# STRIKERS READY TO COMPROMISE

Small and His Followers Change Front.

GOMPERS MAKES AN OFFER

Arbitration Board May Yet Effect a Meeting.

FEW MORE LEAVE THE KEYS

Official General Order Makes No Material Change in Situation. The Associated Press Service Shows Some Improvement.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16. - Despite the issuance of the general strike order 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 posi-

The improvement in the Associated Press service was marked after that of yesterday. A number of towns or 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 consistency with the companies but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies, but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies, but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies, but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies, but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph companies but it is understood that negotiations have been going on with the telegraph people to put the machine in operation and thus do away entirely with several propositions have been going on with the telegraph companies. workers; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Longsnoremen, and President Samuel Gom-Gompers made the above announcement.

Starve Rather Than Give In.

Officials of the strikers here say their men 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 oper ators 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.

The Associated Press has secured many of its old operators and is in a much stronger position today than at any time since the strike began on Monday.

### 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:

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 faise statements. Don't forget that we can only break this strike ourselves. Pay no attention to newspaper stories. We will lesue official bulletins each day. Remember, many newspapers are anxious to break this strike because they are crippled, so be prepared for fake 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

SEATTLE WIRES ARE CLEARED

### Business Handled With Little Difficulty-Boise Operator Assaulted.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16,-(Special.)-Superintendent R. T. Reid, of the Western Union, tonight-went to Bellingham to appoint Edward Parland, of Dallas, Tex., manager of the Bellingham office, to sucseed 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 assail-

The Postal Company says business has fallen off more than 50 per cent, but that with seven day operators in the place of 12, they are handling all the business the eighteenth inning, 2 to L

the usual volume of business is now offered, but both companies claim to be keeping up fairly well, especially to Pa-

Superintendent Reld, of the Western nion, says trouble on the Coast lines is n Cow Creek Canyon, Oregon, where railroad operators open the circuits. Reid has Pinkertons out patrolling all railroad lines in special engines to locate breaks n 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 probable effect of the general strike order saued by President Small, of the National union, and which called upon ators employed by the commercial telegraph companies and those working private and leased wires, not under contracts, to go out. Throughout the East there were few, if any, responses to the This was explained on the gro that all operators who would strike had already quit work, and here the strike order was given importance only as for warding official sanction of the action already taken by the strikers, without the previous approval or consent of the National officers.

## MACHINEASSTRIKEBREAKER

INVENTOR CLAIMS ABILITY TO DO WITHOUT OPERATORS.

Sends Messages Direct From Typewriter and Receives Automatically Printed Copy.

CARSON, Nev., Aug. 16.-W. H. Valenine, the inventor of a machine to send telegraph messages without the use of an expert operator, left here this evening. He came down from Lake Tahoe several days ago, and met a man named. Foss at the Arlington House, who came here from The two were closeted 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 exhibition 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 typewriting. 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

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, that currency to handle the crops was coming daily 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 Company to vote against it.

Wall-Street News Affects Board of Trade Business.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16 .- Selling because of the break in Wall street caused the wheat market to close weak to The September delivery being of ½ at \$5½. Corn was a shade higher, September closing at 45%. Septem-ber pork closed down 22½ at \$15.82½; lard was down 2½ at 8.90; ribs, 5c

BROKERS' WIRES ARE SILENT

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

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16 .- About 85 ope ators 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, thor-ough 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 dif-ficulty 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 steam-ship line to the Orient he had this to say: "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 There is also no truth in the story we are to extend a line into Canadian territory.'

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 16.-Loca baseball records were broken yesterday when Cedar Rapids won over Peoria in

Name of Ruef Again Starts Quarrel.

## FIREWORKS IN GLASS TRIAL

Immunity for Curly Boss Sore Spot With Prosecutor.

DRAGS IT OUT DELMAS

Phillips on Witness Stand-Max Mamloch 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 Deimas, "that the immunity con tract under which you are now testifying included Abraham Ruef?"

Hency 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 Ruef.

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 Ruef. "Take the witness," said Heney.

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

"No." onswered 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 Ruef in the latter's office, when he was given to understand by the then boss that Halsey had tried to steal the boss that Halsey had tried to steal the stabbed a trusty and was only recaptured after a furious fight. that for this Ruef would like to see him punished.

Workings of Inner Circle.

Supervisors that whatever differences they might have should be settled in the now notorious Sunday night cauting through the heavy steel bars which cuses; that differences so settled shut him in is a mystery. should be buried and a solld front be presented to the public. He said these Sunday night secret meetings of the board were always attended by Ruef and Mayor Schmitz, and that it was at one of them that a majority of franchise application after they had taken money from the Pacific States "Were these caucus votes taken by the

roll call?" Hency asked over the ob- strike order had been promulgated.

jection of Delmas, which the court re fused to sustain. Phillips answered

PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1907.

