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## THIRTEEN HUNDRED OPERATORS STRIKE

Telegraphers on Santa Fe System Quit Work.

MEN HAVE MANY GRIEVANCES

President of the Road Says They Will Not Be Re-employed as They Had Agreed to Give Thirty Days' Notice.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Six hundred telegraph operators on the lines of the A. T. & S. Fe struck today in sympathy with operators on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad who went out Thursday. The foregoing statement is according to the best information obtainable from the company's officials tonight.

The number of operators on the system is 1200, of whom 900 are said to be union men. Of the 900 members of the union 500, it is stated, refused to strike, leaving the system with about half of its men at work.

Officials of the road declare that under no circumstances will they yield to the strikers and that none of them will ever again work for the company in any capacity.

### STATEMENT OF UNION.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 8.—Chairman J. A. Newman, of the Santa Fe division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers including the Santa Fe system, issued a strike order this afternoon and a few minutes later he was informed that 1200 operators over the entire system quit the key.

In his order calling out the men Chairman Newman says:

"You will turn your boards red for the protection of life and property and leave them in that position permanently. Carefully protect all the company property in your care or possession and allow no person access thereto until you are properly checked and released from all responsibility by the company's actual representatives. This action is made necessary to secure for you reasonable compensation and conditions of service."

Newman said: "The real grievance of the men on the Gulf system as given to me in a special from National President Dolphin, are a protest against the proposed elimination of twelve stations from the schedule and a proposed reduction in wages at nineteen other stations."

"To avoid this strike the committee agreed to accept the Santa Fe rule amended by providing for eight consecutive hours rest in twenty-four hours, except in cases of emergency. The clause depriving men of a hearing when discharged for insubordination was also to be eliminated. Another demand made was that there was not to be any reduction in wages at any of the stations for the present."

"We will stand by the men of the Gulf road and fight this battle to a finish."

### AGREEMENT VIOLATED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Most of the telegraph operators' lines of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe went on a strike late today in support of the strike instigated on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe on Thursday. Earlier in the day the men went out on the western divisions but at 4 o'clock it was extended over practically the entire system.

President E. P. Ripley, of the Atchison road, when he learned of the strike of the main line operators said:

"These men, having broken their contract and left our employ without cause and without notice will not be re-employed."

"This action was taken," he continued, "notwithstanding the fact that the company made a contract with its operators in service on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe proper, July 1, and with those in service on the lines west of Albuquerque, November 15, last, under the terms of which they bound themselves through their organization to give the company thirty days' notice of any dissatisfaction."

### STATEMENT OF MANAGER.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 8.—In speaking

of the strike situation, General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe said tonight: "The strike is caused by trouble over the rules and regulations. The wage scale was up for consideration but the road agreed to arbitrate on that point. New rules and regulations have been up and were not settled. The road will not agree to rules asked by the men and the strike results."

### SHOPS CLOSED.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 8.—The officials of the Santa Fe decided in conference tonight that the shops here would be closed Monday morning until further orders. The order throws over 2000 men out of employment.

### QUEEN IS FAILING.

Greatest Monarch of the Century Is Probably Nearing Her End.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the world from Windsor, England, says:

Much anxiety again prevails in court circles respecting the queen's health. She has broken up noticeably since she was informed that the Empress Frederick was suffering from cancer of the throat and cannot live many months. Queen Victoria, who invariably eats and sleeps well, has now lost her appetite and passes sleepless nights. For years she never missed her morning ride in a donkey chaise around the private gardens until the last couple of weeks, when this was forbidden by her doctor, who ordered her instead to drive through the park in a closed carriage. Sunday last the queen kept her room the entire day, a thing she has not been known to do for years, and the report goes to the effect that she said she would not be surprised to hear of the death of Empress Frederick any day, as the doctors were afraid to perform an operation.

It is also whispered that her majesty falls into a dose at meal times, and the other day, when putting on a brave front and pretending to review the colonial volunteers, she fell fast asleep in her carriage. The windows were shut and she was rapidly driven home. A belief undoubtedly prevails among those around her that the queen is failing. The papers in London assert that the queen is in her usual health, but the above are the true facts.

