

LABOR WILL FIGHT THE STEEL TRUST.

A Great Strike Order by President James Shaffer. MANY THOUSAND MEN AFFECTED.

Failure of the Officials of the Companies and the Officers of the Amalgamated Association to Reach an Agreement After Many Conferences—Seventy-five Thousand Men Directly and Thousands More Indirectly Affected.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (Special).—After a three-days session the conference between representatives of the American Sheet Steel, American Steel Company and American Empire Tube Company, subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation, and the general executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinworkers, adjourned without reaching an agreement. In less than an hour later President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association had wired a strike order to all the amalgamated lodges in the tinplate, steel hoop and sheet steel mills.

For the present Secretary Shaffer says that only the three companies will be affected, but later all the union men in the Federal Steel Company, National Steel Company and the National Tube Company may be called out, if it shall be found necessary to resort to extreme measures to win the fight. At the start it is claimed 45,000 skilled workmen, 30,000 unskilled men and, indirectly, many thousands more will be affected.

After the agreement because of the following statement was given out by the officials of the three companies interested: "The conference between the Amalgamated Association and the sheet, hoop and tinplate companies failed to come to an agreement because the Amalgamated Association did not recede from its original position, which was that the three companies interested should sign for all the mills without regard as to whether these mills had in the past belonged to the Amalgamated Association or not."

FIRE PANIC IN HOTEL.

The Guests Escape in Their Nightgowns—Some of Them Sustain Injuries. Butte, Mont. (Special).—At 2:40 a. m. a still alarm was turned in from the Butte Hotel, a four-story structure on Broadway. When the firemen reached the scene, the building was enveloped in smoke, which appeared to pour from every open window. The firemen were unable to locate the blaze for some thirty minutes and the greatest confusion prevailed.

A number of guests on the upper floors were completely gassed, and way down stairs in the smoke and escaping with nothing but their night clothes. Scores of others were rescued from the upper windows, where the panic-stricken guests shrieked for succor and threatened to jump to the sidewalk below.

At 4 o'clock the fire was completely under control and the hotel management state that to the best of their knowledge all the guests and help have been accounted for.

The interior of the hotel, which for many years has been the leading hotel in Butte, is completely gutted, and Hugh L. Wilson, the lessee of the building, estimates his loss at \$90,000.

The hotel guests lost a quantity of personal effects.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic. Judge Spear, of the United States Circuit court at Governor, had decided that \$40,000 of the \$50,000 realized from the sale of the Spanish steamer Adula should be distributed among Captain MacCalla and the officers and men of the Marlbelle.

Mrs. Lorillard by his will left \$200,000 to his children, but the executor, her son, Mr. Lillian Allen, who was his friend for 15 years, to his wife, from whom he was estranged, he left an annuity of \$50,000.

Dan R. Hanna, the Senator's son, secured a writ of habeas corpus against his wife in New York for his children, but she locked herself in her cabin on the Campania and got away without being served.

The strike of the 2700 employees of the Reading Iron Company is ended, the company agreeing to pay the same scale of wages as was paid in August, 1898, which was the "boom" period of iron prices.

A resolution was introduced in the Virginia Constitutional Convention protesting against the grandfather clause in restricting suffrage as tending to create a voting aristocracy.

Charles C. Rochester, N. Y., was bitten and nearly killed by his pet rattlesnake.

The attorneys for Mrs. Botkin are preparing to take her case to the Supreme court.

Emigration from Germany during the first six months of this year aggregated 113,008.

Wm. J. Scott died at his home on the Potomac, near Shepherdstown, W. Va. The annual meeting of the Universal Peace Union began in Buffalo.

The drouth in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory continues, and the cattle feeders are rushing their cattle to market to prevent them from dying on their hands.

William Begnell, who was serving a term for killing John McAllister in Norfolk, Va., was pardoned by Governor Tyler.

A program has been arranged for the unveiling of a tablet at Point of Woods in memory of Margaret Fuller. Admiral Dewey paid an official call on Rear Admiral Cottle, commanding the Norfolk navy yard.

