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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

Old and trusted officials of the S. P. 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.

Negroes 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.

Bears 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 Hamilton 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 7 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 freamp 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.

Three-fifths of the output of the great DeBeers diamond mines in South Africa is taken by American dealers and prices are steadily rising.

LUMBERMEN HIT AGAIN.

Increase in Loading Requirements Are Almost Prohibitory.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—Lumbermen were notified that the Central Freight Association, controlling the traffic of Chicago, has advanced the minimum loading requirements on lumber and shingles from 4,000 to 5,000 per 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 attempt 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 minimum loading requirements, 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 take up the contest against the new loading rules, as well as the rate contour. The claim is made by lumbermen that shipments are made by joint rates and that the Central Bureau cannot apply the new loading rules at Chicago.

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OPERATORS ALL OUT

Telegraph Systems of Country Almost Paralyzed.

Has Been No General Order

Strike is Optional With Local Unions, but Sanctioned 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:

Commercial operators—Strike has extended with great rapidity throughout the United States and telegraph business is everywhere paralyzed or badly crippled. Both Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies appear to be equally affected.

Press operators—At 7:30 p. m., New York time, Associated Press operators left their keys over the entire system, refusing to give General Manager Stone time to refer to the board of directors of the Associated Press their demand for higher wages and limitation of hours.

Railway Telegraphers—L. W. Quick, grand secretary and treasurer of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, issues order directing railroad telegraphers not to handle commercial messages.

Practically the entire telegraphic business of the country is tied up as the result of the strike inaugurated in most of the large cities by the operators of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company, and one or two other telegraph companies of minor importance.

The strike now involves not only the commercial telegraphers, but also the operators of the Associated Press in all the large cities of the country, save a few in New England and the Middle West. The strike of the Associated Press men came at the end of a day of negotiations between General Manager Melville E. Stone and officials of the telegraphers' union in New York. Owing to the radical demands of the operators, General Manager Stone asked for 24 hours in which to advise with the members of the Board of Directors of the association.

This request apparently was acceptable to General Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, and to a large number of Associated Press operators who realized its reasonableness, but a number of radicals in the Texas circuit would not consent to a postponement of action on the part of the Associated Press and quit their keys. This action was followed largely throughout the country.

A serious phase of the strike developed yesterday afternoon and during the night when it was discovered that railroad telegraphers in many places were interfering with the wires at relay points and withdrawing "plugs" from the switchboards and grounding the wires communication on a number of circuits was interrupted and in some instances entirely shut off.

From the developments of yesterday and last night it seems certain that the Order of Railway Telegraphers will support the commercial telegraphers in their strike, and it is not improbable that the railway telegraphers' organization will become more deeply involved in the strike should it be of lengthy duration.

While the strike at this time has the appearance and to some extent the effect of a general strike, such is not the case. A large number of commercial operators are still at their keys and will not go out until instructed to do so by President Small.

In Portland the operators of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies struck last night. The Western Union men were called out by President Branin of the local union at 7:21 o'clock. The Postal operators left their keys at 7:44 last night. Both strikers were in Minneapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Detroit and Cleveland remained at their posts. The strike was called by 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 was still in progress when the French transport Anzole left the beleaguered town. The battle started with a determined attack on the camp of the Moors. After a long struggle, the tribesmen were driven back with great loss. The latest reports say that the tribesmen are gradually being driven back, the French being seven and a half miles from the city and alternately shelling and charging the fanatics.

Union Officers Sued.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—O. A. Tiveltom, P. H. McCarthy, Richard Cornelius and all other officers and members of the Carmen's Union, Labor Council and Building Trades Council were made defendants today in a suit filed by James H. Aver, a saloonkeeper. Aver alleges that because he did not compel one of his employes to refrain from riding on boycotted cars his saloon had been boycotted with ruin. He asked a Superior Court to enjoin the labor organizations from further interference.

Bonds Go Begging.

New York, Aug. 13.—For the second time within six weeks the City of New York failed today to obtain bids for any considerable amount of the large issues of 50-year, 4 per cent gold bonds offered at public bidding, issues amounting to \$15,000,000 were offered today, and the total amount of the bids was less than \$3,000,000. No premium was offered on four or five bids for very small amounts. Further efforts will be made to dispose of the bonds.

American Boat Wins.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The American defender of the Canadian challenger Adele today in the second of the races.

BLACK HAND REIGNS.

Pennsylvania Operators Are in Constant Dread of Assassination.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 13.—The whole Pennsylvania telegraph system has been paralyzed by the murderous outrages charged to the Black Hand Society. The streets of New Castle and Erie are being patrolled by troops 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 Edinboro on petition of citizens, who are afraid to leave their homes, during attack.

Evidence is being secured by Pinkerton detectives employed by the United States Steel Company. The detectives are working among the Italians and on that evidence is secured suspects are rounded up by the state troops. The police of Allegheny City 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.

Giuliana Racco is in jail, accused of abducting the throat of Mrs. Mary R. Bazzano to the home, when she refused to give money demanded by him and another Italian, for whom the police are looking. The woman has positively identified Racco as the man who while his accomplice held her over her face.

Racco was identified as one of the assassins of Donato Marattio, a wealthy Italian land lord from home at night and shot to death after receiving death threats 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 police agents came to see him. He is the agent of the society to assassinate the wealthy Italians.

Michaelo Govinella, a wealthy owner of fruit stands in Pittsburgh and the police officers appealed to the public for information. 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 "Maghifico." He is living in constant fear of assassination.

Roads Not to Blame.

Harriman Talks About 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 Harahan, of the Illinois Central.

Mr. Harriman gave out a long interview Sunday afternoon. Many of his statements, however, been made before. He declined to comment upon recent court actions against coal operators.

In answer to questions, Mr. Harriman said:

"I think we shall have a coal shortage this winter, due to the general increase in the consumption of coal by 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 as was reckoned with. As to the coal shortage I want to say a word in reply to the general charge that the railroads are wholly to blame for the coal shortage. The charge is unjust on many respects. Numerous causes are contributing to 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.

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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 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 have quit work. President Small has been holding the telegraphers back, and have been advising conciliation; but they have taken matters in their own hands and 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 officers, but we are now working in union and anything that the officials of the various unions throughout the country have done 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 so great was 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 the strikers asked 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 be asked to sign a wage schedule and also to employ none 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 \$30 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 \$35 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 \$30 a week and 60 cents an hour overtime, eight hours to constitute a day's work, and the regular lunch. The requests were presented to every newsgathering 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 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: "In regard to all publishers, 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, however, 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 labor. If these demands are not met by the various news gathering organizations within a specified time the men will be ordered to quit work."

Miss Roosevelt's Name.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The name of President Roosevelt was greeted with cheers and the aims of the Western Federation of Miners cheered to the echo at the reception tendered William D. Haywood, the central figure in the recent Boise trial by the Moyer-Haywood defense committee at Lava Park today. Self-styled "undesirable citizen" cried for Haywood, Pettibone and Moyer and hoisted the names of Roosevelt, Governor Henry A. Buechel 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. The 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 spectacle. The trade is therefore an enormous one and the local manufacturers are not slow to take advantage of it.

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 400 laborers. The professor reports to the Vienna Academy