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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 16, 1901.

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STEEL STRIKE SITUATION

Reports Received Indicate That the Order to Stop Work Was Generally Obedied.

MONESSEN MILL RUNNING

Number of Men on Strike Is Placed at 74,000—President Shaffer Has It in His Power to Close All the Pittsburgh Mills, but It Is Not Thought That He Will Do Anything Radical—A Conference of Steel Men Will Be Held to Decide Upon a Plan of Action.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, July 15.—Reports received from all sources connected with the great strike of the steel workers today indicate that the members of the Amalgamated association have matters well in hand and that the strike order was generally obeyed. Telegrams from various points where the mills of the American Tinplate company, the American Sheet Steel company and the American Steel Hoop company are located told of the shutting down of these plants in large numbers. In many cases the plants had been shut down by the first strike order, which affected the sheet steel and the steel hoop companies only. The last order brought out all of the union plants of the American Tinplate company, with the single exception of the new mill in Monessen, which is still running. At the Amalgamated association headquarters it was stated that the figures given out Saturday night regarding the number of men who would be actually idle in the mills of the three companies had been proven correct. This number was placed at 74,000. The strike, although one of the greatest that has been declared in recent years, will affect Pittsburgh but slightly. Despite the fact that this city is, and for years has been, the recognized industrial center of the world, President Shaffer's action in calling the men of the American Sheet Steel, American Tinplate and American Steel Hoop companies out on strike will have but little bearing on the commercial life of Pittsburgh. This is a peculiar fact, but it is nevertheless true.

Of the 74,000 men idle, 2,500 are in Pittsburgh, 8,000 in Allegheny and 1,500 in McKeesport. President Shaffer has it in his power to close many more Pittsburgh mills, but it is not thought that he will do anything of a radical nature until he is compelled to.

Painter's Mill Closed.

The American Steel Hoop company's supposedly non-union mill, known as the Painter mill, in West Carson street, was closed this morning in all its branches. The tie-up at this mill was said to have been a surprise to the mill owners and officials in charge of it. The other plant, known as the Lindsay Mitchell mill, in Allegheny was shut down completely in the puddling and bar mills. All the skilled workmen refused to enter the mill this morning and the company did not even open to the five o'clock. The finishing department of the mill was working during the day, as the men are not in the union, but it is claimed by the workers that the employees in that department will not go to work in the morning.

The American Steel Hoop company's mill at Monessen was not closed today. It has been non-union since it was built, two years ago, and the company says the men there will remain loyal. The Amalgamated people would not discuss the situation in that mill at present.

While all the mills of the United States Steel corporation are included in the general conflict, the three companies are the first attacked. What the next move will be the workers would not say. It is announced tonight that the circular letter, which was expected to be sent out today, calling on the men in the mills of the Federal Steel company, the National Steel company and the National Tube company, to come out, would not be issued at present.

The most interesting report to the Amalgamated men today was the dispatch from New York which said that a conference of manufacturers was held in New York today, at which Warner New York, at the American Tin Plate company was present to present a detailed account of the experiences of the committee that met the Amalgamated association in this city last week.

Will Decide on Peace or War.

It was stated that the question of again extending the olive branch to the strikers or of taking up the fight and crushing the association would be determined. Generally speaking, the workers, from President Shaffer down seem to be looking for some sort of a settlement.

The general officers of the American Steel Hoop company are in this city, but it was stated today that President W. E. Corey, who is also executive head of the National Steel company, had nothing to say concerning the plans of the companies in meeting the difficulties of the strike, nor as to what conditions the mills were in where non-union men had joined the forces of the strikers. The policy of the manufacturers, it is said, is to remain quiet for a time and await developments. The officials of the American Tinplate company are all in New York and the company's side of the trouble was not obtainable here.

company. It was claimed that the men in the old Meadow mill in Scottdale would not go out on strike. The Scottdale Iron and Steel mill is also working and no signs of a strike are visible here. The attempt on the part of the association to attract the forces in the big Vandergriff mills in Vandergriff, Pa., was not regarded seriously, though the company is watching closely all such movements.

