

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Old and trusted officials of the S. F. are resigning to go to other roads.

Attorney general of Nebraska is going after the lumber trust of that state.

Both sides agree that the telegraphers' strike will be a fight to a finish.

A Jap spy was arrested while sketching the fort at Olongapo, Philippines.

All striking operators are immediately discharged and told to call for their pay.

Richard Mansfield, the noted actor, is closely attended by a specialist on nervous diseases. He is apparently not improving.

District Attorney Jerome has secured confessions from members of the New York Black Hand society which will suffice to break up the organization.

National Secretary Quick, of the Railway Telegraphers, says there is no truth in the report that his men would refuse to handle commercial messages.

Secretary Taft will visit Yellowstone Park September 1 to 3, and then proceed to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, and will sail thence for the Philippines.

Germany is equipping a complete balloon corps for her regular army.

The French minister of war was insulted and then assaulted by an insane workman.

Steamers of rival companies are racing from Seattle to Alaska to get \$25,000 worth of business.

Sacramento is being completely covered with electric lights and displays for the irrigation congress.

A member of the New York Black Hand society has given the police all the details of his initiation.

One of the Korean delegates to The Hague has been sentenced to death and the other two to life imprisonment.

It is reported that there will be strong opposition in congress to the sending of a fleet of warships to the Pacific.

A United States marshal recently returned from Alaska says rich pay dirt is being found on the third beach at a depth of from 60 to 100 feet.

Boilermakers on the Southern Pacific lines are on strike.

Negrees in Cuba have organized an independent party for their own benefit.

Ten jurors have now been secured in the Halsey bribery case at San Francisco.

Several persons were killed and much property destroyed by tornadoes in Iowa and Minnesota.

Beas driven from cover by forest fires terrorized the town of Standish, Michigan, for several hours.

Peary starts for the North pole and his wife and children take up their residence on Eagle island, off the coast of Maine, to await his return.

Emil J. Zimmer, of the Pacific States Telephone company, pleads not guilty to the charge of contempt of court in refusing to testify against Louis Glass.

A temporary injunction has been granted by the Federal court restraining the labor unions from boycotting the telephone company in Helena, Montana, where a strike is on.

Four anarchists were wounded by the accidental explosion of a bomb at Lisbon.

Ambassador Rosen, from Russia, reveals in American humor and reads every funny paper he can get.

Eleven Chinese who had just been smuggled across the Rio Grande river were captured at El Paso, Texas.

A Salvador warship fully armed and provisioned has sailed from San Francisco and another will soon follow.

Many employes on the Panama canal are getting married, because the government provides separate homes for married men.

A Chinese laundryman of Pottsville, Pa., has legally adopted a white boy, with the consent of the boy's mother and grandmother.

Turkish troops are devastating Persian villages and killing and enslaving the inhabitants. Twelve girls were carried away from one village.

The United States ambassador to Austria, Charles S. Francis, and Ernest Hamlin Abbott, of New York, were entertained at luncheon by President Roosevelt.

The American Tobacco company has declared on its common stock the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, against 2 1/2 regular and 5 per cent extra at the last previous declaration. The dividend is payable September 2.

Hall Caine is believed to be the richest novelist in the world.

An explosion of a firelamp in a Prussian mine killed 18 men and injured 11 others.

One hundred unruly members of the Belfast, Ireland, police force have been exiled and 150 more will follow.

A German princess who systematically stole silver plate from European hotels has been exonerated on the ground of insanity.

Five hundred brakemen and a number of conductors on the Colorado Southern railroad have struck for an increase of 2 cents an hour.

LUMBERMEN HIT AGAIN.

Increase in Loading Requirements Are Almost Prohibitory.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—Lumbermen were notified that the Central Freight Association, controlling traffic of Chicago, has advanced the minimum loading requirements on lumber and shingles from 4,000 to 6,000 a car, the advance depending upon the car length. No consideration is given to the fact that cars are loaded now to their full visible capacity.