### ANOTHER CUP DEFENDER.

Yacht Will Be Built in Boston to Compete for Honor of Defending America's Cup.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—After a conference with Boston designers, Boston builders and a number of representatives of Boston yachtsmen, Thomas W. Lawson, a well-known financier and horse fancier of this city, announced tonight that he would personally stand the expense of building another yacht to compete for the honor of defending America's cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock II.

The new yacht, according to Lawson, will be designed by B. B. Crowninshield of this city, who has already had much success with smaller boats, while Geo. Lawley of South Boston, builder of the former cup defender Puritan and Mayflower and outitter of still another, the Volunteer, will probably construct the new boat.

It is expected that Captain Nat Watson, one of the best skippers in the East, will act as sailing master. All matters pertaining to the construction of the new boat will be open at all times to any one interested.

### OVER A MILE A MINUTE.

Remarkable Run Made by Fast Mail Train on Burlington Road.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The fast mail on the Burlington road made a remarkable run last night from Chicago to Galesburg of 182 1/2 miles in 157 minutes. Allowing nine minutes for stops the net time was 148 minutes or an average of 66 miles an hour.

### VAN DERBILT'S WANT RAILS.

Order for 100,000 Tons Keeps Up the Price.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—The Vanderbilt interests have placed orders with three mills for 100,000 tons of steel rails at \$26 per ton. This breaks up the organized efforts of the railroads to force the price down to \$20.

### PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Silver, 64 1/2.

## DE WET'S FORCE IS RETREATING

Swollen Rivers in Front and British on Three Sides.

WILHELMINA RECEIVED PAUL

No Hope of Intervention From Holland—War Office Promises Gratuity to Every Man Who Served in South Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Kitchener at Bloemfontein, dated December 5:

"Have just received news from Knox at Rouxville, that De Wet's force, having failed to force Coomassie bridge, which was held, has trekked northeast, abandoning 500 horses and caris. His attempt on Cape Colony, therefore, has failed. He is being pressed on all sides."

### DE WET HEMMED IN.

ALWAL NORTH, Cape Colony, Friday, December 7.—General De Wet appears to be in a most dangerous position, and to need all his strategy to extricate his force. With strong British columns on three sides and two swollen rivers barring his front, the British commanders begin to be hopeful that a general chase by four columns, which has been one of the most exciting operations of the war, will result in the capture of De Wet.

Definite news of his whereabouts was first received December 2. The next morning General Knox started in hot pursuit. Plicher's and Herbert's columns were detached to make a turning movement. After three hours' march General Knox learned that luring the night De Wet had doubled back past the British right, necessitating a complete change of plans. During the night of December 3rd General Knox encamped on the Carmel farm, the site of the Boer laager, which evidently was recently and hurriedly moved. General Knox started again at daylight, hoping to corner De Wet while crossing Karrepoort drift, but he arrived too late. The British experienced very great difficulty in following De Wet, owing to the rise in the river, but they succeeded in crossing without the loss of a man or beast. From that time on the pursuit of the Boers was taken up without baggage, the troops being supplied by foragers, enabling them to make more rapid movements and keep in touch with the republicans.

### GRATUITY FOR VETERANS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The war office announces that a gratuity will be paid to every officer and man who has served South Africa since October 10, 1899. The least amount will be £5. It is roughly estimated that it will take £1,000,000 to complete the payment.

### QUEEN RECEIVES KRUGER.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8.—Queen Wilhelmina received Mr. Kruger in audience today. As the Boer statesman was traveling incognito, the visit was not attended by the ceremony usually paid to a chief of state. A court official proceeded to his hotel and accompanied Mr. Kruger to the royal palace in a state carriage. Dr. Leyds received Mr. Kruger at the door of the palace, but was not present at the audience.

