decline of a much larger amount.

Count de Lesseps says he isn't going to fly any more. "It's all right for bachelors," he said, "but when a man intends to get married, well—it takes a good deal of courage to do either."

Inventing excuses for staying out late at night will not qualify any married man for membership in the inventors' guild, no matter how well the misus receives his inventions.

A class in a cooking school in Providence had all its members poisoned with their own cooking. This was retribution swift and sure, but it gave a great lesson to the community.

A St. Louis man made his wife cut his hair. Barbering, however, will never be included in any domestic science course.

One quail on toast is worth a whole flock of flying wild geese.

If the average husband talked about women as some of the college professors do family jars would become quite common.

Twenty Boston high school girls have formed a walking club. It will not be much of a success if the girls insist on wearing hobble skirts.

That the Irish should control British affairs is one of those reverses in which time and fate delight.

Negotiated Canadian Treaty.



Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State.

HOW THE RECIPROcity PACT AFFECTS THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Table with 4 columns: Article, Present Rate, Proposed Rate, and Reduction. Lists various food items like poultry, potatoes, apples, etc., and their respective price changes.

PAPER OFFERED \$100,000 SCHENK JURY IS DISMISSED

Attempt to Buy Support of Journal of Commerce. Move for New Trial Will Be Made.

Washington, D. C. (Special).— Revelation of several attempts to buy the editorial support of the New York Journal of Commerce in favor of ship subsidy legislation, which that paper has consistently opposed, was made to the House Ship Subsidy Investigating Committee Wednesday by Alfred W. Dodsworth, business manager of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.

Earlier in the day Paul G. Fournier, representing the Uranium Steamship Line, against which the so-called London conference lines, controlling what is alleged to be 98 per cent. of the Atlantic passenger traffic, are arrayed, told how railroad authorities in this country, notably the Central Passenger Association at Chicago, had refused to sell tickets routed over the independent lines unless the independent obtained the sanction of the conference lines.

As the result of the evidence Mr. Dodsworth's brother, John W. Dodsworth, the editor of the Journal of Commerce, will be recalled to Washington to explain why he failed to enlighten the committee during his recent testimony. It is probable that Charles A. Conant, of New York, a former Washington correspondent, may be asked to throw light on an offer to subsidize the paper, claimed to have been forwarded through him to the Journal of Commerce, which he then represented, and the Federal authorities may take note of the evidence as to the railroad's discrimination against the independent steamship lines on foreign tickets.

Suffrage Bill Passed. Sacramento, Cal. (Special).—The State Senate, by a vote of 33 to 5, adopted Senator Bell's constitutional amendment conferring equal suffrage upon women.

Girls in Panic At Explosion. Philadelphia (Special).—In an explosion of a large tank containing ammonia in the Locust laundry, at Ninth and Locust streets, here, two women were killed, 15 to 20 girls were slightly injured and 250 other employees, mostly young women, were thrown into a wild panic.

Clark Re-Elected in Wyoming. Cheyenne, Wyo. (Special).—The joint session of the Wyoming Legislature re-elected Clarence D. Clark United States Senator.

Landis' New Record. Chicago (Special).—Judge Keneasaw M. Landis, who already held the record for having imposed the heaviest fine known—the Standard Oil fine of \$29,000,000—Wednesday set a new mark in the matter of appeals bonds, when he fixed the surety of \$1,100,000 in the petition of John A. Lewis, named by John Alexander Dowie as successor and heir to the Zion City estate. The bond is the highest known in the history of the Federal Courts. The usual bond is \$200.

120 Jap Fishermen Drowned. Seattle (Special).—The steamer Seattle Marn brings news that a number of Japanese fishing vessels were lost in a heavy storm near Owar Bay, January 8. Twenty vessels were wrecked and 120 men drowned.

For Arch At Valley Forge. Washington, D. C. (Special).—The appropriation of \$100,000 to provide for the erection of a memorial arch at Valley Forge, Pa., has been urged on the House in a communication from the Secretary of War.

Mob Shoots Kidnapper. Marion, Ill. (Special).—Walter Harris, a colored miner, was shot six times and probably fatally wounded at Dewman, by a crowd of enraged colored men, while he was attempting to kidnap his own child.