The effect is a sharp advance in rates and will drive Pacific Coast lumber and shingles out of the territory east of Chicago unless they are handled by the Isthmian route or around the Horn.

Several months ago certain Eastern lines attempted to advance rates 2 to 5 cents a hundred pounds, but the advance was withdrawn. A later order was even more drastic. Lumber and shingle associations on the entire coast are preparing to fight the proposed increase in rates from Pacific Coast points, and steps were taken to make a fight against the new minimum loading rules, coincident with the struggle against the Western lines.

Aside from the California Redwood Association, which is not yet pledged to raise a defense fund, the lumbermen of the coast have in sight a \$250,000 defense fund, sufficient to meet the cost of contesting the new loading rules, as well as the rate contour. The claim is made by lumbermen that shipments are made by joint rate and that the Central Bureau cannot apply the new loading rules at Chicago.

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Telegraph Systems of Country Almost Paralyzed.

HAS BEEN NO GENERAL ORDER

Strike is Optional With Local Unions, but Sactioned by National Officers When Called.

Portland, Aug. 13.—The telegraphers' strike is now general throughout the country. Following is a general summary of the situation today:

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BLACK HAND REIGNS.

Pennsylvania Citizens Are in Constant Dread of Assassination.

Pittsburg, Aug. 13.—The whole mill district of Western Pennsylvania has been roused to action by the outrages charged to the murderous Black Hand Society. The streets of New Castle and Hillsville are being patrolled by Troop D of the State Constabulary. More than 40 suspects, including four known leaders, are in jail at New Castle. The State Constabulary was ordered out by Governor Edwin Stuart on petition of citizens, who are afraid to leave their homes, fearing attack.

Evidence is being secured by Pinkerton detectives employed by the United States Steel Company. The detectives are working among the Italians and as fast as evidence is secured suspects are rounded up by the state troops. The police of Altoona today made the most important capture during the crusade against the Black Hand, in which the officials of New York, Philadelphia, Rochester and other cities are co-operating.

Glattac Racco is in jail, accused of slaying the throat of Mrs. Mary B. Bazusko at her home, when she refused to give up money demanded by him and another Italian, for whom the police are looking. The woman has positively identified Racco as the man who slashed her throat with a razor, while his accomplice held a cap over her face.

Racco was identified as one of the assassins of Dominio Marattio, a wealthy Italian lured from home at night and shot to death, after receiving Black Hand letters that threatened death unless he gave up \$5,000. Racco was identified by Samuel McKee, who witnessed the murder from his home. Racco lived in New York, from where the threatening letters came to Marattio. The police believe he was sent here as a spy agent to assassinate Marattio.

Michaelo Govinilo, a wealthy owner of fruit stands in Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, has appealed to the police for protection. During the last week he has received letters from New York, London, Philadelphia and Rochester, demanding \$5,000, under threats of death. All were written in red ink and signed "Maghico." He is living in constant fear of assassination.

ROADS NOT TO BLAME.

Harriman Talks About the Threatened Coal Shortage.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 13.—E. H. Harriman and his two sons attended church at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral here Sunday during a break in the Westward vacation trip which the railroad magnate is making in his special train. The Harriman party was accompanied from Chicago to Omaha by President Harriman, of the Illinois Central.

Mr. Harriman gave out a long interview Sunday afternoon. Many of his statements have already been made before. He declined to comment upon recent court actions against corporations.

In answer to questions, Mr. Harriman said that he has a coal shortage this winter, due to the general increase in the consumption of coal by reason of the great expansion of all lines of industries all over the country, and also to the fact that some mines are not able to turn out as much as they might because of a lack of labor, and then there is the shortage of freight cars to be reckoned with. And to this car shortage I want to say a word in reply to the general charge that the railroads are wholly to blame for the shortage. The charge is unjust in many respects. Numerous causes conspire to bring about a shortage or congestion in cars where the people know nothing, and they are causes for which the railroads are not responsible and cannot avoid."

