

STRIKE ORDER GIVEN

Shaffer Sends Expected Call to Steel Workers.

IDLE MEN MAY NUMBER 100,000.

Date Fixed For the Shut Down is Aug. 10.—"We Must Fight or Give Up Our Personal Liberties," Says the Call.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 7.—A general strike order from President Shaffer has been mailed to all the vice presidents of the Amalgamated association ordering the men out on Aug. 10 unless there is an adjustment of the differences in the meantime. The strike will affect all the Amalgamated men employed by the National Steel company, Federal Steel company and National Tube company.

Not only are the Federation of Labor men in the mills and furnaces directly involved, but there is an ominous threat that structural steel workers will refuse to handle the corporation steel in building operations.

The text of the call follows: "Brethren, the officials of the United States Steel trust have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striving for the right to organize. The executive board has authorized me to issue a call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join in the movement to fight for labor's rights. We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties."

"You will be told that you have signed contracts, but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel corporation. Its officers think you were sold to them just as the mills were, contracts and all."

"Remember, before you agreed to any contract, you took an obligation to the Amalgamated association. It now calls you to help in this hour of need. Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, Aug. 10, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day."

"Brethren, this is the call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come and help us, and may right come to a just cause."

FRISCO'S LABOR TROUBLES.

The Strike Spreads and There is No Sign of Settlement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The only development of importance in the labor situation so far as the extension of strikes is concerned is the walk out of more than 400 union boxmakers who had been employed at the various box factories of the city. The men assert they were so often urged to sign an agreement which meant their resignation from the union that they decided no longer to brook the menacing attitude of their employers and to join the forces of the idle. Mayor Phelan declares that as far as he is concerned peace negotiations are at an end, he having done all that he could to bring about a conference.

This morning the sand teamsters, some 500 in number, refused to go to work, having been ordered out. This will tend to cripple the building industry of the city, as material cannot be hauled. The building trades council claims that there are only 150 idle union painters and that in a short time the master painters' association will be brought to terms.

The Municipal league officials are hopeful that a conference can yet be arranged, and it has been suggested that Governor Gage be urged to assume the role of mediator. There were the usual daily assaults on nonunion workmen. Two came very near ending seriously.

Exposition Building Burned.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—The exposition building, erected during the boom of 1887 at a cost of over \$200,000, has been destroyed by fire. A boy among the crowd which had gathered to watch a large circus that had pitched its tents across the street set fire in the spirit of mischief to some loose rubbish on the floor. In a moment the flames had leaped beyond control, spreading almost instantly throughout the whole building, which occupied a half block square. No one was injured. The efforts of the firemen were directed to saving the surrounding residence property.

New Plan For Recording Checks.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—A plan for recording checks with a photographic apparatus controlled by electricity has been successfully put into operation here in the National Bank of the Republic. The machine will take pictures of 10,000 checks in an hour. A roll of film 120 feet long is placed in the receiving box, and the checks are put automatically into transparent holders. It is claimed for the instrument that it will perform what it would take nine clerks to do and that there is no opportunity for mistake.

The Pictorial to Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The cue, heretofore closest to the hearts and heads of the Chinese, is soon to disappear. The march of civilization and the Chinese Reform association have accomplished this, for from China an edict has just come from the association that the cues must be dispensed with. Local Chinese who belong to the reformers have been told to cut off their cues and adopt the European style of dress. The Chinese consul general, Ho Yow, looks with disfavor upon the innovation.

Pastor Stricken in His Pulpit.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 5.—The Rev. George E. Hancock, pastor of the West Park Methodist Episcopal church of this place, was stricken with paralysis at the morning service yesterday. He was carried into the rectory and died at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Hancock complained of not feeling well before he went into the pulpit, but attempted to deliver the sermon. He had not spoken more than five minutes when the fatal stroke came.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The New York state building at Buffalo has been dedicated.

The British ship Discovery has sailed from Coves for the antarctic.

The British minister at Peking has declined to sign the settlement protocol. A bill to further restrict immigration is to be presented to congress next session.

The weather bureau reported early corn ruined, but late sown decidedly improved.

The steamer Gera, with Count von Waldsee on board, has arrived off Helgoland.

Scores of medals and honorable mentions were conferred by an art jury at the Pan-American exposition.

American shipyards on both coasts and the great lakes were declared to have orders ahead for a year or more.

Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The summer theater at Richfield Springs was burned.

A strong wind prevented the attempt of Santos-Dumont to sail his flying machine.

A daughter of Governor Jones of Alabama was killed by a street car at Montgomery.

Andrew Carnegie is to give San Juan, Porto Rico, a library. The city appropriated \$6,000 a year.

The British naval maneuvers were suddenly terminated. Their theoretic outcome is to leave England undefended.

