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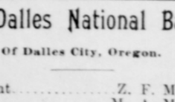
STAGE  LINE
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

The supreme court of Forresters is in session in Denver, Colo.

The coffee crop of Brazil promises to reach 10,000,000 bags, as against 9,000,000 last season.

Two young ladies from Alameda and San Francisco have gone to Trinity county upon a prospecting tour They are equipped with complete miners' outfits and are determined to work hard to find a paying claim.

Edwin Corbin, of Chicago, has closed a deal amalgamating the United States and Canadian Lakes Fisheries Companies, whereby the control of 20 companies passed into the hands of the British company with $5,000,000 capital.

The British, Russian and French ministers to Greece have notified their respective governments that it is impossible for Greece to pay an indemnity exceeding £3,000,000 Turkish. It is understood that negotiations are on foot to induce Turkey to accept a smaller sum than the amount originally demanded.

The county recorder in Great Bend, Kan., has reported the release of over $60,000 in chattel and real estate mortgages since August 1, and half of the crop has not been threshed. It is predicted that by the new year the county will be in better shape than ever before and will look back on the largest acreage of wheat in the history of the county.

Paul J. Henning, who has just arrived in San Francisco, says the American flag is flying on Clipperton island. He has been living on the island with two other men and they successfully blocked the attempt of Captain Murtray of the ship Kinkora, to hoist the British flag there three months ago. The Kinkora was wrecked and the three Americans held as wreckage nearly a million feet of lumber, which was washed ashore. H. M. S. Comus visited the island later, but did not disturb the Stars and Stripes nor enter a claim for the lumber.

Peters & Roberts' furniture factory, of Portland, Or., was damaged by fire to the extent of $6,000.

President Faure, of the French republic, visited Russia, and was royally welcomed by the czar at Cronstadt.

It is reported that the government of Brazil is negotiating with a European nation for the sale of one of her warships in course of construction.

Governor Lord has pardoned Clarence Wade out of the Oregon penitentiary. He has been adjudged afflicted with consumption and not expected to live.

It is officially announced at Buenos Ayres that a very large crop of grain is anticipated in the Argentine Republic. The wool clip, it is further stated, will be a heavy one.

A Seattle man has gone to Boston to secure 200 young ladies for an expedition to the Klondike gold fields. It is said he will fit out a steamer and start early in the spring.

The warehouse of W. P. Fuller & Co., in Portland, Or., was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is about $50,000 partly insured. The origin of the fire is uncertain.

A special from Lander, Wyo., says: Daniel Tracy, a miner from Leadville, has uncovered a vein of gold ore two feet eight inches wide in the Wind River range, on Gold creek. The ore is literally gemmed with gold the full width of the vein.

G. H. Steel, sheriff, and Sam Young, ex-sheriff of Leslie county, were both killed in a combat at Hyde, Ky. Both men fought to desperation with pistols, and both fell dead in the fifth round. Steel was a Democratic leader and Young a Republican. They quarreled over politics.

A great strike is on in the building trades at Buda Pest. More than 20,000 men are involved. The strikers, in the endeavor to prevent others from working, came repeatedly in conflict with the police, and desperate pitched battles ensued in several of the principal streets of the city. Two hundred persons have been injured, some dangerously. The police have arrested 100 of the ringleaders.

Telegraphic advices from the New York Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro state that the official report of operations against the fanatics around Canudos during the last few weeks show that 2,400 Brazilian troops have been wounded. Great difficulty is found in transporting arms, ammunition and stores to the government owing to interference by the fanatics. In the meantime large forces of fanatics, all well armed, have appeared in the states of Sao Paulo and Haran. They have invaded several plantations and small towns.

S. J. Hatchett, formerly secretary of the Los Anglees chamber of commerce, who had charge of the Los Angeles exhibit at the world's fair and mysteriously disappeared before the exposition closed, is said to have been seen in Chicago. His wife has mourned him as dead. The informant states that Hatchett told him he had concluded to drop out of sight, and cautioned him to say nothing about having met him.

President McKinley spoke at the Grand Army encampment at Buffalo, N. Y.

