

## STRAVES AGE CONSPIRACY CHARGED TO ANTIS

### Firemen on the Old International Line, Threaten to Strike for Back Pay.

## GOMEZ PALACIO SOAP WORKS HAVE STRIKE

Torreon, Mexico, July 17.—The thousand employes of La Esperanza, in Gomez Palacio, the largest soap factory in Mexico, did not report for work this morning, the first time in the history of the Compania Jabonera de la Laguna.

"There was no strike," declared Gen. Juan F. Brittingham, "and the men will return to work. Owing to the shortage of seed I ordered one department to close down and the men thus discharged attempted to create ill feeling among the other employes. They took this occasion to ask for more wages, which I have refused, as the employes of La Esperanza are receiving higher wages than any other factory employes in the republic and are well cared for."

The men quit work without a word of explanation and did not return. After leaving the plant a mass meeting was held at which it was determined to commit no acts of violence. They agreed to ask for such an increase in wages as the "conscience of the general manager should dictate," and for a full hour at noon, their present hours are from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., 12 hours, with half an hour for lunch. They asked that they be allowed to quit at 6 o'clock when conditions permitted. Most of the men have been employed by Mr. Brittingham from five to 10 years. They did not present any grievance until they asked a delegation of Gomez Palacio officials to intercede for them, the committee consisting of the commandante militar, the presidente and the principal of the primary school.

The committee assured the manager they would prevent any attempt to interfere with the men, and those who desire to may return to work at the old wages.

An attempt has been made to force a strike among the employes of the Torreon division of the National railways or the old International line. Strike talk has been rife for 30 days, but a body of three or four men attempted to interfere with passage of freight and passenger trains, urging firemen to strike for their pay and for an advance of 25 pesos on this month's pay. In some way the pay rolls of the International have been lost and the pay car which is now overdue has failed to arrive.

A circular circulated among railroad men in Torreon with Monterey date calls on them to strike and demand the discharge of certain American officials and employes.

### Smelter Strike Postponed.

The threatened strike did not take place at the smelter of the Fenoles Mining and Smelting company at noon today but was postponed till August 1. A detail of Maderista was sent by Col. Augustin Castro from Gomez Palacio to Mapihi to preserve order. From passengers it is learned that the smelter employes have visited the camp urging a strike among the smelter employes. On the other hand the company has announced that in the event of another strike both the smelter and the mine would be shut down for six months. More conservative employes have begun a propaganda among smelter men and an anti-strike feeling is growing against the 10 percent who are disposed to make trouble. No complaint has been made, but it is given out in a vague way that the removal of certain foreigners and probably an increase in wages will be asked.

### GATE'S ILLNESS IS LESS ALARMING THAN IT WAS.

Paris, France, July 18.—The attack of nervousness which made John W. Gates seriously ill continued to moderate today. The secondary difficulty, that of irregularity and weakness of the heart, gives the physicians concern and necessitates the use of stimulants. These stimulants, however, act well.

### GETTING RECORD OF SALOONS.

Austin, Tex., July 18.—In order to obtain a complete record of the exact number of saloons in operation in Texas during the month of July, the controller's department is now sending out a circular letter to all county clerks over the state urging upon them to send in the number in their respective counties, including those issued during this month.

### AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ANOTHER WARSHIP SENT THERE HAYTIAN ARE THREATENED

Washington, D. C., July 18.—At the request of American minister Furness at Port Au Prince, the United States will send another gunboat to Haytian waters to protect Americans and their interests, now seriously threatened by the revolution against the president. The second warship will go to Port Au Prince, the capital. The gunboat Petrel is already at Port Liberte on the north coast.

Mr. Furness regards the situation as acute and fears that the government cannot control conditions if the movement continues to grow. The revolutionists captured Hincha and Naisando on Sunday and yesterday Gonzalez fell into their hands.

The gunboat Des Moines at Boston, which is under orders to sail for the West Indies, probably will be rushed to the Haitian.

The government troops were routed at Trou and have returned in disorder to Cape Haytien. The situation is calm here but if the government fails, it is feared that there will be disorders on the part of the populace, as all the disciplined are in the north.