A. P. Strike Not General.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The Associated Press operators in Chicago, New York and other leased wire points in the West and South struck at 7:30 last night. The operators in Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Detroit and Cleveland remained at their posts. The strike was against the wishes of General Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, who, with a majority of the operators desired 24 hours as Mr. Stone had expressed his willingness to endeavor to arrive at an understanding.

Moors Are Still Fighting.

Tangier, Aug. 13.—Fierce fighting between fanatical tribesmen and the French forces outside Casa Blanca has continued in progress since the French transport Anzette left the beleaguered town. The battle started with a determined attack on the part of the Moors. After a hard struggle, the tribesmen were driven back. The French troops remained at their posts. The strike was against the wishes of General Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, who, with a majority of the operators desired 24 hours as Mr. Stone had expressed his willingness to endeavor to arrive at an understanding.

Monument to Victor Hugo.

Brussels, Aug. 10.—A simple Druidical stone to be placed at Waterloo in commemoration of Victor Hugo. The sponsor of the movement is Count Louis Cavans, who has directed the activities for the preservation of the souvenirs of the great battle, and it is he that has given the ground upon which will be erected the simple monument. The inscription will be "To Victor Hugo, Immortal Bard of Waterloo." The memorial will be dedicated toward the end of the year.

Railroad Goes Behind.

New York, Aug. 13.—The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company has not earned its dividend for the six months ended June 30, as shown by the company's statement, issued today. The sum earned and available for dividends, after all charges for the half-year, was \$2,947,361, while the sum required for the half-year at 3 per cent is \$5,353,969, or \$2,411,592 more than was earned.

Columbia Life Raft Picked Up.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—A life raft from the Columbia was picked up today at Half Moon Bay, 30 miles south of the Golden Gate. On the raft were found a man and an undertaker bearing the initials "G. T. S." Presumably it belonged to George T. Sparks, the banker of Fort Smith, Ark., who was among the drowned.

Mysterious Plague in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 10.—News comes from Wickenburg, a mining town 60 miles northwest of Phoenix, that some sort of a plague has broken out there which local doctors are unable to diagnose and treat successfully. Several deaths have occurred during the past few days.

STRIKE IS SPREADING

Employees of Both Western Union and Postal Go Out.

COMPANIES READY FOR FIGHT

Most of Large Offices of West Are Now Idle and Balance Await Order to Walk Out.

All operators of both companies at Chicago strike.

Almost every operator out at Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake, New Orleans, Topeka, Dallas, Fort Worth, Helena.

Operators at St. Louis, St. Paul, Omaha, Portland and Indianapolis await orders from President Small before striking.

New York operators, numbering 3,000, meet Sunday to decide on action.

Operators accuse Western Union of violating agreement for settlement of San Francisco strike. They demand 25 per cent increase in salary, eight hour day for day work, seven and one-half hours for night work and recognition of union.

Both companies declare purpose to fight to a finish and deny there is grievance.

President Small of union says companies have violated agreement and promises sensational exposures.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Following the lead of the telegraph operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago, the telegraphers in nine other cities throughout the United States quit work yesterday. The 500 men employed by the Postal in Chicago, who belong to the same local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union as the Western Union operators, and who declare that their working conditions with the company are unsatisfactory, took advantage of the situation and quit at 6 o'clock.

With the walkout of the Postal employees, Chicago last night was left with about 35 operators endeavoring to transmit the business of both telegraph companies, where, under normal conditions, fully 1,500 men are necessary to do the work.

The other Western Union offices which became involved in the trouble together, together with the number of men who quit work, are: Salt Lake City, 35; Helena, 40; Kansas City, 330; Dallas, 105; Fort Worth, 40; Colorado Springs, 10; and Denver, 83.

In New Orleans the men employed by the Postal Telegraph Company left their keys to enforce demands made on the company several weeks ago.

