

300 MEN ON STRIKE

Employees of the Scranton Street Railway.

WANT MORE PAY, FEWER HOURS

Company Says It Is Not in Position to Grant Increase—Sympathizers on Another System Threaten to Leave Work.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—Every one of the 300 car and barn employees of the Scranton Street Railway Company obeyed the strike order, which went into effect at 5 o'clock this morning, and as a consequence only two cars were run in all of the Lackawanna Valley today. These two were manned by Superintendent Patterson and dispatchers, foremen and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and, although a great part of the day, the two cars seldom had a passenger.

The tied-up region extends from Pittston to Forest City, a distance of 30 miles, and includes 65 miles of track, on which are run ordinarily 89 cars. The men of the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, operating all the lines south of Pittston as far as Nanuet, Pa., have also struck Thursday. With both companies tied up there would be a total cessation of street-car traffic in a busy stretch of country 30 miles north, including the big cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Carbondale.

The strikers met tonight and appointed committees to man the different railroad stations. They are to be in charge of the who it is reported have been recruited in Philadelphia to take their places. They will also distribute cards to strangers, advising them of the strike and asking them not to ride on the cars. An appeal to the local public was also issued, asking that the cars be not patronized. The men demand 20 cents an hour for old, and 25 for new men. They also demand a 10-hour day. The company, in its answer to the grievance committee, says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at the present time. It proposes to meet the strikers tonight and stated the road would be operated with new men if the old men cannot be secured.

WHAT COMPANY OFFERS.

Would Compromise in Pay, but Not Reduce Hours. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The employees of the Wilkes-Barre & Wyoming Valley Electric Railway Company and the officials of the company met in conference today to talk over certain grievances and the men admitted to the company on Saturday. The men demanded shorter hours and 20 cents an hour for every hour worked. President Riggs said he would be fair with the men, but their demands were too sweeping, and the company could not afford to grant them. As a compromise, President Riggs offered the men 15 cents an hour, but no reduction in the hours. The conductors and the men agreed to accept this offer and gave the company until Thursday to decide the matter. After the conference President Riggs declined to talk, but it is understood he will not grant the demands, and a strike is likely to follow.

Sympathetic Strike.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 23.—Two hundred and fifty girls employed at the Wyoming Valley mills, this city, have notified the management that they will not report for work tomorrow. They go out in sympathy with the weavers of the mill who have formed out on strike for some months. The failure of the girls to report for work will necessitate the total suspension of the plant.

Strike Declared Off.

MUNICIPAL, Ind., Dec. 23.—The strike of the smelters and glass-plant workers in Muncie, which threatened to close all the Western plants, was called off tonight. The workmen met and decided not to return to work unless they received the terms they demanded. The management then offered terms which were accepted by the men.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Considering Period of Year, Last Week's Business Fair.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—On the whole, the stock exchange had a very quiet week, with a considerable firmness, and a fair amount of business was done, considering the period of the year. Consols and some other gold-secured securities showed fractional declines. American securities were very active, and business in this department was on a large scale, with important gains all along the line. The Northern Pacific shares were much sought, advancing on the news that the company had received a large order for 100,000 shares. Erie was also largely sought, rising from 1/2 to 3/4 points. Other railroads, prices receded somewhat yesterday after the opening, but they advanced with plenty of buying today. Among other securities, Chesapeake advanced 1/2 point; Southern Pacific, 2 points; Norfolk preferred, 1 and 1/2 points; and others from 1/2 to 3/4. On the other hand, Illinois Central fell 1/4 point, and Baltimore & Ohio, 1 point. The market was largely bought, and closed from 1/2 to 3/4 points higher.

A Feature of the Foreign Market Has Been Berlin's Decline in German Issues, Which Closed 1/2 to 3/4 Points Lower.

Mines were dull all the week, with a downward tendency, but closed firmer. Bar silver closed 1/16 better, at 23-1/2 per ounce. Money was in good demand at the following rates: On call, 3/4 to 4 per cent; 14 days, 3/4 to 4; three months' bills, 4 to 4 1/2.