### THANKS AMERICAN FRIENDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The consul-general of the Orange Free State has received the following reply to a cablegram of good wishes sent to Paul Kruger by the American Transvaal League. "I thank the directors of the American Transvaal League and all sympathizing Americans for their greetings, and hope their kind wishes will be fulfilled. KRUGER."

### BOERS CAPTURE SHEEP.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 8.—The Boers have captured 17,000 sheep from a small detachment of British troops in the vicinity of Krugersdorp.

### HOLLAND WON'T INTERVENE.

ANTWERP, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from The Hague says Holland has no intention to intervene in favor of arbitration in the Transvaal troubles.

### RECEPTION FOR ROBERTS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 8.—Lord Roberts arrived here today from Port Elizabeth. He was accorded a splendid reception. The mayor, councilmen, the citizens, committee and thousands of sightseers met him at the docks and escorted him to the government house.

### KRUGER'S GIFT CONFISCATED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: "Mr. Kruger will receive no present from Vienna. This is not because he has lost the sympathies of the non-po-

litical section of the Vienna population, but because the police have confiscated the present in question.

The man who organized this homage to Mr. Kruger, Demeter Kapuscha, has been found to be a swindler. He has been arrested, and the present, consisting of two valuable flags, two fine water colors and a box weighing a thousand kilos, containing five hundred thousand signatures, has been seized in the interest of its victims. The incident has caused a most deplorable impression.

### DR. LEYDS WAS TOO SMART.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The Vossische Zeitung, discussing Mr. Kruger's movements, says: "Presumably the frustrated visit to Berlin would have met with judgment when the visit to The Hague was over and surely it would not have provoked indignation if the original programme had been followed and Mr. Kruger had first gone to The Hague. Dr. Leyds, however, thought he was doing something extra smart when he changed the plan. His attempt was to take the Berlin government unawares and he alone must carry the burden of the failure."

### REVIEW OF SITUATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "Mr. Chamberlain's statement as to the lines of settlement in South Africa which the government proposes to adopt has undoubtedly produced a very great impression and the feeling in the parliamentary lobbies last night was that it had gone far to shorten not only the winter session but the campaign against the Boers. The colonial secretary, by the moderation of his tone and by the generosity of his terms, has completely cut the ground from under the feet of the opposition and left them with no real excuse to resist the granting of supplies within the shortest possible time.

Although the colonial secretary did not expressly state in his masterly speech last night in the house of commons on the future of South Africa that Sir Alfred Milner will be relieved of the duties of governor of Cape Colony, it is generally understood that Sir Alfred will be succeeded in that position by Sir W. F. Heyl-Hudginson, present governor of Natal.

The Unionist newspapers are delighted at Mr. Chamberlain's statement. The Telegraph calls it the rational speech of a rational man.

The fox chase near Alwal North exceeds in interest anything done in parliament, where the debate on the address is artificial and £16,000,000 represents only a small fraction of the amount needed for the winding up of the war. General Kitchener's dispatch, posted in the war office during the evening, contained evidence that De Wet was hard pressed since all his prisoners except the officers taken at Doweletorp had been released and a gun had been captured by Knox's force. He had received the tactics which were effective when he was pursued through Lindley and Phenoster to the Vaal.

When his advance was cut off toward the Orange river, De Wet marched northeast for two days and then turned about and doubled about southeast upon his own tracks, crossing the Caledon and heading for Odendal. The British mounted force remained in hot pursuit and when he came into touch with the garrison at Alwal North he again retreated eastward.

It is not clear from the meagre dispatches whether the road through Rouxville to Wepener is still open to him. If it be closed he may be run down in the southeastern corner of the Orange River Colony. General Kitchener has evidently made the capture of De Wet the first object of his campaign and is not leaving a stone unturned. General MacDonald has been sent to Alwal North and Knox's forces include several mobile mounted columns.

