

## MORGAN WAS MUCH AMAZED

STORY OF CONFERENCE WITH STEEL WORKERS.

He Is Said to Look Upon Their Position as Tantamount to a Repudiation of Their Contracts—When Informed by Them of Their Attitude with Reference to the First Conference He Turned and Left Them Without a Word—Good Faith Is the Issue.

"Holland" New York letter in the Philadelphia Press yesterday contained the following with reference to the big steel strike:

"In the dispatches from Pittsburgh, published here this morning, there is contained the text of the order issued by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, calling upon the workmen in the various mills of the National and Federal Steel companies, and of the National Tube companies, to go out upon strike unless there be a settlement of the difference with the steel corporation on or before August 10. In that order, Mr. Shaffer says that the labor organizations must fight or forever give up their personal liberty. He states other reasons in justification of his order. And yet it is safe to say that those in this city who took part in the conference between the representatives of the steel corporation with Mr. Morgan at their head and the duly authorized and official representatives of the Amalgamated association, whose plenary powers were fully attested, would not assert that the true reason for this wholesale strike command is stated in that order.

"Here at least this strike is asserted to be in justification of the right of labor organizations to repudiate contracts, and not so much the contracts to which Mr. Shaffer refers in his strike order as contracts made in all solemnity and in all honor between the official representatives of the Amalgamated association and those officers of the steel corporation who were authorized to bind that corporation by means of legal contracts.

"It seems to many of the best friends of labor organizations in this city, including some who are leaders in those organizations, as though much that is beneficial is honorable and worth while which the skilled artisans and workmen have gained through their association into labor unions were about to be lost.

### FACTS ABOUT CONFERENCE.

"The facts in regard to the conference which have not as yet been made public here, the kind of facts that a referee would be called upon to make report as to this matter, may be briefly set forth as follows:

"President Shaffer and his associates met Mr. Morgan and others authorized to act for the steel corporation in a frank conference at which the whole question at issue was thoroughly discussed, at which an agreement was reached, pronounced emphatically by President Shaffer to be satisfactory, and said by the representatives of the steel corporation to be equally satisfactory to them. There was no doubt about the authority of Mr. Morgan to sign for the steel corporation, nor any doubt that if he or the corporation were to break the contract which he signed, then the corporation could be held responsible, judgment and damages could be obtained against it, because its financial responsibility, its capacity to meet judgments and the power of the courts to enforce them are unquestioned.

"On the other hand, Mr. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated association, appeared at this conference, duly authorized to act for the association, and his signed contract with the corporation would, if the association were financially responsible, or if there were any other guarantee for the fulfillment of the pledge that which honor furnished, make it possible to recover a judgment against it, or if the association were incorporated and was financially responsible against the association.

### REPUTATION OF CONTRACTS.

"Upon agreement of that kind, formally executed, is based the greater part of the business done by the civilized world. To repudiate contract or pledge means in the world's affairs dishonor, loss of credit, social and business ostracism. In this city, in fact, punishment of that kind awaits those who repudiate not only a written, but a verbal contract. There are transactions involving millions done every day with our banks upon verbal promises and never with one of two exceptions, has there been repudiation of these verbal contracts. The adjustment of the entire business of the Clearing House association is based upon the maintenance of obligations that are entered into even without the formality of a written contract.

"It was presumed that an association comprising so many skilled artisans, containing so many men of intelligence, as is the case with the Amalgamated association, would realize that a contract, an agreement, entered into, formally executed by the duly attested and authorized officers of the association, would be held as binding as though it were guaranteed by a pledge of all the wages earned by members of the association. For the only guarantee behind a contract of that kind which the officers of the steel corporation were able, or even asked, to obtain was the honor of the officers signing the contract and of the men who were represented.

### DEMAND FOR REPUDIATION.

"President Shaffer and his associates returned to Pittsburgh. When they departed from New York, both they and the representatives of the steel corporation felt sure that the difficulties had been composed, and that the workmen would immediately resume work. Then there came news from Pittsburgh that was disquieting. It was not deemed conceivable that the Amalgamated association could demand a repudiation of a contract signed and executed by its duly authorized representative. It was presumed, instead, that as President Shaffer has heretofore had the reputation of being a man of honor, he would, in case of disagreement, say to his associates, 'I have signed; I have given my pledge; My personal honor is involved and if there is to be repudiation of me and my act I must, as a man of self-respect, resign to others the post I hold in this association.'