France May Have to Stay.

Paris, Aug. 10.—In spite of the firm intention of the French government to keep within the terms of the Algiers convention in its dealings with Morocco, the French press clearly foresees that France, unless the situation rapidly improves, has entered upon a long and heavy task. The newspapers express the opinion that France, upon which the chief burden of restoring security in the disturbed country will fall, may be forced to occupy in turn all Moroccan ports and then probably be compelled to undertake a punitive expedition to Fez, after which it would be impossible to withdraw, as was the case with the British in Egypt. As the British bombardment of Alexandria ensured the prestige of Great Britain in Egypt, so, it is argued, the French bombardment of Casa Blanca will have a similar effect in Morocco.

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Strike Making Fuel Scarce.

Denver, Aug. 10.—Vice President A. D. Parker, of the Colorado & Southern Railway, says the company put to work 25 workmen yesterday and that in a few days he will have the road in normal condition. Grand Master P. H. Morrissey, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, says that the strikers are making heavy inroads on the ranks of the strike-breakers and that most of the imported men leave as soon as they learn of the strike. This company denies. Today's developments show a serious shortage of coal.

STRIKE MAY SPREAD.

If Operators' Demands Are Refused General Strike Will Follow.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The strike of the union commercial telegraph operators will be universal throughout the United States and Canada within 24 hours, according to National Secretary Russell, of the telegraphers' organization. This statement was made by Mr. Russell after he had been informed of the action taken by the men in New York, who at a meeting there today, decided to hold a walkout in abeyance until the latter part of the week.

"This strike movement, said Mr. Russell, 'has come to a point where there can be no backing down. The telegraphers have been trodden on long enough by the companies, and now that we have the opportunity we are going to use all our strength to enforce our demands for several weeks President Small and myself have been holding the telegraphers back, and have been advising conciliation; but they have taken matters into their own hands and we are going to stand by them. No union man will be allowed to work with anyone not belonging to our organization, and this means that tomorrow morning, when the business of the week begins, the strike will become universal. We cannot go half way in this matter now. The strike has been precipitated by the men themselves, without the sanction of the national union, but we are now working in unison and anything that the officials of the various unions in calling strikes meets with our hearty cooperation."

This announcement was made by Mr. Russell at a mass meeting of the striking telegraphers held in Brand's hall Sunday afternoon. The hall seated 1,500 persons, and was packed to the doors. The speakers were the demand for accommodations that several hundred of the striking operators were unable to gain admittance to the building and remained on the streets in the vicinity until some of the early arrivals had left the hall.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers was represented at the meeting by National Secretary Quick. Mr. Quick informed the strikers that his organization was at their disposal, both morally and financially. "We have \$1,000,000 in our own treasury," said he, "and it is at your disposal. Your fight is ours, and we will stand with you until the end."

Before the mass meeting the 320 union telegraphers employed by companies using leased wires was held. At this gathering, brokers, news agencies and commercial organizations, including the big packing houses, were represented. A resolution was adopted declaring that this class of labor was underpaid and that the various firms would not employ anyone but union telegraphers.

It was decided to let the private wire men prepare and present their own schedules to their employers. The broker-men will present their schedule at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The broker-men will ask for a minimum of \$10 a week.

The men employed by the press associations presented their request at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night, and the employers will be given 24 hours to comply with it. The schedule presented calls for \$7 a week for six nights' work, and 70 cents an hour overtime, eight hours to constitute a day's work, with half an hour for lunch. The operators employed by the news companies and newspapers in the day time will ask for \$10 a week and 60 cents an hour overtime, eight hours to constitute a day's work, and the regular lunch. These requests were presented to every news-gathering organization in the United States and Canada Sunday evening, and 24 hours will be allowed for an answer. If at the end of the time the demands have not been met with a favorable response, the men will report to the union officials and they say a strike will be ordered.

