

# THE BIG STEEL TRUST

## May Soon Be at War With Half a Million Strikers.

### THE CONTEST AT MCKEESPORT

It is said to be but the preliminary skirmish in a battle for recognition which the Amalgamated Association will wage.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The strikers at the Wood plant of the American Steel company, at McKeesport, secured accessions to their ranks yesterday by the 125 men in the knobling department joining them. This leaves only the steel mill and the hammer departments at work, and they will continue in operation until the work now in progress is finished, when the shutdown will be complete.

The officials of the company stated yesterday that applications for employment were coming in rapidly. It was stated that 73 applications were received Monday, but the applicants were informed that no definite answer would be given them for several days.

An official very close to the management of the company said today that it is the intention of the company to close down the McKeesport plant for an indefinite period. The present is not an opportune time for a labor contention, owing to the transitory state of the company's future policy, caused by its absorption by the United States Steel corporation.

It was further stated that the non-union plants of the company were producing 45 per cent of the tonnage of the combination, and that no serious inconvenience would result to the trade by the suspension of the union steel mills.

President T. J. Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, stated today that the workers were driven to the stand they have taken by not one, but many acts of bad faith on the part of the Sheet Steel company. He said: "The affair in McKeesport is not the only trouble existing between the American Sheet Steel company and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. At the last general conference, when the scale was signed for this year, we tried to secure the signing of the scale for all the mills they control, and pointed out to them that if they refused to sign for all great losses would be entailed and trouble ensue upon our attempt to organize non-union mills."

President Shaffer, at a meeting of the national advisory board of the Amalgamated Association today, urged the immediate closing of all plants of the American Steel company in the country, and the question is now being discussed. If the general strike is ordered it will involve 500,000 workmen.

Secretary Jarrett, in charge of the labor bureau of the company, was present at this meeting to present the company's side of the matter and use every endeavor to avert a general strike. If the statement credited to the company that the McKeesport plant will be closed indefinitely rather than recognize the union is adhered to President Shaffer's attitude will demand that the entire strength of the Amalgamated Association be pitted against the sheet company as a whole. It is not known whether Mr. Jarrett made any pledges on behalf of the company.

The fate of the Amalgamated Association practically rests on the outcome of this conflict, for which the labor officials have been preparing. The Wood plant has been non-union for 20 years, and on account of this was selected as the first battle ground. With the launching of the big steel trust the Amalgamated officials took every means to strengthen their position, and at present the organization is stronger numerically and financially than for many years. While pursuing this policy the trouble at McKeesport was precipitated. The work of organization at the McKeesport department continues, and large accessions to the ranks of the organized workers have been made in the past few days and continue.

#### Death of Bishop Esher.

Chicago, April 17.—Bishop John J. Esher, after a protracted illness, died in this city yesterday, aged 78 years. Bishop Esher was the senior bishop of the Evangelical church, having continuously occupied the episcopal office since 1863. He served in the active ministry since 1845, and was the oldest minister in active service in his church. He was born in the province of Alsace in 1823, coming to America when 9 years old. The bishop is survived by a widow, one son and two married daughters.

#### The Carnegie Company Transferred.

Pittsburg, April 17.—A meeting of the directors of the Carnegie company was held here yesterday afternoon for the purpose of formally transferring the great Pittsburg company over to the United States Steel corporation. The most important action taken at the meeting was the election of William Ellis Corey as president of the local concern, to succeed President Schwab.

#### West Point's Oldest Graduate Dead.

New York, April 17.—Maj. Joseph Smith Bryce, the oldest graduate of West Point, died yesterday, aged 93. He was born at Georgetown, D. C., Sept. 21, 1808, and was graduated at West Point in 1820, and one of his classmates being Gen. Robert E. Lee. He served throughout the civil war on the staffs of Gen. Wadsworth and Barnard. He retired from the army and practiced law.

## A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, April 11.

W. B. Carrow, who suicided in Indianapolis, left this message: "Tell Carrie Nation that rum and cigarettes are a damnation."

Mrs. P. D. Armour and J. Ogden Armour, widow and son of the late P. D. Armour, have given \$1,000,000 more to Chicago's Armour Institute.

Mrs. Helen Potts Hall, alleging that she was the adopted daughter of the late G. F. Gilman, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company millionaire, brings suit for her share of his estate.

Friday, April 12.

The movement to erect a monument to Gen. Harrison in Indianapolis is being pushed.

Work in Indiana's block coal districts, where over 3,000 union miners are on strike, is at a standstill.

Citizens of Bradford, Pa., failing to secure an injunction against a proposed pest house, burned the building.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French premier, has recovered sufficiently to allow him to leave Paris, and he started last evening for Antibes.

