

EMPLOYERS STAND FIRM

FROWNED ON MOVE TO SETTLE
SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE.

Two Hundred and Forty-six Special Officers Will Guard Non-union Teamsters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The Employers' Association today refused to consider a modified proposition for an amicable settlement of the strike which was submitted by the City Front Federation, the request of the Municipal League. The Police Commission has appointed 246 special officers tonight, most of whom will be employed in guarding non-union teamsters, so that the policemen who have been engaged in this city may be returned to their beats. There has been little change in the situation on the water front. The steamer City of Puebla got away today for Puget Sound ports.

COOS IS FEELING IT.

Oregon County Will Suffer If Strike Should Continue.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 14.—Several Coos County industries will suffer heavily if the San Francisco strike should continue much longer. A shortage of provisions is also imminent, although these can be hauled in from Roseburg. The industries which have likely to be affected are those of lumbering, coal-mining and the creamery. The larger part of the section, it does nearly all of its business with San Francisco. To that point goes almost everything that is shipped out of the county. Two creameries on Coos River are feeling the strike keenly. They cannot get their butter to market, and as at a loss how to dispose of it. The Coos creamery, the larger plant, has taken up the manufacture of cheese as a last resort, but as this is the season when butter pays better than cheese, the change will prove quite disastrous to the dairyman.

The sawmills are still working, but expect an order almost any day to cease operations. The Lykens mill, at Coos Bay, is working about half capacity, and this of itself will be a shutdown. The Bay City mill has a goodly order for San Pedro, which will permit it to operate a few weeks longer than it would otherwise be able to do.

While San Francisco is waiting for coal, the Libby bunkers, one-half mile above town, are running over with coal. Coos Bay is Oregon's great coal-producing section, and Libby is its banner mine. Three hundred to 500 men are employed there, and while the management is doing everything possible to keep the men at work, it must soon change tactics unless the coal can be sent out.

On the Coquille.

The Coquille is feeling the strike more than this section. The Parkers mill, at Coquille, has received orders to ship no more lumber, and contemplates a shutdown. Johnson's mill, three miles above Coquille, is working about half capacity, and hold much more lumber. Pershaker's mill, at Prosper, is in about the same condition.

As to the creameries, the Coquille creamery, the largest plant on the river, manufactures only butter. A few days more and it will be forced to call a temporary halt in its operations. The creamery may find it necessary to do the same thing. Myrtle Point, a cheese and butter plant, can keep on for some time.

The Rivoton coal mine has been fortunate thus far. The Mandaly takes its output to San Francisco, and has made two hauls. The Mandaly is a capitalist, but proposes to keep making regular trips, but if the strike continues it is not probable that he can carry out his good intentions. Seventy-five per cent of the coal mined in Coos County, in one way or another, can be credited to the industries heretofore noted. It will be readily seen what disaster threatens Coos County if the strike should not be settled soon.

HELD UP BY A LOSE HIGHWAYMAN.

Passengers on a California Stage Relieved of Their Money.

CALISTOGA, Cal., Aug. 14.—The Calistoga & Clear Lake stage was held up today by a lone highwayman. The passengers, numbering 20 or more, were relieved of their money. The amount of money secured by the robber has not yet been ascertained. A posse is in close pursuit.

Captain Pigman Returns Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Captain George W. Pigman, who was in command of the cruiser Charleston when that vessel was wrecked on the coast of Luzon, and has since been in command of the monitor Monterey in Philippine waters, has returned home. Captain Pigman, 38 years old, his term of service having expired. Another passenger was William Haywood, ex-consul-general to Hawaii, who, as attorney for sugar companies in Hawaii, is on his way to Washington. Several German army officers en route to Berlin from Peking also came on the steamer.

Booty Secured by Winters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—John Winters, who looted the vault of the Selby Smelting Works at Vallejo Junction last Tuesday morning, secured as his booty gold bullion to the value of \$250,000, or nearly \$200,000 more than the sum originally given. An error was made in compiling the list of stolen bars.

San Francisco Pastor Will Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Rev. Dr. D. H. Hunsicker, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, in this city, has accepted a call from the Hennepin-Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of Minneapolis.

UNCLE SAM STOOD FIRM.

Defeated Effort of Canada to Tax Indians in Alaska.

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—The effort of the Canadian officials to tax Indians of Alaska for hunting and fishing on the navigable River Chilkoot has resulted in failure, according to a letter written by C. H. Gibbons, from Haines, under date of August 9. Gibbons says:

"Much satisfaction and amusement is manifested here over the sequel of the action of the Canadian officials in taxing the 'movable line' in canoes to fish, hunt, etc. The latter having more independence than the American Indians, are preparing to take the law into their own hands and wipe the custom-house off the banks of the Chilkoot, and its occupants also. They resisted Marshal M. O'Connor's boat diving to the bottom, and went to their chiefs and persuaded them to wait until he had tried to obtain redress from headquarters. He sent a statement of the facts to President McKinley July 11. Red tape must have been cut short at Washington and Ottawa, for last week Mr. Busby went up the river, and the money is now being refunded as fast as the Indians present proofs of payment. They are also allowed to fish and hunt with the same freedom they enjoyed before the line was moved, except that they are required to report the amount of ammunition they carry each time they pass the custom-house. This is the first evidence we have had for a long time that Uncle Sam is not a backbone. Perhaps it is not too much to look for further improvement."

Dry Spell at Sitka Broken.

SITKA, Alaska, Aug. 14.—What is known as the "dry spell" at Sitka, Alaska, was broken today.

On Wednesday, July 11, the city had seen no rain for 23 weeks. Since then, it has rained almost continuously. The continued dry weather was unprecedented in the

FIRE OUT THE LAKE

TWO OR THIRTEEN LIVES
LOST AS THE RESULT.

Temporary Waterworks Crib Burned
In Cleveland Harbor—Others
Rescued by Tugs.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 14.—Five men were burned to death, four were drowned, three and possibly four were suffocated and several were injured as the result of a fire which destroyed a temporary waterworks crib two miles off the Cleveland harbor early today. The dead so far are known:

Arthur Harty, drowned, body recovered. Mark Snyder, drowned.

John Hastings, burned. Plummer Jones, suffocated.

John Martine, drowned. John Kowalski, drowned, body recovered.

Four unidentified men, burned.

The injured, so far as known, are: John Leese, probably a broken back, fatal; O. Bradcock, burned about the hands and face; Charles Smith, overcome by gas in the tunnel; David Kelly, rescuer, overcome by gas.

Still imprisoned in the tunnel: Victor Kaufman, Canton, probably dead; John Engling, probably dead; Adam Kent, probably dead.

Twenty-six men obeyed the order of Manager G. C. Vandusen when the flames broke out and took refuge in the water. For some time they were in the water, and lost their holds upon their frail floats and sank beneath the waves just as help reached their comrades.

The crew of the tug R. Sprengle heard the cries of the men in the crib and raced to the scene from the harbor. She picked up 18 of the survivors who had drifted to the west of the crib on their own rafts. The rest of the men were hanging from the waterworks crib and three of his men were hanging in the water from a two-inch line suspended from the crib. Just as the line was burning away about the men's waists, two men, dashed into the crib and rescued them at the risk of their own lives.

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