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CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Despite the issuance of the general strike order by President Small last night, the situation in this city was not materially changed today. All of the men who were disposed to strike were already out. It was believed by the officials of the union that the order would paralyze a number of brokerage and commission houses, but no additional strikes were reported. Both the Postal and Western Union increased forces on the board late yesterday and again today. They both reported the situation as steadily improving and occasional applications from the strikers for their old positions.

The improvement in the Associated Press service was marked after that of yesterday. A number of towns on the West, North and South circuits, which did not report yesterday, were receiving a full report today, and the volume of news handled was much greater than at any time since the walkout on Monday night.

Change Front on Compromise.

The officials of the Telegraphers' Union late today changed front on the proposition to arbitrate and announced that they would accept the offices of the general board of arbitrators of the American Federation of Labor in settling their differences with the companies. This board consists of John Mitchell, of the Mine Workers; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Longshoremen; and President Samuel Gompers. Gompers made the above announcement.

Starve Rather Than Give In.

Officials of the strikers here say they will starve in the gutter before they would yield to the terms of the companies. Some of the newspapers working with leased wires today refused to sign the closed shop agreement demanded by the union, and threats were made to pull out these wires, but this has not yet been done. Chicago papers, by resorting to long-distance telephone and leased wires, are gradually building up a practically complete news service. The operators of the long-distance telephone company secured their demands and danger of a strike in this highly important service has been averted. The leased wire operators for the Board of Trade firms, for stock-yard companies and other big concerns, have refused to strike.

Russell's Word to Strikers.

International Secretary-Treasurer Wesley Russell issued the following notice to officers and members of all local unions throughout the country: Preserve order in your cities. Obey the law. Be governed by your local officers, who will receive instructions from President Small and his deputies. Don't listen to dissenters. They will be paid to come among you with false statements. Don't forget that we can only break this strike ourselves. Pay no attention to newspaper stories. We will issue official bulletins each day. Remember, many workers are anxious to break this strike because they are crippled, so be prepared for false reports of stampedes.

Small's general order does not seem to have brought out an appreciable number of additional men. In the East it is said the order was practically ignored.

Both Postal and Western Union companies are receiving messages and claim to have clear wires to all points. Furious storms of last night threw down many wires.

SEATTLE WIRES ARE CLEARED

Business Handled With Little Difficulty.—Boise Operator Assailed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Superintendent R. T. Reid, of the Western Union, tonight went to Bellingham to appoint Edward Pauland, of Dallas, Tex., manager of the Bellingham office, to succeed Manager Tucker, who went out with the strikers. Reports to Reid from Boise say Operator Barnard, followed by three strikers and Tom Powell, an ex-operator for the Western Union, tried to take refuge in the Police Station but was overtaken and assaulted in the vestibule of the Station. Barnard refused to prosecute his assailants and quit.

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accepted. Both offices say less than half the usual volume of business is now offered, but both companies claim to be keeping up fairly well, especially to Pacific Coast points.

Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, says trouble on the Coast lines is in Cow Creek Canyon in Oregon, where railroad operators open the circuits. Reid has Pinkertons out patrolling all railroad lines in special engines to locate breaks in the Northwest. He said tonight he would prosecute railroad operators who prevent reopening of lines by grounding the wires.

FEW RESPOND TO LAST CALL

Men Who Wanted to Strike Did so Before Small's Official Order.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Interest in the telegraphers' strike centered today in the probable effect of the general strike order issued by President Small, of the National union, and which called upon operators to employ by the commercial telegraph companies and those working private and leased wires, not under union contracts, to go out. Throughout the East there were few, if any, responses to the call. This was explained on the ground that all operators who would strike had already quit work, and here the strike order was given importance only as forwarding official sanction of the action already taken by the strikers, without the previous approval or consent of the National officers.

MACHINE AS STRIKEBREAKER

INVENTOR CLAIMS ABILITY TO DO WITHOUT OPERATORS.