### GERMANS EXPELLED.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 18.—Advice from Hayti state that several prominent Germans have been expelled from the country on the grounds of alleged support given by them to the revolution. President Nixon is said to be attempting to pacify the rebels by proclaiming that the United States will interfere unless the railway construction across the island is permitted to proceed.

## WILEY GIVES ANSWER TO CHARGES

### President Taft Has Reply of Food Expert Who Has Been Attacked.

## LINE OF DEFENCE IS NOT MADE KNOWN

Washington, D. C., July 18.—Dr. Harvey Wiley's answer to the charges made against him by the personnel board of the department of agriculture was presented to president Taft today.

### Outline Not Known.

The outline of Dr. Wiley's defence was not known by secretary Wilson, who received the papers and was not disclosed at the white house. Although attorney general Wickesham is out of the city, the case was discussed informally by the cabinet. No announcement as to when the president will dispose of the case was forthcoming, but it is not probable that he will be able to settle it for several days.

### Wilson Unfriendly.

It is well known in Washington that secretary Wilson and Dr. Wiley have not been on friendly terms for some time. It is acknowledged by the secretary's friends that he takes the position that the chief of the chemistry bureau has assumed more authority in the department than he is entitled to.

### Will Recommend Leniency.

In spite of this fact it was predicted today that Mr. Wilson will recommend leniency. He is aware of the popular sentiment in favor of Dr. Wiley, and his friends declare that he will not concur with Mr. Wickesham in suggesting that Dr. Wiley's resignation would be acceptable.

### Wiley Refuses to Talk.

Dr. Wiley declined to discuss his answer in any way, but intimated that it was "brief and to the point." An unverified report was current here this afternoon that the president would mildly reprimand Dr. Wiley, but would not under any circumstance request his resignation.

### No matter what action president Taft takes in the case of Dr. Wiley, the house on expenditures in the department of agriculture doubtless will conduct its investigation in to the charges against Dr. Wiley.

A member of the committee said today that "in any case it would try to find out where the charges were using their influence to get Wiley out of the service."

President Taft told visitors this afternoon that he would not be able to take up the Wiley case before late tomorrow. The president said he intended to read every word of the record and indicated that it would be several days before he reached a decision.

### THOMAS TESTIFIES AT SUGAR INQUIRY

#### Says Public Opinion Has Changed Since Havemeyer Ruled the Company.

New York, N. Y., July 18.—Washington B. Thomas, president of the American Sugar Refining company and now chairman of its board of directors, was the chief witness examined today when the congressional committee resumed here its investigations of the methods of the so-called sugar trust.

Mr. Thomas told the committee that while he and Mr. Senff had been appointed to the committee with H. O. Havemeyer to purchase refineries, Mr. Havemeyer never consulted them but went ahead independently.

In discussing Havemeyer's methods, Mr. Thomas said he strongly opposed any publicity of the company's business and making annual reports to the stockholders. He had sufficient power to keep a friendly majority in the board of directors who sanctioned all he did.

### Abolishing Open Gambling.

Mr. Freeman then took up the question of statewide gambling and the effects that those in favor of gambling said the suppression of gambling would have.

"They say regarding the saloon question that it should be a question of local option. When the question of suppressing the wholesale gambling existing in El Paso came up they say it should be a local option question? No. They sent their representatives to the capital of the state and there the representatives of this county requested the other state representatives to pass a law prohibiting gambling. Can any intelligent man look at El Paso today, and say that this statewide gambling law has not suppressed the wholesale gambling that was existing?"

### Poll Taxes Free.

"It is said that in some places there can be found a purity of the ballot box existing, but the purity of the ballot box under the laws of this state does not hold good. I hold in my hand, and I have others, the certificates of men who have not paid their poll tax, who have not authorized anybody else to pay their poll tax and who have received their poll tax receipts issued from the tax collector's office of this city, in open violation of the laws. And

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## SUES CROCKERY TRUST AND HAS DOLLS FOR WITNESSES

New York, N. Y., July 18.—Miss K. Lesser, an artist, in her suit under the copyright law against a manufacturer and importer named Bergfeld and the crockery trust, has only dolls as her witnesses. These dolls, the creatures of her own genius, first modeled in wax and then reproduced in bisque, were copyrighted, she says, under the old law, which should cause her to receive \$10 for each bisque doll of the kind imported into the country.

