

THE STRIKE SETTLED

Philadelphia Traction Company Gains the Victory.

Only One Point Partially in Favor of the Men—Amalgamated Association Not Recognized in the Settlement—Two Million Dollars the Cost.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—After lasting seven days the ruinous strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Traction company came to an end last night by the employees accepting the terms of the company. The men struck for a working day of ten hours, \$3 per day and the recognition of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. The terms of agreement are as follows: 1. We do not propose to govern the membership or connection of any employee with any lawful association, but such connection with such association of any character whatever must not enter into the rules between employees and the company; and cannot be recognized in the business conducted between us. 2. That any grievance of whatever character that any man or men may have will always be considered fairly and promptly before such men and the officers of the company, and the company will afford such men an opportunity to examine the records of such employees to their entire satisfaction. 3. We accept your statement that all men discharged since Dec. 10, 1895 (except those discharged for just cause) will be reinstated upon the examination of the records of such employees. The committee representing the employees to furnish the list of names of those they believe to have been unjustly discharged; and the men allowed to divide the runs, other than the runs laid out for the present employees, meaning those who have entered our service since the evening of Dec. 17.

The Strikers' Reply.

The employees of the Union Traction company have conferred with their committee who presented the communication of J. R. Bechem, general manager, making three propositions of settlement of the strike now pending. They desire to say in reply in view of their anxiety to meet the views of the company and in reliance upon the fairness of the traction officials in considering their workmen and because of the general desire for a quick and peaceful adjustment of existing difficulties, they accept the three propositions as stated, earnestly asking, however, that because of the losses already incurred by such a large body that the president, directors and managers of the Union Traction company will endeavor to find an honest settlement of all contracts with new men, so that the old men may find employment as soon as possible, and until such time they will equalize the employment of all the men as far as possible.

How It Was Effected.

The settlement of the strike is the result of numerous conferences between the executive committee of the strikers and Union Traction company officials. Through all these conferences the Union Traction company resolutely refused to recognize any one in the negotiations but its own employees and the officers of the Amalgamated association were not permitted to be present at any time. The victory is with the company. The only point partially gained by the men is the unofficial recognition of its association. On other points for which they struck they have gained nothing, and are worse off by a week's salary and the occupation of the places of 1,900 of them.

The Cost of the Strike.

The Christmas shopping trade was killed and indirectly it is a fair estimate that the seven days' strike cost the traction company, its employees and the merchants of Philadelphia \$2,000,000.

No Interference with Mails.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Neilson, who is at the scene of the Philadelphia street railway strike telephoned the postoffice department that while there is great disorder there, the street car mail service suffered no interference.

Days Holland Has a Better Claim.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—The Paris correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse telegraphs to that paper an interview he has had with General Palacio, ex-president of Venezuela, who said that Holland had a far more justifiable pretension to the disputed area than Great Britain. Venezuela, he added, had never been averse to arbitration.

Shot His Landlady and Himself.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Louis Goffinet, aged 39, a French cook, shot his landlady, Mrs. B. H. Meafe, aged 30, in the head and then blew his brains out. Mrs. Meafe's wound is not serious and she will recover. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the crime.

Fired Into a Passing Train.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 24.—While a train on the Pennsylvania railroad, bound for New York, was passing through Harrison last night a bullet crashed through a window of one of the coaches. Timid passengers dropped between seats fearing a hold-up.

Sergius Stepiak Dead.

London, Dec. 24.—Sergius Michael Dragomano Stepiak, the Russian political writer and author, died in this city last evening.

GRAND RIVER FLOOD.

Worst Ever Known in That Section of the Country.

Wagoner, I. T., Dec. 24.—The Grand river flood continues to rise and now averages a depth of seventy to eighty feet in the channel and great desolation is being done. Houses, wagons and farm animals of all description are seen floating down the river torrent. Men and women were found in the tree tops where they had been for thirty-six hours without shelter or food. They were rescued by a party in boats. One woman was seen in a wagon box going down stream and calling for assistance, but so rapid was the current that nothing could be done to save her. The St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern iron bridge at Fort Gibson, fifteen miles east, went down last evening. All through traffic is abandoned and it will require several days to establish a transfer. No such flood was ever known in this part of the country.