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 Gas Company, \$2500 from the Pacific States Celephone 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 Reuf. Mamlock sald he was testifying under a contract of im munity, signed by District Attorney Langdon and Assistant District Attor ney Heney, and witnessed by Gal-



can Federation of Labor, Who Is Using His Offices to Effect Com-

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JAKE OPPENHEIMER, NOTED CONVICT, SAWS OFF BARS.

In Solltary Confinement as Incorrigible, Evades Watchers and Stabs Trusty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.-Jake Openhelmer, a convict confined at San mentin, on Wednesday night sawed Quentin, on through 13 steel bars in his cell and escaped to the prison dining-room, fatally

Oppenheimer had been in solitary con finement in the incorrigible cell, whence he was allowed no communication with Nevertheless, Oppenheimer Phillips testified that there was a considered such a dangerous man that two guards were placed at the entrance any one.

every action.

How he procured a saw capable of cut-

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 .- Both the

"HOW HAPPY HE WOULD BE WITH EITHER, WERE T'OTHER FAIR

New York in Better Shape. Western Union and the Postal comby President Small's call and to be the Supervisors voted to vote in favor of the Home Telephone Company's since the strike was declared. Business, it is said, was moving moothly. The Associated Press was smoothly. The Associated Press was not affected adversely. On the con-trary, several of the men who had left the service, returned to work after the

# CAPITOL GRAFT TO BE EXPOSED

Keystone State Will Begin Suit.

## COMMITTEE MAKES A REPORT

Names of 18 Men Are Involved

PENNYPACKER IS LET OFF

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

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 16 .- Crim inal 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 recom mended in the final report of the Capitol Investigation Commission made today to Governor Stuart. Eighteen per sens are named in the report as being involved, and the Atorney-General, through the Governor, is urged to act at once.

sistant; J. M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, tion Company, which supplied the

Burlington Passenger Train in Wreck on Missouri Line.

FAST PASSENGER IS DITCHED

in the Scandal.

The persons named and agents against whom either criminal or civil sults are recommended are John H. Sanderson, of Philadelphia, contractor for the furnishings; Joseph M. Huston, architect, and Stanford Lewis, his asformer superintendent of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings; W. H. Snyder and E. B. Hardonburg, former Auditor-General; W. L. Mathues and Frank G. Harris, former State Treasurer; Congressman P. Burd Cassell, president of the Pennsylvania Construcmetallic casings and furniture; George F. Payne, who built the capitol, and his partner, Charles G. Wetter; Charles P. Kinssan, Wallis Rolleau, John G. Neuderer and George K. Storm, who or-ganized the Pennsylvania Bronze Com-pany, which supplied the loaded light-ing 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, Manufacturing & Supply Company, which bid against Sanderson for the

capitol furnishing contract.
The name of Governor Pennypacker, by virtue of his office, was a member of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, which let the furnishing con-tracts, and those of former Governor Stone and his associates, who made up tracts, 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 investi-gators recommend that action be taken. Senator A. G. Dewalt and Representative R. Scott Ammerian, the Demo-cratic members of the commission, presented a supplemental report in which they specifically named most of those already mentioned as criminally and liable for the frauds against the state.

### ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16 .- At

## Wheaton, Mo., near here, early today one person was killed and four seriously injured in the wreck of the Burlington passenger train No. 20, south-bound. Dead: Louis W. Williams, traveling salesman

at Kansas City. Injured: Engineer Marshall, leg and ankle William Lewis, postal clerk, severe

body bruises. Mrs. S. F. Chilfeet, Hallock, S. D., ankle broken.

M. Supnick, Chicago, side bruised.

Fifteen People Injured When Hot

Springs Special Jumps Track. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16.-The fast Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 105, south-bound, known as the Hot Springs Special, which left Kansas City yesterday morning, went into the ditch late yesterday between Buffalo and Roper. Kan. 209 miles south of here. Fifteen persons were injured, none fatally.

SEVEN TRAMPS ARE KILLED

Freight Train Runs Away and Half the Cars Are Burned.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 16 .-That at least six Mexican tramps were killed in the recent freight wreck in Cajon Pass, seven miles below Hesperia, when a train of 57 loaded Santa Fe cars ran away, balf of them being consumed by fire, seems certain.

## GEYSER IN HEART OF CITY

BURSTING WATER MAIN STARTS PANIC IN HOTEL.

