

UNION MEN TO ANSWER ONCE MORE

Will Make Final Effort to Bring About Amicable Adjustment of Their Differences With Packers.

Note to Be Sent Today Will Insist Upon Reinstatement of Men Who Walked Out.

STRIKE MAY BE EXTENDED

If Packers Fail to Agree to Proposal Allied Trades at Stockyards Will Be Called Out at Once.

Chicago, July 18.—One more effort will be made to settle the stockyards strike by arbitration. Tomorrow President Donnelly of the striking union will send to the packers another letter asking for another conference. In this letter Donnelly will go over the history of the strike and will ask the packers if, in their judgment, it will not be better to concede one point in the contention than to continue the strike. The one point to which allusion is to be made is the refusal of the packers to discharge the men they have employed since the commencement of the strike and give their places to the men who walked out. The communication to the packers will also suggest it is the belief of the strikers that they, as old employees, are deserving of this consideration.

If this offer of the union is rejected by the packers, Donnelly declared tonight, the allied trades at the stockyards, numbering about 15,000, will be called out tomorrow.

According to reports, the packers' operating forces at the plants today were about one-half the normal strength. From the strikers' side of the camp the statement is made that the independent plants are doing all the work and the big plants are not doing 2 per cent of the normal business. Today was almost free from rioting or disturbances of any kind.

NOTED ORGANIST DEAD.

Tramp Musician Who Created Sensation in New York Mission.

New York, July 18.—Victor H. Benke, the "volunteer organist," is dead.

Many years have passed since Benke, a wretched tramp, thrilled the audience in a Bowery mission by volunteering to fill the place of the regular musician who was absent. His musical gift created a sensation among the denizens of the under world, while the story was used as the foundation for numerous poems and dramas. Benke, who was a native of Austria, remained on the east side despite his sudden popularity and continued to preside at the mission organ until his fatal illness.

Hammond and Fort Stevens Notes.

Hammond, July 18.—The ladies of the Methodist church gave an ice cream festival on the 9th inst., which proved a great success. About \$40 was realized above expenses. Much credit is due Mrs. Oscar Wicklund, Mrs. Chas. Pearson and Mrs. Andrew Hanson for their able management of the affair.

The rainy weather of the last two or three days has caused suspension of work on the new buildings at the post, except on the addition to the quartermaster's storehouse, which is under cover.

Two new buildings are being erected

at Fort Columbia—a double set of non-commissioned officers' quarters and one officers' quarters. Captain Goodale has charge of the work.

Ten locomotives are employed in connection with the jetty work.

George Getty has leased the Starr residence and will, it is understood, shortly bring home his bride.

Mrs. Steward Herman of Fort Columbia entertained the following ladies at tea on the afternoon of the 9th inst., assisted by Mrs. Wilkerson: Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Glanz, Miss Glanz, Misses Ellen and Hazel McGuire, all of Hammond; Miss Alice Sweeney of Warrenton, and Miss Grace Keller of Portland. The party went over to Fort Columbia on the steamer Guy Howard.

Lieutenant Spurr of Fort Columbia was at Stevens Thursday on business.

The fishermen about here seem to be having good luck lately. Several large catches are reported, and the men say the next week will bring in the fish in numbers that will threaten the safety of the lighthouse on Desdemona sands. J. C. Clark of the engineer office at Portland paid a visit to the post and vicinity last week. During his stay he was the guest of Superintendent G. B. Hegardt.

NEW YORK MEAT FAST RESULTS FROM STRIKE.

Kosher Beef Dealers Refuse to Pay the Higher Prices and All of Their Shops Are Closed.

New York, July 18.—Owing to the agreement among the 3,000 Kosher beef dealers of this city that they buy no more beef until high prices created by the strike shall have again become normal, all but 10 Kosher shops are reported closed. Throughout the east side and Harlem watchouts from the Benchem's Union, working for the Association of Kosher butchers, watched the shops and reported everyone that was open. The threat had been made that anyone selling beef would be arrested under the Sunday law. Only one of 10 butchers suspected was arrested. He was discharged because it could not be proved that he sold any meat. He denies having disposed of any. Three wagon loads of fresh meat sent to the east side and offered for 12 cents was spurned by the dealers. The meat was sent back, but the wagons went the rounds a second time, offering it for 11 cents a pound. No one took it. A rate of 6½ cents was all the butchers said they would pay.