MANITOBA POLITICS.

The Greenway Government To Go Before the People.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—The Greenway government has resolved upon the immediate dissolution of the legislature. The nominations will take place on the 8th of January and the elections one week later, on the 15th. It is understood that while the government has had in view for some time the possible early dissolution of the house it was only when they learned definitely that the dominion government was bound to make the attempt of forcing separate schools upon the province that they decided upon consulting the country and obtaining the people so that they would have a warrant to go upon in resisting the claims and contentions of the Dominion government.

OUTWITTED THE MOB.

A Sheriff and an Assassin Have an Exciting Experience.

Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 24.—After an exciting chase Sheriff Hattitt and his deputies succeeded in getting Booker Steinberger on board a train here and took him to Louisville for safe keeping. Steinberger is the 19-year-old boy who on last Wednesday night, it is charged, assassinated his pretty cousin, Anna Belle Steinberger. Steinberger waiving examination, the intention of the sheriff to take the prisoner to Louisville was not known until he was actually on the train then at the depot. A crowd quickly gathered and tried to prevent the posse from making the train but was not successful. Several stones were hurled at the prisoner.

SUICIDE IN JAIL.

Mrs. Martin Hangs Herself with a Towel in Her Cell.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Celia Martin, aged 21 years, who was arrested for shoplifting in this city Saturday night and who yesterday was committed to the house of refuge for women, at Hudson, for five years committed suicide by hanging herself in the Jefferson county jail here late yesterday. Mrs. Martin seemed deeply affected when she was sentenced. She secured a towel and made a noose with it, tying one end to a steampipe on the wall, then, it is supposed, she stood on a chair, adjusted the noose and jumped off.

BURNED BY MOULTEN METAL.

Eight Persons Injured by an Explosion at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas at Schoenburger's rolling mill, on Fourteenth street, yesterday morning, eight men were burned, one of them fatally. The men were working at the bottom of a blast furnace when the gas exploded it forced the hot slag which accumulates in the eupola, over the sides. Before the men could get out of the way the hot metal poured out over them.

Killed by an Explosion.

Lockport, Ill., Dec. 24.—By the explosion of a blast on Section 14 of the Drainage canal one mile above this place two men were instantly blown into eternity, eight more were badly injured and taken to the hospital in Joliet where one has since died. More may be found dead when the immense mass of rock is removed. Several of those in the hospital cannot live. The accident is the worst horror in the history of the Drainage canal.

Five Men Injured.

Dayton, O., Dec. 24.—Five men were injured yesterday at the Dayton Malleable Iron company's shops on West Third street. The injured men were engaged in unloading sand and iron from freight cars on a side track. Other workmen pushed a car down towards them. The side track is laid very close to one of the buildings and the men were caught between the building and the moving car and terribly bruised.

Miners Return to Work.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 24.—The miners in the Indian Territory returned to work and the strike is virtually over, only the Coal Gate miners holding out. This has relieved the railroads from an embarrassing position, as a coal famine was threatened and the situation was serious.

Assemblyman Kerrigan Dead.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Hon. P. J. Kerrigan of New York, representative from the seventeenth district of New York legislature, died here from dropsy. His body had been taken north.

The Texas at New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—The U. S. battleship Texas arrived here this morning. It is understood that she may go on to the Brooklyn navy yard docks.

TO INVITE ALL AMERICA

A Conference Proposed Regarding Monroe Doctrine.

A Bill To Be Proposed with the Commendable Intention of Making the Famous Doctrine a Part of International Law—Reciprocity Also a Feature.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative Beach of Ohio will introduce into the house to-day a bill introducing the president of the United States to invite the governments of the other American republics to appoint plenipotentiaries with full powers to meet in conference in the city of Washington within one year from the approval of this act, for the formal acceptance and declaration of the Monroe doctrine as a principle of international law. The bill names the secretary of state as the plenipotentiary for the United States and appropriates \$50,000 for the expenses of the conference. Also a bill providing for the reciprocal interchange of products between the United States and other nations. It reads: The duties imposed by the tariff laws of the United States shall not apply to food products and raw materials imported from such nations as may make equivalent reciprocal concessions in favor of merchandise imported from the United States. The president of the United States, after the passage of this act shall, through the proper diplomatic agents of the government negotiate commercial arrangements upon such basis with any and all foreign governments. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any article upon which an export tax is imposed.

