

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 30, 1897.

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STRIKERS AT OAK HILL

They Gather en Masse to Induce DeArmitt's Men to Come Out.

TRY TO INTERCEPT THEM

They Compel DeArmitt's Men to Run the Gauntlet.

Deputy Sheriffs Fire a Few Shots. No Fire in Return--Debs Advises Orders--The Strikers Hope Wandering--Result of the Wheeling Conference Disappointing.

Pittsburg, July 29.--The general strike situation is less encouraging from the miners standpoint than it was a week ago. Breaks in the ranks of the river men and a general feeling of discouragement over the West Virginia situation have combined to curtail enthusiasm in a remarkable degree. One prime factor in bringing back this condition of affairs is thought to be the inaction of the Wheeling convention in devising ways to stop coal shipments from the disputed territory. On all sides the conference was confidently looked upon by the strikers as presenting a speedy solution of the West Virginia problem and a means of making the tie-up general. The issuance of long resolutions instead was a disappointment.

Oak Hill in the vicinity of the Turtle Creek, Plum Creek and Sandy Creek DeArmitt mines was invaded after midnight by an army of strikers who came to attend the great mass meeting near the mines. It is estimated that about 1,500 strikers assembled at the three brass bands, with flags and banners flying, marched past the houses occupied by DeArmitt's miners. The strikers shouted and yelled, and then marched to the mines, where they planted themselves before the pits, thus compelling DeArmitt's men to run the gauntlet to get to work.

A short time later Sheriff Lowry, who had been wired to for assistance, arrived from Pittsburg with fifty deputy sheriffs armed with Winchester. The strikers quickly withdrew, and the new deputy sheriffs proceeded on guard. Everything is quiet now. The mass meeting today promises to be the largest demonstration since the inauguration of the strike. Eugene V. Debs will make the principal speech. Among the other speakers are M. P. Carrick, president of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators; M. J. Counahan, national secretary of the Plumbers' union; and L. R. Thomas, president of the National Pattern Makers.

MINERS KEEP AT WORK. When the strikers reached Plum Creek and started on a run down the road toward the tipples to catch the men before they entered the mine five shots were fired from Winchester by the deputies. In reply to this the drum corps struck up a lively air, but no return shots were fired.

The miners who were hurrying into the pit were overhauled and asked not to go to work. Most of them said they were afraid they would lose their jobs if they stayed away from work to attend the meeting. They decided, after a short parley, to go into the mine. The miners were carrying dinner buckets. As they were leaving the mine the strikers their dinner buckets were taken from them. The frightened miners, without attempting to regain their buckets, ran for the pit and did not stop until they were behind the shelter of the deputies' Winchester. The mine is in full operation. Sandy Creek mine has closed down. About one-third of the Turtle Creek miners went to the meeting.

The strikers used all their powers of persuasion upon the diggers, but none were molested and no threats were made. Previous to the meeting Eugene V. Debs, District President Dolan, Secretary Warner and M. P. Carrick went among the strikers and counseled them to keep their powder dry throughout the day. Their advice was received with good grace by the men, who cheered the officials enthusiastically. The meeting is without doubt the largest ever held during a strike in West-Pennsylvania, and the leaders are hopeful of its effects upon DeArmitt's men. The speakers told the miners that they were jeopardizing the success of the strike by continuing to work and urged them to come out and make the suspension complete throughout the district. Two hundred deputies are now on guard about the mines, but no trouble is apprehended.

A body of 150 strikers marched to Corey's mines near Duquesne for the purpose of inducing the men there to stop work. The raid was unsuccessful.

STRANGE MESSAGE IN LEAF TOBACCO

It Tells of Three Americans in Spanish Prison.

AN APPEAL MADE OVER A YEAR AGO

A Letter Written in April, 1896, Is Discovered in a Package of Tobacco in a Philadelphia Warehouse.

The Message Has Been Forwarded to the State Department.

Philadelphia, July 29.--While unpacking a case of Havana leaf tobacco this afternoon an employee of the firm of Vetterlein Brothers discovered the following letter upon a single sheet of note paper:

Havana, April 4, 1896.--To whom it may concern: There is in Moro a number of American men that were captured in Rio del Pinar. They are not allowed to communicate to any one to apply for relief from United States government. I make this means to notify persons in the states for them. They have papers for honorable discharge from the army in 1895. They give their homes as Germantown, Philadelphia. The men were on a tour of Cook's excursion. Amio Lucis, Havana.

