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BEEF TRUST IN LABOR'S CLUTCH

Unions Gain Ground All Along the Line in an Orderly Strike.

BUT FEW NON-UNION MEN NOW AT WORK.

Clash at St. Paul Results in Insolent Gatekeeper Getting Thumped—Newly Imported Men Quit When They Learn of the Situation—Packers Would Disturb the Public Mind by Asking for Additional Police—Idle Butchers Are Sent East to Friendly Independent Packing Plants.

Chicago, July 18.—The second week of the great packing house strike earned this morning with all conditions unfavorable to a peaceful settlement of differences between employees and employers and with added grimness and determination openly expressed by both sides.

The importation of non-union help was continued today, 150 men arriving early by train and were escorted by a heavy guard of police to Armour's plant.

The strikers gathered about the vicinity in the yards early, despite the terrific heat, but beyond a subdued growling exhibited no outward sign of displeasure. The situation is such, however, that trouble is anticipated at any moment.

One hundred and twenty extra police went on duty this morning in the yards district, making a total of about 600.

Next Move Must Come From Trust. Chicago, July 18.—Donnelly, president of the Butcher Union, returned from St. Paul today and said there would be no further conferences with the packers unless asked for by the trust.

He reported that the St. Louis trust plants completely tied up. Independent plants were working double time, and would soon be in a position to put out three shifts.

Tonight the unions will send cattle butchers to Philadelphia and independent plants of other eastern packing houses that have granted the demands of the union.

Clash at St. Paul. St. Paul, July 18.—The second clash of the strike came this morning when a Swift foreman got into an argument with a union picket at the gate, and struck him. The picket returned the blow. A crowd gathered and the foreman was badly beaten.

Quiet at Kansas City. Kansas City, July 18.—The packers are this morning operating about as last week. Quiet prevailed in the morning hours but a feeling of tenseness is reported about the union headquarters.

Threaten to Call Out 1000 Men. Omaha, July 18.—There is no change in the strike situation this morning and the best of order still prevails. The union leaders say that unless arbitration is reached by noon in Chicago they will call out all craftsmen. This means that a thousand more men will quit work.

Non-Unionists Are Joining. St. Paul, July 18.—Temporary headquarters were established near Armour's today to accommodate applications for membership for men leaving the plants. Additional police have been asked for and the packers have increased their private guards. They gave no figures today as to the number of head they intended to slaughter.

Boys Killed in Texas Wreck. Fort Worth, July 18.—In a collision on the Texas Pacific between a passenger and freight train near Lufkin, last night, Glen O'Neill and John Marr, two small boys, were killed and seven others injured.

Harrington-Demaris Case Affirmed. Salem, July 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the case of Harrington vs. Demaris from Eastern Oregon.

IRRIGATION IN ALBERTA.

Canadian Pacific is Backing a Big Undertaking.

Toronto, Ont., July 16.—The irrigation scheme which the Canadian Pacific has now under way is undoubtedly the largest undertaking of its kind on this continent. It embraces an area extending from Calgary for 150 miles, and runs 60 miles north and south. Through the center of this tract the main line of the Canadian Pacific runs. The greater part of three years has been devoted to reconnaissance and preliminary surveys of the proposed canal scheme and the land to be served therefrom, and the result shows that about one-half, or 1,500,000 acres of the block can be irrigated at an ultimate cost of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

A main canal 20 miles long, with a bed width of 6 feet, and carrying a depth of 10 feet, is under construction. Some 35 miles of distributing canals have also been located, and the completion of this section of the scheme at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 will irrigate an area of 300,000 acres and render available a continuous area of about 400,000 acres, for grazing and dairying.

This portion of the scheme is to be first completed, and a success before any further extension is undertaken, but if success is obtained, then the necessary extensions will be undertaken to finally irrigate the full amount of 1,500,000 acres, and develop the remaining 1,500,000 acres for grazing and dairying.

RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Its Annual Report.

Washington, July 18.—The interstate commerce commission today announced its statistics of the railways in the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. They show that the railroads have a total capital of \$3,188,965,258.

The number of passengers carried was 894,891,535, an increase of 45,333,030 over the previous year; the freight carried was 1,394,284,323 tons, an increase of 128,478,536 tons.

The gross earnings from the operation of the total of 205,313 miles of railway line, which is the aggregate of all lines, was \$1,257,640,407, an increase of \$127,466,640; the operating expenses were \$1,257,640,407, an increase of \$141,290,105; the net earnings were \$141,290,105, an increase of \$23,176,255; the net income from other sources than operation was \$205,687,480; the net income from stock dividends or surplus, \$296,376,645.