One of the Grand Army delegates to the national encampment at Buffalo has made a proposition for united action to urge the government to raise the ironclad Monitor, which defeated the rebel ram Merrimac, during the war. The Monitor foundered off Cape Hatteras December 31, 1862. It is thought that it will require the expenditure of $500,000 to raise the vessel.

Aaron C. Conn, a board of trade operator in Detroit, Mich., committed suicide by knotting a handkerchief around his neck and then twisting it with a lead pencil until he succeeded in strangling himself.

CONCESSION TO AMERICANS.

Valuable Commercial Privileges Secured in Columbia.

Kansas City, Aug. 30.—A Kansas City syndicate representing the Pittsburg & Gulf railroad interests, has secured a concession from the government of Colombia giving valuable commercial privileges in the South American republic.

This concession, which was secured through J. Edward Buckley, United States vice counsul at Bogota, gives the right to navigate the Magdalena river and to build a railroad across the country from a point 250 miles from the mouth of the river at Bogota, and thence on south through the whole of the counrty.

The project also carries with it the establishment of a line of steamships, from some point on the Gulf to some of the ports of Colombia on the Caribean sea.

It is the aim of the Pittsburg & Gulf Company to build up a profitable traffic between Kansas City and South America.

TELEGRAM SAVED HIS LIFE.

A Stockton's Man's Escape—Mistake of a Druggist Nearly Fatal.

Sacramento, Aug. 30.—George Ladd, one of the most prominent wholesale liquor-dealers in Stockton, left this city tonight for Portland, Ore., to seek his health. Before he left he had a doctor's prescription filled at one of the leading drug stores, but as fortune would have it he received a telegram in time to keep him from taking the medicine. Had the telegram failed to reach him he would have died from the effects of a deadly dose.

The clerk who filled the prescription took the wrong bottle and put in corrosive sublimate instead of the drug that was written in the prescription. The error was discovered about two hours after the train had started and a telegram was sent ahead in the almost vain hope that it would reach him in time. The telegram said:

"Do not take the medicine; it is poison and sure death."

A duplicate of the dispatch was sent to Chief of Police Drew, of this city, and instructions were given to the officers, who boarded the train just as Mr. Ladd was about to take the dose that would have ended his life, and the telegraph triumphed over the bungling of a druggist's clerk.

Quartz Mining More Certain.

Washington, Aug. 30.—General W. W. Duffield, superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, in discussing the gold discoveries in Alaska, gave this advice to young men:

"If I were a young man," he said, "I should get about a 75-ton schooner at Seattle, take supplies and engage the services of a first-class prospector. Then I should cruise along the southeastern part of Alaska, in what is called Alexander archipelago. There are a number of islands there and more gold lodes than at any place with which I am acquainted. The mining would not be 'placers,' but the ore can be gotten out very cheaply and being directly on the sea, the transportation amounts to nothing, except the time spent."

Gold Dust From Sawdust.

Port Townsend, Aug. 30.—Mr. J. Metcalf, of Detroit, Mich., who came down from St. Michaels on the Colman, states that he saw a man wash $12.50 from one pan of sawdust which he took from the floor of a barroom in Dawson City. It is said to be a common practice for miners to open gold dust bags and take out a pinch of gold dust in payment for drinks.

A Costly Hypnotic Test.

Tallulah Falls, Ga., Aug. 30.—A suit for $1,550 damages has been filed in this county which develope a sensationally unique story. Mrs. Fairbanks Higgins and her daughter, of Atlanta, have been spending the summer here, and in the burning of the Grandview hotel, at which they were stopping, lost their possessions, amounting to $1,550. They sued the proprietor to recover.

Mrs. B. A. Young, proprietress of the hotel, files an answer alleging in substance that at an evening social the young lady was hypnotized and commanded to fire the hotel. When she retired to her room it is claimed that she literally obeyed the injunction and robbed herself of a right to sue.

The Women Marched.

