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JOURNEYMEN TAILORS WILL MAKE DEMANDS

Want Higher Wages, Lesser Hours, and No Overtime.

ORGANIZER HAS BEEN BUSY

Conditions of the Workmen May Be Laid Before Employers on Monday.

Washington men who wear good clothes and have thoughts of securing new raiment here for spring wear are likely to meet an unwelcome surprise within the next few days. Those who determine, after a few more of the pleasant days like yesterday, that they must have their tailor make them some seasonable clothes in a hurry, will find that certain complications exist in the tailoring trade between employers and employees and that delays in production must be expected henceforth.

Next Monday is the date tentatively agreed upon by representatives of the employers for making their demands in case all arrangements can be completed by that time. For nearly a year past an organizer has been circulating from time to time among these workers in Washington urging them to make demands for increased wages and insist upon compliance with certain other incidental conditions.

Demands of the Journeymen.
Heretofore employer and employee have dwelt in harmony, working overtime when busy, and taking more rest when trade became dull between seasons. Now it is proposed to make the following demands:

An increase in wages, amounting in some cases to as much as 15 per cent.

A reduction of working hours in the busy seasons.

Acceptance by employers of a rule forbidding work overtime under any considerations.

Compulsory provision by the employer of workshops for employees.

Forbidding employees to do work at other places than their regular shops.

Promulgation of a schedule of fines for violations of any of these conditions.

Views of an Employer.
Commenting on these demands, a well-known local master tailor said today to a reporter for The Times:

"In dealing directly with our employees we have never had any trouble worth speaking about, in many years' experience in business in Washington. The cutters and the coatmakers, the best-skilled of all the workmen, have always commanded good wages, and all other employees have done well in proportion. All first-class tailors look for practically the same percentage of profit on their work, so that whatever is added to expenses only makes clothes so much the dearer.

Compulsory Workshop.
"The compulsory workshop idea is an other strange feature. In many cases a garment worker prefers to keep his own shop at his home, where he can work early, or late, as suits him, and employ such assistance as he needs. Sometimes several members of a family do certain portions of the work and acquire expertness in special lines. That makes better work and quicker delivery for the customer, and larger wages for the workers. If all these people were compelled to come to our places of business and do the work there, it would decrease the output, increase the expense of rent to the employer, and the cost of the clothes to the consumer.

"When trade was good we would have to turn people away after taking orders for enough work for a limited hour day. When trade was poor, between seasons, could not make up for it, and employers and employees alike would suffer financially. The attempt to dictate any such rules would place a limit on the earning capacity of the workers and inconvenience the public generally."

There is an organization of about twenty tailoring firms in this city, the members of which stand together on all questions of policy and arrangements with the labor interests. They have been aware for some time past that a move of this sort was in contemplation. It has just transpired, however, that Monday next was under consideration as the time when the demands were to be publicly made, as the spring trade is now beginning to assume good proportions.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

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TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 44
12 a. m. 46
1 p. m. 51

THE SUN.
Sun sets today 6:03 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:16 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 8:04 p. m.
High tide today 2:07 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 8:30 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 2:28 a. m.

JUSTICE DAY IMPROVES WITH GOOD WEATHER

Physician Announces That Patient Is Not in Danger.

EX-SENATOR JONES BETTER

Attack of Hiccoughs Under Control. Doctors Pronounce Him Almost Convalescent.

"There are no unfavorable symptoms and Justice Day is better this morning," said the announcement made by Dr. B. L. Hardin after his professional visit to Justice Day at the Arlington Hotel.

Dr. Hardin conceded last night that his distinguished patient had a "moderately severe" case of pneumonia. Dr. Oiler, of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, was summoned last night to consult with Dr. Hardin and arrived in Washington this morning shortly before noon. He and Dr. Hardin were with the sick jurist for some time.

Justice Day's two sons said this morning that their father seemed to be much better. His condition, they believe, is not such as to make it necessary to summon their two brothers. Mrs. Day and her two sons are constantly with the sick man. He is said to have passed a comfortable night last night, and his sons are confident that he will recover.

The marked change in the weather was said by the physicians to be very fortunate for Justice Day. Warm, bright days are much more favorable for pneumonia patients than the damp weather which prevailed early in the week when Justice Day was taken sick.

Ex-Senator Jones of Arkansas, who has been suffering from grip, complicated with long-continued hiccoughing, is much improved today. The hiccoughs, which were at one time the dangerous feature of the case, are now practically under control.

WATERBURY CITIZENS TO ACT AS VIGILANTES

Will Guard Street Car Passengers in Effort to Break Boycott—Big Reward for Murderer.