TWO CLEVER TRAMPS.

They Pass a Cancelled State Bond Coupon.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Two tramps worked a smooth scheme on the state treasury here. One of them who gave his name as A. W. Lawrison and his home as New York, appeared at the paying teller's desk and presented a state bond coupon for \$30 which was promptly cashed. A moment later the teller found it had been cancelled and that by the aid of maulage and a hot iron it had been so smoothed that the cut made by the cancelling stamp did not show until the coupon was handled. It was found that several days ago the treasurer had burned many cancelled coupons in the open fire place, but that some of those intended to be burned had passed up the chimney and fallen on the ground. These the tramps had picked up. Lawrison was arrested and told the mayor he did not own the coupon, but that another man who was at the gate of the capital square had sent him to cash it. The police saw the man at the place his fellow tramp indicated and arrested him.

AMERICAN VESSELS WRECKED.

The Bark Mary E. Russell and the Schooner Island Queen Lost.

Nassau, N. P., Dec. 24.—The American bark Mary E. Russell, Capt. Nickels, from Milk river, Jamaica, for Boston, with logwood, stranded on December 12 on Beak cay. The vessel is a total loss, but most of her cargo and materials have been saved. Her crew have arrived here. The American schooner Island Queen, Captain Jones, from Boston, December 3, for Grand Cayman Island, with a general cargo, went ashore December 15 on Andros island. The vessel is a complete wreck, but a portion of her cargo and her materials were saved. Captain Jones and his crew are here.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

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Reserve Reduced to \$67,500,000.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The withdrawal of \$1,050,000 in gold at New York yesterday reduces the treasury gold to \$67,500,000. Of the gold withdrawn \$250,000 was in bars for export. The gold deposited in various sub-treasuries during the day aggregating near \$24,000, does not yet appear in the treasury figures.

Twenty-five Years for Forbes.

Charlotte, Mich., Dec. 24.—Frank Forbes, the actor, proprietor of Forbes dramatic company, who murdered his wife at Grand Lodge in September, changed his plea of not guilty to that of guilty in the circuit court here and was sentenced to hard labor at Jackson for twenty-five years.

Canadian Pacific Steamer Wrecked.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Signal just arrived from Portland, Ore., brings word that the steamer Islander, plying between Victoria and Vancouver, went ashore some time yesterday during a fierce gale. It is stated that the stranded vessel will prove a total wreck.

Asquith Says War Is Impossible.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Gaulois has an interview with the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, who was home secretary in the late liberal government in England, in which he said that he believed that war between England and America was impossible.

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—It is proposed to give Pasteur's name to the Boulevard de Vaugirard, but Paris has already a Rue Pasteur. Twenty-one other streets are named after chemists, seven after botanists and 39 after doctors and surgeons.

—Bonelli, the famous brigand of Corsica, for 29 years defied the authorities, and eluded all their attempts to capture him. Four years ago they pardoned him, with the proviso that he should reform. Since then, until his death, a few weeks ago, he lived in retirement.

—During a recent lecture Justin McCarthy described himself as old-fashioned enough to still admire Dickens and Thackeray in preference to the modern novel, and he defended George Eliot from recent articles, which he characterized as utterly and grotesquely unlike the woman as he knew her.

—Mrs. M. F. Clendinning, formerly Miss Gabrielle Greeley, is to undertake a new and authoritative life of her father. She has been collecting correspondence and other matter to this end, and will be glad to have letters or manuscripts sent to her at Westchester, New York city. Whenever desired, these will be carefully returned after copying.

—Dennis Scott, reputed to be 107 years old, died at his home near Shieldsville, Minn., a few days ago. His age was said to be well authenticated. His hair had never turned gray, and until a few weeks ago he had always had good health, and had daily worked about his farm. Less than a year ago he rode ten miles on horseback to the city, transacted some business there, and then rode back again. He was born in County Clare, Ireland.

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