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BIG STEEL STRIKE STILL UNCHANGED

Rumors of Settlement Denied by President Shaffer.

BISHOP MAKES OVERTURES

Letter Asking a Reopening of Conference Unanswered Yet—Offers of Financial Assistance—Principal Events of the Day's History.

PITTSBURGH, July 17.—We have not heard from the other side at any time, in any way or by any subject since we parted at the Lincoln Hotel last Saturday.

This positive statement made by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association this afternoon, disposes of the rumor from New York today that the strike had been settled. Shaffer stated further that no actual negotiations were on between President Bishop of the Ohio state arbitration board, and himself tending toward arbitration. A letter received by Shaffer from Bishop asking if he would consent to a reopening of the conference has not been answered yet.

The principal events in today's history was the failure of the Sheet Steel and Hoop Company to reopen the Weisville plant with non-union men, the offer of assistance made to the Amalgamated Association by the two million members of the American Federation of Labor and the American Window Glass Workers' Association, the determination of the association to organize an immense steel plant at Vandergriff, and the fact that several of the closed plants are being patrolled by armed watchmen and guards.

The Amalgamated officials tonight profess great satisfaction over the results accomplished since the strike, but officials of the companies will say nothing.

TO INSPECT UPPER RIVER

Rivers and Harbors Committee on Their Way Back From Alaska.

PORTLAND, July 17.—On their return from Alaska July 22, the rivers and harbors committee of the house will leave Seattle and go direct to Lewiston, Idaho. They will be the guests of the city until the 24th, when they leave by the boat for Wallula. At Wallula they will take the train for The Dalles where the river will be inspected. On the 25th the committee will come to Portland. Nine representative business men of Portland will accompany the committee from Lewiston to Portland. Three of the Portland committee have already been selected. A. L. Mohler, H. W. Scott and T. B. Wilcox.

MRS. BOTKIN'S CASE

Started on Its Way to the Supreme Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, charged with murder, was started on its way to the supreme court of the United States today. Superior Judge Cook ordered a writ of error issued.

APPAIRS IN HAWAII

Senate and House Pass Appropriation Bills—Plague at Honolulu.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) HONOLULU, July 10.—The senate and house passed their appropriation bills and are now in joint conference over differences between their respective appropriations.

M'GOVERN COMING WEST

Will Take Up Options Held by the Salmon Syndicate.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The Tribune says:

The salmon combination which has been food for rumor and counter rumors for several weeks, is now an assured fact and today it will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. It will be called the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company and its definite capital stock is \$12,000,000, half of which will remain in the treasury for the purchase of additional plants and the erection of new ones.

ending. In the first place the western salmon canners were not intimately acquainted with the idea proposed. Then the salmon men came to this city to talk matters over and the time they chose was the hottest week this summer. The heat nearly put an end to negotiations.

The third difficulty is said to have been due to the effort of the Alaska Packing Association to get control of the salmon industry. A member of the firm of DeLafeld, McGovern & Company said:

"All of the details of the new salmon combination have been arranged and expect to incorporate at once. Thomas H. McGovern will leave here on Saturday for Seattle to take up options. Officers will probably be elected while he is in the west. It is not yet known just who will be at the head. Its financial officers will be in this city, the business offices in Seattle.

"The Pacific Packing & Navigation Company have absorbed seventeen canning companies in Alaska and eleven on Puget sound. Other firms are expected to come in shortly and swell the number to thirty concerns. We will pack between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 cases of salmon this year."

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE WITH ITALY IMMINENT

Lynching of Two Italians at Erwin, Mississippi, Regarded as Serious Affair.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The Italian government has taken cognizance of a recent affray at Erwin, Miss., in which it is claimed two Italians were lynched and a third seriously wounded. The facts have been communicated to the foreign office at Rome and the Italian embassy here has made representations to the state department. At the same time the Italian authorities are pursuing an investigation of their own through their consul at New Orleans, and their consul-agent at Vicksburg, Miss.

Thus far reports received by the officials establish the essential points in which is considered a rather serious condition of affairs. First, it is reported positively that the Italians were killed by lynchers. Second, the Italian authorities nearest the scene of trouble have established to their satisfaction that the persons killed were Italian subjects in the full sense, not having taken out naturalization papers.

There is every indication that the facts will constitute an international incident similar to that with Italy growing out of the killing of the Italians in Louisiana.

TRIAL BY PEERS

Expensive and Unsatisfactory and May Be Abolished.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Emphatic protests are heard against the expensive trial rendered necessary by the survival of privilege when a peer is charged with a felony says a London dispatch to the Tribune. Some of these press remonstrances are probably caused by the difficulty of securing seats when the court officials are reserving every available place for the privileged classes.

Not only will the state be involved in a large expense by the preparations for Earl Russell's trial, but the judges of the king's bench division will be brought in from assize towns at great inconvenience and the normal functions of the higher courts will be temporarily suspended.

Many sensible people consider that the game is not worth the candle and advocate an immediate alteration in the statutes so as to render another trial by a jury of peers is that several relatives of Earl Russell will pass judgment upon him. There are so many anomalies that this is likely to be the last trial of the kind in England.