When President Shaffer was informed of the granting of the advance to the McKeesport Tube workers he said: "I anticipated such action on the part of the manufacturers and have warned our men to guard against being misled by such dust-throwing methods. The tube men in McKeesport are unorganized and this advance coming with the beginning of the strike of the employees of the three companies with which we are at issue, is an indication that the steel companies are supporting the strength of the Amalgamated association and is trying to thwart its growth and aims by such means as have been adopted in McKeesport. I expect that similar advances will be extending the mill in consideration of the United States corporation that have not been affected by the strike order, in the hope that the workers may refuse to come out should we decide to extend the strike to all the plants of the corporation."

Surprises of Strike.

In addition to the very general, and in many instances rather unexpected, compliance to the strike order, the Amalgamated association tonight has added two more mills to its list, both of which were claimed today by the company to be beyond the reach of organization. When the William Clarke steel company, a trouble of thirty-fifth street, which operated all day non-union, came to shift the turns tonight, none of the skilled men reported for duty and the plant had to close down. Later the following was received concerning the mill in consideration of the manufacturers unexceptionally loyal: "Moenessen is closed, and has been organized by district delegates of the Amalgamated association." The delegates arrived in town this morning and went to work immediately. By 3 o'clock this afternoon they had all the local men in the association, and left this evening for Pittsburgh, after advising the men to stand firm. The men held a meeting and elected officers and named their lodge.

The conquest of these two plants is considered by the association people as an instance of their strength, and an indication that President Shaffer's assertion that surprises would follow the strike order was not all bluff.

Reports from Other Towns.

Following are extracts of reports from nearby towns up to 9 o'clock today: New Philadelphia, O.—Three hundred and fifty employees of the New Philadelphia rolling mill are idle. The Amalgamated Association lodge with two hundred members is resolved to stand by Shaffer. Carnegie, Pa.—No attempt was made to start work at the Carnegie steel works in Carnegie today. The mills are well organized, about two hundred of the employees belonging to the Amalgamated association.

Scottsdale, Pa.—All departments of the Scottsdale steel mill today and there is every indication that they will continue to run for an indefinite period.

Joplin, Mo.—Now that the great strike is on it has developed that considerably more than half of the 12,000 employees of the Cambria Steel company in this city are members of the Amalgamated association. The Cambria mills are non-union and it was believed until today that they would not be affected by the strike. President Shaffer calls on the men here to go out on strike today.

McKeesport, Pa.—There was no excitement in McKeesport today on account of the strike. W. Devereux Wood and the United States Tinplate company were idle today, because a man the strikers obeyed the edict of President Shaffer to strike.

Cumruville, Pa.—The rolling departments of the Cumruville steel mill today and the strikers obeyed the edict of President Shaffer to strike.

Uniontown, O.—The only plant of the United States Steel corporation in this valley in operation tonight is the Ohio plant of the National steel company, non-union, and which is not considered by the Amalgamated association. Men officially went on a strike this morning, although nearly all of them have been idle since July 15.

East Liverpool, O.—The strike order was obeyed by the workers by the Amalgamated lodges in this vicinity.

HARRISBURG SAFE.

The Steel Strike Not Likely to Reach That City.

Harrisburg, July 15.—The steel strike is not likely to extend to the Harrisburg district. None of the mills in this district has any connection with the Amalgamated association. The Pennsylvania Steel works at Steelton is rushed with orders and there are no signs of a strike. The American Tube and Iron company at Middletown apprehends no trouble.

All the mills in Harrisburg are in operation and the indications are that the strike will not seriously affect them.

WILL PRAY FOR RAIN.

Governor Dockery, of Missouri, Has Issued a Proclamation.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 15.—Governor Dockery, who has received many requests to issue a proclamation calling upon the people to observe a day of fasting and prayer that the drought might be broken, has set apart Sunday, July 21, to such a purpose. He requested to assemble at their usual places of worship to invoke the blessings of Almighty God.

No Further Respite for Winneminnon

Newburgh, N. Y., July 15.—Governor O'Connell refused further respite to Frank M. Wenzel, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart near Jamestown, Wisconsin, under respite granted last June, is to be executed on Tuesday next.

Puddlers Get an Increase.

Lehanso, Pa., July 15.—The puddlers employed by the American sheet steel company will be paid \$3.75 per ton after today. The new rate is an increase of 25 cents a ton. The men have organized a union.

RAIN BREAKS THE DROUTH

Portions of the Stricken Southwest Have Been Relieved by Showers.