Pittsbug, Aug. 30.—The wives and daughters of the striking miners at DeArmitt's Oak Hill mine took a prominent part in today's demonstration. Early this morning a dozen or more women gathered at the camp, and with flags and banners marched along the road leading toward the tipple. On their way they met a number of miners going to the pit, and greeted them with yells and jeers. They derided the miners who were working and ridiculed them in a manner which caused many of them to hang their heads in shame. The women say they will make a demonstration every day hereafter.

Salisbury's Plan.

Rome, Aug. 30.—Italy has wired Morocco, threatening to dispatch a man-of-war to Tangier, unless the crew of the Italian brig Fidicura is released. Moorish pirates recently attacked and plundered the Fidicura and detained the crew.

Faint-Hearted Gold Seekers Return.

Seattle, Aug. 30.—The steamer City of Topeka arrived from the north this morning, bringing excursionists and about 30 men from Skaguay who came down because they were afraid they could not get over the passes this winter. Tihs is the largest number yet to come back and the men who came aver that there will be many more in the next few weeks. No change in the condition of the trail is reported and no Yukon miners direct from the mines came by this steamer.

All Three Were Cremated.

Jackson, Cal., Aug. 30.—The boarding house of the Union Consolidated mine at Weiland, eight miles east of here, was burned to the ground last night and Mrs. Craighead, wife of the proprietor, and two of her grandchildren, aged 8 and 10 years, perished in the flames. Mrs. Craighead had escaped, but rushed back in the flames to rescue the children. She picked up one child, and just as she reached the hall the building collapsed and in a few minutes was a pile of smoldering ruins. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WHEAT STILL GOING UP

The Chicago Market Above the Dollar Mark.

FIRST TIME DURING CAMPAIGN

Shortage in Foreign Potato Crop Estimated at 1,000,000,000 Bushels—Price of Corn Also Rising.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Today, for the first time since the present bull campaign in wheat was started, the price of September wheat sold above the dollar mark in Chicago. Ten minutes after the opening, $1.03½ was offered, an advance over yesterday's closing price of 6¾ cents. Even at that tempting figure, the bull clique refused to let go of their holdings. Enough wheat came on the market to break the price to 98 7-8 cents by the time the closing bell sounded, but the brokers who were engineering the deal stoutly denied that it came from them.

There was, perhaps, a shade of maliciousness in the way they forced the shorts to bid up. It was currently reported on Monday, when prices broke so sharply, that the pool was forced to put up $400,000 in margins. They certainly had their revenge today. The rise was plainly due to the clique, which is now swelled, by rumor, to include Joseph Leiter, George R. French, Allen, Grier & Co., and James Keene, of Wall street. The only leader, George French, who appeared distinctly above the surface, makes no secret that he has a line of 5,000,000 bushels of September wheat. There was not much more than 1,100,000 bushels of contract wheat in Chicago, with hardly anything coming, and an immense short line of cash wheat sold for export. This is the situation as it now plays into the hands of the bull combine.

The sudden rise of September wheat was not reflected in any other large market in the country, with the exception of Minneapolis, where September bounded from 92 cents to $1. St. Louis advanced 2 cents at one time, but relapsed to the opening prices for December.

Although statistics were not given much attention, one item of foreign news had a distinct influence. The foreign potato crop shortage is estimated at the total of 1,000,000,000 bushels, which was expected to increase the demand for American wheat. Its influence was especially felt in December wheat, which is not supposed to be under the thumb of any clique. Corn and provisions were both affected by the excitement in wheat. In corn, the trading was enomrous, and although an advance of 1 to 1½ cents was recorded, the feeding was very strong at the close. The closing for provisions was 15 to 20 cents higher.

NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS.

Hawaii Has Not Yet Received Japan's Answer.

San Francisco, Aug. 30. — The steamer Mariposa arrived this morning from Sydney, via Honolulu, with the following Hawaiian advices:

The Hawaiian government has not yet received any answer from Japan regarding the offer to refer the immigration trouble to arbitration. There is no change in the situation here.

The China registry case was finally submitted to Judge Perry for a decision August 19, and an early decision is confidently expected, as the matter will in all probability be appealed to the supreme court. It is predicted that the question of the big steamer's registry will be settled before she reaches here again in October. The principal point upon which the Hawaiian government rules is the question of McFarlane's citizenship, he having been born on the island of British parents.