Police Carry Women and Children From Building - Water Shoots With Roar 60 Feet in Air.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16, - With a roar that brought frightened sleepers from their beds for blocks around, a 36-inch water main in Chicago avenue burst early today, shooting a column of water 60 feet into the air, imperiling several lives and damaging property to the extent of several thousand dol-

lars.
The water broke through the brick pavement in front of the Stockholm hotel, causing a panic among the 500 guests. A wagon load of policemen rushed into the hotel and carried out the women and children. The yards in that vicinity are four and five feet below the level of the street, and it was contracted to the street of the street, and it was contracted to the street of th was only a few minutes until the water inundated them. Water quickly flooded the basements for two blocks east and west and a number of fam-illes had to be rescued by the police. Nine horses were drowned.

## DROWNED GIRL IDENTIFIED

Body Found in Lake Union Is Mary Thomas\_Another Mystery.

SEATTLE, Wash. Aug. 16.—(Special.)— The body of a girl found floating in Lake Union vesterday was identified today as that of Miss Mary Thomas, aged 21, who was wading in the lake and was drowned. of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, covery that a couple camping near the The man, who said he was a cement worker, had with him a pretty girl of 18. They had been there since May and are now gone. Throughout the time of their camping they repulsed their neighbors' in-quiries. The police cannot solve the mystery of their coming and going.

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### THEY LOCK HORNS TIGHTLY

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Operators Receive Encouraging Reports From Other Cities and Seem Hopeful of Victory. What Managers Say,

LOCAL STRIKE SITUATION.

Two union operators-C. E. Stone and Ira Greenwood-deserted the strikers and returned to the employ of the Western Union. Striking telegraphers prepare for

long fight by providing lodging and arranging meals for their improvi-dent members. Manager Dumars, of Western any more of the striking operators. Federated Trades Council instructs executive board to confer with the

commercial telegraphers arrange to become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Mayor Lane appealed to by Manager Dumars for protection of Western Union messengers in delivering

striking telegraphers and lend every

possible assistance to them. The

тезладев. Both Western Union and Postal companies continue to handle Pacific Coast business, but Elastern service is seriously interrupted.

Locally, the striking telegraphers and the telegraph companies are organizing their forces for a finish fight. There were two defections from the union ranks yesteday, C. E. Stone and Ira Greenwood, nembers of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, returning to the employ of the

Western Union. Otherwise the situation in Portland reains unchanged, and the sending and receiving of telegrams continues seriously interrupted. The issuance of a general strike order by National President Small, has served only to magnify the serious ness of the situation outside of Portland. since operators who had before hesitated to join the ranks of their striking associates cheerfully left the keys yesterday. The result was to more completely paralyze the telegraphic business of the coun-

### Settlement Very Remote.

It was expected that a crisis might be ceached yesterday, but the possibility of a settlement seems even farther removed. No sooner had the order for a general strike been issued by President Small than the Western Union officials issued instructions to all local managers to refuse to reinstate any more of the striking telegraphers. This action is accepted as positive proof that no quarter will be offered by the Western Union Telegraph Company, Similar instructions have been received by John Annand, local manager for the Postal. This action by the two telegraph companies, following the discharge by the Associated Press of all of its former operators, seems to presage a long-drawn-

Manager Dumars of the Western Union, is elated with the desertion from the union of Stone and Greenwood, whom he considered two of the best operators among the strikers. He said yesterday that he could readily have employed three or four other striking telegraphers, but was prevented from making further negotiations with the company's former employes by orders from the head officials of the company strictly prohibiting the employing of any more of these men.

out battle.

finish.

"We are not at all surprised that Stone and Greenwood should desert us," said President Branin, of the Portland Union of the Commercial Telegraphers, "We had considered both of these men more or less weak-kneed and were more or less astonished to see Green wood strike at all. But you may depend on it that there will be no further desertions. Our men are all satisfied with the situation and are prepared and resolved to fight to a

## Will Be No Yielding.

"We will not yield from our position and concessions looking to a settlement of the difficulty must come from the companies. We have asked only what is our due, and with public sympathy behind us we propose to stand by our ground." The railroad telegraphers maintain a

neutral attiture, although they are heartily in sympathy with the striking commercial telegraphers and are giving them every assistance possible and at the same time strictly observe the conditions of the contract by which they are bound to the railroad companies to handle some of the Western Union business, Frequent complaint is made that the members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers seriously interrupt the transmission of messages by disturbing the plugs in the switchboard. In order to terminate this annoyance, if possible, it is reported that the railroads have dotalled Several detectives to apprehend

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