Sir Thomas Lipton has given up the idea of bringing Shamrock I across the Atlantic as a racing partner for the Shamrock II for preliminary trials in American waters.

Saturday, April 13.

The Northern Pacific railroad will this season expend \$10,250,000 on betterments.

Apostle George Q. Cannon, of the Mormon church, died at Monterey, Cal., aged 75.

In a fight with a burglar in Pittsburg Detective P. E. Fitzgerald was killed and the burglar wounded.

Jerome S. France, a clerk in the Philadelphia postoffice, is under arrest on a charge of stealing money letters.

Walter H. Chamberlain, of Chicago, tendered his resignation as United States assistant commissioner of patents, to take effect May 1.

The department of the interior at Washington is receiving a large number of requests for vaccine, for use in treating black leg among cattle.

Sunday, April 15.

Representatives of 21 labor unions in New York have started an independent labor party.

Ambassador Fava, for 21 years Italy's representative at Washington, is to retire at his own request.

Alice Kline, 17 years old, of Easton, Pa., swallowed poison and died because she was crossed in love.

The Korean government has promulgated a law enforcing the penalty of death for opium smoking.

Wilhelmina, the young queen of Holland, is expecting an heir this fall, and has stopped taking her customary drives.

At a meeting yesterday of the dock laborers of Genoa, Italy, a general strike was decided upon. This will have the effect of delaying many steamers.

Tuesday, April 16.

The secretary of the treasury yesterday purchased \$1,600,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at \$113.55.

Mgr. James McMahon, the well known prelate, died at the Catholic university in Washington, aged 84.

The daughter of Governor Nash, of Ohio, will name the battleship Ohio, to be launched at San Francisco May 18.

Gen. A. C. McClurg, head of the publishing house of A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, died yesterday at St. Augustine, Fla.

The Arkansas senate passed a bill making it necessary to secure a license, at \$5 a year, before drinking intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

At Milwaukee Judge Elliott, in the circuit court, decided that Christian scientists are not liable to prosecution under the Wisconsin medical law.

The Colombian government has decided to sell the exclusive right to work the pearl and coral fisheries on Pearl Island, 50 miles south of Panama, to the highest bidder for a term of 15 years.

Wednesday, April 17.

The German labor market does not improve. There were 122 applicants for every 100 vacancies last month.

At Mason City, Ia., Mrs. H. B. Ture shot and killed her husband yesterday and then committed suicide. It is thought she was insane.

Secretary Wilson has decided to send out an expert—Prof. Knapp, of Louisiana—to investigate the rice growing countries of the world.

Mrs. William R. Day, wife of Federal Judge Day, former secretary of state, who recently suffered a paralytic stroke at Canton, O., is greatly improved.

#### GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, April 16.—Flour firm; winter superfine, \$1.95; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.05; city mill, extra, \$2.45; Rye flour steady at \$2.50 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot, 77 1/2¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 74 1/2¢; Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 33 1/2¢; lower grades, 29 1/2¢. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$17.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, \$19.15; Pork easy; family, \$16.15. Lard easy; western steamed, \$5.65. Live poultry quoted at 19 1/2¢ for hens, 20 1/2¢ for spring chickens and 11 1/2¢ for ducks. Dressed poultry at 10 1/2¢ for choice fowls, 7 1/2¢ for old roosters, 2 1/2¢ for nearby broilers, 19 1/2¢ for frozen chickens and 19 1/2¢ for frozen turkeys. Butter steady; fresh creamery, 16 1/2¢; factory, 15 1/2¢. New York dairy, 15 1/2¢. Fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 24 1/2¢; do. extra, 23. Cheese steady; fancy large, colored, 11 1/2¢; do. do. white, 10 1/2¢; fancy small, colored, 13 1/2¢; do. do. white, 11 1/2¢. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 14 1/2¢; southern, 14 1/2¢; western, storage, 14 1/2¢; western, regular packed, 14 1/2¢. Potatoes steady; Jersey, 60¢; N. J., 57 1/2¢; Jersey, \$1.25; Havana, 35¢; Jersey sweets, \$1.00; Cabbages quiet, but steady; New York, \$12.00.

## MANY ILLEGAL DIVORCES

### Supreme Court Declares North Dakota Decrees Invalid.

#### LESS THAN TEN PER CENT LEGAL.

As Many of the Couples Have Since Remarried, the Decision Affects the Legitimacy of Many Children—Unscrupulous Lawyers Responsible.

Fargo, N. D., April 17.—As a result of the United States supreme court decision declaring invalid divorces granted in this state in which residence was not banished, there came a flood of telegrams today from those likely to be affected. It is believed that, owing to the practice of rushing home immediately after decrees were granted, less than 10 per cent of the divorces allowed during the recent divorce period would be found valid if contested. But of those secured a large percentage were agreed cases, where appearance was made by both parties. Comparatively few had bitter contests and only in these can the question of residence be raised. Many of the latter class, however, included distinguished easterners and foreigners. A majority of these have remarried, and the decision of the court not only affects their present status, but the legitimacy of many children born subsequently to second marriages.