The total casualties were 86,393, of which 8849 represented the number of persons killed and 76,553 those injured.

The aggregate number of locomotives in service was 43,871, an increase of 2646; the cars in service numbered 12,389, an increase of over 113,000 during the year.

TWO MILLIONS FOR OPEN RIVER.

MAJOR LANGFITT RECOMMENDS COLUMBIA PROJECTS.

Government Engineer Gives an Estimate of Amount Needed to Pursue the Work of Opening the Columbia River to Traffic—Says Congress Should Give \$1,320,000 for Jetties, \$625,000 for Deepening Channel, and \$750,000 for Removal of Obstructions at Three Mile Rapids.

The Sunday Oregon Journal of yesterday contains the annual report of Major W. C. Langfitt, of the port of Portland, to the board of government engineers, in which he recommends \$1,320,000 for the completion of the jetties at the mouth of the Columbia, \$625,000 for deepening the Columbia between Portland and the sea, and \$750,000 for removal of obstructions in the Columbia at Three Mile Rapids, a total of \$2,745,000.

The report of Major Langfitt includes the progress of work on the Columbia bar during the past year, in which the jetty has been extended this season 4218 feet beyond the old jetty, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 having been available for the work. It is estimated that about three miles of jetty, or one and a half miles on each side of the bar, will be necessary to deflect the sand from the river into deep water, and change the entire current of the Columbia, at the point of delivery into the ocean, so as to entirely remove the bar, give 40 feet of water over the present obstruction, and permit free passage of all deep water vessels.

After this has been accomplished, and the mouth of the river is opened to large vessels, then the deepening of the river from Portland to Astoria will be the next step in the development of the transportation facilities of the river, and to this end, Major Langfitt has recommended the appropriation of \$625,000.

With the continuous appropriation for the building of the ship canal at the Dalles, and the final accomplishment of the project, the Columbia river will be open for traffic for a distance of over 400 miles.

Portland is elated over the recommendation of Major Langfitt and will begin at once to bring pressure to bear on congress to secure the appropriations recommended. The originally estimated for the ship canal at the Dalles is \$4,000,000, which will be forthcoming as soon as the right of way is secured for the government and the progress of the work on the canal demands the money, congress having given this assurance to the war department.

STATE TICKET NOMINATED.

Washington Prohibitionists in the Field.

Everett, Wash., July 15.—The prohibitionists of this state have put in nomination the ticket named below, and confidently promise the liquor interests of this state the hottest run this year for their money they have ever had. The success of the temperance interests in Oregon in the fight for local option, and the quite successful efforts in this state to suppress at least the salaried element, and more glaring iniquities of salubrious, has greatly encouraged the jurists in government in this state, and they have strenuously urged the plan and are making a vigorous and hopeful canvass for campaign funds.

The ticket nominated here today is as follows: H. Sherman, state auditor; for governor; W. H. Shields, of Spokane, for lieutenant governor; James McDowell, of Olympia, for secretary of state; C. C. Girdley, of Vancouver, for auditor; W. H. Litchy, of Palouse, for land commissioner, and A. R. L. Gellerman, of Tacoma, for superintendent of public instruction.

The platform calls for direct legislation, denounces the system of fixing prohibited vice and California estate, our lives, our sacred honor, to the final overthrow of the liquor traffic.

OIL IN MALHEUR.

Capital is Now Awaiting Result of Tests.

Baker City, July 18.—President William Albrecht of the Zenith Oil Company, who has just returned from a trip into the interior, reports that oil has been found in several localities in Malheur county and that the owners of oil lands, many of whom live in Baker City, are awaiting the experiments now being made by Blood of Boise, near Ontario, Ontario, in the gas test, and to prove if it will be necessary to go much deeper and further up the basin, but it is certain that if Blood opens up large gas wells he will keep on under the oil men have their eyes on this deal, and are only waiting an opportunity to develop it. Local Baker City capital is not strong enough to under take the enterprise. That there is an abundance of high grade paraffine oil in the Malheur belt is a certain thing.

Train Robber Arrested. Spokane, July 15.—George Wilson, believed to be one of the men who held up the Northern Pacific train near Bearmouth, Mont., was arrested here today. On him was found 17 small diamonds believed to have been part of a consignment of 800 diamonds stolen in the robbery and about \$700 in cash.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.

Decision Rendered in Northern Securities Case.

Trenton, N. J., July 15.—United States Judge Bradford came here today from Wilmington and filed his opinion in the famous Securities case. The result of the opinion is that a preliminary injunction is granted enjoining the operation of the proposed plan to distribute the stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. The judge says that the litigation is ripe for a final hearing, and that a provisional injunction is granted in order to protect the rights of complainants, because, should the final decision be rendered in favor of the company there would be no appeal left for distribution without a preliminary injunction. The main question raised are not passed upon.