The police raided a policy shop near Philadelphia, Pa., and arrested seven old soldiers with policy slips.

THREE HUNDRED PUPILS KILLED.

Mission on Korean Island Attacked By Natives. CONFLICT COVERED TEN DAYS.

Fifteen of the Natives Also Killed in the Fight—The Catholic Missionaries and Their Pupils Opposed by the Natives—The Governor Declares that the Trouble Was the Fault of the Pupils.

Berlin (By Cable).—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Seoul, Korea, dated July 6, saying that bloody conflicts, extending over a period of 10 days, have occurred on the island of Quelpart between the Roman Catholic missionaries and their pupils and the populace of the island. Fifteen of the natives and about three hundred of the pupils are reported to have been killed during the encounter.

The governor of Quelpart, according to the dispatch, says the trouble was the fault of the pupils, and arose from their support of the tax collectors in levying illegal taxes upon the natives.

Upon hearing that two French missionaries had been killed in the island a French warship proceeded to Quelpart. Upon finding the missionaries in question alive the warship returned.

The Korean government has commissioned Huan Kian and an American court official to investigate the matter, and is sending a company of Korean infantry with them to Quelpart.

Quelpart is in the Yellow Sea, 60 miles south of Korea, to which country it is subordinate. It is a penal settlement.

THIEVES CLEAN OUT DELEGATES.

Epworth League Stranded in Colorado—Pickpockets Make a Good Hole. Glenwood Springs, Col. (Special).—The thoroughly organized gang of pickpockets operating at Colorado Springs is responsible for a party of about twenty Epworth League members becoming stranded here. Men and women alike have been robbed, not only of every cent they had with them, but of their baggage, and unless the railroads will issue tickets back home on their proof of having purchased and paid for rides to San Francisco and back, they will be compelled to seek aid from the county authorities.

In at least ten cases thieves even secured their victims' trunks on stolen baggage cars.

Among those robbed are Dr. J. H. Wilson, wife and daughter, and Mrs. H. R. Horning, of Dover, Del. Dr. Wilson's wallet, containing tickets for the party, drafts on San Francisco banks and baggage checks, being stolen in the crush at the depot in Colorado Springs.

Mayor S. R. Hooper, general passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, authorized the Glenwood Springs agent to furnish passes to Ogden for stranded passengers who desired to continue their journey west.

CORN CROP SITUATION. Drought and Heat Destroying Millions of Bushels. Chicago (Special).—Advice to Board of Trade and grain commission houses are that the drought in the Southwest is unbroken. It is said the damage outside of Kansas and Missouri is comparatively slight, but that unless there is relief within the next two weeks the crop situation will approach a calamity.

MANY KILLED IN RAILROAD COLLISION.

Passenger and Freight Train Come Together on the Chicago and Alton. Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—Fourteen persons are dead, two probably fatally injured and a large number of others more or less seriously hurt, as the result of a head-on collision between passenger and fast live-stock trains on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, near Norton, Mo., at 7 o'clock a. m. Six were killed outright, four died on a train conveying them to Kansas City, and four died at hospitals in this city.

The passenger train was traveling in three sections on account of the heavy Epworth League business to San Francisco. The wrecked train was the first section, and contained no passengers.

Conductor W. J. Jones of the freight train eastbound, had been ordered to meet the second section of the passenger train at Slater, the next station east of Norton, but apparently overlooked the fact that the first section, which was 55 feet longer, had not passed the bridge.

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The place where the accident occurred was at Crooked creek, directly north of East Springfield. For many years the creek has been spanned by a heavy structural steel bridge. May 1 work of filling up the valley was begun. In the ravine, 55 feet below, masons were at work building a stone abutment.

Railroad men regard it as little short of a miracle that the bridge withstood the strain of a heavy passenger train and five minutes later fell with only the weight of three cars upon it.

TEN MEN KILLED AND NINE INJURED.

A Heavy Steel Structure Collapses Under the Weight of Stone-Laden Cars, Falling Into the Mists of Masons at Work on the Abutment Below—Victims Mostly Italian Laborers.