Had Week in Berlin Bourse.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Berlin bourse had a busy week, with a decline in mining and coal shares, due to the coal syndicate's restriction of the output. During the latter half of the week, quotations were at a standstill. Yesterday, however, they showed more firmness. The financial press is now contrasting the situation in Wall Street with that of German bourses, where complete recovery in the market is being reported. The greatest rise in values in New York has not met with a response here, except in American rail shares, where great activity has prevailed. The German market sold Americans heavily after the rise in November, but during the past week it purchased heavily in London and New York. Under the lead of the Northern Pacific, all the American railways were sought after, and the papers are beginning to warn the public against buying at the present high prices. During the week the iron market showed an unusual number of bad reports, and more declines in prices than during any other week since the reaction began.

Large Coal Land Deal.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 23.—The largest coal deal ever made in Harrison County will be consummated in a few days. The territory comprises 12,000 acres, or 19 square miles, lying around Salem. The purchaser is James E. Brown, of Uniontown, and Alfred J. Cochran, of Dawson, who will pay \$820,000 for the entire tract.

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Bank of England's rate has had a reassuring effect. Private discount reached 3 1/2 Wednesday. It fell 1/2 point yesterday. Call money is abundant at from 1/4 to 1/2.

Dearer Rates in Wool Market.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The colonial wool markets yesterday were firm all around. There was a good business in merinoes, and prices were generally 5 per cent, and, in some cases, 10 per cent, higher. The arrival of the next series of sales aggregate 170,176 bales, of which quantity 30,900 bales were forwarded direct.

WASHOUGAL IS SAFE.

Columbia River Schooner Barge Reaches San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The schooner barge Washougal, over which so much anxiety was felt here and reported to be lost Portland in tow of the Ramson 10 days ago, December 13, the towboat's cranks broke, and the barge had to be cast adrift. Later the Ramson was towed into port by the Point Arena. This afternoon the Washougal was picked up by the tug Monarch, which soon transferred her to the Ramson, which is now in good condition.

Gale Has Moderated.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 23.—The gale has moderated and incoming vessels report favorable experiences. The German ship Heinrich, Captain Sager, encountered head winds which prevented her sailing further than 30 miles west of the coast of Ireland. The crew were utterly exhausted, having been up and night at the pumps. The Heinrich will dock here for repairs.

The British steamer Karoon, Captain Freeman, from Philadelphia, December 7, for Cork, was blown here and reported having passed a Leyland line steamer off the west coast of Ireland during the gale, and that the latter was listed to an angle of 45 degrees.

Anxiety for Tillamook at Juneau.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 23.—The steamer Cottage City, which arrived last night from Alaska, reports that when she left Juneau, December 20, the steam schooner Tillamook was off about 50 or 60 miles, was over two weeks overdue on her mail voyage to Ounakaska and way ports. Much anxiety was expressed for her at Juneau.

Overdue Mattewan Heard From.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The overdue steamer Mattewan, from Tacoma to Port Los Angeles, put in here today for provisions. December 17 the Mattewan encountered the full force of the great storm of Destruction Island. A heavy southeast gale caused the vessel to ship her cargo to starboard. The sea stove in her port lifeboats, broke doors and windows, and flooded the after cabin. Considerable damage was done on deck.

Schooner Bottom Up Sighted.

EMPIRE CITY, Or., Dec. 23.—The schooner Gem, which arrived here from San Francisco this evening, after a hard struggle with the wind and waves, sighted a vessel bottom-up about 50 miles west of Cape Arago. The vessel was painted white, and had a clean bottom. The schooner Ivy, which also arrived today, reported seeing considerable lumber afloat December 21, but did not sight the schooner bottom-up.