The explanation offered for the return of the Household cavalry when mounted forces are needed for pursuit of the guerrilla bands is that it was too heavily accoutred and armed for mobile operations. If this be true, the British army will have to depend in time of war upon mounted bodies of yeomanry and colonials for a cavalry service. The suggestion has already been made that a permanent body of cavalry reserves can be recruited in Canada and Australia. This force would not be called upon to perform work in the colonies but would receive pay as reserves from the imperial government during a time of peace and be liable for service in war time for the defense of the empire at the highest rates paid for local military services in Canada and Australia. Advocates of this plan assert that ten thousand cavalry reserves could be enrolled in Canada and the same number in Australia.

### BIG MISSOURI FAILURE.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—The Missouri Guarantee Savings and Building Association made an assignment in the sum of \$1,000,000 this afternoon for the benefit of its creditors and stockholders.

### RESERVATION RELINQUISHED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The secretary of the Interior has sent to the house an agreement with the Klamath Indians relinquishing their reservation in Oregon.

## NARROW ESCAPE OF BELGIAN KING

Transport Nearly Destroyed by Fire and Storm.

COAL BURNED THREE DAYS

Vessel Stood on Her Beam Ends for Forty-eight Hours and All on Board Awaited the Death Which Seemed Inevitable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The transport Belgian King is in port after a voyage of fifty-five days from Manila made memorable by disaster and by narrow escapes from total destruction.

Shortly after leaving Manila, the vessel encountered a typhoon and for two days those on board waited for the death that seemed inevitable. The coal in her bunkers shifted and the transport was for 48 hours on her beam ends. Only sudden abatement of the storm saved the transport.

The Belgian King was laid up seven days for repairs at Hong Kong and after leaving the latter port her coal caught fire and burned three days. The fire gained such headway that at the time the state rooms were too hot to be occupied.

### PORTLAND RAILWAY SOLD.

Mortgage Foreclosed on Property of East Side Railway Company.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The property of the East Side Railway Company was sold today to Fred S. Morris for \$400,450, subject to court costs, which will amount to about \$20,000. The sale was in pursuance of a decree of the United States court in November in a suit by Morris and Withead against the East Side Railway Company to foreclose a mortgage against the company.

The property comprises twenty-three miles of electric railway with equipment as follows: Fifteen miles of track between Portland and Oregon City, four miles of track between Portland and Mount Tabor and four miles to Mount Scott, all standard gauge. The road was built by James Steel and George A. Steel.

### INNOCENT MAN RELEASED.

Served Half of a Long Sentence for Making a Careless Mistake.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—After serving seven years of his 13-year sentence in the eastern penitentiary here, James Parker, of Ellisdale, N. J., has been released as innocent. Parker was not 27 years old when convicted of stealing a suit of clothes from a hotel. He left his own, claiming that he made a mistake.

The matter was investigated and it was found that the suit which Parker had left at the hotel was of better quality than the one he had put on in mistake. The board of pardons unflinchingly gave Parker his liberty.

### Y. M. C. A. IN RUSSIA.

Success of the New Organization in St. Petersburg Is Phenomenal.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 25.—The St. Petersburg Young Men's Christian Association is having phenomenal success. The rooms were opened less than two months ago. There are now over 500 members or applicants for membership.

In the evenings one can usually find 250 members at the tables, in the rooms playing games or drinking tea. Alcohol and tobacco are barred, but no pledges to abstain from their use are expected from members.

### EXPECTS TO BE ACQUITTED.

Jessie Morrison Is Confident That She Will Soon Be Free.

ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 8.—Smiling and confident, Jessie Morrison today sat through three hours of pleading, the last stage but one in her trial for the murder of Mrs. Castle.

Since she left the stand yesterday Morrison has gained strength and every movement she made today depicted the feeling of joy she felt over the belief that she would soon be free.

### ASTRONOMICAL EXPEDITION.

Will Be Sent to the Southern Hemisphere by the University of California.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 8.—D. O. Mills, a New York capitalist, at the request of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, has promised the University of California to defray the expenses—about \$24,000—of a two-year astronomical expedition from the Lick observatory to South America or Australia.

## SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

A NEW LINE OF

**Mantel Folding Beds**  
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IRON BEDSTEADS, FULL BRASS TOP, \$6.50

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