"T. R." WILL BE PRESENT. To Participate in Dedication of Irrigation Dam in Arizona. Phoenix, Ariz. (Special).—Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel Roosevelt, will visit Arizona March 18, according to information just received here. He will participate in the dedication of the irrigation dam that bears his name. He will spend the night at the dam and the following day will go to Mesa and visit his son Archie.

INDORSED BY TAFT SENT TO CONGRESS

Reciprocity Agreement Between United States and Canada.

WILL REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING.

The Canadian Parliament at Ottawa Receives the Agreement At the Same Time—The President's Message Says That It Is the Wish Of the American People That We Enter Into a More Cordial Relationship With Canada—Duty On Wood Pulp Removed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).— Within less than 10 months after the initiation by President Taft of negotiations with the Canadian government there was laid simultaneously before the American Congress at Washington and the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa a reciprocity arrangement, which, if approved by the legislative branches of the two governments, will surely do much, in the opinion of the negotiators, to enlarge and liberalize the trade between the United States and Canada.

Usually such arrangements take the form of a treaty, but in the present instance this was not done, with the result that considerable time will be saved in the consummation of the agreement, which can be made effective by a simple majority vote in each of the legislatures. In the case of a treaty it would be necessary, in the United States at least, to have the approval of a full two-thirds of the Senate, but now the way is clear for the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate to proceed as it would with any tariff bill.

Reduces Cost of Living.

The animating purpose of Secretary Knox appears to have been to secure a reduction of the "high cost of living," by greatly enlarging the free list so far as it relates to food-stuffs coming from Canada. On the other hand, he secured a notable abatement of duties on a number of American products consumed in Canada. Prominent among these is bituminous coal, which is now exported to Canada to the value of several million dollars annually. There is also a much better opening for American farm machinery and implements, which will be appreciated by many American farmers who have gone into the Canadian Northwest.

It is a notable fact that no less than 91 per cent. of the Canadian goods imported into the United States will benefit by considerable reductions of duty, and only 9 per cent. of our Canadian imports will remain unaffected.

Wood Pulp and Paper.

The intention of the commissioners to remove all duties on printing paper and wood pulp was affected so far as the Dominion government could do it outside the limitations existing in the laws of the Canadian provincial governments imposing export duties on wood cut on crown lands in Canada, but it would appear that the American duty will lie only upon the comparatively small proportion of Canadian pulp or wood cut on such crown lands.

The agreement, to become effective, must be put in the shape of law amendatory of the existing tariff acts in the United States and in Canada, and it will require sharp work to accomplish this so far as Congress is concerned, in the brief period of time remaining of the present session.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Prompt Passage Of the Treaty Is Urged Upon Congress.

Washington, D. C. (Special).— Urging the prompt passage of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada, President Taft sent to Congress a special message, accompanied by the agreement looking to such treaty, reached by representatives of the Canadian government and of the State Department at a recent conference in this city.

"Identity of interest of two peoples linked together by race, language, political institutions and geographical proximity," the President gives as the chief reasons for such reciprocity as he recommends. The President says that he feels it is "the wish of the American people" that this country enter into a "more intimate and cordial relationship with Canada."

"Liberality of view in dealing with the proposed treaty is recommended by President Taft. "We have reached a stage in our own development that calls for a statesmanlike and broad view of our future economic status and its requirements," he said. "While equity should be sought in an arrangement of this character, an exact balance of financial gain is neither imperative nor attainable."

KILLED AT BIG FIRE.

One Fireman Dead and Four Injured Under Falling Walls.

Troy, N. Y. (Special).—One fireman was killed and four others seriously injured in a fire which destroyed three big buildings in the mercantile district and caused a loss of \$500,000. The firemen were caught under a falling wall and Lieutenant Edward J. Butler, of Truck No. 2, was buried so deeply he was suffocated to death before the rescuers reached him.

Paul Jones' Tomb.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The House Committee on Naval Affairs made a favorable report on Senator Rayner's bill to provide for a permanent resting place for the body of John Paul Jones. The bill provides for \$125,000 to complete the crypt of the chapel of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis as a permanent resting place for the body.

REBELS CAPTURE A BORDER TOWN

Mexicali is Surprised and Many Joining Revolt.

JAILER THE ONLY MAN KILLED.

The Captured Town Just Across From Calexico, Cal.—The First Move of the Revolutionists on the Western Coast of Mexico—Firearms Successfully Smuggled Across the Border—Prisoners Are Set Free.