The cargo of tobacco, of which the message-laden case was a part, arrived at this port on the steamer Genoa from Havana, on April 10, 1896. It laid in the bonded warehouse until the latter part of last March when the beginning of the tariff excitement caused a number of tobacco men to take out goods consigned to them.

Since that time the case had been standing in Vetterlein's store unopened. The letter was forwarded to the state department at Washington.

WAR VESSELS FOR ALASKA. The New Gunboat Wheeling Ordered to Sitka.

Washington, July 29.--Secretary Long has issued orders to place the new gunboat Wheeling in commission at the Mare Island Navy yard, Aug. 10, and to have her ready immediately for service. Her officers were today detailed and directed to report on board early in the month. The Wheeling will soon after leave for Sitka, Alaska, where she relieves the Concord, now en route to the station and under orders later to proceed to China. The Wheeling's orders contemplate her stay north until next spring, and in view of the Klondike gold craze the Pinta, now being overhauled at San Francisco, will leave when completed to join her.

Both ships will stay in Alaskan waters during the next cold season, and when the sailing season begins will start south in September one of the revenue cutters may be detached and directed to remain at Sitka. The failure of the government to assign a company of soldiers to Alaska makes it more advisable, the naval officials say, to have a stronger naval force there has heretofore been maintained there.

TRYING SACRIFICE. Aged Husband Offers to Bear the Penalty of Wife's Crime.

New York, July 29.--Poverty of the most pitiable kind drove old Adam Cameron to the Louisa, Va., where he committed a crime. His hunger forced them to steal. His wife acknowledged with shame and contrition. But the love of the old man has not died from their hearts.

The old man tottered into Jefferson market court this afternoon and with a pencil scribbled his checks said to Magistrate Poole:

"Let me take my wife's place. She is in prison charged with stealing. She is not guilty. I will take her place. Let her do it. Let her go and put me in prison." The old man's wife had been held Tuesday afternoon in \$100 for trial, charged with having stolen a bed of the linen valued at \$20 from Martha Stewart, from whom she and her husband rented a furnished room. The magistrate directed the woman from custody and held the old man in her stead.

TOOK POISON FOR SPITE. Mrs. Fortune Wanted to Fight Her Mother, but Killed Herself.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 29.--Mrs. Myrtle Sills, 41, of this city, died this morning of a fatal dose of arsenic. She had administered, although not with suicidal intent, she swallowed a preparation of arsenic in solution of the government photographs, to aggravate her mother who had scolded her for spending money too freely.

Her stepfather, whose death less than a year ago, caused newspaper publicity, left her \$200 life insurance. It was this money she had been spending. She took the arsenic yesterday afternoon, and a supper time told her husband what she had done. Soon afterward she became very ill and physicians were with her for the next three hours. She said she did not intend to kill herself.

MRS. SCHWATKA ON KLONDIKE. Declares That the Mountain Passes Are strewn with Skeletons.

Benton Harbor, Mich., July 29.--The widow of John Schwatka, a well-known explorer, being interviewed here concerning the Klondike gold fields, which country she has repeatedly visited with her husband, declared that the government should stop the tide of immigrants pouring into the gold fields in Alaska. She says that the mountain passes are strewn with the skeletons of unfortunate miners who perished from either cold, heat, malaria or starvation while trying to reach the golden region.

Narrow Escape of Fifty Miners. Shamokin, Pa., July 29.--The fifty men employed at the North Franklin mine had to flee for their lives last night, when a fire broke out in the mine. The fire started in the old rock shaft broke through into their workings. They made their way to the bottom of the slope, through three feet of water, although two big mine pumps were immediately started. The water is still gaining.

Reading Earnings. Philadelphia, July 29.--A statement of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company for June, 1897, compared with the same period of 1896 shows: Net earnings, \$1,212,221; net operating expenses, \$818,239; net profit, \$393,982.

Shot by a Tramp. Holdiysburg, Pa., July 29.--Crawford Black, a huckster, residing at Clayburg, this county, was shot in the head three times by a tramp, who was being given a ride by Black in a lonely part of the woods he drew a revolver, shot Black, wounded the wagon and fled. Black is still unconscious. A woman is scouring Brush mountains for the would-be-murderer.

FORTUNE FOR A POOR MINER.

News of the Inheritance of \$125,000 Comes to His Shanty.

Pennsawtney, Pa., July 29.--James Thomas, a poor miner, has just received from comparative poverty to comparative opulence. As has been the case with many of the bituminous miners in this country, the late war, but this amount was only a drop in the bucket.