The American ship Commodore left Honolulu for New York August 19, with a cargo of sugar, valued at $191,200.

To Conciliate With Us.

London, Aug. 30.—The Standard's correspondent at San Sebastian says: "I learn that Spain has intimated her willingness to make considerable reduction in the contemplated West Indian tariffs, in order to develop the trade of Cuba with the United States. She was willing to negotiate a reciprocity treaty when the Dingley tariff came into force, but the United States received advances coldly, because it wanted the Cuban question settled first. Indeed, Spain is now aware that American diplomacy will soon raise other and more important questions before commercial questions are likely to be mooted."

Disease Aids the Insurgent Cause.

Havana, Aug. 30.—There are 4,000 Spanish soldiers in the hospitals of Havana and other points. About 2,000 are sent back monthly to Spain incapacitated. Sickness is increasing. The health of the city is not good. The official reports show that for the week ending August 12 the death rate was 90 per 1,000.

Business is at a complete standstill. The army is not being paid and a feeling of hopelessness prevails among the Spaniards and Cubans alike.

London, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from San Sebastian says the Spanish government has learned that at a secret anarchist meeting in London it was resolved to avenge the execution of Angiolillo, the assassin of Canovas del Castillo, by an attempt on the life of the queen regent of Spain. Twenty of the ablest Barcelona detectives have been detailed to protect the queen regent.

A New York man was arrested the other day for stealing a stole.

Italy Also Has Trouble.

Constantinople, Aug. 30.—Lord Salisbury has made fresh and important proposals in the matter of the settlement of the indemnity due Turkey from Greece. He suggests that Great Britain, France and Russia jointly guarantee the indemnity loan and control the revenues set apart for the purpose of meeting this obligation. He invites the other powers to participate in the guarantee if they choose to do so.

Lincoln county, Ky., has a new-found cave rivaling Mammoth cave in size and novelty.

DOOM OF TORPEDO SEALED.

"Mirex" May Revolutionize Modern Warfare.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—A small brass projectile, measuring four by one and one-quarter inches, was thrown in the lake off Van Buren street from the government pier, and at a depth of five feet it exploded. A volume of water spouted 25 feet into the air, and dead fish bobbed up to the surface and floated about, mute testimony to the destructiveness of the explosive.

The name of this explosive, which is the discovery of two Chicago men, is mirex. From recent experiments its inventors claim it is not a wild statement to say that mirex will revolutionize modern warfare.

Unlike the marine torpedo—the most perfect destroying projectile known to naval engineers, mirex, a comparatively small brass casing, can be thrown from a cannon to any distance desired under 20 miles, and, dropping into the water at the side of a man of war, will sink to a stated depth and explode with annihilating results. No wire has to be connected with the new projectile, as is the case with the submarine torpedo. The mirex projectile does not pierce the steel armor of the gunboat, but settles in the water to the depth of 5, 10, 15 20, or any number of feet the operator may wish, and then explodes:

Its discoverers are Hermann G. Peffer, a salesman for Browning, King & Co., and William S. Darley, connected with the Clenfoster Hosiery Company. They are not expert chemists, and mirex in its perfect state is the result of some luck and a good deal of hard work and enterprise.

John H. Edelman, a wealthy former Philadelphian, has such faith in the virtue of mirex as a destroyer of ships and navies that he is backing it liberally with his money.

Peffer is a modest man of 23 years, and in speaking of the explosive, said:

"It is neither liquid not solid, nor is it a powder. While experimenting with it Darley and myself smoke our pipes and handle it as we would so much sand. It is an odd and wonderful mixture, and its name signifies nothing. It explodes at any depth we desire, the explosion depending on the quantity and quality of the composition we place in the projectile. We are now having a gun model constructed in Chicago, and within six weeks this cannon will be finished and presented to the United States navy department. It will throw a projectile eight inches long and three and a half inches in diameter. This will blow into atoms any ship that will float in the lake. Each one of these shells will cost about $20, vastly cheaper than torpedos now in use and far more accurate and destructive."