The dolls are shaped after the lines of grown women that are corseted. They have the straight front and sides of the modish woman and were originally intended as little models upon which to drape in miniature gowns that the grown-ups wanted made.

If Miss Lesser wins her suit, she will get a large sum of money, as a great many of the bisque dolls have been manufactured.

### CENTER OF POPULATION MOVES 31 MILES WEST

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The center of population of the United States is 4 1/2 miles south of Unionville, Monroe county, Indiana, according to a census bureau announcement. Since 1900 when it was six miles southeast of Columbus, Indiana, it has moved 21 miles westward and seven tenths of a mile northward.

The geographical center of the United States is in Kansas.

### FEAR OF CHOLERA INVASION ALLAYED

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## SENATORS DISPUTE AGAIN

### Mississippi Senator Wins a Point Over Senator Heyburn of Idaho.

## HEYBURN BITTER IN HIS SPEECH

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The bitterness between senator Heyburn of Idaho and senator Williams of Mississippi on the subject of the Confederacy broke out anew in the senate today.

Senator Heyburn objected to the taking up of a bill appropriation of \$10,000 for Confederate war monument in the Vicksburg Military Park, but senator Williams won his consideration by a vote of 79 to 19.

The Vicksburg Park commission and the senate committee on military affairs having approved the measure, Mr. Williams said it was his desire to have the monument completed for the semi-centennial "Blue and Gray" reunion at Vicksburg in 1913.

Senator Williams abruptly left the chamber when senator Heyburn began to speak.

### Calls War a Murder.

Mr. Heyburn characterized the history of the war between the states as a "history of murder." He attacked the newspapers of the country, declaring many of them disloyal and "delighted to express their disloyalty."

### The Bloody Flag.

He had been characterized as "waving the bloody flag in the senate" he said, and had been misinterpreted as he was receiving scores of anonymous letters from "cowards" threatening him with physical violence because of his opposition to use of government funds to recognize Confederate service.

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### GIRLS ARE INDICTED FOR SHOOTING STOKES

New York, N. Y., July 18.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad were indicted today on three counts growing out of the shooting of W. E. H. Stokes at their apartments on June 6.

The grand jury held them for attempted murder in the first degree, assault in the first degree and assault in the second degree.

The young women will be arraigned tomorrow and their cases will go over for trial until October.

It did not take the grand jury long to indict. The defendants did not appear and the only witnesses were Mr. Stokes and James McCormick, a detective. Stokes repeated the story he had told before the police magistrate who held the girls for the grand jury. The trial jury may find the girls guilty on only one or two of three indictments. Stokes from the first, insisted upon pressing the charge of attempted murder.

### FLOODS AND TYPHOON DO DAMAGE IN LUZON.

Manila, P. I., July 18.—Damage amounting to \$1,500,000 has been done by the typhoon and floods in Luzon. The tobacco bacco provinces have been isolated.

### REGIMENT SENT TO FRONT.

Lisbon, Portugal, July 18.—The sixth regiment of Chasseurs was today ordered to the northern frontier to reinforce the garrison at Braga.

### REALTY MEN HAVE PARADE IN DENVER

#### Fourth Convention of National Association Is Attended by Big Crowd.

Denver, Colo., July 18.—The fourth annual convention of the National association of real estate exchanges opened here today with representatives present from many parts of the country and each incoming train bringing hundreds more.

A great industrial parade, of the most elaborate and in many ways unique and one of the largest ever held in Denver, was the feature this morning.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the convention will be called to order by president Alexander S. Taylor, of Cleveland, O.

Preliminary skirmishes for the presidency and the next convention occurred this morning and took definite form upon the arrival of the national officers, Louisville, Ky., first in the field of the 1912 convention with Kansas City, St. Louis, Atlanta and Chicago regarded as formidable contenders.

Vice presidents Samuel S. Thorpe, of Minneapolis, and Frank Craven, of Philadelphia are the two most prominently mentioned for the presidency.