The other day while "Jim" was pondering over the bituminous coal among the soft coal miners his little girl ran to him with a letter from the postoffice. The envelope contained both bad news and good. It brought the information that John A. Thompson, his father, had died at Custer City, Pa., two months before, and had left \$125,000 in cash and 700 acres of oil-producing land worth \$100,000 to his only son. "Jim" was the only son.

ENGLAND'S TROUBLES IN THE CHITRAL

The Situation of the Garrison at Malakand Very Serious.

A SECOND ATTACK BY NATIVES

Thirteen of the British, Including Lieut. Castello, Killed--Tribesmen's Ammunition Running Short--Mad Mullah Said to Have Mustered a Force of 40,000.

Bombay, July 29.--The situation at Camp Malakand has become very serious. Word has been received that the natives in large force made a second attack on the fort yesterday. The fighting was very severe. Thirteen of the British were killed and thirty wounded, the latter including Lieutenant Castello. The tribesmen lost 100. The worst feature of the situation now is that the garrison is short of ammunition; and it is feared the whole supply will be exhausted before reinforcements arrive. The government is making the greatest effort to get these through in time.

It is reported that Mad Mullah has mustered at least 40,000 tribesmen. The editor of the newspaper "Val Bala" writes from Poonah, India, that he has been arrested and brought here on the charge of sedition. Seldar Balwantrao Natu and Huropan Ramchandra Natu, who were arrested yesterday on a charge of disloyalty and escorted outside the limits of the Poona collectorate, have been deported, under the act empowering the viceroy to issue a warrant for the arrest and deportation, without trial, of persons known to be engaged in disloyal practices.

MOBILE IS IN A TURMOIL

Three Murders Have Aroused the Population; Business Is Suspended and Lynchings Will Probably Follow.

Mobile, Ala., July 29.--This city is in a turmoil because of the three murders which occurred last night and which have driven the people to the highest pitch of frenzy. Business is practically suspended and the city is in a state of excitement expressed that summary justice should be meted out.

Thomas Jones, 63 years of age, a Confederate veteran, and high respected, was killed by Isaiah Davis (colored) last night. Jones attempted to get the negro out of his house, into which he had broken, and a scuffle followed. The negro picked up a piece of wood and dealt the victim a blow, fracturing his neck and killing him instantly.

The crowd which rapidly assembled was about to lynch Davis when officers rescued him and a meeting was held in the city hall and a determined crowd of men remained outside the jail. Before midnight the crowd broke up and the negro, who had been shot, died in the city, only 75 responded. They lay under arms all night. The prisoner was taken to the recorder this morning and held for murder.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning, Willie Knight, a negro known as the "Red Devil," was shot and killed by another negro named Danziger. As he was being chased by officers, Knight shot and mortally wounded Peter Leary, a white man, who was a resident of the northern part of the city and got him out of the county jail. The negro ran after the shooting, but was intercepted by a telegram and arrested at Hurricane Bayou at 7 o'clock this morning. His captor waited for a special engine which left for Mobile at 10 o'clock, and the officers, they brought the negro to town and eluded the crowd assembled to lynch him by stopping the engine on the outskirts of the city and rushing him through the suburbs to the county jail.

MAKALAND ABANDONED.

Sima, July 29.--The north camp at Makaland was abandoned yesterday afternoon, the troops concentrating on Kotah. The attack began at 8:30 on the previous evening and lasted until daybreak. Desultory fighting continued throughout the day, the tribesmen driving in the pickets, of whom 13 Sepoys were killed and 43 wounded.

The Punjab infantry led by Lieutenant Climo, in a succession of brilliant charges drove back great masses of the tribesmen, killing ninety. The enemy is collecting in large forces and severe fighting is anticipated. Reinforcements have been sent to Dargal.

DEATH AT THE RACES.

Dr. E. F. McLean, One of the Best Known of American Turf Men, Expires at Cleveland.

Cincinnati, O., July 29.--After watching his gallant filly Taluca win the Ohio stakes in the hardest kind of a drive, Dr. E. F. McLean, one of the best known horsemen on the American turf, was attacked with heart disease and died at the track at 10 o'clock this morning. He was sitting alone in the timbers stand when he dropped over, gasping for breath. Medical aid was summoned, but despite the efforts of several physicians, the turfman died just as the bugle sounded calling the horses to the post for the last time. Dr. McLean's death was undoubtedly caused by the exciting finish in the stakes race and the sensational incidents which followed. After Taluca crossed the wire winner by a nose and the jockeys were dismounting, John Huffman, the St. Louis horseman, took advantage of the selling clause in the conditions of the race and began to bid up Taluca. Dr. McLean's horse, Tom Blackburn, McLean's trainer, stood by and protected his filly, and after being bid up to \$2,000, she was bought by Blackburn at that figure. Blackburn at once put in a claim for Rebeccer Mc, Huffman's horse, which finished second to Taluca, and after paying \$300, the amount she was entered for, both animals were led to McLean's stable. During the run up Dr. McLean sat stolidly watching the race. After it was over McLean's friends first noticed that he was ill, and only a short time afterwards he received the fatal attack. Dr. McLean's death caused the last race to be declared off.

