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DEBS ON THE STAND

The A. R. U. Leader Tells of
The Great Strike.

HE WAS EARNEST AND FORCIBLE

George M. Pullman and Members of the
General Managers' Association
Will Appear as Witnesses.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—President E. V. Debs, of the American Railway Union, was a witness before the strike commission today. The courtroom was crowded from bench to doorways. "Now tell us in your own way, Mr. Debs," said Commissioner Wright, what you know of the Pullman strike and results."

Leaning forward in his seat, the tall leader of the great strike began in a clear voice a recital which gradually became more earnest and forcible as he proceeded, until it developed into almost an oration. He told of having received word that a strike in Pullman was imminent, and of his coming to Chicago to investigate. "I found," he said, "the men were working for the Pullman company at wages upon which they could not live. I found salaries had been cut time and again until skilled mechanics were working their lives away for wages not sufficient for day laborers; that the town of Pullman was so schemed that every penny the workmen made found its way back to the company. In fact, I found the workmen of Pullman in a pitiable condition, and determined I would do all in my power as president of the American Railway Union to improve the condition of these men. The strike followed, ordered by the men themselves. Then came the boycott ordered by the duly elected delegates to our convention, and then followed the railroad strikes, ordered by the various local unions, each of which had a grievance of its own."

"Would the railroad strike have occurred if there had been no Pullman trouble," asked commissioner Wright. "No," the Pullman strike was the prime cause. We desired to stop Pullman's cars and shut off his income, thus forcing him to arbitrate, but the railroad men had grievances of their own. The General Managers' Association had been organized with the avowed intention of giving assistance to the railroads in labor troubles. Its evident aim was to drive organized labor from existence. No sooner had this association been formed than a systematic reduction of railroad wages all over the country began. The men were ready to strike and told they had cause, but the trouble would not have come when it did had it not been for the Pullman matter. The time was unpropitious. I did not order the strikes; I had not the power. The men did that themselves, but I do not wish to shirk any responsibility, and am willing to say I heartily concurred in and approved of the action taken by the men. As to violence, I have always condemned it, I have written and spoken against it believing and knowing a strike cannot be won by violence. As to the telegrams sent from our office, counseling violence, I know of no such epistles."

"What about the 'buy a gun telegram'?" asked the commissioner.

"That is easily explained. The telegram was sent by the private secretary to a friend in Butte, and was merely a playful expression. It was sent as such and so understood."

Debs then said that within five days after the strike was declared the union had the railroads beaten. "They were paralyzed," he said. "But injunctions were soon broadcast and shortly afterwards the officials of the American Railway Union were arrested for contempt of court. That beat us. About that time General Miles came to Chicago and called on the General Managers' Association, and next day was quoted in an interview as saying he had broken the backbone of the strike. Now, I consider that call of General Miles as vulgarly out of place. He had no more right to consult with the General Managers' Association than he had to consult with our unions. I might say, too, it seems strange that all our letters and

telegrams were made public property, while not a line of the railroads correspondence was published. If it had been I think we could prove the general managers at the secret meeting declared they would stamp the American Railway Union out of existence."

The strike commissioners have notified George M. Pullman to appear and testify and will also call for several members of the General Managers' Association.

Strike at New Bedford.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 20.—This morning operatives inaugurated a general strike, and nearly 11,000 are idle. The machinery of but five out of 27 mills in the city is in motion, and it is thought these mills will soon be shut down with the others. The manufacturers have little or nothing to say, but the notices of a reduction against which the help rebel are still posted. Secretary Ross, of the Spinners' union, stated this morning that the members of his union have lined up for a long struggle and it is confidently expected it will be of six months' duration.

The strike promises to be the most important which has ever occurred in the textile industry in Massachusetts. The manufacturers must fight perfectly organized unions, some of which are fairly wealthy. Notable in this particular is the Spinners' union, which has a fund in its treasury aggregating at least \$30,000. The Spinners have voted, however, not to touch any of this money for a month. Until yesterday it was hoped the strike would be averted.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Less than 50 members were present when the house met at 12 o'clock today. The members were crowding around in front of the speaker's desk with requests for unanimous consent for the passage of bills. Sayre, chairman of the appropriations committee, secured unanimous consent for consideration of a bill appropriating \$9000 for an additional force for the collection of internal revenue and \$5000 for carrying into effect the arbitrations between the United States and Venezuela. It was passed without objection. McCreary chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a joint resolution congratulating the Hawaiian republic on the perfect assumption of the powers and abilities of self-government. Owing to the absence of Boutelle, Bland objected. Bland then demanded the regular order. At 12:45 the house adjourned.

Waiting for Cleveland

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Speaker Crisp returned today from Old Point Comfort. He says an adjournment could be had by Wednesday if the president would act on the tariff tomorrow. The only legislative matter pending on which action is hoped for is the alcohol bill now before the senate, but this appears to be affected by the Murphy resolution postponing all tariff legislation. Members of the ways and means committee say they do not think the president will let the tariff bill become a law until the last moment, in order that the customs officers may have all the information possible. This would not be until midnight Monday next.

Representative Tarney will make no effort to push his free silver-lead ore bill beyond getting it on the house calendar. He reported it from the committee today.

Families Starving at Pullman.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Governor Altgeld went to Pullman today to investigate the condition of the strikers. He visit was the result of a communication stating 1,600 families are near starvation. Vice-President Wickes, of the Pullman Company, called on Governor Altgeld and offered to accompany him to Pullman. "I prefer to go alone," said the governor. "I think I can find my way about town."

Favorable Reports Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The senate finance committee today ordered favorable reports on the separate tariff bills passed a week ago by the house.

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In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Harris reported the amended sugar bill and the coal and iron ore and barbed wire bills in the senate today.

Allison said the action of the senate last Saturday on Manderson's amendments when the vote was 21 to 20, and the amendment only failed for lack of a quorum, should be recorded as an instruction to the committee to report the amendment favorably.

Mitchell of Oregon gave notice that if the sugar bill was called up this session he would offer an amendment re-enacting the wool schedule of 1890. The bills placing wool, coal and iron on the free list were ordered placed on the calendar. The senate went into executive session, but owing to lack of a quorum adjourned until Wednesday.

The senate bill to push the claim of the United States against the estate of Leland Stanford was passed.

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