Springfield, Pa. (Special).—Just after 7 o'clock a. m. three cars of the local after freight train, passing through the Nickel Plate bridge here. The train left Conneaut, Ohio, only a few minutes before the accident, in charge of Engineer William Griffith and Conductor Philip A. Moore, both of Buffalo. The latter was instantly killed. Laborers were at work on the bridge and the ten men killed were, with one exception, workmen.

A fill was being made at the bridge and about 25 workmen were about the structure.

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LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Exports Run Into Billions. All former records are surpassed by the statistics of the foreign commerce of the United States for the fiscal year which came to a close on June 30.

A preliminary statement prepared by the Bureau of Statistics in the Treasury Department shows that the combined value of imports and exports for the fiscal year amounted to \$2,310,413,977, against \$2,244,424,266 for the year ending June 30, 1900, the largest previous record. The imports for the year amounted to \$822,756,533, a decrease of \$27,184,651 in comparison with the imports for the previous year.

The exports amounted to \$1,487,657,444, an increase of \$203,173,462 in comparison with the previous year, making the balance of trade for the year in favor of the United States \$684,900,911, or an increase of \$120,358,113 over the balance of trade for the previous year.

Notwithstanding this large balance of trade in favor of the United States the figures show that the imports of gold during the year exceeded the exports of that metal by but \$11,342,332. This means that the immense balance of trade between this country and the rest of the world was largely settled by other means.

A certain amount of gold is carried abroad by American tourists and returning Europeans, but as most of these carry letters of credit this amount is relatively small. A large part of the balance goes to pay freight bills on American exports carried in foreign steamers, and some of it to pay interest and dividends on American securities held abroad.

The small imports of gold during the year, however, is principally due to the fact that the American capitalists are now allowing much of their money to remain in Europe for investment, and the sales of bonds by foreign governments in the United States have gone far toward settling the balance of trade.

DEFERS ACTION ON CABLES.

Arguments were made before Secretary Root Friday by counsel of the cable and telegraph companies interested in cable communication between the United States and the West Indies.

The arguments lasted over two hours, and at their conclusion Secretary Root announced that no action would be taken on the questions involved for two weeks. Meanwhile the counsel for the companies might submit additional arguments in writing.

He also announced that the question of whether the companies had fraudulently obtained could not be considered, as these points had already been passed upon by the Attorney-General.

The case heard by the Secretary was the result of complaint made by the Western Union Company that its exclusive franchise for the lines between Cuba and this country was being violated by the use of the United States and Haiti cable line working in connection with the Postal system, through which means the Post was able to invade the Cuban field of Western Union.

The United States and Haiti cables have been in operation since last September, in order that additional time might be afforded in which to present testimony. It is not probable that the request will be granted, in view of the statement by Mr. Root that action would be taken in two weeks.

Mr. Root held that while the merits of the questions involved could be properly considered, he could not go behind the opinion of the Attorney-General.

Mail Boxes for Farmers. The announcement was made from the office of Second Assistant Postmaster-General Shallenberger that according to contracts, which went into effect July 1, a box delivery for the star route was introduced in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

The Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State. SHOT HIS WIFE; KILLED HIMSELF.

Issued From Jealousy, Solomon Haas, of Wilburton, Committed a Double Crime—Machinist City Girl Fell Out of Bed, Fractured Her Skull and Died—Hubbard Saved His Wife When Woman Halted an Officer—Other News.