WATERBURY, Conn., March 13.—A crisis in the strike situation here is anticipated today, when the Citizens' Alliance, in secret session, will decide on aggressive action to end the boycott brought on by the protracted street car strike.

The Law and Order Association, though it has been working in secret, has grown so strong that it is now said to include 50 per cent of the merchants and manufacturers of the city. For trade reasons the members are keeping their identity secret.

Already the organization has broken the trolley car boycott. Now it proposes to protect the lives of those who are riding on the cars by its invitation. It is anticipated that the surprise the al-

liance intends to spring at today's meeting will be the announcement of an organized guard to do police duty regardless of the Waterbury department.

The strikers, on the other hand, have been preparing to meet any radical action on the part of the vigilantes. They say no violence will be attempted, but that any outright attempt by the merchants to assist the trolley company in ending the strike will be met by a general walk-out of the 8,000 organized workmen of the city.

The Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company, at its annual meeting, voted to offer no concessions to the eighty striking motormen and conductors, and put up \$5,000 for the capture of the murderer of Policeman Mendellson, bringing the total reward to \$19,400.

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COUNTERFEITS BETTER THAN GENUINE COINS

Millions of Silver Pesetas Floated by Powerful Spanish Gang.

MADRID, March 13.—As a result of complaints recently made by Spanish bankers, government agents have discovered a gigantic counterfeiting scheme, backed by powerful influence. The spurious coin is chiefly silver, and has been distributed throughout Spain. It is estimated that fully 12,000,000 pesetas (\$2,300,000) are already in circulation. They were coined mainly in Seville.

The coins are perfectly made. A peculiar fact concerning them is that they contain more silver than the Spanish legal tender. Despite this, it is stated the operators have made an average of 30 per cent on their scheme.

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SENATE PLANS TO ADJOURN THURSDAY

Democrats Acquiesce in Republican Program.

TREATIES TO BE VOTED UPON

Mr. Gorman Hopes That All Business Will Have Been Completed.

The Senate will adjourn next Thursday. This is the program of the Republican steering committee, and the Democrats will acquiesce. If the session goes a day beyond that date it will mean that several Senators intend talking to a greater extent on the Panama treaty than is now contemplated. Amendments to the Cuban treaty will not be accepted by the Republicans, but no change permitted in the Panama Canal treaty.

The Republican steering committee was in session the entire forenoon in Senator Allison's committee room. When it adjourned the members maintained an air of secrecy that was practically impenetrable until it became known that an understanding existed between the Republican and the Democratic leaders.

The agreement for a vote on the Panama treaty formed the basis of getting together and everything dates from Tuesday, when that vote will be taken. One member of the committee said that the Cuban treaty would be voted upon two days after the ratification of the canal convention. Another member said the Senate would adjourn Thursday.

Senator Gorman was seen following the meeting of the Republicans, and his statement that he could see no reason why the Senate should not be through by this day week showed that the attitude of the Republicans is not without the sympathy of the minority party. It is said the Democratic steering committee will meet tomorrow, but there is every reason to believe that this will merely be for the purpose of formally supporting the position taken by Senator Gorman.

Frank H. Hitchcock was born at Amherst, Lorain county, Ohio, October 5, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of Boston and vicinity, and at Harvard University, where he was graduated with honors in 1891. In November of that year he came to Washington to accept an appointment as chief clerk to the superintendent of construction of the United States Postoffice building. The same month, as the result of a competitive examination, he was appointed an assistant in the biological division of the Department of Agriculture. A year later he secured a transfer to the division of statistics, and there served in various capacities, chiefly as librarian, until 1895, when he was made assistant chief of the division of foreign markets. In 1897 he was appointed chief.

William L. Souleau was born June 12, 1861, in Michigan, and removed to Washington, D. C., in 1873, for the purpose of securing an education. He attended public and private schools in the District. Through Hon. Edwin Willets, of Michigan, he was appointed as an assistant messenger July 2, 1878, in the Pension Bureau, with the understanding that a clerkship would be given him at the earliest opportunity. He was promoted from time to time and in August, 1899, was made chief of the finance division of the Bureau, which position he now holds. He is married and resides at Garrett Park, Md.

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AUTHORIZES A LARGE SUM FOR IRRIGATION

About 600,000 Acres of Arid Land Involved.

The Cabinet held its usual Friday session at the White House offices today, with the smallest attendance in many weeks. Those present were Secretaries Shaw, Hitchcock, Wilson, and Cortelyou.