Sailing Ship Wrecked.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—The sailing ship Lyra was wrecked last Friday near Godeberg, southwestern Sweden. Seventy of the crew were drowned. Three managed to reach an uninhabited island where two died, the third being rescued today.

Revenue Cutter Caught in Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch was caught in the recent storm, December 19, she was caught in a southeaster, and for 24 hours had a hard time of it. Her decks were swept and cabins flooded.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—Sailed at 12:30 P. M.—Steamer Sue H. Elmore, for Tillamook; arrived at 12:30 P. M.—British bark Luchan, from Antwerp, via San Diego; at 1 P. M.—Italian ship Dora, from Surabaya. Arrived down at 1 P. M.—British ship Astracana. Left up at 2:30 P. M.—German ship Lika. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.—moderate; wind calm; weather cloudy. Outside at 5 P. M.—British steamer Saint Bede.

Hoquiam, Wash.—Arrived Dec. 21.

Schooner John A. from San Pedro, for Aberdeen; Schooner Fanny Butard, from San Francisco, for Aberdeen; schooner Charles R. Wilson, from San Francisco, for Aberdeen.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Arrived—Steamer Dispatch, from Astoria; steamer Fulton, from Portland; U. S. S. Hays, McCulloch, from Port Angeles; schooner Vega, from Port Blakely; steamer Mattewan, from Tacoma; schooner Arago, from Coquille River; steamer Charles Nelson, from Seattle; ship Stratum, from Tacoma; schooner Lily, from Umpqua; steamer Mackinnon, from Seattle.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sailed—Ulter, for Queenstown.

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Pardoned by Governor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Ex-Police-man Patrick Furlong, who in February, 1900, killed a woman, became a brother officer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 34 years, and has been pardoned by Governor Tanner, and will take his Christmas dinner with his family in Chicago. Furlong, who was an Englishman, became an American by naturalization.

Robbed by Footpads.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 23.—N. J. Neilson, treasurer of the Workmen's Lodge of this city, was held up by footpads at midnight last night, bound and gagged. His pockets rifled of \$20, and left lying in an alley to freeze. When found by a night watchman, Neilson's hands and feet were badly frozen and he was unconscious. The money taken from his pockets was found he had collected as treasurer of the lodge, and which he was preparing to turn over to his successor. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

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FILIPINOS AND AUTONOMY

RECENTLY ORGANIZED PARTY FORMALLY LAUNCHED.

Virtually All the Loyal Leaders in Manila Took Part in Meeting—Vote Almost Unanimous.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—The recently organized autonomy party was launched today at a meeting attended by, virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read and after some discussion adopted by a vote of 123, less than half-a-dozen declining to vote.

The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of 20 members was elected, together with an executive committee, including Senor Arellano, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Frank H. Bourne, Senor Amrosio Flores, a former insurgent; General Senor Florentino Torres, Attorney-General of the Philippines; Senor Jose Naran, Prosecuting Attorney; and Senor Tomas Del Rosario. The smallest number of votes received by any candidate was 50.

PHILIPPINE CIVIL AFFAIRS.

Reports of Various American Heads of Departments. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The War Department has received a series of reports made to General MacArthur by the subordinate officers constituting the heads of the various bureaus and departments which have attended to the civil affairs in the Philippines during the past year. They are closely summarized, but cover the situation.

The report says a stable currency has not been used in the Philippines, and Mexican dollars were for a few days even exchanged. This was terminated by a provisional order by the Government by which it was arranged to reimburse the banks for any losses they might sustain through paying out Mexican dollars for United States currency from disbursing offices and trade. Doubt is expressed, however, as to the desirability of continuing this arrangement.

The custom service is discussed at some length in the report, and it is stated that there does not seem to be any present necessity for any increase in the number of ports of entry. Attention is directed to the increase in the number of customs receipts under American management. This is explained, in part, by the fact that formerly a large part of the imports came from Spain and paid no duty, but the American system of collection is said to tend to honest collections.