Pennsylvanians received the following pensions during the week: Wood Durkin, McKees Rocks, \$8; James P. Westlake, Independence, \$6; Daniel Byers, Turtle Creek, \$6; Henry P. Moore, Allegheny, \$6; Franklin Ford, Pittsburg, \$10; George K. West, Weston, \$6; Perry Berndt, Spriraville, \$10; Daniel L. Colman, Dayton, \$10; Patterson Brubaker, Mercersburg, \$8; Evaline D. Brubaker, Millburg, \$8; Sarah A. May, Sheridanville, \$8; A. Murray, Washington, \$8; John Eubank, Ironva, \$12; Ira A. Easton, Connersport, \$24; Wm. Anderson, Erie, \$6; John Cowland, Philipsburg, \$6; Benjamin K. Taylor, Altoona, \$8; David H. Stevenson, Smethport, \$6; Jacob Mill, Manorsville, \$6; Samuel J. Keam, Johnstown, \$10; Andrew R. Mark, Pittsburg, \$10; John Sample, West View, \$7; Alexander Davenport, Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Michael Kline, Lewistown, \$8; John W. Means, Towanda, \$10; Wm. Gardner, Bellwood, \$12; Lewis W. Powell, Mt. Union, \$8; James M. Wiley, Blacklick Station, \$12; Cecilia Krieg, Johnstown, \$8; Sophia Bond, Allegheny, \$8; Elizabeth Staudt, Pittsburg, \$8; Ann O'Neil, West Alexander, \$8; Mary G. Garrison, West Alexander, \$8; Elizabeth Witsberger, Pittsburg, \$8; Frances E. Matthews, Erie, \$8.

While the young wife of Solomon Haas was bending over a wash tub in her home at Wilburton, a mining hammer fell near Shamokin, her husband, insane from jealousy and drink, crept up behind her and without saying a word jammed a revolver against her back and fired. The bullet crashed through her spinal column and lodged in her stomach, causing a fatal wound.

She screamed for help and he immediately shot himself near the heart. Haas told his wife he would retire to his room and die. With difficulty he reached his sleeping apartment, but hearing Mrs. Haas keeping up a constant cry for aid he suspected he had not shot her fatally. He revisited her and was about to bow out when neighbors appeared. Haas pointed his weapon at them and retreated to his room, where before any one could reach him he sent two more bullets through his heart and fell to the floor a corpse. Doctors soon arrived and said there was no hope for Mrs. Haas' recovery.

Agent J. N. Kidney, of the Humane Society, waded waist deep into the waters of the Allegheny river near Aspinwall pointing a revolver at Harry Tarr, who was fleeing before him. At the same time Tarr pointed a revolver at Agent Kidney and dared him to shoot at her swimming nephew. Kidney turned back and the fugitive disappeared in a clump of bushes on shore. Tarr was wanted for abandoning a deceitful horse.

Charters were issued by the State Department to these corporations: Hazlewood Bank, Pittsburg; capital, \$50,000; Oakland Bank, Pittsburgh; capital, \$50,000; Rosengarten & Sons, incorporated for the manufacture of chemicals, Philadelphia; capital, \$27,500. The Conwellsville Improvement Company, Conwellsville; capital, \$40,000. Citizens' Title and Trust Company, Uniontown; capital, \$15,000.

Lightning struck the home of Henry Schwalz at Homestead, and burned it to the ground, together with its contents. The bolt rendered Mr. Schwalm and his wife unconscious, but the former regained his senses just in the nick of time. He carried his wife's unconscious form into the yard just a few minutes before the building collapsed. Mr. Schwalm's loss is \$2500.

Landon M. Kendig, the 16-year-old son of Benjamin Kendig, of Mary Township, died at St. Joseph's Hospital from lockjaw. The boy was setting off fireworks from a tree on the Fourth, when he fell to the ground, cutting himself badly and breaking an arm. Powder got into his wounds and tetanus developed.

General Superintendent J. M. Wallis announced that the rates of the freight engineers of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania Railroad for increased wages has been granted. The raise applies only to engineers on the large locomotives. The wages are raised from \$1.30 to \$1.70 for a low rate day and from \$4.10 to \$4.35 for a high rate day.

Farmers in Jersey Shore are complaining of a peculiar black worm which has made its appearance in great numbers and which is almost entirely destroying the potato crop. Potatoes green and various exterminators fail to have the slightest effect on the worms.

Agnes O'Conner, aged 17, is dead at her home in Many City, as a result of falling out of the top of a considerable quantity of ice cream, which brought on an attack of vertigo. During the spell she fell out of bed and fractured her skull. Death followed.

A southbound passenger train on the New York Central Railroad collided with the caboose of a freight train at Reading. The result was a serious collision. Passengers were hurled from their seats but escaped serious injury. The engine and caboose were wrecked.

