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EFFECT ON BUSINESS

A General Tie-Up One of the Immediate Prospects in St. Paul.

NOT A TRAIN MOVED SATURDAY

The Knights of Labor Join the Strikers, Conducted Personally by Grand Master Sovereign.

ST. PAUL, April 28.—A general freight tie-up is one of the immediate prospects of the strike. The Great Northern, the Union Depot company, the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Great Western own most of the yard trackage in St. Paul. The Great Northern switchmen refuse to turn a switch in the yards. As a consequence, freight trains of the Omaha and the Burlington, whose business is handled by the Great Northern, are stalled in the yards here. The Northern Pacific, in connection with the Minneapolis & St. Louis, owns its own lines between St. Paul and Minneapolis, and should not be put to serious inconvenience. With the exception of these roads and the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Great Western, the problem of moving freight is a serious one.

The Tie-Up Complete.

ST. PAUL, April 28.—No trains moved on the Great Northern today. The tie-up of 4,495 miles of track, in a half dozen states, is complete. The roads in this city using the Great Northern tracks for terminals are allowed to switch with their own train crews. No regular switchmen are at work.

The Knights of Labor Take a Hand.

CHICAGO, April 28.—The Knights of Labor will take a hand in the Great Northern strike. The general executive board today ordered the men out, and Grand Master Workman Sovereign left for St. Paul tonight to give his personal supervision to the initiation of the knights' part in the general strike. The order for the strike announces that, in the opinion of the board, the cause of the American Railway Union is justly entitled to the support of the Knights of Labor. Before leaving for St. Paul this evening, Sovereign said:

"We are going to fight to the end. The existence of organized labor along the line of the Great Northern is at stake. It has become necessary for all labor organizations to join in with the railway union. I shall go to St. Paul and Duluth and personally see that our order is obeyed, and arrange for the care of the men. I don't know how many men we have in the employ of the company. Our assemblies include not only men in the operating departments but in the offices and shops. They are scattered along the 4,000 miles of road."

SERIOUS HOTEL FIRE.

The St. Charles, of New Orleans, the Finest in the South, Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28.—A fire started at 11 o'clock tonight in the kitchen of the St. Charles hotel, on St. Charles, Gravier and Commerce streets. From the kitchen it ascended through a back elevator to the upper stories of the building. The progress of the flames were so rapid that the Commerce street side of the third, fourth and fifth stories were soon in flames and before the occupants, the guests and servants could be moved. Every effort was made to awaken the occupants, but the flames drove the firemen and others back. Several persons were seen at a window on the fourth floor, facing on Commerce street, apparently in the flames, crying for help. One of them, a man, sprang from the window, falling on the pavement on his head and dashing out his brains. His clothes were burned, and the body was black with burns. What became of the others, whether they escaped or were burned to death, it is impossible to say, and will not be known till the ruins are searched tomorrow. The dead man was burned beyond recognition, and it was impossible to say whether he was a guest or a servant. Ladders were placed against the windows of the lower floors and several women were taken down,

many of them in a fainting condition. A man who sprang from a window was instantly killed. His name and residence are unknown. The flames were confined to the rear and side, leaving the front on St. Charles street uninjured, so the trunks and baggage of the guests were mostly saved, as well as the goods in the stores on St. Charles street. The hotel had quite a number of guests, how many cannot be stated. Most of them were in the front rooms and escaped.

FINEST IN THE SOUTH.

The hotel was built in 1856, at a cost of \$1,000,000, and for years was the finest in the South. It looks as though it would be a complete loss, although the front colonnade may be saved. The loss will probably exceed \$500,000.

EARTHQUAKES IN GREECE.

Several Cities Totally Destroyed by a Repetition of the Shakes.

ATHENS, Greece, April 28.—Another earthquake shock last night was felt throughout the country, including the islands of Syria and Sante, and immense damage was done. The shock was felt with the greatest severity at Thebes and Atalanta, both of which places were extensively damaged by the last shocks. Both cities were completely destroyed, not a single house being left standing. Incalculable damage was done at half a dozen other places.

M. Boupides, minister of the interior, has received advices that in the Lokrist district alone 300 persons were killed. Three hundred and thirty-five bodies have already been recovered. About 300 were injured. The people of Atalanta have fled to the hills for safety. In this district there was a continuous series of shocks. In seven hours and a half 315 shocks were counted. When the earth's movement began and houses tottered and fell many inhabitants forgot everything except their personal safety. They ran wildly from the doomed city and sought a firm standing place on the hills that rise behind the town.

Huge masses of rock were detached from the mountains and hurled with a thundering crash into the valleys below. Eye witnesses of the scene describe it as having been an awe-inspiring exhibition of the mighty forces of nature before which man was utterly helpless.

NEWS NOTES.