TEMPERATURE YET HIGH

Many Thousands of Dollars Will Be Saved the Farmers on Stock and Crops—In Sections of Western Missouri and Western Kansas Temperature Ranges from 98 to 106—Where Prayers for Rain Were Made.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kansas City, July 15.—A portion of the drought-stricken southwest has been relieved by rain during the past twenty-four hours. Much good has already resulted to crops, and as there are prospects tonight of more rain, it is believed many thousands of dollars will be saved farmers on stock and crops. Nevertheless, much greater quantities of rain must come before a lasting benefit shall be done. In the portions of Central and Western Missouri, Western Kansas and the territories still untouched by rain, conditions remain unchanged, the temperature ranging from 98 to 106, the latter at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Joplin, Mo., July 15.—A violent thunder storm prevailed here today and broke the protracted heat wave.

Kansas City, Mo., July 15.—Light showers fell last night at Springfield and Lamar, Mo., and at Manhattan, Kan. They resulted in no material benefit. The temperature here is hovering around 99.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 15.—At all the churches yesterday prayers were made for rain. At the Roman Catholic church such prayers are said at each mass daily, under an order of Archbishop Keane of St. Louis. Last night the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Presbyterian congregations united in a union service at the Presbyterian church and prayers for rain were offered.

Governor Dockery is receiving hundreds of requests beseeching him to issue a proclamation to the people to assemble and pray for a cessation of the drought.

Topeka, July 15.—An hour's rain was reported at Atchison Rapids, Kans. and Gardner. A light rain also fell east of Topeka. The mercury registered 95 at noon. One death from heat was reported.

Omaha, Neb., July 15.—Rain is reported at Ashland and Fremont, Neb., in small amounts. Thunder showers also reported in eastern South Dakota.

MR. MITCHELL ON STRIKE

Is Not Prepared to Express Opinions as to the Action of the Miners.

Kansas City, July 15.—John Mitchell, national president of the United Mine Workers of America, was asked today what action the coal miners of America would take relative to the strike of the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers, which has been declared at Pittsburgh.

"I tell you better what effect the steel strike will have on the coal miners," he replied. "The coal and steel industries are so closely allied that a great strike of the steel workers and the closing down of the great steel mills will very greatly lessen the consumption of coal. That will mean that many coal mines will cease operations."

"Is there likely to be a sympathetic strike ordered among the coal miners?"

"I don't care to say anything about that," replied Mr. Mitchell. "The strike of the steel workers has not yet assumed definite proportions. It cannot be told how far reaching it will be, even within the order immediately affected. I would not care to say whether or not the coal miners will be drawn into it, or even whether such a thing has been considered."

Mr. Mitchell arrived here this morning from Indianapolis, to attend a conference of Kansas and Missouri miners and operators over wages. The conference was adjourned today from a week ago.

HAD A DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Fighting Men Seriously Cut Each Other.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 15.—James Perry and Frank Ryan, of Philadelphia, quizzed early this morning, when warm words developed into a fight. Perry was cut severely on the arm, an artery being injured. He lost so much blood that when the doctor found him he was unconscious. Ryan had a six-inch cut in his neck, and was also bleeding profusely.

Peace Union Celebrates.

Buffalo, July 15.—The Universal Peace union men here today to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of its organization. A number of papers were read, most of which and the discussions which followed, were given over to the depreciation of war, criticism of clergy and public men who defend an appeal to arms as just under such circumstances and sarcastic references to the motives of the governments which have sanctioned war.

Strong's Resignation Accepted.

Washington, July 15.—Secretary Root has directed the war department to accept the resignation of Captain Putnam Bradley Strong to take effect immediately. Captain Strong will be notified by telegraph and he will not sail for Manila tomorrow. The acceptance of the resignation precludes any action by the military authorities against Captain Strong.

TRAPSHOOTERS AT WORK.

All-Americans Win with a Score of 534 Out of a Possible 500.

New York, July 15.—Nearly a hundred of the leading trap shooters in the United States assembled at Interstate park, Queens, L. I., today and took part in several events preliminary to the grand American handicap tournament at inanimate targets which will begin tomorrow. The most important contest of the day was a special match between six men teams representing All-America and the New Utrecht Gun club. The All-America team was made up of six of the ten trap shooters who returned last week from England after a most successful tour. The conditions of a match were that the All-America team should only have the use of one barrel, while the New Utrecht men could use both barrels.

The All-America shooters won with a total score of 534 out of a possible 600. The New Utrecht men broke 214 of the targets.

