

A RECORD BREAKER.



STREET CAR MEN AGREE TO TERMS IN CHICAGO

Presidents of Two Traction Companies Make Offer Which Union Leaders Call Good.

GAIN OF \$1,000,000 IN WAGES

That Much Additional Pay for Employees in Three and a Half Years of Contract.

The wage dispute between Chicago's 16,000 street car employees and the surface traction companies, which a week before resulted in a vote to strike, was practically settled in a big joint conference of traction officials and union leaders Friday night, apparently to the satisfaction of everybody concerned.

John M. Roch and Thomas E. Mitten offered a wage scale to the men which representatives of the union said they would recommend to their respective organizations for acceptance. It was in the nature of a compromise agreement, applying to the employees of the Railways, City, Calumet and South Chicago and Consolidated companies.

Traction representatives, in company with Walter L. Fisher, representing the city, who was credited with the piloting of the negotiations, estimated in round figures that the offer represents an aggregate additional expenditure in wages of \$1,000,000 during the next three and a half years—the term of the proposed contract.

Terms of Proposed Contract. The contract will run three and a half years, dating from Aug. 1, 1909, and to all old men who have served one year at 27 cents per hour—the old maximum scale—it will grant an immediate increase to 28 cents for the first year of the contract, 29 cents for the second year, and 30 cents for the last eighteen months.

To men who have been in the service less than one year the rate of pay proposed is the same as at present (23 cents for six months, 25 cents for six months, and 27 cents for one year) until they have served a year at 27 cents, when they will begin the climb which the old employees will start as soon as the contract is completed.

New men will progress at the maximum more slowly than at the present. The first six months of employment they will receive 23 cents; the second six months, 24 cents; the second year, 25 cents; the third year, 26 cents, and the last six months, 27 cents.

BANK ROBBERS KILL AND WOUND

Surprised in Oklahoma Town, They Slay Marshal, Injure Cashier.

Two robbers, surprised while looting the State Bank at Kiefer, Okla., Monday night, shot and killed City Marshal Inford and probably fatally wounded Cashier Calmer Wobbling. They escaped. A posse was quickly organized and hurried in pursuit. Cashier Wobbling, who lives over the bank, was awakened by a noise in the bank shortly after midnight. Upon investigation he saw by the dim light burning in the rear two men at work on the vault door. Hastily summoning Marshal Inford, he procured a revolver. The marshal and cashier entered the bank by the front door while the robbers were busily engaged in drilling the safe door. A slight noise made by the city marshal attracted the attention of the robbers. The next moment they extinguished the light and then opened fire. After half a dozen shots had been exchanged, Inford sank to the floor with a bullet through the head. The next moment Wobbling also fell, shot through the chest. Then both robbers hurried for the door and fled. The men had just succeeded in drilling the safe and were preparing to pour in nitroglycerin when surprised at their work.

GROWS EGYPTIAN LOTUS.

Calumet River and Historic Nile Only Streams that Can Do It.

The Egyptian lotus is flourishing in the Calumet river three miles east of Hammond, Ind. Thousands of the gorgeous flowers are in bloom. The Nile and Calumet rivers are said to be the only streams in the world where this flower grows in a state of nature. The flower is five or six inches in diameter and is of a delicate yellow tint tipped with green. It is open during the day and closed at night. Old settlers of Hammond have no account of the importation of the plant from Egypt and believe it is indigenous to the Calumet as well as to the Nile river.

FIVE PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE

Occupants Lose Lives While Asleep in Dwelling at Hammond, Mich.

Five lives were lost in a fire in a dwelling in Hammond, Mich., Thursday night. The dead are Mrs. John Dionne, Edward Dionne, 8 years old, Peter Dionne, an infant; Amalia Dionne, 13 years old, and a girl named Racine. The fire started when the family was asleep. Mrs. Dionne got out of the house, but returning to rescue a child, perished in the flames. Her body was found with the infant clasped in her arms.

