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Labor Troubles in Stockton Culminate in Big Strike—Employer Tries to Break Union.

Stockton, Cal., March 8.—Labor troubles which have been brewing in this city for several months past culminated this morning in a strike of all trades employed in Holt's big combined harvester and traction engine factories here. In all about 150 men walked out, leaving less than half a dozen workmen in the shops. The plant is completely tied up. The probability is that the trouble will extend to other industries here.

Some five months ago Holt demanded that all his employes sign an agreement not to belong to any organization that was detrimental to his interests and not to strike or declare any boycott within a year. His blacksmiths, who refused to sign the agreement, were locked out. Their places were

filled by nonunion men. Other trades employed at Holt's did not strike. Strong efforts were made by the Merchant's and Manufacturers' Association and the Federated Trades to adjust the difficulty, and Holt finally agreed to do away with the agreement which had caused the trouble, but insisted on his right to run an open shop. The unions gave way on all their demands except that Holt was to give preference to the lockedout blacksmiths when hiring a new crew for his shop. He refused to do so. Last night the union men of this city held a big mass meeting and decided to call out all union men at Holt's this morning. It was arranged that each union man working in the city was to be assessed 50 cents a week, to go to the strike fund.

FEUD LIKELY RESULT.

Father and Son shoot Neighbor and Two Sons.

Vaiden, Miss., March 8.—In a fight between Aaron Stewart and son, on one side, and W. W. Hill and two sons on the other, the Stewarts have shot and killed W. W. Hill and his son, John Hill, and seriously wounded Hunter Hill. The weapons used were pistols. The difficulty arose in a dispute over a boundary line. The parties were neighbors living about 12 miles west of here.

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