Benjamin Pugh was put to death in Sing Sing prison for murdering John Tegen, a waiter in a Brooklyn restaurant.

It was reported at Louisville that New York men have formed a \$2,000,000 company to develop asphalt lands in Kentucky.

Monday, Aug. 5.

At Burke, N. Y., fire has destroyed Everett Bros.' store and David Everett's dwelling house; loss, \$25,000.

At Elmira the big tannery owned by William T. Sheeley of New York was burned to the ground. Loss, \$30,000.

The next eucharist congress, composed of every parish priest in the United States, has been called to assemble in St. Louis on Oct. 15.

Ninety per cent of the horses in Chicago are now suffering from influenza. The disease is proving fatal in from 3 to 5 cases in every 100.

Fire broke out in the top of the Grand Trunk railway's elevator at Chicago at Fifty-first street and Central avenue. Damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused before the flames were brought under control.

The Mexican Lloyd Trading and Transport company has obtained a concession from the federal government to run a line of steamers from Baltimore and other American ports to Mexican gulf ports, making two complete monthly round trips. The steamers are permitted to do both foreign and coasting trade.

Saturday, Aug. 3.

Manti, Utah, was damaged by flood. American jockeys won races at Goodwood meeting, England.

A British torpedo boat was sunk off the island of Alderney.

The Chicago health board seized milk treated with formalin.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua advocated the Monroe doctrine.

The Venezuela government reported defeat of rebels at San Cristobal.

New corundum mines found in this country are reported to be under development.

A committee of G. A. R. men asked President McKinley to attend the Cleveland encampment next month.

The attendance at the Pan-American exposition for the first three months, ending July 31, is put at 2,724,000.

Friday, Aug. 2.

A Boer commando entered Portuguese territory at Guanetz.

Colorado celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its admission into the Union.

A London authority declared war to be less fatal with modern weapons than before.

Embassador Cambon made complimentary allusion in Paris to President McKinley.

The steamer Charles D. Lane, Nome to Seattle, has been wrecked. Passengers and crew were saved.

Seven men suspected of being concerned in the Baltimore and Ohio train robbery near Chicago were arrested.

Thursday, Aug. 1.

Fourteen conspirators against the sultan of Turkey were exiled.

The British antarctic ship Discovery left the Thames for the Solent.

The Midway at the Pan-American exposition is to be closed Sundays.

Vice President Roosevelt stopped in Chicago on route to Colorado Springs.

A treaty with Denmark is said to be under way in Washington for the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

Albanians were said to be in desperate straits because of Turkish outrages. Foreign ministers protested to Turkey.

Iowa Republicans to Name Cummins.

CECIL RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 7.—It appears to be practically settled that the Republican state convention which is in session here will nominate Albert B. Cummins for governor. A combination against Cummins had been formed by the adherents of the other candidates, Messrs. Harriman, Herriott, Trewin and Conger, with the intention of combining their forces after the first ballot and stamping the convention for one of Cummins' opponents. The combination was broken by a large number of the Herriott delegates who abandoned their candidate and announced their intention to vote for Cummins.

Roosevelt Goes Hunting.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 6.—Vice President Theodore Roosevelt has left here for a three days' coyote chase in the vicinity of Fountain, 18 miles south of this city. He was accompanied by R. B. Stewart of this city, Alfred Cowles of New York, a brother-in-law of Mr. Stewart; Lieutenant H. Devereaux, a trooper of Roosevelt's old regiment; John Goff, who piloted the vice president during his hunting expedition in Colorado last winter, and Joe Kenyon, who will act as guide during this trip.

Western Bank's Big Dividend.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—The Indiana National bank has declared a dividend of \$700,000, or 23 1/3 per cent. Of this \$450,000 was declared out of surplus and \$250,000 out of undivided profits. The capital stock was increased from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000.

A BIG HAUL OF GOLD

Over Half a Ton of Bullion Stolen From a Smelter.

THE PLUNDER VALUED AT \$280,000.

Thieves Dug a Tunnel From the Shore of San Francisco Bay and Entered Vanits From Beneath the Floor—No Clev.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The Selby Smelting and Lead works at Vallejo has been robbed of \$280,000 in gold bullion. The thieves tunneled from the bay and carried off the plunder in boats.

The facts of the robbery were discovered by the finding of a bar of bullion dropped by the thieves on their way to the water. The whole route which they took had been marked by red pepper that had evidently been dropped with the intention to prevent the tracing of their course by dogs. The robbery had evidently been long planned, and considerable time had been occupied in its execution.