HARVEST JOBS SCARCER

Three Men, Drawn to Dakota by Hope of Work, Do Not Get It.

Arthur Fries, Benjamin Brandon and Eric Swann, three of forty or more young men who went to St. Paul, Minn., from Cincinnati to North Dakota, where jobs in the harvest fields were supposed to be waiting for them, were in police court on a charge of larceny. They told the judge that when they had paid \$25 each for transportation they had been unable to get work. All had receipts for the money.

CALLS INHERITED RICHES EVIL.

Aged Millionaire with Large Family Leaves Wealth to Church.

Theodore Harris, the aged banker who died a few days ago in Louisville, leaving more than \$1,000,000, left practically his entire estate to the Baptist church of Kentucky. He left comparatively few cash bequests to his family, which is large. His blood heirs will have a life tenure in certain portions of his estate, enough to net them an income of \$150 a month each. In his will, written and signed on April 15, 1907, he provides further that should the beneficiaries be named die or become otherwise disqualified, the portion set aside for them shall revert to the estate as a whole and be paid eventually into the hands of the Baptist Church organizations.

The discrepancy between his bequests to the church and those to his own children he explains by saying: "The observations of a long life have taught me that inherited wealth is seldom useful to the one inheriting it, while, on the other hand, with the blessings of God, these benefactions will do good to thousands yet unborn."

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

Table with columns for National League, American League, and American Association, listing teams and their records.

ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT

Country Jay, the 15-year-old trotter, in the grand circuit races at the State fair at Detroit, reduced his record from 2:11 to 2:07 1/4. The old gelding was not considered in the hating and sold in a \$12 field in pools of \$100.

Harry G. Legg, of the Minnehaha Club, Minneapolis, won the trans-Mississippi golf championship by defeating Bernard G. Gutland, of the Wavel Club, of Des Moines, 10 to 8 to play in the final match at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

The Golden tourists, while in the Twin Cities, were entertained at M. W. Savage's stock farm by a race in which Dan Patch and Minor Hely paced a dead heat. It was a magnificent race, the time being variously figured at from 2:05 to 2:04 1/2.

Fifteen Russian racing horses of the famous Orloff breed from the imperial racing stables of Moscow are to be exhibited in America this fall at various State fairs to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest in this class of animals to warrant importation for sale.

Lilly R., the dam of Speedy Rob R., cannot now be located. She was last heard from at Versailles, Ind., where she was traded to an unknown man. She had previously been sold for \$10, after having been included in a bill of goods, hay, etc., sold to a horse trader. The old mare was the mother of thirteen colts, a majority of which were good winners.

Automobile races on the new Indianapolis speedway, rapidly nearing completion, will be held Aug. 19-21. The flat, the first foreign car to be entered, will be driven by Nazario, who comes to this country especially for the Indianapolis meet.

Another Kills Girl and Sets. Discouraged by poverty, Mrs. Matilda Down committed suicide and killed her 15-year-old daughter Beryl, by inhaling gas in the bedroom of their home in Philadelphia.

SON SLAYS RICH FATHER.

Quarrel Because Victim Doesn't Pay for Child's Funeral.

John G. Ostry, a 20-year-old in Duluth, Minn., was murdered by his eighteen-year-old son, Bjorn, in a quarrel relative to the payment of the funeral expenses of one of the children of the family, who died a week ago. The father, who was wealthy, was slow in paying the funeral bill and received a note from the undertaker, threatening suit. This agitated Mrs. Ostry. She reproached her husband and left the house. The father and son quarreled. Ostry's daughter went to the room in which they were and found the door locked. A few minutes later there was the report of a rifle. She ran to alarm neighbors, but before any one arrived the police were on the scene, the boy who had just slain his father having telephoned for them.

ALABAMA TO BE DRYEST STATE.

House Passes Bill Prohibiting Sale or Shipping of Liquor.

