

WILL FIGHT REDUCTION.

PRESIDENT COMPEERS TALKS OF CHANGES IN WAGES.

Warning served on Employers That All Efforts to Reduce Wages Will Be Fought to the Utmost.

New York, Dec. 17.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has served notice upon employers that attempts to reduce wages at this time will be fought to the utmost.

"Since I have been in New York," said Mr. Compers, "I have been approached a dozen times by bankers, financiers, capitalists, in open conversation, in written communications and in whispers to the effect that wages must come down; that the laboring man must make up his mind to bear his share of the hard times."

"And I turned to those men and I asked them whether the soil of our country is less fertile, the treasures beneath the soil less valuable, men's minds less active, the laboring men less industrious. Wherefore, I asked them, is there reason or necessity to thus attack the American standard of our working men?"

"The history of industry demonstrates that every such reduction of wages, intended to meet such conditions as now exist, has only accentuated the situation, made matters worse. When you reduce the laboring man's earning capacity, you reduce his consuming power and thereby intensify what was already bad enough."

"So I say to the employers—to the bankers, the lawyers, the manufacturers, the mine operators, to all employers—that if you attempt to reduce the wages you are not going to have the easy sailing they had a few years ago, for the American workingman has come to the conclusion that for any reason, the financial situation is as it is—and I shall not sign any reason—it was not, at any time, due to any fault on the part of the working people. They have made their minds that they are not going to be the chief sufferers because of an artificial panic, or of one caused by the blunders of those in charge of the finances of the country."

"Speaking along the same Mr. Mitchell said: 'It is not going to make matters any better to reduce wages. Such reductions have never failed to make matters worse instead of better.'

The speaker followed a day's session at the Park Avenue hotel. Among the speakers were August Belmont and General Frederick D. Grant, President Elliot of Harvard; Postmaster General Meyer, former Governor Herrick, of Ohio; Alfred Crozier, of Wilmington, Del., and others.

Andrew Mills, president of the Dry Dock Savings Bank said \$1,460,000.00 was in 135 savings banks in New York State and in the present crisis the bankment house dweller had lent money upon the home of the milllionaire.

WANT MORE POWER.

Railroad Commissioners Make Recommendations to Legislative Committee.

Columbia, Dec. 17.—In a letter addressed to Messrs Sinkler and Nash of the railroad investigating committee, the railroad commission recommends that the coming legislature authorize the governor to appoint an expert for inspection work and special counsel for legal advice, that means be provided for modifying the railroad laws and that the commission be authorized to investigate interstate rates which affect this State and carry appeal cases to the interstate commission.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide range and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mount City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clappa, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clappa, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial drug.

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PRESIDENT OF NORTHWESTERN RECEIVES PEREMPTORY LETTER.

Definite Order Regarding Improvements on the Road Concerning Depots and Condition of Passenger Coaches.

Columbia, Dec. 19.—The railroad commission sent a peremptory letter to the president of the Northwestern railroad at Sumter. The letter reads: "Sir: Whereas the railroad commission of South Carolina inspected on the 1st day of November, 1907, the Northwestern railroad of South Carolina, and made report on the same on November 4, 1907, a copy of said report having been sent you, accompanied by letter dated November 9, and this commission receiving no reply, wrote you again on November 25, and having received no reply to this letter or any information from you as to what your company expected to do, it is hereby ordered:

First, That the depots at Dalzell, Kemberts, Paxville, Silver and Davis, be so built that they will comply with the statutes of the State of South Carolina, as to having separate waiting rooms for white and colored people, and that the same be furnished with proper seats, lights and water.

Second, That the depot at Summerton, S. C., be furnished with seats lights and stoves.

Third, That the depot at Jordan be rebuilt.

Fourth, That the passenger trains running on this road be furnished with proper lamps for lighting of each coach.

Fifth, That the rules of this commission (a copy of which is hereto enclosed) be posted in each waiting room of each of the depots along the line of the N. W. R. of South Carolina.

Sixth, That the improvements as herein set forth, be made within sixty (60) days from January 1, 1908.

By order of the commission. R. T. Coughman, Chairman.

A tickling cough, from any cause, is quickly stopped by Dr. Sheep's Cough Cure. And it is so thoroughly harmless and safe, that Dr. Sheep tells mothers everywhere to give it without hesitation, even to very young babes. The wholesome green leaves and tender stems of a lung-healing mountainous shrub, furnish the curative properties to Dr. Sheep's Cough Cure. It calms the cough, and heals the sore and sensitive bronchial membranes. No opium, no chloroform, nothing harsh used to injure or suppress, that helps to heal aching lungs. The Spaniards call this shrub which the Doctor uses, "The Sacred Herb." Always demand Dr. Sheep's Cough Cure, Sibert's Drug Store.

GUN THAT KILLED GOEBEL.

Powers Testifies That Defense Now Has Weapon.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 18.—The gun from which it is admitted sped the steel ball which took the life of William Goebel, almost on the doorstep of the State capitol, at Frankfort, nearly eight years ago and for which a fruitless search has been conducted for that length of time, is in Georgetown and will be produced in the Scott circuit court for identification, possibly in tomorrow's proceedings of the trial of Caleb Powers. It is a Marlin rifle, caliber 38.55, and was the property of Henry E. Youtsey, the convict, until a few weeks before the shooting of Goebel, when it passed to Grant L. Roberts, of Frankfort, who has testified that it was taken from his office without his knowledge a few days before the murder.

