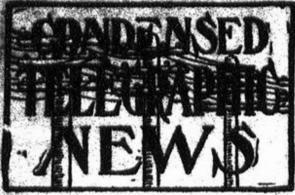


Downers Grove Reporter.

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Two hundred car men employed in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, who went on strike two weeks ago, have decided to return to work at the scale offered by the company.

Carpenters' Local Union No. 73, one of the largest labor unions in St. Louis, voted to demand an increase of pay from 45 to 55 cents an hour, commencing April 1, 1903.

The boiler makers of the Wabash shops at Springfield, Ill., have made a demand for an increase in wages from 26 to 40 cents an hour.

The American steam yacht Asteria, owned by Col. Alexander Gordon of Hamilton, O., has arrived at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

The White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sails from Liverpool for New York Sept. 3, will take among her passengers Clarence Mackay and W. J. Pierre chairman of the Harland & Wolff Shipbuilding company.

The counties of Kings, Limerick, Longford, Queens and Westmeath and the boroughs of Dublin and Limerick, Ireland, have been proclaimed under the crimes act under the sections dealing with trial by special jury and change of venue.

According to the military commanders all the troops with the exception of the legion guards will be withdrawn from China next spring.

The Anglo-Chinese commercial treaty has been signed at Shanghai, the Chinese commissioner having received the imperial sanction to do so.

President Loubet returned the visit which the shah paid to him at Rambouillet and remained at the Persian monarch's hotel for luncheon.

Because of the refusal of the managers of the American Iron and Steel Company's plant at Lebanon, Pa., to discharge nonunion men and take back the 800 men on strike, all the union employes remaining at work, about 1,800 men, quit work.

Clibe Bannister, aged 20, son of a Liberty township farmer, was crushed to death by a log he was unloading at Wabash, Ind.

Recent friction in the Minnesota high court of United Foresters has resulted in a decision by Insurance Commissioner Dearth to investigate the order.

R. Ward, whose home is supposed to be at Iowa City, Iowa, was found dead in a stock car at Wymore, Neb. A companion who had been seen with him has disappeared.

The body of an unknown woman which was found beside the tracks near Caney, I. T., has been identified as that of Miss Barbara Bates of Knoxville, Tenn.

Michael J. Murray, alias Walls, and John Davis, alias "Bummy" Jamison, alias Bob Clark, two of the most noted confidence men in the country, were arrested in Indianapolis.

William Hicks, a business man of Carthage, Ill., committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. His wife ended her life in the same way two years ago.

The steamship Empress of China, which has arrived at Victoria, B. C., from China and Japan, reports having passed through a typhoon on the Chinese coast, but suffered no damage.

George Ponderick, colored, a coal miner, working in mine No. 10 of the Central coal and coke company at Veiver, Mo., was killed in the mine by a large cave-in of rock and slate.

While returning home from church Mrs. William Reinhart of Decatur, Ind., became frightened at the horses attempting to run away jumped from the buggy and was instantly killed, her neck being broken.

Thieves blew open the safe at Cope-land's store at Dexter, Calloway county, Ky., and secured \$500 in cash and \$1,500 in notes. Part of the money belonged to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad.

Acting under instructions from federal officers, Deputy Marshal Wilkerson of Oklahoma seized about 1,800 gallons of wine of home manufacture and spilled it. The goods were supposed to be intoxicating.

Postmaster Payne of Jeddo, N. Y., surprised two burglars in the post-office. They ran, but Payne fired, hitting the back of one of them with buckshot and fatally injuring him.

The other surrendered, giving his name as Joseph M. Ryer and that of his wounded companion as George Clark.

Mrs. Anna Douglas died at Frankfort, Ind., aged 101 years and 8 months. She was born in Virginia, but had lived in Indiana the last sixty years. She was a charter member of the Presbyterian church of Frankfort. Her youngest child is 78 years of age.