Judge Bradley overruled the motion of the council for the defendant for a new trial in the Pollard-Breckinridge case. Breckinridge's counsel gave notice that an appeal will be taken.

Coxey and his army has reached Washington. The general was attired in a natty spring suit and proposes to petition congress and hold mass meetings within the capitol grounds.

Joseph Skinner, a young man living at Stephens Point, Wis., was shot and probably fatally injured last night for singing "After the Ball," by a neighbor. The latter claims he thought Skinner was a tramp, who had previously disturbed him.

A party of Admiral da Gama's friends rescued him from the Portuguese transport, on which he was held prisoner, and started for the shore. The Portuguese guards were sound asleep when the admiral was taken from the transport. In attempting to land, the party was fired at by soldiers of the Uruguayan government, and Da Gama is now a prisoner of the government of Uruguay.

The democratic senators who have been engaged in preparing a tariff compromise considered the sugar duty and decided, besides fixing a tariff of 40 per cent per cent, ad valorem on all sugars and one-eighth of a cent additional on refined sugar, to impose a further duty of one-tenth of a cent on sugar imported from countries paying a bounty to sugar producers. The last provision is supposed to be aimed at Germany, where a bounty is paid on beet sugar.

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SOME 'ODD CUSTOMS.

Similarity of Hawaiian Customs to Those of the Hebrews.

The manner of disposing of the dead in the Hawaiian islands is also in accord with the Hebrew custom, says a writer in Lippincott's. The body was embalmed and covered with a glutinous substance or wash, to seal effectually the pores of the skin and exclude all air. The body was then deposited in the side of a precipice. The practice of immolating one or more wives of a chief was carried on to a considerable extent in the Hawaiian group in earlier days. As a manifestation of love and attachment, the wives of a chief would voluntarily die, which act was called moespin, companionship in sleep. This practice can be traced to the Vedic Hindoos, the only difference being that the wife was immolated on the funeral pyre. Some stress has been laid on the peculiar institutions called cities of refuge, or Pun-honua, which were found to have obtained prominence among the Hawaiians, and which have been quoted as another instance of Hebrew influence upon the customs and culture of the islanders. The cities of refuge, however, were not peculiar to the Hebrews. They existed in the time of ancient Greece. We read of the temple of Ceres at Hemeone, in Argolis, which was a similar institution, and there were numerous others, both there and elsewhere, where the Cushite influence had modified the customs and molded the cults of the people on its own pattern.

Besides the traditions of the Hawaiians, their practice of incantation and divination, and many peculiarities of their language, show a relation not only with the Hebrews, but also with the fire-worshippers of Persia, the Brahmins and Buddhists of India and other branches of the Aryan race.

SPLENDID MOTIONS.

An Instance of the Impresiveness of Gesticulation.

Everyone has read of the "action, action, action" of Demosthenes, and what a variety of emotions and passions Roscius could express by mere gestures. An anecdote told of William C. Preston, of South Carolina, illustrates the power of this form of art in an amusing way.

A gentleman who was one of an audience held spellbound by a splendid harangue of Preston's from the stump one day noticed beside him a man whom he knew to be very deaf, but who seemed to be listening with breathless attention, and who apparently caught every word that fell from the orator's lips. Now tears of delight rolled down his cheeks, and again he would shout out applause in ungovernable ecstasy.

At last, when a particularly splendid passage had been delivered, with the effect of raising a storm of applause from the audience, the deaf man, as if he could contain himself no longer, bawled into the ear of his neighbor:

"Who's that a-speakin'?"

"William C. Preston!" shouted the gentleman at the top of his lungs.

"Who?" roared the deaf man, still louder than before.

"William C. Preston, of South Carolina!" roared the gentleman in return, with an effort which rasped his throat for some moments after.

"Well! well!" exclaimed the deaf man, his face working with excitement.

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Now it so happened that a friend of Solomon's mistress had some rats—a father and mother and seven children. One night a stray cat found her way to their cage and ate up the old rats.

Solomon's mistress agreed to adopt them, and the cage was taken into her rooms.

Solomon stared, and then went cautiously up to the newcomers. He soon showed signs of joy at their arrival, and immediately took the little rats under his protection. He called them to him and coaxed them to snuggle down by his side, as their mother would have done.

When they were allowed to run about he watched them and taught them where they might go and where they were not to go, running after any wild youngster who strayed behind screens or meddled with what he ought not to touch.

Only one of the seven orphans turned out a genius, but all of them became respectable rats, and a great credit to Solomon.

The genius of the family one day came upon a guitar lying on the sofa, and, running up to it, made the strings sound. The music pleased him so much that after his discovery he frequently went in search of the instrument and scamped back and forth over the strings to his own great delight and to the amusement of all who saw him.

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