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TICKERS TIE UP TRAFFIC ON RAILROAD SYSTEM

Demand an Increase in Wages and the Request Is Refused by the Company

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—Traffic over 2700 miles of the M. K. & T. is badly hampered today by the telegraph operators' strike. Hundreds of towns are without telegraph communication.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 2.—The "Katy" system is badly tied up on account of the operators' strike.

Parsons, Kan., Aug. 2.—At the headquarters of the "Katy" system it is maintained this morning that the operators' strike has not affected the operation of the road seriously. The striking operators, it is asserted, have the system thoroughly tied up, and their claims are supported by the non-arrival of trains.

Salida, Aug. 2.—Both the "Katy" flyers arrived here eight hours late this morning. All other passenger trains are from six to ten hours late.

There is practically no freight moving.

Reasons for the Strike.

Dennison, Tex., Aug. 2.—R. I. Glover, of St. Louis, a deputy president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who is in Dennison, made the following statement:

"The strike of the operators of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas system is due to the refusal of a demand for an increase of wages amounting to about 10 per cent, and several other demands affecting the promotion and government of operators.

"A grievance committee had the matter in charge, but it was not able to affect a settlement. It was then referred to the president, who was also unable to affect a settlement. A referendum vote was then taken on the proposal to strike, and about 90 per cent of the operators voted in favor of supporting the demands by a strike."

COMPANY HARROWS HEINZE

Montana Capitalist Is Defendant in Suits Aggregating \$25,000,000

Butte, Mont., Aug. 2.—Another suit was brought this morning by the Boston & Montana Company against F. August Heinze and his associates for \$3,800,000, the alleged value of ore Heinze is accused of extracting from the Johnstown lode. The total suits brought against Heinze in the past few weeks aggregate 25,000,000.

Taggart a Laggard.

Indianapolis, Aug. 2.—National Chairman Taggart sent word today from French Lick Springs that his appointments to the executive staff of the national committee will not be made today.

East Gets the Money.

The Eugene Register, in booming the Lane county fair, says:

"The district fair officers have received a fine lot of advertising material from the East, and have been placing it to good advantage."

A good plan to follow. Send East after even the advertising literature. That's a good way to let the world know how progressive Oregon is.

Straw and Crash Hats Exactly One-Half Price

To close them out. We need the room for fall goods. You can't afford to be uncomfortable during this warm weather—with straw hats at half price.

The New York Racket

Salem's Cheapest One-Price Cash Store.

E. T. BARNES, Prop.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

Government Will Pay Increase to All Who Were in Service June 30

Washington, Aug. 2.—An order, issued by the postoffice department, says that free rural mail carriers appointed prior to June 30, 1904, who were entitled to the maximum pay of \$600 under the rules governing the establishing routes at that time, shall receive the maximum of \$720 under the readjustment. The standard rate is fixed at 24 miles.

HEIRS CONTEST WILL

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Two contests were begun this morning to break the will of Berth Dolber, who left the bulk of her estate valued at more than \$1,000,000 to a companion, Marion Warren. Frazier Dolber, Jane Brown and Alice Fern, first cousins of deceased, ask that the will be set aside on the ground that Miss Dolber was not of sound mind when the will was made. Adolph Schander, an uncle, in the second suit takes the same ground.

Prominent Men Expected.

Among the prominent men who are expected to take part in the mining congress to assemble in Portland next month are United States Senators Levi Aiken, Fred T. Dubois, W. B. Allison, C. W. Fulton, R. J. Gamble, Wm. M. Stewart, Thomas R. Bond, Wm. B. Heyburn, Charles B. Landis, Reed Smoot, W. J. Stone, A. G. Foster, J. H. Mitchell. Members of congress—H. M. Hogg, F. E. Shober, T. Bell, F. M. Brooks, Burton L. French, H. K. Porter, W. R. Hearst, El R. Martin, S. W. Smith, F. W. Ashman, M. E. Driscoll, J. Adam Bede, Wm. Sulzer, E. Morrell, Thomas Spight, W. L. Jones, Irving P. Wagner, Joseph Howell, John Lamb, J. L. Burnett, Binger Hermann.

Foreign governments acknowledging receipts of invitations to be represented are Portugal, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, Germany, Bolivia, Denmark, Peru, Italy, Mexico, France, Hungary, Chili, Nicaragua, Siam.