For fifteen years or more Mr. McLean has raced horses and the public always had the greatest of confidence in his stable. Mr. McLean was 55 years of age and leaves a widow and family.

WRECK ON THE BIG FOUR.

Engineer Killed and a Trainman Fatally Injured.

COL. CLARKE RESIGNS.

No Longer Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' School at Scotland.

Harrisburg, July 29.--Colonel J. M. Clarke has tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan Industrial school at Scotland which has been accepted to take effect from September 1 with leave of absence from August 10 in order to attend to private business. Colonel J. Frank Magee, of Wrightsville, who has been in the employ of the commission for a number of years as inspector of the schools, has been detailed to take charge of the Scotland school on Professor Clarke's retirement. General Gobin and Captain Skinner, who were at Scotland today, agree in the statements that the reports of the troubles there have been very much magnified and that Professor Clarke in his retirement from the work in which he has been engaged for so many years carries with him the utmost good will and esteem of the commission.

Professor Clarke, who has large business interests in the northern part of the state, says that there has been no want of friendliness on his part towards the members of the commission; that he retires simply because his private interests are long neglected nor demand his attention and that he has always maintained the deepest interest in the welfare of the schools and all connected therewith.

MEETING OF THE FAITHFUL.

State Democratic Chairman Garman Will Arrange for the Convention.

Harrisburg, July 29.--Chauncey F. Back, of York; James Kerr, of Clearfield, and E. E. Keener, of Berks, are the members of the State Democratic committee today, but he did not come. He will probably be here tomorrow. The purpose of the conference is to arrange for a meeting of the executive committee of the state Democratic society which a member of the legislature is entitled to ratify the nominations of the Democratic state convention at Reading.

THE PRESIDENT AT PLATTSBURG

He is Delighted with the Magnificent Lake and Mountain Scenery--A Few Callers Yesterday.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., July 29.--The president and Mrs. McKinley occupy a suite of rooms at the Hotel Champlain, southwest corner of the Hotel Champlain annex, connected with the main building by corridors. The rooms are the finest in the house and are furnished in the most tasteful and furnished in elegant style and taste. The president is delighted with the magnificent scenery of the lake and mountains. Mr. McKinley is a good traveler and suffered no material fatigue on the journey. The president has appeared in public only once today, coming to the hotel lobby for a short time and visiting the weighing machine, where he tipped the scales at 191 pounds.

The president had a few callers today. General Peck, adjutant general of Vermont and wife, General Guy V. Henry, commandant at Fort Ethan Allen and wife and Hon. LeGrand B. Cannon, all of Burlington, arrived in the morning and were received by the president. General Peck came representing the governor and people of the state of Vermont with handsome offerings of flowers for the ladies of the presidential party. Mrs. McKinley was delighted by a lovely bouquet of orchids. Mrs. Alice received two American beauty roses and Mrs. Porter pink carnations. Before they left General Peck and Mr. Cannon had extracted a promise from Mr. Porter that the president would visit Burlington next Wednesday and review the cavalry troops at Fort Ethan Allen and later attend a reception in his honor at the home of Mr. Cannon. The only other plans so far made by the president are a review of the Twenty-first regiment, United States infantry, and a reception by the officers at Plattsburgh. Then some time next week, a trip by steamer to Lake Champlain. The president and Mrs. McKinley will be here more or less during August and there will be informal cabinet meetings as occasion requires.

The president is expected here next week. Bills appropriating \$2,000 for the pay of certain members of the Shaffer-Leh committee except for the compensation of Chairman Hosack of Pittsburg, and Senator Critchfield, of Somerset, and the bills of the Hotel Duquesne, Pittsburg, and Attorney James Francis Burke of Altoona. He disapproves the individual expenses of the members of the anthracite and bituminous investigating committees the insurance scandal and penitentiary committees and the election committees in investigating the Shaffer-Leh contest from Northampton county and the Saunders-Roberts contest from the Third Philadelphia district. The various bills in favor of Sergeant-at-Arms Wyatt, of the house, for services on the elections and investigating committees and stenographers for service to legislative committees the fees and mileage of witnesses and the fees and mileage of the sergeant-at-arms in performing service for committees. 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