Mr. Darley is only 19 years of age. He will not divulge the character or nature of the new explosive.

The projectile used in these experiments is about the size of a giant firecracker, and the ends of the cylinder are closed with a substance that looks like tinfoil.

Mr. Darley was once connected with the navy department.

LONG CHASE FOR A MURDERER

Detectives Pursued Him Half Way Around the World.

Port Townsend, Aug. 30. — The steamer Portland, due from St. Michaels, has on board a murderer who was chased by detectives half way around the world. He is in irons and under constant watch of two Pinkerton detectives. The prisoner, William Smith, was pursued over the continent, to Dyea, and across Chilkoot pass, over the lakes and down the rivers to the goldfields of Klondike, where he was taken into custody.

Smith was a storekeeper in a town near Cedar Rapids, Ia., up to several months ago. One night the store was burned and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. Smith's relatives claimed that he was burned to death in the fire. His life was insured for $35,000, and a demand was made for the money. An investigation led to the belief that the body was not that of Smith, but of a watchman. The theory was at once advanced that Smith had committed a murder and burned his store in the hope that the body would be roasted beyond recognition, and his relatives obtain the insurance money after he had disappeared.

Pinkerton men were put on the trail, and after one of the longest chases on record, arrested Smith at Dawson City on July 12. He was taken to St. Michaels to await the sailing of the Portland.

Saved His Daughters' Lives.

New York, Aug. 30. — Harry G. Stone, the veteran manager of the Patterson opera-house, became ill and was forced to go to his home, which is called Ryle Park, on the banks of the Passiac river, a short distance below the village of Little Falls. His indisposition proved the salvation of his three daughters, Minnie, Bella and Maud, for he rescued them from drowning by his opportune advent from town.

The girls had gone out for a row on the river and they upset in 12 feet of water just after his arrival. Although Mr. Stone is 60 years old, he managed to reach them before they sank and saved them by almost superhuman efforts. Two were unconscious when brought ashore.

Toronto, Aug. 30.—A visiting detachment of 15 members of the G. A. R. from Buffalo marched up Yonge street carrying the stars and stripes. It is a violation of a civic ordinance to carry a foreign flag in this city, unless a British flag is also carried. A policeman stopped the procession and told the marchers of the violation. They bought a small union jack, but no one would carry it. Finally a small boy was hired to do that duty and the veterans continued on their way.

Freight Trains Collide.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 30.—A head-end collision occurred on the Southern railway, three miles west of Eden. Freight train No. 45, from Atlanta, collided with an extra freight train going east. Both engines were badly damaged and 10 cars broken up. The injured so far as known are: John Cheaves, of Atlanta, fatally; J. C. Sewine, of Birmingham, engineer of the extra, seriously bruised; three other trainmen injured.

Some of the insects are in a state of maturity 30 minutes after birth.

PROSPERITY AGAIN

ALL SECTIONS REPORT INCREASING BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Letters Are Being Received by People in Washington Showing a Satisfactory Condition, and that the Country is Getting Back to Its Normal Condition.

Washington, D. C.—Letters received by members of congress, officials of the various departments of the government and newspaper men here indicate the very general return of prosperity to nearly all sections of the country. While all are good reading, it is possible to call attention to but a few, and permission has been given to present extracts from some of the most interesting, especially relating to the advance in farm products and the general improving condition of the farmer. They are as follows:

W. T. Yoe, of Independence, Kan., says: "There is a general increase in business here. Our wheat crop is 1,000,000 bushels in this county, and the price is 30 per cent above a year ago. Kansas will share in the returning prosperity."

L. P. Bisell, Charlotte, Mich., says: "Farmers have harvested excellent crops of wheat and hay, with fair prospects on other cereals. The greater part of the depression here was due to poor prices on agricultural poducts, and as fair returns in both quantity and quality and in price are now assured, we have reason to hope that better times are on the verge of the wall surrounding us."