At Reeves, Tenn., Mary, wife of John McCampbell, became angry at him over some small affair, and while he slept attempted to murder him by pouring hot lead in his eyes and ears. The man was made insane with pain.

There is an uprising of Yankton Indians at Naper, Neb., and the mayor has requested the governor to send assistance.

Dr. W. B. Swan of Topeka, a member of the Kansas Board of Health, was drowned at Ludington, Mich., by the capsizing of a boat.

During Labor Day festivities at Ironton, Ohio, the dead limb of a tree fell, killing Mrs. Mary Hoard, aged 40, colored, and injuring three others.

George Robinson was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home at Hamilton, Ill. He lived alone with a dog, which also burned to death.

The prohibitionists of Massachusetts nominated William H. Partridge of Newton for governor and Dr. Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton for lieutenant governor.

The body of Ralph Watson, aged 27, was found on the Northern Pacific track near Anoka, Minn., mangled almost beyond recognition. It is thought he was murdered.

Financial and domestic troubles caused Isalah Vernon, a traveling salesman for the Deering Harvesting Machine Company, to commit suicide by shooting at Logansport, Ind.

State Bank Examiner Hartwell of Nebraska has closed the banks at Graf and Vesta, Neb., which were organized by Charles M. Chamberlain of the Tecumseh bank, who has been missing for a week.

O. W. Case, a prominent resident of Kirkwood, Mo., and for many years connected with the Pacific Express company at St. Louis, was found dead at his home, with all indications pointing to suicide.

Robert Foy, the negro who shot and killed Dayton H. Miller, secretary and treasurer of the Crane's Nest Coal and Coke Company, at Tom's Creek last December, was hanged at Wise, Va.

George Houghton, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., who was lost in the Wisconsin woods, was found near Stone Lake, in good condition, considering his trying experiences.

Job Murray Williams, colored, has confessed at Bridgeton, N. J., that he set fire to the barn in which Farmer John S. Holmes and his housekeeper were burned to death, in order to rob their house to get money with which to marry.

Mrs. Jack Frost, wife of a prominent business man of Blackwell, Ok., has been arrested charged with poisoning Mrs. Alice Combs and her son, with intent to kill the whole Combs family of seven persons. The alleged motive of the crime is a family quarrel.

Hundreds of strikers and sympathizers gathered at the Capps & Sons' woolen mills at Jacksonville, Ill., when the non-union men quit work, and a riot was only averted by the efforts of cool-headed strikers.

The Japanese government has appointed Major General Yamani, who recently in command of the Japanese troops in China, to be military attaché to the Japanese legation at Peking. It is believed that General Yamani will direct the reorganization of the Chinese army.

The passenger brakemen of the Chicago and Alton railroad have united in a formal demand on the management for an increase in pay of from \$55 to \$60 monthly.

Malcolm McNeil of Atlanta, Ga., suggests the establishment in Chicago of a free permanent exposition of all the products of the southern states.

Bishop Fallows of Chicago delivered the address at the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument in memory of civil war veterans in Janesville, Wis.

W. D. Stoner, aged 30, representing Sprague, Warner & Co., of Chicago, committed suicide in Gerat Falls, Mont. His father, mother and sister are said to reside in Chicago.

Twelve loaded freight cars on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad went through a bridge near Kemper, Ill. The bodies of three tramps are believed to be under the wreckage.

The North Carolina Republican convention, composed entirely of white men, met at Greensboro and endorsed the candidacy of Thomas H. Hill, independent, for chief justice of the supreme court.

President Roosevelt has been asked to lay the cornerstone of the new courthouse at Hammond, Ind., on his western trip.

Judge Morse at Salt Lake City, Utah, denied a motion for a new trial for Peter Mortensen, the contractor convicted of the murder of James R. Hay, secretary of the Pacific Lumber Company.

