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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World. TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the New and the Old World in a Condensed and Comprehensive Form

Destructive brush fires in the colony of Victoria, Australia, have done an enormous amount of damage.

In a fight over a game of cards at Sandy Fork, Ky., eight men, all colored, were killed, and four seriously wounded.

W. J. Trenholm, former comptroller of the currency, has retired from the presidency of the American Surety Company.

Governor Budd, of California, has ordered an inquiry to be made into the mental condition of Salter D. Worden, the train wrecker.

While at small arms practice at Tampa, Fla., four men on the cruiser Marblehead were injured by an explosion, two seriously.

Funds have been secured in London, and three immense sugar beet factories will be erected at Chicago, Marysville and Red Bluff, Cal.

Mrs. Eliza Kohler, widow of a well-known San Francisco liquor dealer, has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$333,174; and assets, \$323,735.

Since the serious illness of Cornelius Vanderbit, William K., his brother, has become the actual dominant force in the New York Central railroad.

The court martial of Captain O. M. Carter, which has been in session at Savannah, will sit at Augusta hereafter for the convenience of witnesses.

A Chicago syndicate with \$1,000,000 has purchased the 1,200,000-acre Lopez ranch in Northern Mexico, which has on it valuable deposits of asphaltum.

American schooner George W. Whitford has been ordered forfeited by the Cuban supreme court for loading a cargo of Porto Bello in violation of port regulations.

Charles Marsh, arrested at Kansas City for swindling J. F. Calloun, of Spokane, is the well-known confidence man, known by the alias of Boston Charley.

The Oakland, Cal., authorities have suspicions that Joseph Reaside, the trainer, whose mangled body was found alongside the railroad track at Shell Mound, was murdered.

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BIG STRIKE NOW ON.

Over One Hundred Thousand Cotton Operatives Affected.

Boston, Jan. 19.—The fight between employer and employe in the New England cotton mills is on, and what it will lead up to cannot be foretold. The great corporations in New Bedford are silent, and thousands of operatives are idle, while here and there discontent has cropped out all day, the most serious being at Biddleford, Me., when 3,200 persons refused to work, thus closing two mills, and at Lewiston, where one mill was crippled by 800 weavers staying out. The general wage reduction is estimated to affect 127,000 persons in about 150 mills.

Tonight finds the textile operatives everywhere intensely interested in the New Bedford strike, for there the real strength and endurance will come, and upon the outcome will depend the question of an industrial battle the entire length and breadth of the New England states. The chief point in this will be discipline. From the point of view of the millowner the New Bedford situation is now a lock-out. Intentionally the state board of arbitration this week is hardly likely to be allowed, and no overt act on the part of the strikers and no attempt to open a mill is expected for a number of days. The New Bedford strikers will receive strike money from operatives elsewhere until a protracted battle brings on want and hardship, which the unions will then try to relieve.

All the New Bedford mills opened at the usual time. When noon came the lights went out, the steam stopped, overhead and second girders prepared to make everything snug, and mill gates were closed indefinitely. The labor unions did little work today except to carry out plans of campaign which were developed only as faint-hearted weavers seek to return to work.

Of the other strikers, little has been developed in them as yet to forecast the future. All of the employes of the Lacombe and Peppercorn mill works in Biddleford struck because they were anxious to, while the weavers alone are to govern the importation of tea for the coming year, has decided upon four out of the eighteen standards.

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