This makes the court's finding far reaching and creates great anxiety. Applicants for divorces have always been warned against abandoning their residences so hurriedly, but much of the trouble has been caused by divorce bureaus, operated by unscrupulous local attorneys, with branch offices in the east. A majority of the victims have been from New York, although New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the New England states are well represented. Notwithstanding that 12 months' residence is now required, there are a number of applicants here at present.

#### MASCARDO CANNOT ESCAPE.

### The Insurgent General's Chief of Staff Has Surrendered.

Manila, April 17.—The chief of staff of the insurgent general Mascardo has surrendered at the town of Marivales, in Bataan province, Luzon. He said that Mascardo's band of followers, now greatly diminished, are in a bad way. It is impossible for them to elude the Americans, they are unable to obtain food and want to surrender. It is expected that Gen. Mascardo himself will surrender shortly.

A civilian name Fletcher, accused of unlawful conversion of commissary stores, will be tried by the provost court today.

Speaking of the commissary scandals, a prominent army officer said to a press representative that he had every reason to believe that Col. Woodruff, head of the subsistence department at Manila, was not implicated.

He said that Col. Woodruff was ignorant of the fact that Harold M. Pitt, manager of Evans & Co., the army contractors, was leasing him the house in which he lived for much less rental than Pitt had paid therefor. Upon discovering this Col. Woodruff immediately vacated the house. Pitt is alleged to have said that Capt. Read, of the commissary department, deceived Col. Woodruff, who thought Capt. Read to be thoroughly honest. The irregularities in commissary matters were first attributed to Capt. Read's unfamiliarity with commissary work.

#### An Anti-Union Labor Combine.

Newport, Ky., April 17.—A notice was posted yesterday on the doors of the factory of the Wadsworth Watch Case company, where a strike has been in progress, that hereafter no union labor would be employed by that concern. An additional notice stated that the same stringent action had been taken by the following leading companies of the country manufacturing watch cases: The Keystone company of Philadelphia, the Fahig of San Harbor and the Crescent of Newark. Notice was given that the companies had formed a combine against the employment of union labor.

#### The "Hat Trimmings" Cases Settled.

Philadelphia, April 15.—The Record says: The famous "hat trimming" cases, involving about \$20,000,000, and which since 1884 have been the subject of bitter legal battle between the government and a number of importers, have at last been settled. It is stated on high authority that a compromise has been effected through which the merchants interested will receive about \$4,000,000 from the United States treasury in full settlement for the much larger amount they claim to have been forced to pay in excess of legal duties.

#### Death of a Noted Educator.

Baltimore, April 17.—Prof. Henry A. Rowland, of the Johns Hopkins university, died suddenly at his home in this city yesterday morning, aged 62. The cause of his death is general breakdown of his system. Although the professor had been in ill health for several months, it was not until a few days ago that his symptoms became at all alarming, and his death was entirely unexpected.

#### On For the North Pole.

Montreal, April 17.—Capt. Hanbury, the well known English explorer, has left here for Edmonton by way of Winnipeg on a private tour of exploration in the direction of the North Pole. He will travel by means of boats and sledges. He was to have started some months ago, but the sudden death of his father called him back to England.

## ROCKWELL'S RECOMMENDATION

### Regarding Court Ceremonial in China Adopted by the Powers.

London, April 17.—Dr. Morrison, writing to The Times from Peking yesterday, says:

"At the meeting of the ministers of the powers today it was decided to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Rockwell, giving effect to article 12 of the joint note concerning the reform of tsung-li-yamen and the modification of the court ceremonial. It is to consist of a president, who shall be an imperial prince, and of two ministers, one being the president of a board and the other a member of the grand council, with direct access to the emperor. There will also be two vice ministers having knowledge of foreign affairs, one of them speaking a foreign language.

"With regard to court ceremonial the ministers of the powers, when about to be received in audience, will be conveyed in imperial chairs to the palace through the central gateways, and be received in the halls where the emperor is accustomed to entertain the imperial princes, and they will be shown honor equal to that shown by European sovereigns to foreign ambassadors."

#### A Veteran Soldier's Windfall.

Dayton, O., April 17.—Henry H. Hawthorne, one of the invalid soldiers in the Soldiers' Home here, has just received notice that he has been made the beneficiary to the amount of from \$200,000 to \$500,000, left him by a woman out of gratitude for having saved her life many years ago. The woman is Mrs. Josephine Fairfax, who recently died in the south of France. While bathing at Kent, England, he saw a woman and her son in a boat, which capsized. Hawthorne, being an expert swimmer, succeeded in rescuing the woman, but the son was drowned. A few years ago he met Mrs. Fairfax in England and refused a reward which she urged him to take.