Mexicali, Mex. (Special).—Mexicali, the first border town in Mexico to be captured by rebels, was taken with little resistance early Sunday. The only man killed was the jailer when he refused to surrender his prisoners. The customs house was seized. Reinforcements are said to be flocking to the rebel standard from the surrounding country.

The capture of the town is the first sign of activity of the rebels on the west coast of Mexico. The move was a complete surprise. Mexicali is a small town, inhabited chiefly by natives of Mexico. It is just across the border from the American city of Calexico, Cal. It is situated on the Imperial Valley branch line of the Southern Railway, 41 miles south of Imperial Junction.

Two were in command of the rebel invading army. Lerva appeared to be chief in command. His aid was Simon Barthold, a socialist agitator from California, known in Los Angeles and various coast cities. Barthold and a party of eight men arrived from Holtville, Cal., Saturday night and successfully smuggled a considerable amount of firearms across the border. They were joined during the night by the insurgents from Mexicali and vicinity, and at daylight marched to the jail, where seven prisoners were confined.

These prisoners were insurgents, who had been arrested on order of the Mexican government. A demand was made on the jailer for the release of the prisoners. When he hesitated, a rifle in the hands of one of the rebels was thrust through the window and a shot rang out. The jailer fell dead. The keys to the cells were then taken and the prisoners were liberated.

Barthold and two of his men went to the barracks at the international line and captured the few men after a struggle. Lerva then marched on the custom house and the subprefecture, which were taken without resistance. Gustavo Terrazas gave over the keys. He was taken into custody and kept under close guard.

During the forenoon the insurgents received accessions to their ranks from among the citizens of Mexicali and the native employes of the neighboring ranches.

SUICIDE SAVES PETS.

Didn't Want Dog, Cat or Canary Bird to Die With Her.

New York (Special).—Mrs. Christena Weller, a widow, 75 years old, of Williamsburg, killed herself by gas early Sunday morning. In order not to sacrifice the lives of a pet canary bird, a dog and a cat, she first carried the three to a room in the upper part of the dwelling and shut the door.

After taking the bird, cat and dog to her bedroom, Mrs. Weller put on a mourning robe, carefully arranged her hair and wrote a farewell note, asking forgiveness and saying that what she was about to do she would do with a clear conscience.

Noted Woman Dead.

Newton, Mass. (Special).—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, widely known author and lecturer, died at her home in Newton Center, Saturday night, after a short illness, at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward was a daughter of the Puritans. She was born in Boston in 1844. Both of her grandfathers were congressional ministers. Professor Moses Stuart, her mother's father, was an eminent Massachusetts divine of his day and Bible commentator, and a pioneer of Bible literature in the United States.

May Never Meet Again.

Middletown, N. Y. (Special).—"Gentlemen, we may never meet in this way again," remarked Samuel N. Greene, a wealthy business man of Florida, Orange county, in an after-dinner speech at a banquet in this city Saturday night. An instant later he fell back into his chair unconscious. He had been stricken with paralysis. He was attending the annual banquet of the Orange County Wagonmakers, and as he is 70 years of age, he felt that it was not likely that he would ever attend another banquet.

Yawns Baffle Doctors.

Scranton, Pa. (Special).—Miss Tillie Stratford, a young woman of Forest City, is puzzling three physicians by an illness which they fail to diagnose. She is seized by yawning spells that last from 5 to 10 minutes. And sometimes as long as 15 minutes. So serious does her condition become at times that it is necessary to administer drugs to give her relief. Miss Stratford has been afflicted for three weeks.

Last Hanging in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—The last legal execution by hanging took place Monday, when James White, 18 years old, a feeble-minded negro, was hanged at Pineville for the murder of a white girl. The death sentence hereafter will be carried out by electrocution.

South Bethlehem, Pa. (Special).

—David O. Godshalk, editor of the Globe, and one of the oldest newspaper men in this part of the state, died here Sunday, aged 75 years.

LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Coaldale.—"Cut it off," said James Bonner, of this place and tax collector of the town, to Surgeon Shuterstein, at the Panther Creek Valley Hospital, and while the surgeon was putting the limb to save Bonner's life the latter lay propped up on the operating table and watched the operation without having taken any anesthetic. Ten years ago Bonner was injured both legs in a fall in a mine at Cripple Creek, Colorado. The years later necrosis set in in the right limb, which was amputated. A short time ago the left leg became similarly affected and was amputated Thursday. Bonner withstood the operation finely.