Mrs. Anna E. Noleman, 71 years of age, the widow of Capt. Robert D. Noleman, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar L. McMurray, 6441 Greenwood avenue, Chicago. She was the mother of Frank F. Noleman of Centralia, Ill., and was stricken with heart trouble while visiting her daughter.

The concentrator of the Montana Ore Purchasing company at Butte, Mont., burned, causing a loss of \$250,000, with insurances of \$60,000.

Walter L. Payton of Mount Olive, Ind., was instantly killed at Rockledge quarries at Bedford, Ind., by a large slab of stone falling upon him.

James Craig, 78 years of age and a pioneer citizen of Atlanta, Ga., committed suicide by hanging.

George Osborne, supposed to be poor, just before he died at Little Rock, Ill., disclosed the hiding place of over \$5,000 in gold.

Agents who are representing William Rockefeller, it is said, have purchased for cash 1,000 acres in the Adirondacks, including Meecham Lake and the property of the Meecham Lake Hotel company. Including this purchase, Mr. Rockefeller will have a total of 2,000 acres.

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NEGRO AND POLICE IN FIERCE BATTLE

Jerry Hunter Resents Intrusion of Strangers on Employer's Grounds.

WOUNDS UNWELCOME GUESTS

When Officer Arrives the Culprit Opens Fire on Him, is Driven to Shelter in His Cottage and Killed by a Sharpshooter.

Jerry Hunter, with his wife and daughter, for more than four hours terrorized the residents along Flushing Bay, L. I., mortally wounded one policeman, seriously injured a dozen others and had to be driven by fire from a house in which he had barricaded himself against his pursuers.

Hunter was finally captured as he was trying to escape from the house and is so badly shot to pieces that it is not believed he can recover.

An attempt was made to lynch him, but he was hurried off to St. John's hospital before the mob could carry out its intentions.

His wife, who leaped from a window to escape roasting to death, was also shot and will die.

The only one to escape was Hunter's daughter, no trace of whom had been found.

The Victims. Following is a list of Hunter's victims:

John McKenna, Mrs. Jerry Hunter, Matthew J. Ward, Arthur Briel, Matthew K. Kiernan, Thomas Burgan, John O'Neill, William Thorp.

The two latter are severely hurt, but it is not expected their injuries will prove fatal. More than a dozen other policemen were severely injured, but none so seriously as those named.

As desperate as himself, Hunter's wife and daughter proved themselves able allies of the desperado during the four hours from 8 o'clock until midnight. All this time he held his pursuers at bay, adding victim after victim to his unerring aim.

Fire on Policemen. From the upper windows he and his daughter fired volley after volley into the ranks of the besieging policemen and the volunteers, while his wife kept them supplied with ammunition. She loaded the guns and passed them to Hunter and his daughter as they fired out into the darkness at those who stood in front of the house.

When the house was fired and the flames were enveloping it Mrs. Hunter leaped from the second story window and was shot in the head as she fell by Dr. A. C. Combes, lieutenant of the Seventeenth Separate company of Flushing, a well-known sharpshooter.

Where Hunter Lived. Hunter was employed as a caretaker of the beautiful estate of Benjamin W. Strong. Some time ago the family vacated the house, moving to New York, and since their departure had kept Hunter on the place to protect it from tramps and burglars. The house is an old-time mansion. It is located back from the road about twenty yards, and is partially hidden from the thoroughfare by trees and shrubbery. Not far from the mansion is a two-story lodging house designed for the caretaker and other servants in this house. Hunter lived with his wife and daughter there.

Fires on Intruders. O'Neill and Thorp, strangers from New York, were passing the place and stepped inside the grounds to look at it. Without warning they were suddenly confronted by Hunter, who stepped from behind a clump of shrubbery and fired at them. The visitors scrambled out of the yard and reported the matter to Policeman McKenna. They told him that they had quietly walked into the yard, that a negro had shot at them and that they had heard the shot whizzing about their ears.