### FORFEIT

The El Paso Herald will pay \$500.00 to the order of the El Paso Times on the following condition: If, after an examination by three disinterested parties,

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## TESTIMONY IS STRIKINGLY SIMILAR

### Witnesses in Lorimer Probe Deny Statements Credited to Them.

## EVIDENCE IS MUCH LIKE THAT OF HINES

Washington, D. C., July 18.—How Edward Hines, the Chicago lumberman, is said to have boasted he "elected" Lorimer, to the senate, was related today before the senate Lorimer committee, by Donald M. Fraine, a cigar stand employe in the Union league club in Chicago. It was near this stand that Herman H. Hettler claimed Hines remarked to him on the day Lorimer was elected that "Lorimer has been elected, I elected him, I did it myself personally."

Today Fraine swore that he could not recall the words, but that "Mr. Hines said, I have elected Lorimer our next senator."

### Baker Denies Remark.

Isaac Baker, a lumber buyer for Edward Hines, testified that he made a trip from Washington to Chicago with Hines ending on May 26, the day Lorimer was elected. He was present in W. H. Cook's room at the Grand Pacific hotel when Hines had a long distance telephone talk to Springfield about Lorimer's election that day. Cook testified that Hines said he would be down on the next train prepared to furnish all the money needed. Hines denied this remark, so did Baker today.

Baker was also at the Union league club, he said the day Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, asked Hines, according to Hines, for the purpose of contributing to Lorimer's campaign fund. Funk declared Hines had asked him to contribute \$10,000 toward a \$100,000 fund.

### Agree With Hines.

Today Baker gave an account of the meeting of Hines and Funk just as Hines had done.

Baker had said he neither read Hines's testimony about the conversation nor heard him give his version of them.

"Don't you regard it as remarkable then for you to make precisely the statement of those conversations that Hines does?" asked senator Kern.

"No, sir, I do not."

### FIRE THREATENS BIG BUILDING IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, July 18.—Fire this morning in the Trust building cellar threatened the big structure and drove all of the occupants out in a hurry.

The Western Union Telegraph company offices are located in the building and the operators were all driven from their keys by the smoke. The fire was confined to the cellar and the damage was not great.

### SAYS CANAL WILL BE FORFEITED WITHIN YEAR.

Washington, D. C., July 18.—Senator Warren, chairman of the senate appropriations committee and former chairman of military affairs, predicted after a talk with president Taft today that artillerymen to man the fortifications on the Panama canal zone would be sent north within a year.

Senator Warren declared that regiments of infantry and perhaps cavalry also, will be sent to the Isthmus.

### ALLEGED REVISTA PILOT IS FOUND AT SAN LUIS POTOSI

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, July 18.—Former chief of police Macias and professor B. Guardiola, until recently inspector of schools and the editor of an afternoon newspaper, and Manuel Ugaldes, late jefe politico are under arrest here charged with sedition.

In connection with their arrest about 100 pesos were taken from a north-bound train and placed in the pentenary. It was said that a plot had been discovered among followers of Gen. Reyes and their activity was directed in his favor.

### KENNEDY WILL ENTER THE PROFESSIONAL CLASS.

New York, N. Y., July 18.—Tom Kennedy, for two years an amateur heavyweight champion, has announced his intention of turning professional.

Kennedy's first match will be with Al Pitzer, who is a hard hitting heavyweight of good class. They will meet at the National Sporting club on August 4.

### MAY HAVE OPTION ON BOSTON NATIONAL CLUB.

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The Morning Star says James McCall is behind the movement to buy the Boston American League club that recently opened negotiations with John L. Taylor, and is believed now to have an option on the Boston club.

### BIG STRIKE MADE

#### WILL BUILD BIC SMELTER IN LANUMEX MINE

John R. Gault, Jr., secretary of the Lanumex Mining company, of Hachita, N. M., is in the city for a short business trip. A big strike was made there at the Lanumex mine on last Wednesday.

Discussing this, Mr. Gault said: "We had received indications of a big vein in our first shaft, which had been sunk 115 feet and temporarily abandoned on account of it being flooded. We sunk another shaft about 30 feet

from it, and at the 30 foot level we uncovered a vein of lead and silver fully three feet broad and running clear across the shaft. This is by far the largest vein yet uncovered in this district. Although the ore has not yet been assayed, I am confident that it will run \$150 to the ton. Extensive improvements are being made at the mine and in the near future a concentrator, to cost \$10,000, will be installed."