Ohio Is Slow.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The navy department has been advised that the battleship Ohio, at her trial failed to develop 18 knots, according to contract requirements.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL TRAIN HELD UP AND ROBBED

Four Masked Men Do Sleek Job but Did Not Secure Much Booty

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Four highwaymen, all heavily armed and two of them wearing heavy masks, held up the passengers on the Illinois Central Chicago-St. Louis express train No. 1, known as the "Diamond Special," as it neared Matteson tonight. The robbers secured all the money and valuables carried by the 30 passengers in the two Pullman sleeping cars, stopped the train and escaped in the darkness.

The first clew to the robbers was obtained this morning, when three

men entered the town of Griffith, Indiana, and endeavored to dispose of a diamond to a local saloonkeeper. They called for the papers, read the accounts of the robbery and then disappeared after failing to sell the stone. A good description of the men was obtained. Hundreds of officers and citizens were searching the territory contiguous to the spot where the robbery occurred. The train arrived at St. Louis this morning, where an inventory of the losses were made. It will not exceed \$1000.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF LAST BATTLE

Tokio, Aug. 2.—Kuroki officially reports that at daybreak on July 31st, the Japanese army occupied Yushulinsu, four miles west of Hsihoyen and Yang Tsuling, six miles west of Motienling, both places being situated about 25 miles from Liao Yang. The enemy at Yushulinsu consisted of two divisions with corresponding artillery. The attacking operations were carried out as prearranged, and by sunset we defeated both wings of the enemy, but owing to their large force and strong positions, we were unable to dislodge them entirely. At daybreak, August 1st, we resumed the attack and succeeded in expelling the enemy and pursued them four miles in a westward direction. The enemy fled toward An Ping.

The enemy at Yang Tsuling consisted of one-half division with four batteries of artillery. The attacking operations there also proceed satisfactorily, and by sunset we carried the enemy's position, but a portion of them offered the stoutest resistance, and we bivouacked for the night in battle formation. At daylight August 1st we resumed the attack and at 8 a. m. all the height fell into our hands. The enemy fled toward Tang Huyen. The casualties are under investigation. We captured some field guns, but the details are still unknown. In this engagement the attacking forces were at a disadvantage, first on account of the steepness of the ground, and secondly on account of the lack of suitable positions for our artillery, while the heat was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rome, Aug. 2.—The Gazette's Mukden correspondent states that all headquarters of the Russian military authority are being transferred to Vladivostok, which will become the capital of Eastern Asia. At Harbin a new army of 50,000 is now being raised to go to help General Kuropatkin. Two Japanese divisions are now within 10 miles of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The government issued an official note this morning regarding the capture of neutral vessels carrying contraband of war. After defining Russia's previous declaration on the subject, the note says that the government has accepted the assurances of Great Britain that the contraband found aboard the steamer Malacca belonged to the British government. "The decision, however," says the note, "must be considered in no sense to mean that the Russian government relinquishes its determination to send separate cruisers or war vessels in general to prevent the transportation of contraband of war to the enemy."

Discussed Russian Note.

London, Aug. 2.—The cabinet today discussed the Russian reply to the volunteer fleet status.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese have occupied Ichavuen, east of Liao Yang and Yngasse Pass, 30 miles east of the same place.

Vladivostok, Aug. 2.—The reason assigned by the Russian squadron officers for the sinking the steamers off the Japanese coast was their shortage of coal, and the consequent inability to make the port of Vladivostok. The

FEDERAL COURTS ARE DOING POLICE DUTY

Injunctions Granted in Iowa and Missouri Against Men Putting Out Pickets

St. Joseph, Aug. 2.—The arrival of President Donnelly and the serving of the sweeping federal injunction against the strikers are the features of the packing strike situation this morning. Donnelly made two addresses to large crowds. Federal marshals served the injunction papers and the pickets withdrew. With the backing of the federal court, peaceful conditions are expected.

Injunction at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Aug. 2.—Alleging that their property and the lives of their employees were threatened by the strikers, attorneys for the Cudahy Company this morning applied for a writ of injunction in the Federal court.

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—The packers'

squadron is in fine condition, and is ready for another raid as soon as it is coaled.

Another Point Captured.

Tokio, Aug. 2.—It is reported that the Japanese have captured Shan Tsai Kow, an important defense of Port Arthur, after three days' of hard fighting.