FIRE IN CATHOLIC PROTECTORY.

Nine Hundred Inmates, All of Whom Escaped.

New York, July 16.—Fire was discovered early this morning in the Catholic Protectors, which houses 900 persons, 300 of whom were small children. The bell for a fire drill rang, the children took their places in line, the windows were raised, and all escaped down the fire ladders without disorder.

TOOK OFF HIS SHOES.

Murderer Did Not Want to "Die With His Boots On."

San Quintin, Cal., July 16.—George Suesser was hanged this morning for the murder of Sheriff Farley, of Salinas. Just before the noose was adjusted Suesser asked permission to take off his shoes as he did not want to die with his boots on. The request was granted. He shot the sheriff while the latter was attempting to arrest him for drunkenness.

Hobson at Oregon Chautauque.

Oregon City, July 16.—In spite of the showers every exercise on Chautauque grounds at Gladstone Park was attended by large crowds. Today is Grand Day, and one hundred or more of the veterans honor the occasion with their presence. They occupied a place on the platform during the lecture of Captain Hobson on the "Mighty Mission of America."

Stops Portland Gambling.

Portland, July 16.—In an interview with the Oregon Daily Journal, District Attorney John Manning has declared that he would live up to his campaign promises to the letter and would close gambling in this city and prosecute every man known to be operating a game.

Killed the Fireman.

Rocheater, N. Y., July 16.—The Pennsylvania's Buffalo Fire collided with a freight at Emporium this morning, killing fireman Charles Sullivan and injuring six.

CONFERENCE IS IN SIGHT, BUT AGREEMENT IS NOT

Packers Import Negroes Into Chicago—Plants in Operation in St. Louis and Kansas City.

Everything Peaceful and at a Standstill at Omaha, and Little Butchering Being Done—Fists Used to Repel the Sheriff and Strike Breakers at St. Paul and Demands Made to Call Out the Militia—in All Places the Strikers Are Resolute—Not True That Donnelly Has Requested Allied Unions to Go Out in Chicago.

Chicago, July 16.—Just before noon it was announced that Donnelly had replied to the packers' ultimatum and that the prospects were fair for another conference. Donnelly had not requested allied labor to go out, as he did not want to embarrass pending negotiations, which he considered still to be finally gone over.

Up to 1 o'clock there had been no violence of moment anywhere in the stockyards district. The weather is extremely hot, setting as a deterrent to active movements by the men.

One Idle Plant at Kansas City.

Kansas City, July 16.—Schwarzchild & Sulzberger joined the other packers today in slaughtering. Only one small plant is idle. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. No violence is reported anywhere.

Unchanged at Omaha.

Omaha, July 16.—The strike situation is unchanged today. Both sides to the Chicago arbitration plan will succeed. No violence is reported, and little killing is done at any plant.

St. Louis Plants at Work.

St. Louis, July 16.—The St. Louis Dressed Beef Company secured a sufficient number of operatives to resume limited operations at their plant today. Three larger plants are shut.

CALIFORNIA RANGE BURNS.

Scope of Foothill Country 15 Miles Long Devastated.

Willows, Cal., July 16.—A scope of range 15 miles in length has been devastated by a fire within the past two days, thousands of head of cattle being driven out and the timber ruined. Several small valleys in which are rich wheat farms are threatened.

WIRELESS AT SEA.

Queenstown, July 16.—The Cunarder Umbria arrived this morning and reports having been in wireless communication with the American liner St. Louis, and that the latter reported the motor cylinder broken, upon which they were able to complete repairs, however.

BLEW EXPRESS CAR.

Texas Train Robbers Thought to Be Amateurs.

Palestine, Texas, July 16.—It is reported the bandits who held up the Great Northern train near Spears last night secured no booty. They looted the train, but they were seen upon which they were able to complete repairs, however.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

A Gould Company Goes by the Board in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., July 16.—The Virginia Passenger & Power Company was a \$10,000,000 railway system owned by Frank J. Gould and operating in and between three cities, was placed in the hands of a receiver last night.

Wascu's Bumper Crop.

The Dalles, July 16.—In a few days threshing machines will begin running and will start to hauling out the biggest crop of wheat ever harvested in Wasco county. Farmers say the wheat will generally be No. 1, as it is a fine plump, and the yield will be above the average. In some instances the grain was slightly damaged by the hot weather of the past two weeks and a small percentage of it will be classed as No. 2, but this percentage is small. The outlook now for prices is flattering, and the indications are that the market will open better than it did a year ago.