STRIKERS CONFER WITH OFFICIALS

The New Jersey Central Machinists Hold Conference with Superintendent Thomas.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 15.—A committee representing the 800 striking machinists and car repairers of the Ashley shops of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, who have been on strike since May 29, held a conference with Superintendent Thomas this afternoon to bring about an settlement of the difficulty. Superintendent Thomas listened patiently to what the committee had to say, and then said that he had no authority to settle the strike on the terms proposed by the men, but if they wished to return to work at the old scale he would communicate with the higher officials of the company.

The committee said they had not been authorized to make any such proposition and then withdrew. So the matter stands now just where it did previous to the conference. It is understood the committee representing the strikers were willing to modify their original demands somewhat.

READING IRON MEN READY TO WORK

They Apply for the Positions Left About Nine Weeks Ago.

Reading, July 15.—Early this morning men began visiting the different departments of the Reading Iron company and applying for their positions, which they had left about nine weeks ago.

They were told that they would be notified when each department would resume, and were told to hold themselves in readiness. Their names were taken.

The only men who went to work at once at the pipe mill were a number of laborers, who are needed to get things in order for an early resumption all around.

JAIL FOR PATERSON STRIKERS

Commitment Papers Signed—Sheriff Ordered to Arrest Eight Persons.

Pateron, July 15.—Orders of commitment in the cases of the Paterson mill strikers, who were adjudged guilty of contempt of court in having violated an injunction restraining them from picketing, were signed today by Vice-Chancellor Finny in chancery chambers, in Jersey City, today.

John W. Harding, counsel for Frank & Burgan, the mill owners, handed up the papers to the vice-chancellor, who promptly signed them. The papers call for the commitment of eight persons, two men and six women.

One of the men was sentenced to sixty days imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50. The other man was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment, with a fine of \$20. A fine of \$20 was imposed on one of the girls and the others were fined \$25 each.

MACHINISTS RETURN TO WORK

An Advance in Wages Has Been Secured.

Wilmington, Del., July 15.—The striking machinists of the Harland & Hollingsworth company to the number of 130 returned to work this morning. The strikers were granted a 20 percent advance in wages of 81 per week for those who had been receiving 81 1/2 per week and 20 cents for those who had been receiving 80 cents per week. The men are to work 48 hours per week during the Saturday half holiday season and 60 hours per week during the rest of the year. The strikers returned to work after a long absence, each man taking the oath or machine that he had deserted eight weeks ago and resuming the occupation then interrupted.

The striking machinists of the J. Merton Pugh company are still out, that firm refusing to make any concession.

HAZLETON FIREMEN WILL NOT STRIKE

They Are Not Strongly Enough Organized to Make a Fight.

Hazleton, Pa., July 15.—From present indications the stationary firemen of the Hazleton district will not join the threatened strike that is being organized by the electric and gas plant anti-trust coal fields tomorrow. The firemen here are not as strongly organized to make a fight.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, July 15.—Edward P. Kershaw, formerly vice president of the Knickerbocker ice company, is dead at his home here. He had long been a sufferer from rheumatic gout. Mr. Kershaw was born in New York in 1822, and at an early age embarked in the ice business, in which he continued until 1876, when he retired. He was one of the early members of the Union league and of the prominent organizations.

THE RACES AT DETROIT

Perfect Weather Greeted Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Club.

SCAR PUGH THE WINNER

He Takes with Comparative Ease the Chamber of Commerce Stakes of \$5,000 for 2:24 Class Paces—Other Events of the Afternoon—The Famous \$10,000 Merchants and Manufacturers Stakes for Trotters Will Be Today's Features.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Detroit, July 15.—Perfect weather, splendid racing and a large crowd combined this afternoon to make the thirteenth annual Blue Ribbon meeting of the Detroit Driving club and the opening of the grand trotting circuit on the Gross Point track a success. The sun was hot enough to bring out all the speed in the horses, and a gentle breeze kept the occupants of the stand comfortable. The feature of the afternoon, the Chamber of Commerce stakes, \$5,000, for 2:24 class paces, was won with comparative ease by Scar Pugh, a chestnut stallion, bred at Jackson, Mich., and owned by Edgar Bronk, of New York. Scar Pugh was the favorite in the betting, although there was considerable play on Harry Logan and Patsy, a bay gelding owned by Goodell Bros. of Sioux City. In the first heat Scar Pugh took the lead at the start and held it to the wire, with Harry Logan second. Logan got off in the lead in the second heat, but as they turned into the back stretch Pugh went out in front and stayed there. In the last heat Pugh led all the way.