HATCHED PLOT IN GENEVA

Geneva, Aug. 2.—The Russian police have evidence that Minister Plehve's assassination was planned at Geneva by the central committee of the Dorjevaya organization.

Coal Strike Probable.

Scranton, Aug. 2.—The executive board of the mine workers' union this afternoon decided to approve the position taken on the check weighman question, which probably means a strike throughout district No. 1.

WHOLE SALE MURDER

London, Aug. 2.—The Daily News correspondent, at Van, Turkish Armenia, reports 9000 male Armenians killed in the districts of Mush and Sassoun.

Dago Strikers Riot.

Sunnside, Utah, Aug. 2.—The body of Italian strikers camped here since last November are giving trouble, and yesterday caught a Mormon strikebreaker in the foothills, and brutally beat him with pick handles until he will die. At Schofield a riot was started and 40 shots fired. The armed guards of the Utah Fuel Company clubbed the rioters with their rifles, and 20 broken heads resulted.

Rainy Day for Alton.

Esopus, Aug.—Judge Parker set apart this rainy day as the time for the final revision of his speech to the notification committee.

strike situation is very quiet here today.

Strike-Breakers at Omaha.

Omaha, Aug. 2.—Two carloads of strike-breakers came into day for the Cudahy plant. Everything is quiet.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The stock yards strike has settled down into a question of endurance, with confident claims on both sides that they have the situation well in hand. The packers this morning shipped in 1000 men, most of whom, it is alleged, are skilled. No rioting characterized their arrival and their distribution about the big plants. Large crowds gathered about the commissary departments established by the strikers, and the story that the stores lacked food is stated to be false by the union officers, who say they have plenty of money.

SIXTEEN OF CREW MISSING

Liverpool, Aug. 2.—A cablegram to the Leyland line offices reports the wrecking of the ship Argburth on the coast of New Guinea. Capt. Reid and seven of the crew were saved, but 16 of the crew are missing.

Official Decorator Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davis arrived from Red Bluff, Cal., this morning. Mr. Davis is the official decorator of the Southern Carnival Company, and will remain until after the carnival opens. He is interviewing the merchants, and will decorate the streets and buildings in true holiday attire. His staff of decorators will arrive tonight.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Wheat, old Sept., 93¢@95½¢; new, 92½¢@94¼¢; Sept., corn, 51¢@53¼¢.

TOMORROW IS PETTICOAT DAY

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK) REGISTERED

TOMORROW IS PETTICOAT DAY

GREAT CLEAR-ANCE SALE

This great economic event began yesterday morning under the most auspicious circumstances, people eager for bargains thronged the store from morning until evening. Never before was such bargains offered as you will find at this store. Now's the time to make your purchases, while this great reduction sale is on

<h3>First Floor Bargains</h3> <p>KAI KAI SILKS in great profusion of colors and patterns. Half Price</p> <p>SHIRT WAIST SUIT SILKS Other stores' regular \$1.00 values. Our price during cleaning sale 55c yard</p> <p>FANCY VOILES in blues, browns and blacks. 39c yard</p> <p>WASH GOODS Entire stock to choose from. Half Price</p> <p>GAUNTLET GLOVES During this great sale 75c pr</p>	<h3>St. Louis Fair Contest</h3> <p>LAST MONTH in which to cast your votes. Total votes cast 68,759 Total voted for 65</p> <p>Miss Mellen, East 26,829 Miss Shelton, Music 26,560 Miss Bushnell, Park 3,418 Miss Cosper, East 3,183 Miss Thomas, Park 2,333 Miss Gordon, North 1,486 Miss Knight, Music 845 Miss Kramer, East 806 Miss Patrick, O. E. S. 573 Miss Frunk, Elocution 528</p> <p>Tomorrow Only Our 187th Wednesday Surprise Sale. This week we offer an exceptionally fine Black Mercerized PETTICOAT—several styles are shown for this particular sale. You may take your choice for \$1.23 Wednesday Only</p>	<h3>Second Floor Bargains</h3> <p>SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITS. In plain colors. Half Price</p> <p>PONGEE COATS. In a fine assortment of styles. Reduced One Third</p> <p>SILK WAISTS Those pretty India Silk ones. Reduced One Third</p> <p>SKIRTS Pique and Linen Skirts. Half Price</p> <p>HAMMOCKS Not very many left at half price. Half Price</p> <p>CROQUET Choice from the entire lot at Half Price</p>
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