In regard to the newspaper end of the controversy Secretary Russell issued the following statement:

To all publishers of the United States and Canada: The Commercial Telegraphers' Union does not desire in any way whatever to hamper the newspapers of the country. We are fighting for our rights, as workers, and believing that the telegraph operators employed in this service are underpaid, we have authorized our men to present a schedule to their employers asking for what we consider reasonable recompense for their labors. If these demands are not met by the various news gathering organizations within a specified time the men will be ordered to quit work.

Has Roosevelt's Name.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The name of President Roosevelt was greeted with cheers and hisses and the aims of the Western Federation of Miners cheered to the echo at the reception of William D. Haywood, the central figure in the recent Bolshevism trial by the Moyer-Haywood defense committee at Luna Park today. Self-styled "undesirable citizens" cried for Haywood, Pettibone and Moyer and hoisted and hissed the names of Roosevelt, Governor Henry A. Buchtel and the Colorado state officials and mineowners.

American "Specs" in Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—An American invasion of Germany is announced of a somewhat remarkable character. A Brooklyn optician, Mr. R. A. Thompson, is opening a big optician's establishment in Berlin for the sale of spectacles, glasses and other similar wares, and he will only deal in American goods.

It is known by statistics as also by mere observation that 10 per cent of German men are short sighted and speckled. The trade is therefore an enormous one and the local manufacturers experts.

Walls of Jericho Are Found.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—The walls of Jericho, famous in the Old Testament, have been discovered by Professor Sellin, who has been excavating on the site of the ancient Canaanite city with more than a hundred laborers. The professor reports to the Vienna Academy of Science on his interesting finds. The city walls, he writes, is built of burnt lime bricks. It rises from a stone foundation, and is for the most part ten feet thick.

Bathing Season in New York.

New York, Aug. 12.—Eleven drownings were reported in the immediate vicinity of New York yesterday.

AFTER BIGGER GAME

Bonaparte Will Get Officials of Harriman Lines.

WOULD SEND OFFENDERS TO JAIL

Proposes to Proceed Against Principals in Violations of Anti-Trust Laws.

New York, Aug. 8.—A special dispatch to the New York Times from Lenox, Mass., sent under today's date says:

"That criminal prosecutions will be taken in the near future as a result of the Interstate Commerce investigation of the Harriman railroad system was the information obtained here upon authority this afternoon on the virtual eve of the return of Attorney General Bonaparte to Washington.

Mr. Bonaparte was asked if action, personally, against individuals would be included in the prosecutions. He replied somewhat emphatically: "I have noticed a good many complaints that criminal prosecutions against trust magnates and sentences of imprisonment for them have been very infrequent and, in fact, for practical purposes unknown. It is perfectly true that, in my opinion at least, a better moral effect would be produced by sending a few prominent men to jail than by a great deal of litigation, however successful, against the corporations they controlled."

"Some time since two corporations and their respective presidents were indicted jointly for violation of the anti-trust law. If the corporations were guilty of such, it would be hard for the lay mind, at least, to see how their presidents could be innocent. Nevertheless the jury convicted the corporations and acquitted their presidents.

"It is the avowed purpose of the department of justice to prosecute criminally any one who is really responsible for violations of the anti-trust law, wherever it can do so with any reasonable probability of success. It does not care to prosecute mere underlings who are known to everyone to have acted under the direct authority of their superiors.

"If it can get a case against any of the superiors such as justifies a reasonable hope on the part of experienced lawyers that he can be punished personally the department will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity as soon as it is presented."

PROTECT ALL EUROPEANS.

But Morocco Must Also Grant Other Demands of France.

Tangier, Aug. 8.—Upon the demand of the French Charge, Mohammed el Torres, the representative of the Sultan here, has reiterated the instructions he had previously issued to assure the safety of the Europeans at Tangier and other ports and towns.

The French steamer Anatole, which brought the news of the bombardment of Casa Blanca, has been requisitioned by the French Charge, who will use her as a dispatch boat.

A guard