In almost a frenzy the House members of the Alabama Legislature on Friday made a violent assault on the sale of intoxicants of all kinds, passing the Fuller bill, beyond question the most drastic ever offered in the South. By its provisions no liquors may be sold; no advertisement of liquors may appear in any paper or upon any billboard, and no train or open any car that contains liquor upon any track. No place of selling any sort of goods may be called a saloon. Officers may raid any place under suspicion and destroy goods found. The presence of an internal revenue license, whether liquor is found or not, is prima facie evidence of guilt and the proprietor may be arrested.

CARS DEADLY IN CHICAGO.

Fifteen Adults and Seven Children Killed Last Month.

Mayor Busse of Chicago, aroused by numerous fatal street car accidents recently, has determined to take drastic measures to insure greater safety to pedestrians and vehicles. The Mayor called for statistics on the subject from the City Attorney and received a report that during the last month twenty-two persons had been killed and 253 persons injured in 234 accidents. This is an average of nearly eight accidents a day. Seven of the twenty-two persons killed were children.

KILLS RELATIVE AS THIEF.

Kentucky Man Also Shoots at Sister Who Is Guest at His Home.

Believing they were burglars trying to break into his house at Fulton, Ky., George Speed shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, Abe Vinson, and fired upon but missed his sister, Vinson's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson were guests at the home of Speed. Because of the heat they went out on the balcony to sleep for a while. When they were returning they were discovered by Speed, who fired without making an investigation.

Argentine Admits American Cattle.

Cattle from the United States hereafter will be allowed importation into Argentina, the president of that country having rescinded the embargo against such entry. The action of Congress in putting hides on the free list is believed to have influenced Argentina to take this step.

Boy Victim of Bubonic Plague.

Jose Mendosa, the Sunol youth who contracted bubonic plague from eating or handling infected ground squirrels, is dead at the hospital in Alameda, Cal. This is the first case of bubonic plague in the State for more than a year.

Body Hangs Three Months.

Pittsburgh Suicide Is Long Unnoticed Where Hundreds Pass Daily. After hanging for about three months to a tree within a few feet of a public road, along which hundreds of persons passed daily, the body of an unknown man, apparently about 70 years of age, was found near Pittsburgh, Pa., by berry pickers. No clue as to the identity of the supposed suicide was found on the body.

Time a Swim in Oklahoma.

During the present holidays in Oklahoma, the owners of farms with good swimming holes are charging ten cents admission to persons who desire to take a plunge.

Dynamite Bomb Thrown into the Street.

A dynamite bomb thrown into the street under a crowd surrounding a street vendor in Woonsocket, R. I., injured nine persons, one of whom will die. The bomb thrower was not arrested and the cause of the throwing of the missile is a mystery.

NEW HEAD OF G. A. R.

Samuel R. Van Sant Elected Commander in Chief.

Former Governor Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota was elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. Thursday in Salt Lake City, over Judge William A. Ketcham of Indiana by a vote of 587 to 156. In addition to Commander Van Sant, the following officers were elected:

Senior Vice Commander—W. M. Bostapugh, Utah. Junior Vice Commander—Judge Alfred Beers, Bristol, Conn. Surgeon General—W. H. Lemon, Lawrence, Kan. Mrs. Jennie L. Berry of Des Moines won the national presidency of the Woman's Relief Corps on the third ballot over Mrs. Belle Harris of Kansas by a vote of 213 to 90. The Flying Squadron Naval Association elected all its new officers by acclamation. For commander John C. Black was re-elected, and lieutenant commander

COM. VAN SANT, H. N. Rounds, of Rock Island, Ill. The army band, composed of survivors of the nurses who labored during the Civil War, elected as president Mrs. Mary T. Lucy, Salt Lake City, and as guard Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman, Illinois. The encampment ended at night with a fireworks display on Esplanade park.

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DEATH TAKES DR. H. W. THOMAS

Founder of the People's Church, Chicago, Expires in Florida.