"Instead of that President Shaffer and others came to New York. They met in a room in the Empire building on Saturday, Mr. Morgan was not

there and when they sent for him, he was surprised. 'What now?' he asked. 'The Amalgamated association and the United States Steel corporation are bound by mutual agreement, duly executed. What new question can have arisen?' These were not his exact words, but they illustrate the spirit in which he received the communication that his presence was requested, even demanded by the representatives of the Amalgamated association. He went to the conference and to his intense amazement, he discovered that it was not a new question, outside of the contract, but it was instead a question of repudiation of the contract made a week before. Mr. Morgan simply said, practically in these words: 'You executed, with the officers of the steel corporation, a contract a week ago. You signed it and we signed it. Do you propose to live up to it?'

### MORGAN'S REBUKE.

"And when they said that they did not, but in effect that they intended to repudiate it, Mr. Morgan looked at them for a moment, his glance expressing amazement, indignation and also something like pity that he should be in the presence of men who deliberately and without any sense of shame, demanded of him the right to break a solemn contract they had made a week before. Then, without saying another word, Mr. Morgan quitted the room. No word of the conference, no word of indignation, his friends quote him as saying that he had been in the presence of a proposition which had been made in the world of business, or if it characterized business life, would speedily result in industrial and financial anarchy. Furthermore, if these authorized representatives of the Amalgamated association could, without dismay and peremptorily, demand the repudiation of a contract and threaten that if it were not repudiated they would enter into it and a new contract were entered into that it too could not be repudiated with accompanying threats of strike?

"That is the vital issue now in this controversy as it appears to those who profess to know all the facts. They say that the Amalgamated association is now striking really for the right to demand at any time a repudiation of a contract which their officers have formally entered into and executed.

### INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

Today May Produce Some Important Developments in the Strike of the Car Builders.

There were no new developments yesterday in the car builders' strike. Had Master Builder Canfield arrived from New York during the early part of the day it is very likely there would have been a conference between the Lackawanna authorities and representatives of the strikers.

Superintendent T. E. Clarke has returned from New York and it is likely there will be a conference today which will have important bearing on the situation.

### The Machinists Strike.

A Chicago dispatch of Wednesday contained the following: 'The first attempt to break the molders and machinists' strike was made today, when work was resumed at the Allis-Chalmers factory with non-union men. Trouble is feared with the union pickets who surround the grounds, and W. J. Chalmers has called on Chief O'Neill for a detail of police to preserve order. The Allis-Chalmers plant here is building a huge engine 39 feet high, designed for the Hecla mine. It was to have been ready on May 23, but is only half completed.

'The union pickets are striving to prevent the completion of this engine. Captain Wilkie yesterday introduced a squad of watchmen mounted on bicycles in order that the developments within the factory might be scrutinized and reported upon with greater promptness. The force of union pickets was increased and the presence of so many union men on the eve of the reopening of the plant caused Mr. Chalmers's appeal to Chief O'Neill. The company has succeeded in securing a considerable number of non-union men for work. Other plants are expected to open within a week.'

### Work Progresses Fast.

The work of tearing down the old Western mill property to make room for the freight station of the Delaware and Hudson company is progressing rapidly. Contractor M. H. Stupp will soon have his men at work raising the new structure. The old packing house has been torn down and the task of demolishing the boiler and engine houses almost completed. The front part of the mill will be left standing, extending back for sixty feet will be used for the offices. The interior will, of course, have to be largely remodeled.

### D. L. & W. Board for Today.

Following is the make-up of the D. L. & W. board for today:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Wild Cat, East—8 p. m. F. Hall; 10 p. m. G. W. West.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

Wild Cat, West—1:30 p. m. G. T. Stapleton; 3 p. m. H. Gilligan; 4 p. m. G. Keeney; 5 p. m. J. W. Burkhardt; 10 p. m. A. H. Rose; 11 p. m. M. Lane; 1 p. m. E. M. Hall; 5 p. m. H. Cedar with Doherty's crew; 6 p. m. M. Langley.

Summit, East—6 a. m. east. F. McDonnell; 8 a. m. west. G. Proulx; 10 a. m. west. Hour, with O. G. Gaudin; 6 p. m. east. J. Carlick; 8 p. m. east. Mills with Nichols' crew; 7 p. m. Nay Aug. E. McAllister; 7 p. m. Cayuga. M. Glines; 7 p. m. Cayuga. Thompson.

Pahokee—8 a. m. Houser; 10 a. m. S. Finerty; 11:30 a. m. Moran; 7 p. m. Murphy; 9 p. m. Lamping; 10 p. m. A. Wilner.