THE STATE'S FINANCES.

Semi-Annual Balance is \$300,000 Less Than Last Year.

Salem, July 14.—The semi-annual financial statement of State Treasurer Moore shows a balance of \$717,281.73 in the treasury. This is \$300,000 less than was in the treasury at this time last year, the decrease being due to the large amount of loans made from the common school fund.

That fund is \$500,000 less than it was a year ago. The general fund is \$200,000 greater, the increase being due to the heavier tax levy for appropriations which have not yet been expended, such as the portage railway and Lewis and Clark appropriations.

The general fund receipts for the first six months of this year are \$529,000 as against \$180,000 a year ago, the slight increase being due to heavier appropriations. Receipts to the common school fund have dropped from \$450,000 to \$250,000, the decrease being due to the fact that fewer borrowers from the school fund for the first half of the year grew from \$446,000 in 1903 to \$372,000 in 1904, showing the heavier demand for loans from the fund.

SAWMILLS BURNED.

Mysterious Explosion Causes Heavy Loss.

Albany, July 15.—The Banner mill situated near Lacombe, Lin county, together with about 85,000 feet of clear lumber, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire was first discovered when one of the proprietors of the mill went to build a fire in the engine at the mill, and he saw a kind of an explosion just above the dust and oil, and in a few minutes the entire building was a mass of flames.

FOUND THE WRECK.

Islander Went Down With 100 in 300 Feet of Water.

Nanaimo, B. C., July 15.—The Vancouver Company, of Vancouver, has located the wreck of the steamer Islander with a patented diving bell, in over 300 feet of water. It is reported that with a big hole in the bow, but can be raised.

She struck an iceberg in Douglas Channel in August, 1903, returning from Slagway. She carried 100 passengers and half a million in gold. Forty persons were drowned.

HEARD OF MILES LEE AT.

TACKLED IN BAKER COUNTY.

Baker City, July 16.—A special from Lookout mountain to the Baker City Herald says that six armed men took charge of a band of 2000 head of sheep belonging to Miles Lee, on the Baldy mountain, near the city, and after firing several hundred shots into the herd, killing about 100, held the herder up and threatened his life. As soon as released the herder started for the city, without hat or coat and made the entire distance on foot, being almost exhausted when he arrived. Miles Lee, the owner of the band, and the herder immediately left for camp and until Mr. Lee reaches the city, his definite will be known of the slaughter.

OFFICIALS AT LEWISTON.

President Elliott of the Northern Pacific Inspects Wheat Land.

Lewiston, July 14.—President Howard Elliott and party of Northern Pacific officials arrived in the city by special train yesterday. The party had spent the day in inspecting the lines in the Palouse country, but have come into the Clearwater country to acquaint themselves with the conditions with a view of further railroad construction.

"We are interested in the Lewiston country," said President Elliott last night, "and desire to become acquainted with the conditions in order that we may be able to introduce the project carried on. Personally I have never visited the rich farming country of the Camas and Nez Perce prairies, but we are interested in the country while here and become familiar with the conditions of the farming section and the news and resources of the country."

Good Hay Crop.

Reports from the hay harvest are to the effect that this season's crop will exceed that of many years. Especially is this true of the wild and mixed varieties. The timothy yield is reported to be light. Loose hay is selling in the field at \$6 per ton and from \$7 to \$8 delivered in the city—La Grande Democrat.

Washington Man Killed in Ohio.

William Piper of Dayton, Wash., was killed Thursday in Toledo, O., by being run over by a train of cars. He was 41 years old and deaf.

Standard Oil in Europe.

Berlin, July 16.—Standard Oil has purchased a controlling interest in the German-American Petroleum Company, their most formidable rival.

WALLA WALLA DEMOCRATS.

Full Ticket Nominated and St. Louis Platform Indorsed.

Walla Walla, July 16.—The democrats of the county yesterday placed a full ticket in the field and indorsed the St. Louis platform, in one of the most harmonious and enthusiastic conventions ever held here.

The following ticket was nominated: State Senator Twelfth District—W. P. Reser. Representative Thirteenth District—C. M. Taylor, William A. Ritz. Representative Twelfth District—H. H. Hunsinger. Auditor—W. J. Honeycutt. Clerk—Louis Scholl, Jr. Assessor—Mike Toner. School Superintendent—W. M. Davis. Surveyor—J. H. Schary. Coroner—J. W. Cookery. Commissioner First District—Geo. Stritlers. Commissioner Second District—J. H. Morrow.