Sends Messages Direct From Typewriter and Receives Automatically Printed Copy.

CARSON, Nev., Aug. 16.—W. H. Valentine, the inventor of a machine to send telegraph messages without the use of an operator, left here this evening. He came down from Lake Tahoe several days ago, and met a man named Posa at the Arlington Hotel, who came here from Chicago. The two were cloaked together several days, and it is known that when he left he had authority to deal with one of the big telegraph companies for the exclusive rights of the machine.

There was no exhibit of the machine here, but it is known that Valentine represents the same machine that was exhibited in Los Angeles a few weeks ago. It sends messages actuated by a typewriter and receives them by printing them automatically on a sheet of paper, so that the message looks like ordinary typing. No operator is required at the receiving end, and the message sent is duplicated on the sending machine.

Mr. Valentine admitted that the company was about to establish stations in Nevada, as the service could be made with or without wires. He declined to discuss the details of the machine, but it is understood that the negotiations have been going on with the telegraph people to put the machine in operation, and thus do away entirely with skilled labor, that future strikes may be avoided.

DOES NOT BOTHER BANKS

Plenty of Money to Take Care of Season's Crops.

SPOKANE, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Although some complaint is made by banks in other cities of the Northwest of losses incurred by the strike, the banks of Spokane have made little complaint. President W. D. Vincent of the Washington State Bankers' Association said today that his institution, the Old National, was taking care of its customers as usual, and that it was doing so entirely with leased wires from other centers and he was of opinion that all Spokane banks were similarly prepared to take care of the largest and most profitable crop in Eastern Washington's history.

WHEAT WEAKER AT CHICAGO

Wall-Street News Affects Board of Trade Business.

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BROKERS' WIRES ARE SILENT

In St. Louis 85 Operators Are Called Out by President of Union.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—About 85 operators working on private wires in brokerage offices were called out this afternoon by President A. L. Ewin, of the local union of Commercial Telegraphers. As soon as the operators were notified, they closed their wires and quit.

BUILD NO FLEET FOR EAST

Earling Denies His Company Will Operate Line to Orient.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 16.—President A. J. Earling, back from a rough, thorough trip over the new line of the Milwaukee Railroad from Milwaukee to the Pacific Coast, repeated his declaration that the Milwaukee trains would be running to the Pacific in 1911, early in the Spring. To Butte in the Spring of 1908 and to the Pacific a year later he said was certain, as there could hardly be a difficulty in the way which could not now be overcome. He says that there are many thousands of men at work along the line, but as to the report of a steamship line to the Orient he said this is a myth. "There is no truth to the report from Seattle that I had given out details about the building of a fleet to connect with our line and the Orient. There is nothing to it. There is also no truth in the story that we are to extend a line into Canadian territory."

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HENEY OBJECTS; THEN LIVELY ROW

Name of Ruff Again Starts Quarrel.

FIREWORKS IN GLASS TRIAL

Immunity for Curly Boss Sore Spot With Prosecutor.

DELMAS DRAGS IT OUT

Phillips on Witness Stand—Mamlock Admits He Gave Testimony Under Promise That He Would Escape Punishment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—A lively tilt occurred between Heney and Delmas during the cross-examination of Phillips by the latter.

"Were you given to understand," asked Delmas, "that the immunity contract under which you are now testifying included Abraham Ruff?" Heney objected vigorously, declaring that this was an effort to inject a foreign matter. Delmas replied that in the former trial of Glass the question had been ruled proper by the court. Judge Lawlor cut short the quarrel with asperity and overruled Heney's objection.

"Yes," answered Phillips, "that was my information."

Promised Immunity to Ruff.

Redirectly examined by Heney, he said he had been told by Supervisor Gallagher that the same offer of immunity under the same condition of turning state's evidence was to be made to Ruff. "Take the witness," said Heney.

"Do you know of any conceivable impediment to pronouncing sentence upon Ruff in the extortion case outside of the contract of immunity?" asked Delmas.