The new tariff for the island is set out in detail. In almost every case, specific duties are fixed following the standard system in the islands, which it is believed to be dangerous to change to the ad valorem system.

The extension of the United States employment to the islands, without substantial change to meet the local conditions, is said to have proved of doubtful expediency, and especially so with regard to the contract labor law. It is essential, says the report, for the mercantile interests to secure employees from abroad under contract, else business will suffer. These laborers do not come into competition with the native residents. More than 5,000 Chinese entered and left the islands last year. Only one-ninth of the land in the archipelago has been brought under cultivation, and the rest is in a state of waste.

Regarding the judicial department, it was early found necessary to provide a system which would be devised of those having an aggressive feature so much in conflict with American standards. It was impossible, for lack of time, to supply an entirely new system, so some changes, regarded as indispensable, were made by a general order. It appears that the operations of the law, as thus qualified, have been satisfactory in regard to defendants in criminal cases the fundamental rights of Anglo-Saxon criminal law. The writ of habeas corpus was involved, and the speedy operation nearly 100 prisoners, the heritage of Spanish regime, have been liberated from unwarranted detention.

Colonel Crowder, thoroughly indorses the recommendation of Lieutenant Barrett, in charge of the mining bureau, looking to a thorough change in the mining laws. He says that these are extremely cumbersome, and that once they are brought up to American standards, the mineral condition of the country would be enormously operated, as experienced prospectors and competent mining engineers are in the islands standing ready to undertake the work of exploitation.

Colonel Crowder closes with a summary of the report of General J. F. Smith, Military Governor of Negros, showing that this island, which has had under the entire period of American control a substantially autonomous form of government, has changed in favorable contrast with the other islands. The attitude of the people is highly favorable, and the largely autonomous government which they now enjoy seems to be their fitting reward, and the people are naturally desirous that it be continued. But it will be impossible to discriminate in favor of Negros, the report says, in the scheme of government to be ultimately adopted, as the complications not easy of adjustment are expected.

FORTY-FIVE INSURGENTS KILLED

Result of a Battle Near Gunabantan—One American Wounded. MANILA, Dec. 23.—Advices brought today by steamer from Southern Luzon say that a Lieutenant and 60 men of the Ninth Cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents in a forest near Gunabantan, near Baguio, on Wednesday, near Gunabantan, province of Abra. After the battle 45 dead insurgents were counted, together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a Sergeant, who was carried by several rebels and struck in the forehead. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters. The cutting of wires has delayed the official report of the engagement.

To Test Yellow Fever Theory.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 23.—Clark, of this city, has received a letter from John J. Moran, dated "Experimental Sanitary Camp, Quezonos, Cuba," in which the latter says he has volunteered to test the theory that the germs of yellow fever are carried by mosquito. He says he will be placed in a house built for the purpose, and sleep there every night in a room infested with mosquitoes that have bitten yellow fever patients. He says that two men bitten have taken yellow fever, and that the theory bids fair to be established. Moran was formerly a coachman at Youngstown, and enlisted in the hospital service at the outbreak of the late war.

Can Leave Madrid Next Month.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The correspondent of the Associated Press says that formed by one of the Ministers of State this afternoon that Emperor Nicholas and the Ministers of Finance, War and Foreign Affairs do not expect to leave Madrid before the middle of January.

Actor Southern Recovered.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—E. H. Southern, the well-known actor, who has been laid up for some time from a serious accident, reached here tonight from the East. In company with Virginia Harned and other members of the Daniel Frohman company. For the first time since his illness, Mr. Southern will appear tomorrow night at the Olympia Theater in "Hamlet," in which he will assume the leading role. It is said that Mr. Southern has entirely recovered from the effects of his accident.

SOLUTION OF SOCIAL PROBLEM

It Is Legislation and Not Strikes, Says British Labor Representative. OHIOAGO, Dec. 23.—"You can never solve the social problem by strikes; that is my opinion after 20 years' experience in the movement," said