Wounds the Officer. Policeman McKenna started at once for the place. As he entered the grounds he saw Hunter standing near a tree with a shotgun resting across his arm. He had no thought that the man would shoot him and walked deliberately forward. When within twenty-five feet Hunter raised his gun deliberately to his shoulder and fired.

McKenna fell to the ground seriously wounded. Hunter had fired both barrels of the gun point blank at the policeman. O'Neill and Thorp, who had been slightly wounded, had returned with the policeman, and when they saw him fall they assisted in dragging him from the grounds.

Crowd Assembles. As McKenna was taken away the sergeant and eight policemen attempted to surround Hunter where he stood, partly concealed behind a large tree.

Two Fatally Hurt. Chillicothe, Ohio, special: While an engine and four loaded cars were going up the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern coal chute the chute collapsed. Fireman Baster and Switchman Falter were fatally hurt.

Boycott Is Legal. Spokane, Wash., dispatch: Judge Richardson held that a boycott is not illegal when peaceably conducted. And when not so conducted must be dealt with by the criminal courts.

Baptized, Then Hanged. Snow Hill, Md., dispatch: Asbury Dixon, colored, was hanged here for the murder of his wife. Previous to the execution Dixon was baptized by immersion in a bath tub in the jail.

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tree. From all sides the neighbors had assembled, several hundreds of them, and began clamoring for Hunter's life.

When the assembled policemen and the crowd began to draw closer to Hunter he left his place behind the tree and made a dash for the small house in which he and his family lived.

Quickly the lower windows were darkened. Then suddenly from one of the upper windows came a shot. The crowd surged back. Then another shot, and Matthew Ward, one of the policemen, fell to the ground. A shout of rage went up from the crowd. Many sought shelter, while some, in their fury and rage, dashed toward the building, only to be checked in their advance by more shots from the window.

Daughter Assists. From a second window appeared the face of Hunter's daughter, and from this window soon came another shot. One after another the police fell or staggered back badly injured. In the crowd were several men who were armed with revolvers and they began firing at the house. The policemen kept up a constant fusillade, but their shots seemed to have no effect, as the firing continued from the windows of the house.

Finding shotguns and revolvers ineffectual to dislodge the negro, two sharpshooters were sent for. It was hoped that the sharpshooters could pick off the negro when he showed himself at the window to fire.

Shot by Sharpshooters. Several times the sharpshooters fired at the burly head, but the shots missed their mark.

"Burn the house!" cried some one. The cry was taken up by the crowd and inflammable material was laid on two sides of the building and the torch applied.

As the flames illumined the scene Mrs. Hunter appeared at one of the upper windows and then jumped. As she leaped out of the window Dr. Combes' rifle cracked. The woman was shot in the head. Hunter was not seen to escape from the house, but as he skulked along through the shrubbery Patrick Lynch, another policeman, with his revolver brought him down as he ran. When they picked him up they found his body riddled with shot.

TRADE CONDITIONS ARE GOOD. Business Revival Holds Sway Except at the Strike Center.

"Gradual resumption of an attractive coal mining is encouraging, although the output is not yet sufficient to have any commercial value. Business conditions are unsatisfactory at the strike center, but reports from all other sections indicate unusually prompt revival after the summer vacation season, with exceptionally large operations among dealers in the agricultural regions.

"Notwithstanding some bad weather, large crops are now practically assured, although the most sanguine results may not be attained. Manufacturing plants are now fully occupied as a rule, the least gratifying reports coming from furnaces that cannot secure coke, owing to railway blockades. The transportation problem is becoming serious, as a factor of crop moving is about to be added, and moreover, much coal must be moved by rail that usually goes to consumers by lake and canal." The foregoing is from the weekly trade review of R. G. Dun & Co.

"Failures for the week numbered 173 in the United States, against 202 last year, and 14 in Canada, against 21 a year ago."