Passenger Engines—7 a. m. Gaffney; 7 a. m. T. Seymour; 10 a. m. Secor; 2:30 p. m. Stanton; 7 p. m. McGovern.

Wild Cat, West—5 a. m. T. McCarthy; 8 a. m. M. Stapleton; 10 a. m. Ketchum's crew; 10 a. m. Abundant; 11:30 a. m. E. Wall; 1 p. m. H. Caster; 2 p. m. J. H. McCann; 2 p. m. M. Carmody; 4 p. m. John Wardell with Gaudin's crew; 5 p. m. C. Kingley; 6 p. m. G. Randolph.

### NOTICE.

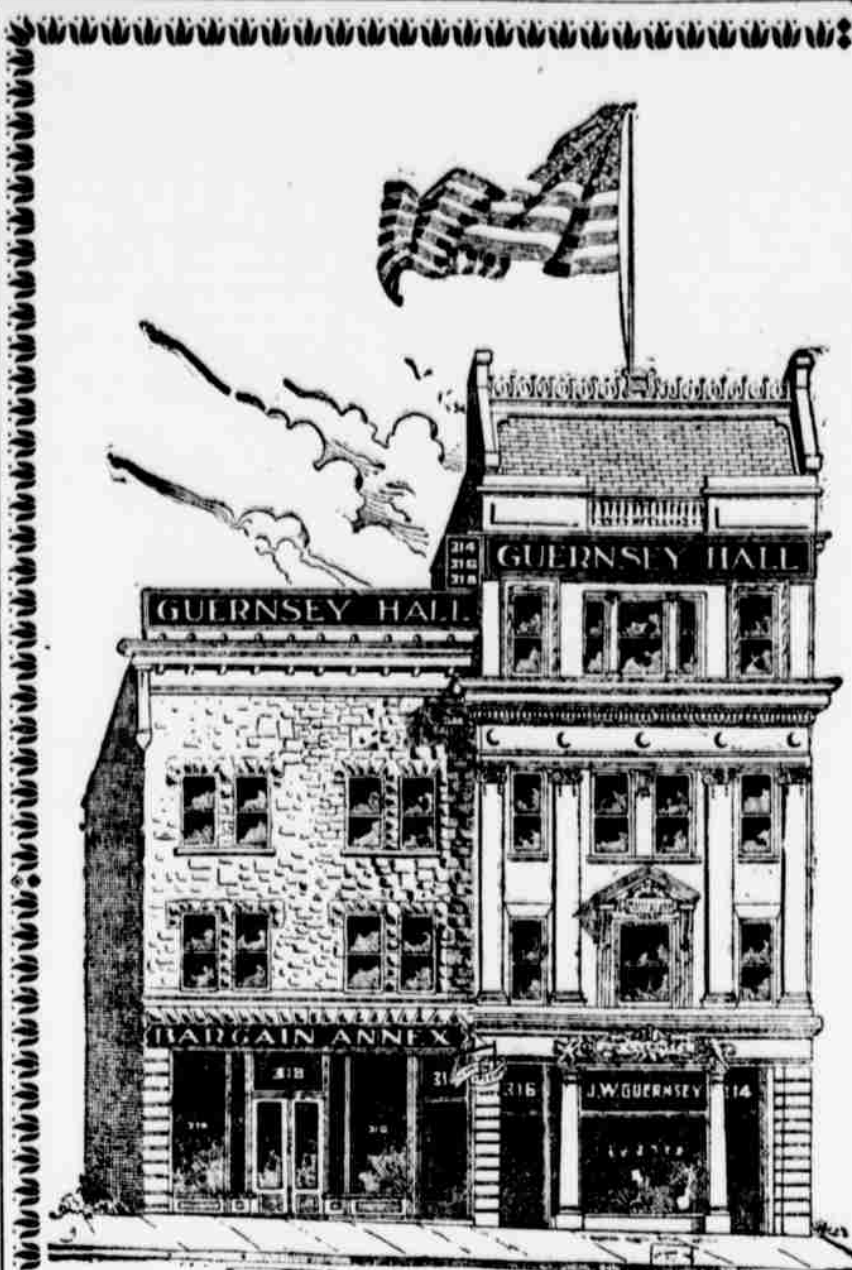
Conductor A. H. Rose will call at trainmaster's office.

Brakeman Merrill reports for James Gahagan.

Brakeman L. D. Denev will call at trainmaster's office.

### This and That.

The members of the mine inspectors examining board of the First district have reorganized. Mine Inspector Edward Roderick is president, and W. G. Robinson, secretary. The other members of the board are Joseph T. Roberts, of Jermy, and Patrick G. Mc-



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