The thieves obtained access to the vault where the bullion was stored by tunnelling from a railroad tunnel through about 150 feet of clay. Arrived at their destination, they proceeded with their work without interruption, for, although the works were in full blast and the plant was lighted by electricity, the vault lay in darkness and had been approached from below and out of sight.

Many men must have been engaged in the transportation of the plunder to the boats, as the bullion stolen weighed about half a ton in the aggregate. All was in gold bars and numbered, some of it being of fineness requisite for shipment to the mint in this city. The loss falls on the Selby Smelting works and is the first of the kind in its long history.

The police at all the bay cities were immediately notified of the crime, but all they could discover was a few of the tools that the robbers had used.

The Selby Smelting and Lead company is the largest concern of its kind on the Pacific coast. Ores are sent from all over the western country to be smelted and refined, and the gold is then turned over to the mint. A steamer makes special trips between the smelter and San Francisco, carrying the refined gold. Yesterday morning when the workmen entered the vault to prepare the gold for loading on the steamer the robbery was discovered. The thieves had taken the precaution of fastening the door of the vault from the inside so that it would be difficult to open from the outside in case they were interrupted in their work.

Preparatory engineering extending over several weeks probably was done before the robbery could be accomplished. Close to the wall of the building in which the vault is located a shaft was sunk below the foundation. Then a tunnel was run to the vault and holes were bored in the iron floor until an aperture sufficiently large to admit a man was made. It was then easy work to pass the treasure down into the tunnel and load it into a boat.

There were four fine gold bricks in the vault which the robbers looted. Each was 10 inches long, 5 inches wide and 4 inches in height. They were all stamped with number, weight and fineness. All the bricks were 368 fine and worth \$20.00 per ounce.

In addition to this there was stolen from the bullion vault crude gold in all shapes and sizes and some of it in bars of different lengths.

Woman to Govern Lawton.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 6.—The town of Lawton is to be run by a woman. To Miss Mattie Helen Beals has been tendered the place of city marshal, and she says she will in all probability accept the office. The appointment of Miss Beals came about as the result of a misunderstanding between "Bat" Carr, the present city marshal, and some of the citizens. Carr was determined that Lawton should be run on "wide open" principles—that is, that to all saloons and gambling houses should be allowed full swing. Some of the citizens who hoped to make a peaceable place out of Lawton objected to this, and as a result Mr. Carr took several shots at them on Sunday night. Miss Beals, who is now at work building some small houses on her farm adjoining the town site, was called on by a delegation of citizens and asked to become mayor of the town. She is not really eligible to hold the office because of the fact that she has not resided in Oklahoma six months, but she was asked to serve as city marshal and mayor until the town was redeemed from its present troubles.

Claim Valued at \$50,000.

FORT SILL, O. T., Aug. 7.—John Wood of Weatherford, O. T., who drew No. 1 in the Lawton land district, created a sensation at the land office when filing for his claim he chose 100 acres running the entire length of the town site on the south. According to the government plan the two most valuable sections in the whole reservation were made to adjoin the town site on the south. Miss Mattie Beals, the Wichita (Kan.) telephone girl who had drawn No. 2 from the wheel, had counted on selecting one of these, but when Wood made the selection noted she had to content herself with a tract south of Wood's and two sections away from the town site. Wood's claim is valued at \$50,000.

The Colombian Revolution.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—A Dias Guzman, agent in this country of the Colombian revolutionists, has received news of a bloody battle which occurred between the government troops and the rebels at Palo Negro. After hard fighting lasting 17 days, he says, the insurgents were compelled to withdraw, their ammunition being exhausted. The steamer Philadelphia is here from Venezuela, bringing a good budget of war news to Agent Guerra. Since the war started in October 4,000 men, he declares, have been killed and wounded.

Relief Rolls Still Large in India.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, governor general of India, telegraphs that the total rainfall in the inland districts is only half the normal fall, but that the crop prospects are fair. Prices have already fallen in a few districts. The total number of persons on the relief rolls is 552,000.

A Lofly Balloon Ascension.

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—Dr. Suring of the Royal Meteorological institute made a royal ascension Wednesday afternoon, attaining an altitude of 10,300 meters (33,800 feet), thus beating the previous record of 9,150 meters.

KAISER'S MOTHER DEAD.

Empress Frederick, Victoria's Eldest Daughter, No More.

CRONBERG, Aug. 6.—Empress Frederick died at 6:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Emperor William, Empress Augusta Victoria and the Crown Prince Frederick William arrived at Cronberg in the morning. They drove from Homburg at 3:15 o'clock to Friedrichshof. The emperor saw his mother at once.