SMALLPOX CLOSES A LIBRARY. Woman Victim of Disease Visited Cleveland Public Building.

Cleveland, Ohio, special: Smallpox again has become epidemic in Cleveland and the authorities are making desperate efforts to control it. The public library was ordered closed owing to the death of a black smallpox victim who lived near the city hall and the health office. The woman had spent much of her time in the public library. At once a corps of disinfectors was put at work in the building.

CATERPILLARS STOP A TRAIN. Pests Are Destroying Gardens and Farms in Russia.

St. Petersburg cablegram: Southern Russia is beset with caterpillars. Swarms of the wrigglers have taken possession of the streets, buildings, walls, gardens and farm lands in the neighborhood of Kiev and all over the provinces much destruction is being caused. Near Kiev the other day an express train took two hours to plow through the barricade of caterpillars that blocked the line.

E. S. Rees Gives Ball. Lansing, Mich., dispatch: E. S. Rees of Kalamazoo, the last of the Henderson-Ames company directors to be charged with conspiracy to defraud the state in the military clothing frauds, gave \$10,000 ball with two sureties.

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Plays Ball and Dies. Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: Charles Martin, a police officer, is dead from an injury received while playing baseball. He was in center field and a fly was batted out of his reach. In running he strained his spine.

Longs to See the World. Paris cablegram: Nicholas I., prince of Montenegro, father of the queen of Italy, longs to see the world. He may set out sight-seeing before long and the United States may have a visit from him late in the fall.

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MICHIGAN MOB SLAYS PRINTER

Sought to Run Away With Another Man's Wife and Met His Death.

FALSE CRY OF "ASSAULTER"

Fearing Arrest by Policeman, He Attempted to Escape, Closely Followed by a Crowd and Finally Got a Bullet in His Heart.

Monroe, Mich., dispatch: Joseph La Barge was killed here by a mob that chased him through the streets and finally rounded him up in a cornfield, where he was given the wounds that caused his death. La Barge was running away from a policeman when some one raised the cry of "assaulter," and in a moment a crowd of men were in frenzied pursuit of the supposed criminal.

Had Agreed to Elope. La Barge, who was 24 years old, was a printer living at 319 Cherry street, Toledo, and was employed by Joseph Willetts. He came to this city in see Mrs. Walter Lemerand, whom he had known for five years and who lived in Toledo until last spring. After spending a couple of hours at the home of the woman the pair reached an agreement whereby they would elope to Toledo.

Quarrels With the Husband. Mrs. Lemerand quit work at Bals's laundry, where she was employed, and after the discussion at her home arranged to meet La Barge and to take an electric car for Toledo. Just before 12 o'clock Lemerand came home and immediately got into an altercation with his wife's admirer. The woman interfered, and La Barge got away. Shortly afterward the husband went in search of an officer.

Notifies Policeman. At the corner where the man and woman were to meet he ran across Officer Beaudrie and La Barge. To the policeman he said:

"I found that man with my wife a few minutes ago, and I want you to arrest him."

The officer started for La Barge, but the latter ran. Beaudrie fired two shots over the fellow's head, but he kept on running. In a few minutes a crowd had joined in the chase of the supposed assaulter. The man was finally cornered by two men who had revolvers.

Shot Through the Heart. La Barge flashed a razor, and instead of heeding an order to drop it made another dash for liberty. Both men fired a number of shots at him, but he kept on running until he dropped on the front porch of Mrs. La Barge's house. La Barge had been shot in the left side near the heart and died just after reaching the office of Dr. Dowe.

It was learned that La Barge was out on parole from the Toledo reformatory.

THE LATEST MARKET REPORTS. Wheat.

New York—No. 2 red, 75 1/2c. Chicago—No. 2 red, 71 1/2c @ 72 1/2c. St. Louis—No. 2 red, 65 1/2c. Kansas City—No. 2 hard, 65 1/2c @ 66c. Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 74 1/2c @ 75c.