The first event of the afternoon, the 2:14 trot, was won by Lady Thisbe, after Dr. Book had taken the first two heats. Falm Leaf all but nosed the fourth heat away from Lady Thisbe.

Ida Highwood, the favorite, lost the first heat of the 2:20 trot, because of a break at the start, but took the second and third with little trouble.

In the 2:06 pace, Edith W. forced Hetty G., the favorite, to go in 2:05 1/2 to win the first heat, and Riley B. made a bid for the second heat.

Tomorrow is Merchants' and Manufacturers' day, when the famous \$10,000 Merchants' and Manufacturers' stake for 2:24 trotters will be the feature.

The Summaries.

Following are summaries of the first five horses in each race:

Table with columns for race name, horse name, and time. Races include Cadillac stakes, Dr. Book, Harry Logan, Charlie Downing, Fred H. (Reading), E. G. (Chicago), Mollie Knox, Bennett, Rajah, Neighbour Girl, Ida Highwood, All Right (Adkins), S. J. (Adkins), E. G. (Walker), Vic Scheller, Neighbour Girl, Harry G., Fred H. (Reading), Paul Revere (Adkins), Barrel, Harry O., and E. G. (Chicago).

SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE REMEMBERED

Lewis Elkin Leaves the Bulk of His Fortune for Their Benefit.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15.—Under the provisions of the will of Lewis Elkin, who was well known in financial and railroad circles, admitted to probate today, the bulk of his large fortune is left to trust to create a fund for the benefit of disabled female teachers who have taught in the public schools of the city for twenty-five years and have no means of support.

The testator was a member of the board of education for ten years. The estate is valued at about \$2,000,000. The fund is to be known as the "Lewis Elkin fund for the relief of disabled school teachers in the employ of the city of Philadelphia." The annuity of \$400 a year.

Senator Hanna at Canton.

Canton, O., July 15.—Senator Hanna spent the afternoon with President McKinley. He arrived from Cleveland and was met at the station by Secretary Cortelyou. He returned to Cleveland tonight. It is said there is no significance in his visit, that he had not seen the president for a long time and that he came here to pay his respects and talk over some personal matters. There were a number of social callers on the president today.

Paper in Hands of Receiver.

Columbus, O., July 15.—The Post-Press continued in the hands of Receiver Stephens today, after \$22,000,000. The found is to be known as the "Lewis Elkin fund for the relief of disabled school teachers in the employ of the city of Philadelphia." The annuity of \$400 a year.

Puddle Mills in Operation.

Reading, July 15.—The puddle mills at the Blandon rolling mills were put into operation this morning with 125 men. The product of the mills is largely used by the Reading Iron company. The rolling mills will hardly be put into operation before next week, when 100 more hands will be given employment.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: CONTINUED WARM.

- 1 General—Strike in the Steel Trade. Opening of Racing Season at Detroit. Southern Army Drives Beyond by Rain. Spread of the Reading Strike.
2 General—Carbonate Department.
3 Local—Peter Homach Released from the Penitentiary. Husband and Wife Fight for Their Child. To Establish a Modern Race Track.
4 Editorial. Note and Comment.
5 Local—Stationary Firemen Will Strike Today. Progress of the Educational Contest. Grocers' Excursion to Lake Lodore.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
8 Local—Industrial and Labor. Whitney's Weekly News Budget. Say—"His Last Trip."

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Two Persons Killed Outright—One Fatally Injured and Several Wounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 15.—Two persons were killed outright, one fatally injured, several others were less seriously injured in a head-end collision between an express train and a loose engine on the Ohio Valley railroad, at Paliens Valley, this evening.

The dead are: Engineer Al Courtree, of the Ohio Valley express, of Wheeling, and William Boothby, his fireman, of Parkersburg.

William Day, of Parkersburg, engine driver of the loose engine, was fatally injured and will probably die before morning.

BRYAN CRITICISES THE CONVENTION

Thinks Ohioans Made a Mistake in Not Adopting the Kansas City Platform.