JUDGE BRADY'S CHILDREN

Efforts of an Uncle to Prevent Them From Being Raised Catholics.

SALT LAKE, July 17.—In an effort to prevent two orphans from being raised in the Catholic church, says a Spokane Wash., special to the Tribune from Pine of Kewick, the uncle of the children today fled with them from their home in Rathdrum, Idaho. He was arrested at Sand Point, Idaho, later and brought back.

The orphans, a boy and girl, aged five and seven years respectively, are children of Judge Brady, of Rathdrum, who was murdered last week by an insane man. Judge Brady's dying wish, it is said, was that the children be baptized in the Catholic faith.

FOR THE NORTH POLE

Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic Expedition Leaves Tromsø, Norway.

TROMSØE, Norway, July 17.—Shortly before midnight last night the ships of the Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic expedition weighed anchor with stars and stripes and Norwegian flags on their masts steamed off to the north. Evelyn B. Baldwin, chief of the expedition, said he had little doubt of reaching the north pole.

NUMBER OF IDLE FIREMEN LARGE

Sixty-four Thousand Strikers in Anthracite Coal Region.

MANY MORE MAY GO OUT

Should Strike Extend to the Other Regions One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Will Be Idle—Strikers Are Much Encouraged.

WILKESHAIRE, July 17.—The close of the second day of the Stationary firemen's strike finds fully 30,000 miners idle in the Wyoming district of the anthracite coal regions. The total number of idle men now in the whole anthracite region is estimated at 64,000. If the strike extends to Hazleton, Schuylkill and the Shamokin regions, 130,000 men may be idle before long. The strikers are much encouraged.

WORKMEN ELECT OFFICERS

PORTLAND, July 17.—The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen today elected the following officers: Grand Master Workman, C. C. Hogan; Albany; grand foreman, William Smith, Baker City; grand recorder, F. D. Winston, Astoria; grand receiver, R. L. Durham, Portland; grand guard, C. J. Wheeler, Portland; grand inside watchman, W. J. Clark, Gervais; grand outside watchman, Philip Guvurtz, Portland; supreme representatives, Ralph Feeney, J. E. Werlein, Portland; D. C. Herrin, Ashland.

TO COMMAND THE CONCORD

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The navy department has detached commander F. H. Delano from command of the training ship Topeka and ordered him to command the gunboat Concord and take her back to Unalaska, whence she unexpectedly arrived at Seattle yesterday. Commander Harry Knox has been detached from the command of the Concord and authorized to receive hospital treatment. The department is now awaiting the mail report of the circumstances which brought the Concord back from her post.

PHILLIPS WAS NON-SUITED

PORTLAND, July 17.—H. L. Phillips, appeared in the federal court this morning before Judge Bellemere as plaintiff in his suit against Albert Geiger and others, as former owner of the Bonanza mine in eastern Oregon to secure \$45,000 claimed as commission for the sale of the property to Eastern parties. Judge Hellingier granted a non-suit in the case.

LAWLESSNESS IN PEKIN

PEKIN, July 17.—Disorder and lawlessness have greatly increased in Pekin since the policing of the city was restored to the authorities. There are nightly burglaries by large bands of desperadoes while Chinamen in employ of Europeans are frequently robbed and beaten.

FOR HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT

BUTTE, July 17.—Billy Madden, manager of Gus Ruhlin, the heavyweight pugilist, who is now in Butte, stated tonight that he had been offered a purse of \$20,000 for a meeting between Ruhlin and Jeffries by the Olympic Club, of Butte.

RELIGIOUS RIOTS IN SPAIN

SARAGOSSA, Spain, July 17.—Senor Cayero, a Carlist, was killed and nearly fifty other persons wounded in encounters today between Catholics and Free Thinkers in Saragozza.

CLARK'S MISSION TO RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, July 17.—It is rumored in Moscow that W. A. Clark, of Montana, during his recent trip to Europe came to St. Petersburg and Moscow incognito, and with a certain unnamed count, and invested ten million roubles in the Ural copper mines.

ENGLISH ARE WAITING

Steel Strike Regarded as a Trial of Great Combinations.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The steel strike in America is attracting much attention in England generally, and while long articles are being printed in the newspapers on the subject no comment is made in the editorial columns, according to the London correspondent of the Tribune.

John Burns has been less reticent for he forecasts an American armageddon

with the revival of the old anti-slavery feeling and the transformation of trusts into state organizations by the political power of hordes of workmen. Financiers watch the quotations from Wall street and are unmoved by socialistic trades. Combinations are felt to be on trial in America and if they survive the great conflict with organized labor concentration of capital will be promoted in England.

MARKSMEN GATHER

Weather Conditions at San Francisco Give Hope of Good Performances.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Interest in the National Bunderfest increases daily. The various ranges were crowded with riflemen yesterday and today petitions for the handsome and valuable prizes now housed in the Temple of Gifts at Shell Mound Park.

The weather conditions are favorable for good marksmanship and excellent scores are being made. The New York delegation has gone on a trip to points of interest in Southern California, but will return on Saturday and will then devote several days to target shooting. Denver and Milwaukee are making determined efforts to secure the next Bunderfest. The chances of the two cities are considered about even.