This united action of the Kosher butchers enforces the most complete meat fast ever known on the east side.

Telegraph Operators Drowned.

St. Louis, July 18.—D. C. Boyd and Robert O'Neil were drowned early this morning in a slough in the railroad yards in East St. Louis. The men were night telegraph operators employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and were taking a midnight swim when they lost their lives.

In Honor of Dr. Herzl.

New York, July 18.—A memorial mass meeting has been held by the Zionist council of Greater New York at Carnegie hall in honor of Dr. Theodore Herzl, the dead leader of the Zionist movement. President Friedenwald of the Federation of American Zionists, Secretary De Haas and other leaders in the movement spoke.

Room for Special Policemen.

A room of 20 robberies and hold-ups in 24 hours is something of a crime record even for Spokane. For not one of all these offenses not an arrest of any importance was made. To save the townsite from being denuded entirely, it is proposed to place badges on a force of special men.—Aberdeen Bulletin.

TEN THOUSAND MEN LOST BY RUSSIANS IN ATTACK UPON KUROKI'S POSITION

Kuropatkin Sends Out Kellar to Ascertain Strength of Japanese and a Crushing Defeat Resulted.

Battle Waged From 5:30 in the Morning to 3 in the Afternoon and the Russians Were Compelled to Retreat to Positions Formerly Occupied by Them—Japanese Losses Said to Be Trivial—Official Report.

On Sunday General Kuroki's army administered crushing defeat to the Russians under General Count Kellar. Kellar was sent out by Kuropatkin to ascertain the strength of the Japanese in the vicinity of Mo Tien pass. The Japanese were surprised and their outposts driven in, but they re-formed and a desperate engagement ensued.

According to Kuropatkin's report to the czar, the Russian losses have not yet been definitely ascertained, but he quotes Kellar as saying that they will exceed 10,000. The Russians were compelled to retreat to the positions formerly occupied by them. The battle lasted from 5:30 a. m. Sunday until 3 p. m.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—The Russian and Japanese forces, which have been lined up expecting a clash, grappled in a serious fight Sunday morning, according to a report from Kuropatkin. The report indicates that the Japanese misinterpreted the movement, and, instead of it being an attempt to take Mo Tien pass, it was a reconnaissance on a large scale.

The important fact developed was the exact location of powerful Japanese forces secreted in the region between Fenshoi and Mo Tien passes. Its strength is indicated by the fact that 21 battalions were insufficient to permanently force the Japanese positions, though some of them were occupied temporarily.

The dispatch from Kuropatkin to the emperor, dated July 17, was given out tonight. It is in part as follows:

"July 17, in order to determine the strength of the enemy it was decided to advance against Kuroki's position in the direction of Lain Shankwan. General Count Kellar had been instructed not to start with the object of capturing the pass, but to act according to the strength of the force he would find opposed to him.

"At 10 p. m. July 16 the head of the second regiment dislodged a Japanese outpost at the point of the bayonet at the crossing of the Lakhoo and Sinkia roads.

"About 5:30 a. m. July 17 the Japanese in considerable strength occupied Wanfankwan pass and the mountainous bluffs to the south on the flank of Kashtalinsky's column.

"Kashtalinsky advanced to occupy the bluffs, but the attempt failed, notwithstanding the support given by the horse mountain battery, as our field guns could not be brought into action on account of the nature of the ground. In order to maintain the positions we had already occupied, it was necessary, owing to the enemy's pressure, to reinforce immediately the troops on the fighting line, but these positions, owing to their situation, were untenable.

SANTA BARBARA IN DISTRESS.

Steamer Broken Down Off Coast, With Lindauer Standing By.

San Francisco, July 18.—The steamer Sequoia reports that on July 15, off Cape Means, she passed the steamer Santa Barbara with the G. C. Lindauer standing by her side. Both are from Grays harbor for San Francisco and should have arrived yesterday. It is supposed the Santa Barbara's machinery has broken down.

Baggage Handlers Strike.