Lincoln, Neb., July 15.—In an extended comment on the platform adopted by the Ohio Democratic convention for its failure to reaffirm the Kansas City platform, and for what he regarded as the weakness of some of the planks it did adopt, Mr. Bryan insists that the convention made a mistake in making himself an issue, and says:

"Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for any office, and a mention of him might have been construed by some as an endorsement of him for office. The vote should have been upon the naked proposition to endorse the platform of last year, and then no one could have excused his abandonment of Democratic principles by pleading his dislike for Mr. Bryan."

NO HOPE OF A SETTLEMENT

Firemen Ordered to Begin Strike Today—No Response from Employers.

Philadelphia, July 15.—The boiler-makers and their helpers, and the Association of Pennsylvania, has given up all hope of an amicable settlement of the strike of firemen ordered to begin tomorrow morning. There were no responses today from employers, and nothing new remains to be done but to put into execution the ultimatum of the executive committee of the association, viz.: That all stationary firemen affiliated with the state association refuse to go to work tomorrow unless their demands for an eight-hour day are granted.

It is expected that six hundred firemen in the Wyoming region will refuse to go to work tomorrow. Most of these men are employed at the mines and unless new men can be secured to take their places many of the collieries will have to suspend operations. This will throw a great many miners out of employment, but just how many will not be known until tomorrow.

The coal operators are confident that they will be able to man their boiler rooms and that the strike of the firemen will not cause a general suspension of work. President Mulhaly and the other officers of the Firemen's association seem to think that the strike will be of short duration in the coal regions, as it will be impossible, according to their way of thinking, to operate the mines without the aid of the old firemen.

Capture of Schalk-Burger's Wife.

London, July 15.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch to the war office, confirms the report of the capture of the wife of the acting president, Schalk-Burger, and says the prisoner has been brought into Pretoria.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, July 15.—Arrived: Furness, Glasgow; Maasdam, Rotterdam; Georgian, Liverpool; Trace, Naples and Genoa; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Gibraltar-Arrived: Alton, New York; Antwerp-Arrived: Kensington, New York; Sully-Passad; Statenland, New York for Rotterdam.

Deaths in Berlin.

Berlin, July 15.—The weather today was the hottest known in Berlin for several years. A number of persons died of sunstroke.

Five Persons Killed.

Muskegon, I. T., July 15.—Five persons, an engineer, two brakemen and two tramps, were killed in a collision of freight trains three miles north of Muskegon today.

THE READING STRIKE GROWS

Shops Hands Are Determined to Stay Out and Spread the Trouble.

VOORHEES INVESTIGATES

He States That It Is the Desire of the Company to Pay Wages Equal to the Average Rate Paid by Other Railroad Companies in This Territory—The Strike in Philadelphia, Threats to Tie Up the Entire Repair System of the Reading.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Reading, July 15.—Vice President Voorhees' letter received by the striking shop hands with a determination to stay out and endeavor to spread the strike. They say that they went out for an increase and that they will stay out until they definitely know what they are going to get.

Not one man went back today, and it is expected that the 1,600 machinists in the locomotive works will be ordered by the company on shorter working days at once, since the strikers have completely tied up their boiler-making and blacksmithing departments of that plant. In local labor circles it is well known that several moves of considerable moment are under the way and that in forty-eight hours they will be almost, if not wholly developed and put into process of execution.

Just what the moves are the leaders will not say, and Chairman A. H. Beecher, who is at the head of the strike, says he knows nothing of them. It is known that there is considerable discontent among the trainmen and other employees over the entire system operated by the Reading company, and this fact is looked upon as being significant and in harmony with the new moves now on foot.

Will Investigate Pay Rates. First Vice President Voorhees, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company, today addressed a letter to Superintendent of Power Prince at Reading, where 2,600 shopmen are on strike, in which he states that it is the desire of the company to pay wages equal to the average rate paid by other railroad companies in this territory. To that end Mr. Voorhees writes he is having a careful comparison made of the rates in force in the shops of the ten large eastern railroads.

The letter continues: "We have upwards of 4,000 men on shop pay rolls. They include men of many different trades, working under many different conditions. A comparison of the wages paid to the men and the information received from the American Railway companies involves a comparison of several hundred different rates. This work is being done carefully and as rapidly as possible. It is expected that this will be completed by or before July 25, when definite information will be put in your hands in regard to the rates of pay for each employee."

"When it is found that the pay heretofore received by them, or any of them, does not conform to the above standard, you are authorized to make proper changes in the pay rolls, dating from July 1, 1901."

The Strike at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 15.—The boiler-makers and their