

# THREATEN BIG STRIKE

### New York Truck Drivers Reported to Be on the Verge of Quitting Their Jobs.

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### Union Officials Aver That the Agreement Entered Into is Being Violated by the Employers.

New York, Oct. 20.—The truck and wagon drivers who signed in May last an agreement for a year with the New York Truck Owners' association, by which a strike against the association was averted, are reported to be on the verge of quitting their jobs. From 40,000 to 50,000 would be directly or indirectly affected.

Edwin Gould, first vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, said in discussing the situation:

"The agreement which provided that there should be no discrimination against union men and also for a fixed wage schedule and abolition of the Sunday work is being violated right and left.

"Not only is it violated in all essential features, but some employers are trying to get their drivers to sign individual agreements repudiating the union."

President McCarthy, of the truck owners' association, admitted that there may be employers paying less than the prescribed scale, but he asserted that this showed that the union could not control its men.

A successful teamsters' strike would tie up all the wholesale dry goods business traffic and all traffic to and from the piers, east and west bound, south of Twenty-third street. This takes in the district covered by the agreement.

### IRON HIGHEST FOR YEAR.

Stocks Were Much Reduced by Sales Last Month.

Cleveland, Oct. 20.—The increased activity in the iron market which started with October has kept up and the past week has seen the highest

prices of the year. Consumption has been overlapping production for several weeks and while smelters of pig iron bought in the market, particularly foundries, find no marked increase of orders, they are steadily melting more iron than in the summer months. The statistics indicate that pig iron output on October 1 was at a rate of about 16,000,000 tons a year, while in March, April and May, the spring "freshet" carried it up to a rate of 18,000,000 tons. Pig iron production is now on its second upturn for the year and the extent of the movement depends upon several factors. One is the uncertainty of the coal strike in the south. Another is the amount of idle capacity that will come in as prices. The advance has not been enough yet for blowing in of furnaces that have been waiting for real profit. But the important fact is that merchant stocks of pig iron were reduced 75,000 tons last month with coal and coke production 175 tons more than in August.

It would seem that too much has been made of the marking up of southern iron to \$10.50 for No. 2 foundry, and to \$11 by some producers. With little or no iron selling at these prices they are scarcely more significant than the \$12 price named in early 1902 by overbold producers who had no iron to sell at any price. Northern foundry irons have advanced, however, in the past week on actual sales, and the minimum for No. 2 foundry is now \$12 at furnace and \$12.50 is now asked. The steel rail situation is a waiting one. Manufacturers cite the well-maintained freight rates of the carriers as an important element in the problem of rail prices for next year. While \$24 is a commonly discussed price, conditions in the next few weeks may fix \$30, or even \$28, as the basis. While real requirements for the next year are expected to be far beyond that of 1904 standard, standard sections are dull, though light rail business is good.

### TUNNEL CONTRACT AWARDED.

Irrigation Tunnel Will Be Built By Texas Company.

Denver, Oct. 20.—A telegram from Washington has been received by District Engineer A. L. Fellows announcing that the Taylor-Moore Construction Company of Texas has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Gunnison tunnel in western Colorado.

The tunnel will carry water for irrigation purposes.

### NOTED FINANCIER DEAD.

Charles Parsons Was Railroad Organizer and Banker.

New York, Oct. 20.—Charles Parsons, who had been at the head of many railroads, and one of the most prominent financiers of the country, is dead at his home here from heart disease. He began his business career at Savannah, Ga., joined the New York stock exchange in 1870, and a few years later began reorganizing various railroad properties. He was elected president of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg in 1883, and after leasing that road to another line became president of the New York and New England railroad. He also served for five years as president of the South Carolina & Georgia railroad. He was a director in many railroad companies and of several New York banks.

### RAISIN PACKERS SET PRICE.

Growers Want More and Estimate A Short Crop.

Fresno, Cal. Oct. 20.—It is reported that the raisin packers have entered into a combination under the terms of which the grower will not be offered more than two cents for his new crop. Because of the damage by rain, estimated at from 40 to 60 per cent, the growers are holding for three cents as a conservative figure.

### VISITS SAN FRANCISCO TODAY.

Vice President Of Mexico The Guest Of Honor.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 20.—Vice-President Ramon Corval of Mexico and party, when they arrive Friday, will be formally received by a detachment of United States marines

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at the Oakland mole and escorted across the bayou to the tug Slocum.

On arriving at the ferry four companies of coast artillery and a band will escort the party to the St. Francis hotel and during his stay there Senor Corval will be constantly attended by Lieutenant Hannigan of the Thirtieth United States Infantry, who has been detailed by Major-General MacArthur as special aide to Mexico's vice president.

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