One of Chicago's most noted clergymen of days gone by has been claimed by death. The Rev. Hiram W. Thomas died Thursday night at De Funiak Springs, Fla., where he had lived recently because of his feeble health. The body was taken to Chicago for burial. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of All Souls' Church conducted the funeral services.

Dr. Thomas ranked with Prof. David Swing as one of the most noted preachers of the West when both were tried and convicted of heresy nearly a generation ago. Theological opinions have changed since then and many orthodox clergymen now accept and preach the same doctrines which caused the expulsion of Thomas and Swing from their respective denominations.

After the expulsion of Dr. Thomas from the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1879, he established the undenominational People's Church, which held regular services in McVicker's Theater. In 1901 he resigned as pastor and was succeeded by the Rev. Frank Crane.

Hiram Washington Thomas was born in Hampshire County, Va., on April 29, 1822. He was converted at the age of 18 and at once began to prepare to become a clergyman. He took a private course of study and afterwards attended Copperstown Academy and Berlin College. He came West and joined the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856, having married Miss Emmeline C. Merrick of Pennsylvania the preceding year. For three years he was chaplain of the Iowa penitentiary, which position he left to become pastor of Park Avenue Methodist Episc-

opal Church in Chicago in 1862. Later he was pastor consentitively of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, First Church at Aurora and Centenary Church, Chicago. While pastor of this church he was accused and convicted of heresy.

His first wife died on Jan. 5, 1896. They had seven children, the only surviving one being Dr. Homer W. Thomas of Chicago. Early in 1899 the Rev. Dr. Thomas met Miss Vandalla Varson, a lecturer on liberal religion and ethics. They married several months later, and she was ordained soon afterwards as assistant pastor of People's Church.

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WEST SWEEP BY HEAT WAVE.

Oklahoma Thermometer Registers 112, Hottest in Fifteen Years.

Unusually intense heat, officially recorded by the government weather bureau as high as 110 degrees, caused at least three deaths Monday in Kansas City, numerous prostrations and much damage to crops in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Southwest generally. Throughout the Southwest the day was the most trying since the devastating drought of 1901. As the withering winds swept across the plains much vegetation fell. The day was the hottest Topeka has had in eight years, 102 degrees being officially recorded. Two prostrations resulted there. The past eight days in Kansas have shown a maximum temperature above 90 degrees and a minimum which has now been below 70—the hottest period of that length of time since 1901.

In Oklahoma City the government thermometer registered 103, while thermometers in the business district reached 112. It was the hottest day recorded there in fifteen years. At Muskogee the government thermometer registered 110. This was the highest recorded in the three States. Dispatches state Oklahoma crops have been materially damaged by the sultry wind. Enid, Okla., reported 105; Fort Smith, Ark., 102; Concordia, Kan., 102, and Lamar, Mo., 101. Three deaths were reported in St. Joseph, Mo., due to the heat, among them being William A. Kenyon, a civil war veteran, aged 71.

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AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

McVICKER'S THEATER. Klaw & Erlanger will make their first big production of the year and the first novelty of the season in Chicago, at McVicker's Theater, Saturday, August 28, when Maclay Arbuckle will be seen as "Fighting" Hime Look in "The Circus Man," a comedy drama evolved from Holman Day's stories by Eugene Presbrey, one of the most skilled writers for the stage in America.

With its scene laid in the small town of Palermo, Maine, and its story peopled with denizens of the region, the delightful atmosphere of New England will once again be transferred to the boards of a theater, recalling the triumphs and the charms of "Way Down East," "The Old Homestead," "The County Fair" and other plays of like ilk. The quaint characters of the Maine folk are to some extent indicated by the names assigned to them. "Fighting" Hime Look, "Squire" Phil, Kiele Willard, the Widow Snell, "Cajun" Durham, "Hard Times" Wharf, "Finger Four" Avery, Cap. Nymph Bodfish, Dow Babb, Wat Mays, Uncle Buck and Amazeen, being some of the personages.