W. H. Goetzinger, Elbow Lake, Minn., says: "There is a marked and substantial evidence of return to better times. Farmers have done more building this spring than for a number of years past, and have bought more buggies and windmills than ever before. Merchants carry larger stocks, tramps are fewer in number, and in general a better feeling prevails."

F. E. Adams, Mansfield, Mo., says: "The most noticeable improvement here is in price and demand for sheep. For this stock the price has almost doubled and the demand at the higher price trebled, which means prosperity for many farmers. The demand for horses and mules has been good and the price higher than for several years. Price of wheat here has almost doubled, benefiting many of our farmers. From the statements of our county banks, the deposits of many of them have doubled, showing that there is more money in the country than ever before. Cattle are high and farmers have sold more cattle, sheep, horses and mules than ever before in the history of the country. It looks to me as though a renewal of activity has certainly come or is about to come to our country."

J. A. Doty, Southwest City, Mo., says: "Two industries here, flour milling and distilling after two years of idleness opened for business July 1, and other business enterprises that have been under a strain to keep going have taken on new life and are employing additional help. There is a marked improvement not only in this place but in surrounding towns and country."

Allen C. Bragg, editor and general manager of the Gazette Publishing Co., Reno, Nev., says: "The outlook is encouraging here and a better feeling is undoubtedly about in the state. The livestock interest, beef and mutton, are looking up, wool is 3 and 4 cents a pound higher, gold mining has taken on new life and much prospecting is being done with a degree of success that is encouraging. Take it all in all the indications are excellent for a revival of business. Nevada is not a manufacturing state, but I regard the outlook for livestock and mining as brighter than it has been in the past ten years."

J. Dawson, Eutaw, Ala., says: "Our town has just completed electric lights, and water works and the great talk now is the building of a cotton factory. Business is improving daily."

J. W. Baker, Columbia City, Ind., says: "Farmers have gathered a fairly good wheat crop, a bountiful hay crop and a good oat crop, which indicated renewed prospertiy for them. A new factory has just been erected here with a capacity of 300 employes and a large new lumber company has just started. Our idle men are now generally employed, some at increased wages, some at prices formely paid."

W. A. Smith, of the Decatur County Abstract Company, Oberlin, Kan., says: "I have lived in Northwest Kansas for over 18 years and we are now in a more prosperous condition than we have been at any time during that period. We have had boom times wherein business was greater and more people were engaged, but like most booms the bottom dropped out. We are now on a solid basis. There are more farmers working on their own capital in this county than ever before to my knowledge. Our wheat crop has been very fine and the corn will undoubtedly be as heavy a yield as we have ever had. Alfalfa culture is being introduced; also the Campbell method of cultivation with good effect. The machinery for a full creamery has been ordered and will be in full operation by September. Since January, Oberlin has shipped 42 carloads of cattle and 122 of hogs. Many mortgages will be paid."

It is a great thing for this country, now that there is an existing standard of value, that while we have an abundance of silver, $521,000,000, in the treasury, we have so limited it that it we have the use of both money metals without fear of the depreciation of either.

People who were favorably impressed with the "wheat and silver" theory last year are now wondering how they could have been so easily fooled.

The people are utilizing the first fruits of McKinley prosperity in paying off Cleveland mortgages. Wise people!

The horrible plot of the sound-money men to ruin the country by putting up the prices of farm products still goes on.

The most encouraging feature of the report showing the return of business activity is that they come from small as well as large places. When every community finds itself busily employed the professional agitator finds his occupation gone and the country prosperous.

POLICE FIRED ON THE CROWD.

Twelve Killed and Several Wounded in a Riot at Mereda Yucatan.

New York, Aug. 30.—Correspondence of the Herald from Mereda, Yucatan, under date of August 27, says: Twelve persons were killed and several injured in a riot which occurred on the plaza in front of the municipal palace last Sunday evening. The cause of the outbreak seems to have been the prejudice of the police, who attacked the people because of their opposition to the candidacy of Senor Carlos Peon, the present governor of Yucatan, who sought re-election.

The governor instructed the chief of police to fire on the crowd in the event of an outbreak. The chief ignored his instructions because of a refusal on the part of the governor to reduce them to writing, and as a result the governor delegated one of his aides as acting chief of police.