COPIOUS DOWNPOUR IS EXPECTED ANY TIME

The Drought in Kansas Broken and Fair Yield of Corn Is Now Assured.

TOPEKA, Kas., July 17.—The rains that have fallen in Kansas last night and today practically assured a yield of at least 50,000,000 bushels of corn, and the yield may be greater. The state is under the influence of a low barometric condition and more rain is expected tonight.

Correspondents from numerous Kansas towns in reporting the rains say that the sky is overcast with clouds tonight and that more rain within a few hours is certain. The drought in Kansas has been broken and with it has gone the excessive hot spell. It is the opinion among those who have been watching the weather conditions that the season will be more favorable to crops from now on.

Good rains are reported tonight over portions of eastern and central Kansas, and in each case is mentioned the fact that the rain is not through yet. The manner in which corn has held its own during the drought was something wonderful and is a source of wonder to farmers.

RAINED IN NICK OF TIME

KANSAS CITY, July 17.—General rains fell this afternoon over the greater part of the corn belt of the southwest. The good that will result to late corn and to pastures cannot be estimated, but will undoubtedly prove immense.

TOBACCO GROWING TESTS

Connecticut Farmers Raise the Weed Under Canvass.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitney have paid a visit to the fields of Connecticut where the tobacco farmers have made extensive experiments in growing of tobacco under canvass.

The statement is made that Mr. Whitney believes the new scheme will revolutionize the tobacco industry and that he is contemplating the purchase of large interests in Connecticut. Mr. Wilson is going over the tobacco country for the department.

ARGENTINA WILL COME

President Roca, However, Opposed to United States Policies.

NEW YORK, July 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: El Tribuna, President Roca's organ says in regard to the Pan-American congress:

"The congress will interest not only American nations but also those in Europe, because the questions to be discussed are of interest to all. "We therefore coincide with the opinion of the London Times, which says that participation in the Pan-American congress will not amount to the support of the United States policies by other American nations."

SHARP BATTLE OCCURRED

LONDON, July 17.—The African casualty list issued tonight indicates that sharp fighting occurred on July 14 near Zurrflakte, twenty-four miles from Alwal north. The British lost seven killed and two officers and seventeen men wounded.

BASEBALL SCORES

SEATTLE* July 17.—Seattle, 5; Spokane 2.

PORTLAND, July 17.—Portland, 7; Tacoma, 4.

SILVER MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Silver 85 1/2.

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MORGAN MAKES SELECTION

Suggests That They Assume Their Duties At Once—Every Important Interest Represented—Harmony Among Different Lines.

NEW YORK, July 17.—An official announcement was made today by J. Pierpont Morgan that he selected James J. Hill, E. H. Harriman, William Rockefeller, H. McK. Twombly and Samuel Rea to fill the vacancy to be created in the directorate of the Northern Pacific.

This announcement was made by Mr. Morgan in a formal letter addressed to J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn Loeb & Co., E. H. Harriman and J. J. Hill, in which he says he has selected five directors to be elected at the next annual meeting of the company, in accordance with the memorandum signed May 31, by which the composition of the new board was to be left in his hands. No statement was made public and the reference in the letter to William K. Vanderbilt was not explained. At the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and J. P. Morgan & Co. it was said that the arrangement indicated in the letter was mutually satisfactory. Morgan's letter says:

"I would suggest that the attention of the board of directors be called to the advisability of arranging for those gentlemen to assume their duties as directors of the company as soon as possible without waiting for the annual election."

"It is my opinion that the board thus constituted will contain within itself elements best adapted for the formulation of the plan referred to in the said memorandum, in connection with William K. Vanderbilt named therein as referee. "Every important interest will have its representative, who will be brought into close touch with the situation as a whole and there should be no difficulty in reaching the conclusion that it will be fair and just to all concerned and tend to the establishment of permanent harmony among the different lines. To this end I shall be glad to co-operate in such a manner as will seem desirable."

WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Bellef Thra Russell's Only Defense Will Be Extermination.

NEW YORK, July 17.—It is stated on high legal authority in London that Earl Russell will plead guilty to the charge of bigamy when his case comes up before the house of lords. The London correspondent of the World says the earl has been advised to take this step and that if he follows the advice the proceedings will be brief, consisting simply of a statement for the prosecution and a plea in extenuation by the defense.

COUNTESS DE TRAPANI

NEW YORK, July 17.—The Countess de Trapani, who, according to a dispatch to the Herald from Lucerne, died of apoplexy, was a member of the Tuscan branch of the Austrian imperial family. The Count of Caserta who married her eldest daughter is the titular king of the two Sicilies and head of the Italian Bourbons.

THIRTY THOUSAND DELEGATES

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The last Epworth League special train arrived tonight, and when the fifth international convention opens tomorrow 30,000 delegates will be in attendance, 18,000 of these coming from points east of the Rockies.

ANOTHER LIBRARY OFFER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 17.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to give Kansas City, Kas., \$75,000 for a free library.

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