New York, July 18.—Considerable delay in the handling of baggage has been caused by the strike of 300 drivers and helpers in the employ of the New York Transfer Company. The company has the transfer privilege with several leading railroads and trunks now being hauled in great numbers to accommodate vacation travelers have piled up rapidly at some of the terminals. Officials of the company declare the men have made no demand. It is stated that the teamsters' union did not authorize the strike and will take steps to fill the vacant places if the men do not return to work.

TOWN WANTS NO KNOCKERS.

Marquis Not Killed.

COUNCIL TO GRANT STREET FOR CITY SWIMMING TANK.

Wharves and Waterfrontage Committee Empowered to Set Aside Location to Be Decided Upon.

A petition signed by 91 persons, many of them women, was presented to the council last night asking that the foot of one of the streets be vacated for the purpose of putting in a swimming tank. The petition requested that the foot of Fourteenth street be set aside for the purpose, but this could not be done, for the reason that the street has already been given away as a public landing place. The petition was referred to the wharves and waterfrontage committee, with power to act.

Wharves and Waterfrontage Committee Empowered to Set Aside Location to Be Decided Upon.

Chairman Lebeck believed the foot of Tenth street would be suitable for the purpose intended, but he decided not to take any action until he could consult with some of the petitioners. A location will be decided upon today, and the committee will grant the privilege asked for. Sheriff Linville, who has been instrumental in arranging for the public swimming place, yesterday explained the idea that would be carried out. A sloping slip, about 75 feet in length, will be built, which will be covered with water at an ordinary high tide. At one end of this submerged platform the depth will be one foot, and at the other end about five feet. Here children and adults may learn the necessary art of swimming, and it is hoped by Sheriff Linville that the establishment of the pool may do away with many sad accidents. The pool will be large enough to accommodate all those who may desire to learn to swim, and several men, including the good-natured sheriff, have volunteered to teach the boys and girls to handle themselves in the water. "We mean to conduct the pool in such manner that mothers may go there with their children," said the sheriff. "The pool is greatly needed and will be built by popular subscription. The need of the pool is obvious. There is so much water in this vicinity that all children, girls as well as boys, should be taught to swim, and the pool will be of great benefit." The idea met with the unanimous approval of the council, and the street selected by the wharves and waterfrontage committee and the petitioners will be set aside.

Injured in Collision.

Los Angeles, July 18.—Three cars of the Los Angeles Pacific railway, all crowded with passengers, collided at Santa Monica tonight and were badly demolished. M. R. Fogel, a youth of 15 years, who was seated on the front platform of one of the cars, was probably fatally injured and a number of persons were slightly hurt.

Blamed for Railroad Wreck.

New York, July 18.—William T. Richards, station operator, and Ernest Heller, rear flagman, were today found responsible for the wreck of the train on the Erie railroad at Midvale station a week ago, in which 16 persons lost their lives and 50 were injured.

San Francisco, July 18.—George Hartman, Jr., the young man who was shot in the arm by August Geber last Sunday morning when Geber killed Charles Hartman and tried to anni-

hilate the entire Hartman family, is dead of lockjaw, caused by blood poisoning resulting from the wound.

Town Wants No Knockers.

If you are going to grumble, just stay on your farm, where you will bother no one, and let your children grow up in ignorance. The demand of the town is the energetic, wideawake, progressive, public-spirited men, and we are happy to say that these men are generally the progressive farmers. —Cle Elum Echo.

Marquis Not Killed.

New York, July 18.—Reports published in Paris that Marquis De Villivieja had been killed at Ostend yesterday at a polo game, says a Herald dispatch from the French capital, proved untrue. The marquis was stunned by a blow of a mallet on the head, but soon recovered.

Oakland, Cal., July 18.—The body of an unknown man has been found in a creek back of Piedmont covered with blood. An autopsy just held shows he was shot through the head from behind. There is no clew so far to his identity.

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JAPS WERE SURPRISED.

Sudden Onslaught of Russians Resulted in Driving In of Outposts.

London, July 19.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Kuroki's headquarters, telegraphing July 17, says: "A Russian force, apparently about 20,000 strong, attacked the Japanese position on the western slope of Mo Tien pass at 2 a. m. today under cover of a dense fog. The sudden onslaught drove in the Japanese outposts, but as soon as reinforcements arrived the Japanese gallantly advanced to the attack, and, after severe fighting, drove off the Russians and reoccupied the position."