STATE HELPS BAKER.

Baker County Fair Association Gets Much Encouragement.

Baker City, July 15.—The board of directors of the Baker County Sheep, Track and Fair Association at a meeting held last night in the office of Butcher & Correll selected the following officers:

President, J. A. Goddes, vice-president, L. I. Foster, secretary, S. O. Correll, treasurer, J. H. Parker. These gentlemen are too well known in the community to require comment. Their election assures that the new association will be conducted without jobbery.

A committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for grounds, and report immediately to the directors. Work will begin at once on the track and the grounds will be ready for the opening of the fair. Commissioner Ebell of the state fair association is much pleased with these arrangements and will work in harmony with the Sheep Association, donating good purses for the farmers and stockmen to compete for in the agricultural exhibit.

YACHTS COLLIDE.

Skippers Misjudge Distances in "Heading Off."

Dover, England, July 15.—Commander F. A. M. American racing schooner Ingomar and Herr Watkins' American built Navaboe, collided off Admiralty pier just after the beginning of the Chicago yacht race today. Ingomar's fore rigging bowsprit was carried away and her hull damaged. The Navaboe's mainsail was torn off. Charley Barr, the Ingomar's skipper, attempted to cut off the Navaboe but misjudged the distance.

Storm Lake Chautauque.

Storm Lake, Ia., July 16.—There was a large attendance today at the formal opening of the Storm Lake Chautauque Assembly, which will remain in session during the coming week. The list of notable speakers, including the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gasthaus and the Rev. Dr. Frank Bristol, assures the success of the assembly.

CHICAGO & ALTON DEAL.

Will Not Be Consummated Until Return of Harriman.

New York, July 15.—In explanation of the announcement that no Chicago & Alton preferred stock will be received after today, a representative of the Harriman interests gives out the following statement: "There is now on deposit sufficient of this stock to guarantee the success of any plan which the projectors may have in mind. In all probability, however, nothing will be done in this matter until the return of Mr. Harriman from Europe."

Rock Island's New Line.

Kansas City, July 15.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific is working with all possible speed and effort to have the new line between St. Louis and Kansas City completed at the earliest possible date. Official announcement is made that the line will be completed and opened to traffic within the next two weeks. By the completion of the new line the Rock Island will have a direct route to the west of Kansas City.

ANOTHER BEEF COMBINE.

Big Packing Houses Plan Further Consolidation of Interests.

All the packers of Denver, to say nothing of the stockgrowers of Colorado, are interested in the Beef's exclusive story of the big packing house combine to handle the meat trade of the West, planned by Armour, Swift, Cudahy and other Chicago firms, says the Denver Post of Thursday.

Predictions that such a combination would be eventually made were immediately recalled, and the probable extent of time it would take to effect the combine was speculated upon.

The packers upon whose plans options have been secured by the big men of the trade declined to make statements and some denied the report, which was nevertheless generally credited.

The local Armour firms made a move yesterday which shows that re-arrangement is in order. Armour & Co., the Chicago packing branch of the big house, gave up its establishment on Main street and moved to the supply depot of the Armour Packing Co. of Kansas City, near the depot.

JAPANESE TAKE NEW POSITIONS

Capture Outlying Port Arthur Heights and Mount Cannon Upon Them.

JAPANESE DENY LOSING THIRTY THOUSAND MEN.

News of Latest Japanese Successes Comes From Russian Sources—Russian Men-of-War Capture German and British Steamers and Hold Them Up for Contraband Mail and Merchandise—Undefined Rumor of Togo's Death.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—General Sakharoff, with Kurapatkin's force, reports that the Japanese during Thursday and Friday, occupied many positions and placed cannon on the heights near the railway north of Kai Ping. There have been but few skirmishes thus far.

Loss Not So Great. Tokyo, July 16.—The war office denies the report current for several days past that 30,000 Japanese were killed and wounded in an attack on Port Arthur.

German Liner Stopped. Berlin, July 16.—The North German Lloyd liner Prinz Heinrich has been stopped by the Russian volunteer cruiser Sosenaki in the Red Sea and compelled to surrender 31 sacks of letters.

British Steamer Seized. London, July 16.—The dispatch this afternoon reports the British steamer Malacca has been seized by Russians in the Red Sea and taken to Soer. No reason is given.

Togo Reported Dead. Chicago, July 16.—The Daily News Chase Foo correspondent cables this afternoon: "A Basa News correspondent with Kuroki's army says a persistent rumor is current that Admiral Togo is dead, and many Japanese profess to believe it."

"A severe outbreak of cholera is devastating this section. Soldiers who died of the disease are cremated."

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