"No," answered Phillips, "I do not." It developed in the earlier examination of Phillips that he did not accept a bribe from the Pacific States Telephone Company until after a talk with Ruff in the latter's office, when he was given to understand by the then boss that Halsey had tried to steal the Board of Supervisors from him, and that for this Ruff would like to see him punished.

Workings of Inner Circle.

Phillips testified that there was a working agreement among the 18 Supervisors that whatever differences they might have should be settled in the now notorious Sunday night caucuses; that differences so settled should be buried and a solid front be presented to the public. He said these Sunday night secret meetings of the board were always attended by Ruff and Mayor Schmitz, and that it was at one of them that a majority of the Supervisors voted to vote in favor of the Home Telephone Company's franchise application after they had taken money from the Pacific States Company to vote against it.

"Were these caucus votes taken by roll call?" Heney asked over the objection of Delmas, which the court refused to sustain. Phillips answered "Yes."

How Mamlock Got "Graft."

Supervisor Max Mamlock testified during the afternoon. The story of his corruption, as he told it, varied in no important feature from the stories of his fellows. He confessed the acceptance of a \$500 bribe from the "prizefight trust," \$750 from the Gaa Company, \$2500 from the Pacific States Telephone Company, \$3500 from the Home Telephone Company and \$4000 from the United Railroads.

He said that in each instance the bribe money was handed to him by Supervisor James T. Gallagher, chairman of the finance committee, who he was given to understand, got it from Abe Ruff. Mamlock said he was testifying under a contract of immunity, signed by District Attorney Langdon and Assistant District Attorney Heney, and witnessed by Gal-

CAPITOL GRAFT TO BE EXPOSED

Keystone State Will Begin Suit.

COMMITTEE MAKES A REPORT

Names of 18 Men Are Involved in the Scandal.

PENNYPACKER IS LET OFF

Ex-Governor Not Included Among Those Against Whom Criminal Action Is Recommended.

Prosecution Urged.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 16.—Criminal and civil proceedings against all persons concerned in the fraudulent transactions in connection with the construction and furnishing of Pennsylvania's \$13,000,000 capitol is recommended in the final report of the Capitol Investigation Commission made today to Governor Stuart. Eighteen persons are named in the report as being involved, and the Attorney-General, through the Governor, is urged to act at once.

The persons named and agents against whom either criminal or civil suits are recommended are John H. Sanderson, of Philadelphia, contractor for the furnishings; Joseph M. Huston, architect, and Stanford Lewis, his assistant; J. M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, former superintendent of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings; W. H. Snyder and E. B. Harlanburg, former Auditor-General; W. L. Mathews and Frank G. Harris, former State Treasurer; Congressman P. Burd Cassell, president of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, which supplied the metallic casings and furniture; George F. Payne, who built the capitol, and his partner, Charles G. Wetter; Charles P. Kissel, Wallis Hollman, John G. Neudorfer and George K. Storm, who organized the Pennsylvania Bronze Company, which supplied the loaded lighting fixtures to Sanderson; Frank Irvine, an auditor in the Auditor-General's office; George C. Towne, bookkeeper under Shumaker, and the International Manufacturing & Supply Company, which bid against Sanderson for the capitol furnishing contract.

The name of Governor Pennypacker, who, by virtue of his office, was a member of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, which let the furnishing contracts, and those of former Governor Stone and his associates, who made up the commission which constructed the capitol, are not mentioned in the list of persons against whom the investigators recommend that action be taken.

Senator A. G. Dewalt and Representative R. Scott Ammerman, the Democratic members of the commission, presented a supplemental report in which they specifically named most of those already mentioned as criminally and civilly liable for the frauds against the state.

NEW YORK IN BETTER SHAPE.

Both the Western Union and the Postal companies claim to not have been affected by President Small's call and to be working their wires better today than since the strike was declared.

ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED

Burlington Passenger Train in Wreck on Missouri Line.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16.—At

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