Easton.—Mrs. Rebecca Bowers, 77 years old, her sister, Mrs. John Osborn, 68, and her daughter, Mrs. Ella Reyburger, 35, were appointed in their home on the Sunday of this city during the night. The bodies were found in an upstairs room Thursday morning in the cellar of the house they occupied. There is a governor used to hanging the supply of illuminating gas on the south side. The windows in the room to leak and so much gas entered their room that they died.

Bristol.—Patrick O'Donnell, Donnelly, 50 years old, fell in a stable of James King, Bristol, Township, and was kicked and injured by a horse that he died at the Pennsylvania Hospital. He had been permitted to sleep in the room upon being shown into the stable. King, the man fell over a wall, stall and frightened a horse which began kicking. The man was struck on the head and was later taken to Philadelphia.

Pottsville.—William Swartz, a family jar, during a sudden gust of rage seized a shotgun and pointing it at his wife's head, pulled the trigger. As he did so the shell came disarranged and "choked" the barrel. This prevented the shotgun being discharged and the woman's life was providentially saved. As Swartz was reloading the gun he was arrested. Justice Miller placed him under bail for court.

Seranton.—Edward Kimes, age 28, is in the State Hospital, with a case of epilepsy. He drove his car on a Delaware and Hudson track on Poplar street and his horse was killed, his wagon broken to bits and he scap terribly lacerated. He held with his head on the track and was pushed along in front of the engine for ten feet.

Huntington.—At the annual meeting of Juniata College these rooms were re-elected for three years. Joseph E. Saylor, Huntington; Mrs. Mary S. Geiger, Philadelphia; John Brumbaugh, Huntington; Dr. J. M. Howe, Johnstown; G. M. Lough, Washington, D. C. Over \$1,000 has been raised toward a science hall.

York.—Leonard Koch, 25 years old, engineer at the plant of the Riverside Foundry Company, at Wrightsville, was electrocuted Tuesday. He was repairing electric wire while standing on wet sand. He was caught by the wires and the current. Only 110 volts passed through his body.

Pikesville.—Frank Yoder, 40 years, a well known Pike township Berks County farmer, was found with his throat cut from ear to ear in a field on his neighbor, Lewis Heydt's farm, by Lewis Heydt. Yoder had been in a gas chamber for some time.

Reading.—Marion Larkin, one of the founders of the Independent Gun Club, of this city, and one of the best-known marksmen in western Pennsylvania, died of a complication of diseases in his 57th year. He participated in many State association shoots.

Ashland.—Frederick Schaeffer, aged 30, was killed, and Leah Strunk, aged 21, was badly injured by a rush of culm on the dirt bank at Potts' Colliery here. The men were engaged in making preparations to wash the culm into the breaker recently erected.

Shenandoah.—John Osenbach, 35 years old, a farmer, in the Catawissa Valley, was found dead in his barn hanging from a rafter, a suicide. Osenbach was a victim of ill-fated insanity some time, and in a fit of temporary insanity killed himself.

Duncannon.—The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Loper died of burns received while playing with a piece of paper, which caught fire from the stove grate. The flames spread to her clothing and she was inhaled.

Lebanon.—Jacob F. Hickerson, postmaster of Schaefferstown, was found dead from heart disease in bed by Mrs. Hickerson. Mr. Hickerson was 64 years of age and prominent Republican politician.

South Bethlehem.—An announcement was made of the election of David J. Pearsall, of Mauch Chunk, as a trustee of Lehigh University in place of E. P. Wilbur, Sr., deceased. Kleinfortville.—William H. Singer, a farmer, who three weeks ago was killed in the abdomen by a vicious male, died of the injuries.

The Laziest People.

There is no doubt that the Mauch Chunkers are the laziest people in the world. Except in rare cases they will not take the trouble to learn when they are young, and afterward, if they have learned, they will not exert themselves to apply their knowledge to any object which requires a sustained effort. That they possess energy is known to anyone who has seen Mauch Chunkers engaged in any enterprise which savors of sport. They do not mind trouble if there is only some risk and excitement in the work.