The Empress Frederick was Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Victoria Adelaide Mary Louise. She was born in 1810 and at 18 married Prince Frederick of Prussia, who two years later, on the accession of his father to the throne, became crown prince. They were singularly well matched and manifestly lived together in happiness until his death. The crown princess was never very popular, however, with the German people. In the first place, she was a clever woman, a woman of much more than the average ability, and it was clear from the first that some of those in authority looked upon her with suspicion and not wholly without fear. As crown princess her influence was necessarily indirect and restricted, but it was well known that she had radical notions of her own on political, social and economic questions and ambition and energy enough to carry them out in the way of reforms should it ever be in her power to do so. Add to this a certain latent dislike of things English on the part of the German people, and a certain lack of fine adaptability—tact, in short—on the part of the distinguished lady herself and the hostility of the multitude toward die Englanderica is not hard to understand.

It is said that the immediate cause of death was dropsy accompanying the cancer. The remarkable vitality of the empress dwangor astonished her physicians. She retained consciousness to the end. The castle grounds are now surrounded by soldiers and patrolled by hussars and mounted police.

BISHOP LITTLEJOHN'S DEATH.

Head of Diocese of Long Island Expires Suddenly in Massachusetts.

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The remains of the Right Rev. Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D. D., LL. D., bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Long Island, who died suddenly at noon Saturday at the Grosvenor hotel in Williams-town, Mass., where he was passing his vacation, have arrived at his home here. The cause of his death was apoplexy.

Bishop Littlejohn was born in Florida, Montgomery county, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1824. In 1845 he was graduated from Union college, and on March 19, 1848, he was ordained deacon in St. Peter's church, Auburn. He then took charge of St. Ann's church, Amsterdam.

In 1869 Dr. Littlejohn was called to the rectorship of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Clinton and Montague streets, Brooklyn. He was the second rector of the church, succeeding the Rev. Dr. William H. Lewis. During Dr. Littlejohn's rectorship the beautiful spire of the church was completed. In 1868 he could have been bishop of central New York, but declined the office. The following year, however, he resigned his rectorship to become bishop of Long Island. He was consecrated in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Jan. 27, 1869, by Bishop Potter.

HOWISON CHOSEN.

Schley Court of Inquiry Completed by His Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The court of inquiry to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley in the war with Spain was completed by the appointment of Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison as the third member, to succeed Rear Admiral Kimberly, who was relieved.

Rear Admiral Howison's name was one of the several submitted to the navy department by Captain Parker, associate counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, as acceptable to Rear Admiral Schley. Rear Admiral Howison is now at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and has notified the navy department that he will be able to serve. He also avers that he has not at any time expressed himself in regard to the controversy.

Wants to Attend Rennton.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 7.—Ben de Lamos, a United States prisoner from Alabama in the Ohio penitentiary here, is preparing an unique request to the United States authorities. He offers to give bond in \$100,000 if permitted to attend the G. A. R. encampment at Cleveland. He says he has never missed one. De Lamos was sentenced for a technical violation of the pension laws. He is the man who slept in the speaker's chair in the Alabama house as a tramp and within two years was elected as a member, and afterward filled the chair as speaker.

Patent Medicine Man Dead.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Dr. David Kennedy, a manufacturer of proprietary medicines in this city, dropped dead here while addressing a taxpayers' meeting. Apoplexy was the cause of death. He was about 65 years old, a prominent Democrat and a former mayor of Kingston.

Typhoon at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6.—A heavy typhoon has been raging here for four days. There has been much damage to shipping, and communication is interrupted in many directions. No loss of life has as yet been reported.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Slow, but steadily held on the top grades; Minnesota patents, \$2.75; extra, \$2.75; winter patents, \$3.50; 1.80.

WHEAT—Opened firm on covering and foreign weakness and unloading; September, 75 1/2; October, 76 1/2; December, 77 1/2.

EYE—State, 55 1/2; c. l. f. New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 61. f. o. b. 61.00.

CORN—Developed weakness under realizing, the drop in wheat and improved crop news; September, 60 1/2; October, 61 1/2; December, 62 1/2.

CATS—Inactive and easier with corn; track, white, state, 40 1/2; track, white, western, 40 1/2.

POULTRY—Dull; mess, \$15.50; 15.50; family, \$16.50.

BUTTER—Steady; state dairy, 14 1/2; creamery, 16 1/2.

CHEESE—Weak; fancy, large, colored, 14c; fancy, large, white, 14c; fancy, small, colored, 14c; fancy, small, white, 14c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 16 1/2; western, candied, 12 1/2.

STAPLE—Fair; quiet; fair; refining, 1 1/2; centrifugal, 20 test, 5 1/2; refined quiet; crushed, 5 1/2; powdered, 5 1/2.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, 35 1/2.

RICE—Firm; domestic, 4 1/2; country, 4 1/2.

Wool—Steady; shipping, 75 1/2; good to choice, 90 1/2.

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