#### Lackawanna Switchmen on Strike.

Scranton, Pa., April 17.—About 100 switchmen employed in the Lackawanna railroad yard in this city quit work yesterday because two of their humber, Michael Herrity and Patrick Toomey were discharged. Yardmaster B. E. Knowles dismissed the two men and placed two men from Hoboken in their positions. When John Murray refused to instruct the men he was discharged. Superintendent Clarke states that the men will not be reinstated, and that the question of their membership in the brotherhood did not enter into the case at all. There is talk of calling out the switchmen on the whole system from Hoboken to Buffalo.

#### Fell Eighty Feet to Death.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 17.—A derrick car and a gondola toppled over a bridge over Eighteen Mile creek, 18 miles from Buffalo, on the Nickel Plate railroad, yesterday afternoon. Six men went with them to the rocky bed 80 feet below. Two were so badly injured that they died within half an hour after the accident. Four others were brought to the Emergency hospital, in this city, where the surgeons said it was doubtful if two of them would live. The dead men are William Dohlgreen, aged 41, and Nicholas Wagner, 38. Wesley Eddy, 34, and A. L. Cameron, 41, may die.

#### Killed His Bride of Four Months.

El Paso, Tex., April 17.—A tragedy shocking and mysterious was enacted in Juarez, Mexico, Monday night, when Andres Garcia sent a bullet crashing through the head of his young bride and then blew out his own brains. A fit of unreasonable jealousy was probably the cause of the act. Andres Garcia and Miss Anita Terras were married in Chihuahua four months ago. Both belonged to the first families of Mexico and were popular. The young couple went to Juarez to visit friends, and were being entertained at a ball when the tragedy was enacted.

#### Minister Loomis Home Again.

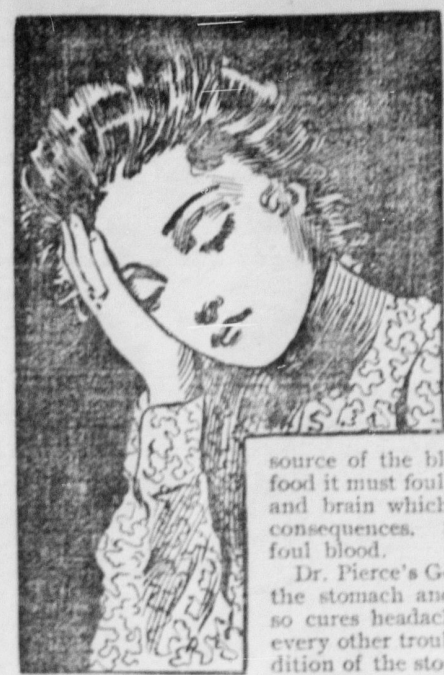
New York, April 17.—Hon. F. B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, is a passenger on the Red "D" line steamer Caracas, which arrived last night from San Juan. When asked if he intended to return to Venezuela he said that he did not know, as he had not given the matter a thought. Mr. Loomis said it was untrue that he had expressed himself regarding President Castro's attitude toward Americans, nor had he said anything about Gen. Andrade.

#### To Arrest Indian Agitators.

Muskogee, I. T., April 17.—United States Marshal Bennett has issued instructions to his deputies to arrest Lah Tah Micco and Chitto Harjo, alias Crazy Snake, wherever found. Sufficient information has been received by the court officials here to convince them that these two leaders of the Snake band are again at work advising their people to continue to oppose the policy of the government regarding their tribal affairs.

#### Senator Magee's Successor.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The result of the special election held yesterday to elect a successor to the late C. L. Magee, as senator from the Forty-third district, resulted in the election of W. A. Magee, Jr., by a plurality of nearly 3 to 1. J. E. Kane, Democrat, and J. K. King, Independent Democrat, were his opponents. Mr. Magee, who is a nephew of the late senator, will go to Harrisburg at once and qualify.



## School Teacher's Headache.

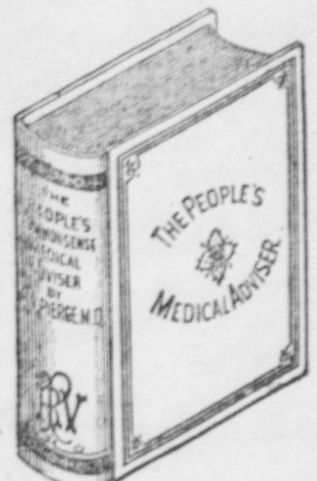
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