Secretary Hay is at Thomaston, Ga.; Secretary Root at Clinton, N. Y.; Attorney General Knox at Palm Beach, and Postmaster General Payne and Secretary Moody are cruising in the Caribbean on the Dolphin.

After the Cabinet meeting Secretary Hitchcock announced the authorization of a large amount of irrigation work in the far West, including authority for the acquisition of necessary property and rights of way preliminary to the construction of irrigation works in five localities under authority of the reclamation act approved June 17, 1902.

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MITCHELL WOULD HAVE CUNNINGHAM PUNISHED

Urges Department of Justice to Investigate.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ACT

Labor Leaders Charge Deputy Marshal With Murder in Shooting Miners.

John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers' of America, is making every possible effort to secure the punishment of United States Deputy Marshal D. W. Cunningham and other United States officers who led the posse which killed three miners and injured several others at Stanfield City, W. Va., late in February.

Several days ago Mr. Mitchell called on the Attorney General and presented the miners' side of the case. He also conferred with other officers of the Department of Justice. Mr. Mitchell was accompanied to Washington by S. C. Burnette, of Charleston, W. Va., counsel for the striking miners.

The action of Cunningham and his associates is characterized as murder by the miners. They urge the Department of Justice to make a complete investigation of the conduct of Cunningham and his associates.

Although Mr. Mitchell did not file formal complaints against Cunningham and other officers who opened fire on the miners, it is probable that such complaints will be filed in case the investigation of the shooting which Judge Keller, of the United States district court, is now conducting at Charleston, does not result in their punishment.

The shooting was the result of a blanket order issued by Judge Keller, which prevented striking miners in the New River district from going upon the property of the coal operators. In the enforcement of this order Cunningham was assisted by Sheriff Cook, several other officers, and a posse of about 100 men. Three miners were killed by the officers, two were dangerously wounded, and many other sustained slight injuries.

DENSE FOG ENVELOPS THE CITY AND RIVER

Heaviest Veil of Mist Seen in Washington for Years. Cautious Traffic on Streets and River.

Washingtonians who rise before 8 o'clock might easily have imagined themselves in a typical London fog this morning. From sunrise until 8 o'clock the city was shrouded in a mist so dense that it was impossible to distinguish objects twenty feet away.

Street cars crawled slowly along through the business section of the city and rang their bells constantly. Milk wagons and delivery wagons out for the early morning trade moved at a snail's pace through the gloom. Bicyclists pedaled cautiously through the mist and warned pedestrians by continuous whistling or ringing of bells.

Washington has not experienced such a fog in years. Along the river front the mist was even more dense than in the business section of the city, and navigation was carried on with great difficulty. The fog extended down the river to Cedar Point.

Capt. J. F. Cason, of the steamer Washington, which arrived in this city from Norfolk this morning, said that his boat ran into the fog at 4 o'clock this morning and made its way to this city with great difficulty. The siren whistles on all river boats were blown continuously. Even then the vessels were in danger of collision as it was impossible to see any lights.

Old members of the crew of the ferry-boat Columbia say that in thirty-five years the Potomac has not been shrouded so completely as it was this morning. Harbormaster Sutton took every precaution to prevent accidents, and no collisions were reported to him up to noon today.

YELLOW FEVER PLAGUE RAGING IN GUAYAQUIL

Consul Sawyer Turned Back by Alarming Reports of Death Rate.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Among the passengers who arrived this morning on the steamer Alianza from Colon were George Sawyer, United States consul at Guayaquil, and Mrs. Sawyer. The consul said that when he arrived at Guayaquil and found the alarming extent of the epidemic of yellow fever prevailing there he immediately returned. He said: "A week before I arrived at Guayaquil the death rate was very high. Then the rain set in and conditions were very alarming. I was told that it was sure death for my wife and self to stay there. It will depend on the department whether I return to my post or not. I shall go direct to Washington."

REVIVES FROM TRANCE WHILE IN HIS COFFIN

NILES, Mich., March 13.—George F. B. Collins, a local attorney, who has been seriously ill, went into a trance yesterday, and relatives, supposing him dead, summoned an undertaker.

When the body was placed in a casket, several hours later, the undertaker discovered perceptible indications of returning life. Medical aid was summoned, and the patient now bids fair to recover.

TOWN WITHOUT AN INHABITANT.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 13.—The White, Patoka, and Wabash rivers will be stationary by Sunday if there are no further rains. All the lowlands are entirely submerged. The town of East Mount Carmel has not a single person left in it, the water being from three to fifteen feet deep in its streets.

FLOOD SITUATION NOW NEAR CRITICAL STAGE