Jap Loss Was Trifling.

London, July 18.—The correspondent of the Times at Kuroki's headquarters says the Japanese loss during the fighting at Mo Tien pass, July 17, was trifling.

COLUMBIA THEATER OPENED.

Portland's New Playhouse Said to Be One of the Finest on Coast.

Portland, July 18.—The event of the theatrical season in this city was the opening night of the Columbia theater with Mrs. Leslie Carter, in "Du Barry." The theater is said to be one of the finest playhouses on the Pacific coast.

The Columbia will form one of a chain of theaters operating independently of the so-called theatrical trust. Mrs. Carter, after a week's performance here, will go to Seattle, and thence to other northwest cities.

HENRY S. CROCKER DIES AT HIS HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, July 18.—Henry S. Crocker, pioneer stationer, millionaire and brother of the late Charles Crocker, the railroad magnate, died today. He was 72 years old. Mr. Crocker had been confined to his rooms for several weeks, but his death was unexpected.

He came to California in the early days and established a printing establishment at Sacramento, which he later removed to this city. He amassed a fortune in business and was instrumental in the construction of the Central Pacific railroad. He was the last of four brothers. He leaves a large family.

Mr. Crocker had long been one of San Francisco's most prominent men, and his death is genuinely mourned throughout the city.

STEAMERS SEIZED BY RUSSIANS

British Vessels Held Up in the Red Sea While on Their Way to the Far East With Large Freight Cargoes.

The Russian Captain Gives Notice That Manifests Must Show Contents of Packages.

BRITISH FLEET SENT HENCE

Are Ordered From Malta to Look After the Interests of Merchantmen That May Be Stopped by Russians.

London, July 18.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Aden says the British steamers Woodcock and Dalmatia were held up by the Russians in the Red sea and detained three hours. The correspondent says the captain of the Russian volunteer steamer St. Petersburg notified the British residents at Aden to wire the British consuls at Suez and Port Said that he would seize any British steamers bound for the far east if the contents of their packages were not clearly shown on their manifests, according to international law.

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says two more steamers of the Russian volunteer fleet, now at Odessa, have received confidential orders to leave this week for the Red sea to seize British vessels alleged to be carrying contraband of war.

BRITISH FLEET GOES HENCE.

Ordered to Red Sea to Look After Interests of Merchantmen.

London, July 18.—The Daily Express this morning prints the following dispatch, dated July 18, from its correspondent at Malta:

"The British fleet left here today for Alexandria. It is believed the destination of the fleet may be connected with the presence of the Russian volunteer fleet of steamers in the Red sea. The British cruiser Terrible is said to have sailed from Suez today for the purpose of looking after the interests of British merchantmen."

CABLE MACHINE BREAKS.

Delay Results in the Laying of the Alaska Cable.

Seattle, July 18.—Through the breaking of the cable machine on the United States cable ship Burnside, the work of laying the Alaska cable has been temporarily delayed. On the night of July 3 while off Dixon's entrance and during a heavy windstorm the cable machine broke and the cable parted. It was not again recovered until July 12.

BASEBALL SCORES.

National.
At Boston—Cleveland, 3; Boston, 4.
At Philadelphia—St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 5.
At New York—Detroit, 8; New York, 5.
At Washington—Chicago, 12; Washington, 1.
Pacific National.
At Pittsburg—New York, 4; Pittsburg, 1.
At Cincinnati—Brooklyn, 5; Cincinnati, 6.

COMMITTEE WILL SELECT THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

New York, July 18.—The leaders of the democratic party conferred for more than two hours tonight in the rooms of ex-Senator D. B. Hill, at the Hoffman house, and at its close made public a statement that the chairmanship of the democratic national committee had not been discussed. Privately it is said the judgment of all present was that the interests of the party would be best subserved by leaving the committee absolutely free to elect its chairman. Judge Parker was said to favor this course. The conference resulted in an agreement to call a meeting of the national committee at the Hoffman house July 26. The question of fixing the time and place of notification of the candidates for president and vice president was left to the candidates themselves.