That the weapon, concerning which much testimony has been adduced at the numerous trials of the alleged conspirators since January, 1900, has been found and could be produced in court as a silent witness, fell from the lips of Caleb Powers, who spent almost six hours of this day on the witness stand, giving testimony in his own behalf, and defending himself from the numerous statements told by Commonwealth witnesses connecting him with the alleged conspiracy. The statement by Powers regarding the whereabouts of the noted weapon came just as court was about to close for the day, and a technical objection by attorneys for the State delayed until tomorrow, possibly later, the bringing of the gun into court and the telling of the story of its finding.

"Are you having trouble with your kidneys? There are lots of people today who wonder why they have pains across the back, why they are tired and lacking in energy and ambition. Your kidneys are wrong. They need relief without delay. Take DeWitt's Kidney & Bladder Pills; they are for weak back, inflammation of the bladder, backache and weak kidneys. Sold by all druggists.

The plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber company at Georgetown has closed down for the Christmas holidays.

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BIDDERS MAKE A KICK.

AGAINST CORTELYOU DELIVERING REST OF BONDS.

Secretary of the Treasury Cited to Appear in Court on Jan. 3, to Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Enjoined.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Justice Gould of the district supreme court today cited Geo. B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, to appear in court Friday, Jan. 3, 1908, to show cause why he should not be enjoined from turning over or delivering the balance of the \$21,450,000 of the Panama canal bonds to certain banks and persons to whom he has announced allotments. The citation issued by Justice Gould is based on a petition filed by Geo. W. Austin, of New York, who describes himself as a taxpayer and property owner in the United States and who declares he made a proposal to purchase bonds of the advertised issue of the face value of \$2,000,000. He avers he had agreed to pay at the rate of 103.375 and on notice of the acceptance of his bid stands ready to deposit the amount with the assistant treasurer at New York.

Mr. Austin informs the court that he has been advised through the public press that in direct violation of the statutes and in absolute disregard of the treasury department's circular No. 68 of the \$25,000,000 of the bonds allotted, only \$1,000,000 were allotted to natural persons who were individual bidders for the same and who, in accordance with the statutes and said circular, were given an equal opportunity to subscribe therefor; the remaining \$24,000,000 were allotted to divers national banks throughout the United States and only \$3,555,000 of which were allotted to banks which had a higher price than that bid by him.

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YAQUIS MURDER MINERS IN MEXICAN STATE.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Information which has just reached here tells of the frightful murder of 12 men by a band of 150 Yaqui Indians, 45 miles southeast of Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, last Wednesday. P. J. McIntyre and a party of mining men of this section have arrived from the scene where they viewed the remains of the murdered men. The Yaquis captured the party of 13 men. Among the number was Jose Fernandez, son of President Fernandez of the town of Cuicuilpe and owner of the Mesca plantation, where the killing occurred. The others were Mexican laborers on the ranch and some Cananea miners looking for work.

One American was among the number, but he was rescued by men who told him that they were Americans. The remaining 12 were stripped naked, stood up against trees and shot through the head. A band of Yaquis is reported to be on the warpath.

\*Jack and Jill were both quite ill. Now each is well and wiser. For blues and headaches have to go when they take an Early Riser. DeWitt's Little Early Riser Pills are sold by all druggists.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINANCE.

Friday was the anniversary of the adoption of the Ordinance of Secession. The convention met in the First Baptist church, in Columbia, on December 17 and adjourned to meet in Charleston where the ordinance was adopted on the 20th of December, 47 years ago.

There are only three signers living today. They are Col. Jos. Daniel Pope, of Columbia; Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle, of Spartanburg, and Hon. Robt. A. Thompson, of Wallhalla.

A Dangerous Deadlock. That sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at Sibert's Drug Store 25 cents.

J. Parker Gray, Jr., of Orangeburg county, was bound over to the United States court to answer the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

\*Trial Catarrh treatments are being mailed out free, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. These tests are proving to the people—without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.

A meeting of the cotton mill men of the State will be held in Columbia on January 3.

Notice to Our Customers. We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. Sibert's Drug Store.

Congressman Legare will introduce a bill to widen the channel leading to Charleston harbor.

\*Bees Laxative Cough Syrup for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough grows in favor daily. Mothers should keep it on hand for children. It is prompt relief to croup. It is gently laxative, driving the poison and phlegm from the system. It gives immediate relief. Guaranteed. Sold by Sibert, Drug Co.

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NOTICE.

Office County Board of Commissioners, Sumter County, S. C., Dec. 9, 1907. The annual meeting of the County Board of Commissioners for Sumter County will be held at Sumter Court House on Thursday the 9th day of January, 1908.

All persons holding claims against Sumter County, not previously presented, are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of this Board on or before the first day of January, 1908 in order that they may be examined previous to the annual meeting.

THOS. E. RICHARDSON, Clerk County Board of Commissioners. 12-10-1aw4t.

Low Excursion Rates VIA Atlantic Coast Line ACCOUNT Christmas Holidays.

Round trip tickets on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1st. Final return limit Jan. 6th. For further information, communicate with nearest Agent, or write

W. J. CRAIG, T. C. WHITE, Pass. Traffic Mgr. Gen. Pass. WILMINGTON, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE Time Table No. 7—Effective Nov. 3, 1907. Schedules of Trains Arriving and Leaving Sumter.

Table with columns: Train, Stop, Time. Includes routes like Florence to Augusta, Columbia to Wilmington, Charleston to Greenville, etc.

(Subject to Change Without Notice.) Note—All trains marked \* daily. Others daily except Sunday. \*No. 32, Augusta to Florence, is through train; Sumter to Florence and will stop at local stations. Note—Nos. 16 and 57 only stop Sunday. \*Nos. 24 and 25 does not carry passengers.

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