Two unsuccessful attempts were made to burn the Maloney Hotel at Westport. Prompt discovery of the flames saved the building from destruction.

NEW HOMES IN SIGHT.

Hundreds Register for Farms in Oklahoma Lands. El Reno, O. T. (Special).—Following out the proclamation of President McKinley opening to settlement by the white race the lands in the Kiowa and Comanche country, the first registration of homeseekers was made here and at Lawton at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Hundreds were lined before the various registration booths when darkness set in. The registration will begin on July 20, and unless then none of the 50,000 applicants will know whether or not he has been lucky enough to receive a homestead. The lottery scheme robs the opening of the picturesque run and the exciting times incident to the great opening of the Cherokee strip 10 years ago.

Comparative with that event the affair was tame in the extreme. Although there are perhaps 25,000 people in town, practically no disorder prevailed. As a rule the homeseekers are well provided with money and provisions and aside from the long wait in the sun before the registration booths, no serious inconvenience has been experienced.

Hundreds of people slept in the streets to retain their places in lines which were forming at the six registration booths at El Reno. Many had waited on the border of the new country for many years, and some of the last night of their long vigil, the most trying they had experienced. The line was made up of the lame and the brawny frontiersman sprawled out in the dust. The crowd before each booth elected a captain and each man and woman in line gave a number, which was pinned conspicuously on her clothing. A company member was permitted occasionally to absent himself from the line for a short breathing spell and invariably his place was protected by his fellow-waiters.

Six Bathers Drowned. Savannah, Ga. (Special).—The Hebrew Gemahil Hasid held its annual picnic at Daufuskie Beach. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon a number of the picnickers went into the ocean for a surf bath. A strong southeast wind was blowing and the tide was at flood. Fifty yards off shore is a shoal and between the shoal and shore is a sluice. The party was bathing on the shoal, but finding the tide getting rather high the bathers concluded to go nearer shore. Almost at once they found themselves in the sluice over their heads with mountainous waves pounding, and a sweeping current.

Out of 12 who started across 6 were drowned. All Kinds of Birds' Eggs. New York (Special).—Ex-Senator John Chase, of Floral Park, will purchase of Miss Jean Bell, of Philadelphia, a collection of North American bird eggs and nests said to contain at least one specimen of every kind of egg known. Miss Bell has spent 28 years in gathering this collection. In size they range from that of the great auk, which is valued at \$1800, to that of the smallest humming bird. The collection cost over \$25,000 in actual cash outlay for eggs. Mr. Chase will add the collection to his own, which is very large.

BOILED OUT THE BULLETS.

San Jose, Cal. (Special).—Boiling of the remains of Lee Wing, a murdered Chinese, to ascertain if a bullet from Lee Look's pistol had entered his body, has been completed after twenty-four hours. Fourteen large bullets and one 44-caliber bullet were found when the mass was strained. This bullet is said to fit Look's revolver.

A Preacher's Two Wives.

Huntington, W. Va. (Special).—Rev. J. W. Workman was placed in jail here charged with bigamy. Mr. Workman is a native of Lawrence county, Ohio, and ten years ago went to Salt Lake, Ky., where he wooed and married Estella Burr. Two years ago the couple were divorced, but nine months ago they met, became reconciled and were remarried. Two weeks ago they parted, and Mrs. Workman went to her mother and father in Harveytown for a vacation. He there met Mamie Spangler, 19, and they were married in four days.

Postal Receipts Increase.

Washington (Special).—The monthly statement of gross postal receipts for June is one of the largest postoffice shows a net increase of \$20,786, or 5.6 per cent. for the 50 offices over June of last year. The largest increase was 30 per cent. at Buffalo. New York city increased 7.2 per cent. and Chicago 3.3 per cent. Nine postoffices that showed decreases during the month were Baltimore, Washington, Louisville, Omaha, Toledo, Hartford, Dayton, Ohio, Grand Rapids and Troy, N. Y. The largest decrease was 25.8 per cent. at Dayton.

United States Consul Dead.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—J. S. Rawley, who has since United States consul at Warsaw since 1875, died here Saturday.