While the crowd was gathering around the plaza on Sunday night, Pastor Remon Rameriz, one of the governor's party, threw a giant firecracker in front of the police station. It exploded, and as though acting on a signal, the police fired on the crowd, killing one woman and two men. The crowd immediately scattered.

News reached the headquarters of the national guard, and a detachment came out and commenced firing on the crowd. They killed nine persons and injured many more.

News of the riots was at once sent to President Diaz, and he ordered the arrest of all the officials connected with the affair.

MINERS ARE ENCOURAGED.

Settlement of the Strike Believed to Be in Sight.

Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—The miners' leaders are encouraged over the prospects of the early settlement of the strike. Efforts are now being directed to the Pennsylvania railroad and the central field of Pennsylvania.

District President Dolan addreseed a meeting at Claridge, Westmoreland county, last night, and the men decided to quit work. President Dolan says six mines have been closed in the Central district and that work will be suspended in that region within a short time.

Sheriff Lowry went to Bunola this morning, accompanied by several deputies, and ordered the strikers off the public roads. The first attempt at starting the mines was made at the Champion mines, near McDonald, this morning. Two carloads of foreigners were sent to the mines about daylight and put to work loading slack into the cars.

About 500 women marched against the miners, attacked them with stones and clubs and drove them from the cars. The women then dumped the slack from the cars. They were met by 1,000 strikers and marched a short distance from the mine where they are now encamped.

Shot Him in the Neck.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30.—Deputy Sheriff Brown, of Cheney, this evening shot and seriously wounded J. C. Allen, known also by the alias "colored," wanted in Spokane for robbing a farmhand named Doyle, last night. Allen alighted from a freight train, and Brown placed him under arrest. Another negro, also wanted, was seen by Brown coming into town on a bicycle. Brown tried to get both, and Allen broke away, and ran. Brown fired two shots to scare him, and then shot him in the neck. The bullet lodged in the mouth, tearing away part of the jaw. Allen is said to be the negro who shot Hawkins in Butte, Mont., a short time ago.

Tried to Starve Miners.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—The Anchor Point gold mine, at Cook inlet, Alaska, was the scene of a miners' riot in July, according to news which has just been received in this city. About 50 men are at work there employed by a Boston corporation which owns the mines, and in July the funds for the payment of the men ran short. The men quit work, and the company withheld their food, and supplies to force them into submission. On the third day of this treatment, the men demanded their usual rations, and when the food was not given, they shot at the foreman and his assistant, seriously, but not fatally wounding both of them.

Underground Railroad Conductor.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—William Cratty, who, before the war, was one of the most notable conductors of the "underground railroad" for the assistance of runaway slaves, died near Maryville, O., last night, of old age. Mr. Cratty, it is said, helped over 3,000 slaves escape to Canada, and at one time a reward of $3,000 was offered to any one who would deliver him dead or alive south of Mason and Dixon's line. He was 92 years of age.

Went Down on the Mexico.

Ashland, Wis., Aug. 30.—The Gold Lake Mining Company, at the head of which is ex-Governor Swineford, was thrown into consternation by the news that 2,000 pounds of valuable gold ore belonging to the company went down on the Mexico. It was not known that the company's representative had shipped it by that boat until today.

A Boom in the Hog Market.

Kansas City, Aug. 30.—There is a boom under way in the local hog market. Today's prices were the highest reached within nearly two years, going up 10 to 15 cents a hundred, on top of a similar advance yesterday. Prices have advanced 40 cents since last Friday; 70 cents since August 1, and they are now $1 higher than in the middle of July. The advance in prices is due to the increased demand for meats, rather than a scarcity of hogs.

A Poisoned Melon.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 30.—The meager particulars of a wholesale case of poisoning have reached the city from Calloway county. Eight persons are reported to have been poisoned by eating a melon stolen from a neighbor's patch. Seven of the number are dead and the eighth is in a critical condition.

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 30.—The firm of Robinson Bros. has discovered ore in the Myrtle, Or., mining district that assays $1,800 per ton free gold as fine as flour.