stepped in and jarred harshly upon the even tenor of the muse.

"Aw, cut that out!" growled Brookie. "You don't have to hug in a rehearsal!"

Brookie Is Ejected.

Bitter words ensued between Brookie and Adams, with the result that the latter summoned help and Brookie was carried kicking downstairs and pushed out of the front door upon the sidewalk.

This was a few minutes before 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Those who were watching him say he walked a block east on Capitol avenue, then suddenly turned and retraced his steps. Knocking at the door of the house from which he had just been excluded he said he wanted to go upstairs to get some clothes, which he was permitted to do. In less than three minutes those who had admitted him heard two shots fired in rapid succession.

Adams Tells the Story.

Bert Adams gives this account of what happened: "When Brookie appeared the second time Mrs. Lighthawk said to him: 'If you don't go away and stay away I'll call the police. I don't want to see any more of you!'

"'Well, you'll see just this much more of me!' retorted Brookie, and he drew a pistol from his hip pocket.

"He was standing then behind the bed, where he was pretending to pick up some old clothes. The woman screamed and ran into the hall and was just turning on the landing as if to go downstairs when Brookie shot and she fell to the floor with a groan. Then Brookie pressed the muzzle of the gun against his right breast and fired. I think the bullet must have passed clear through his body and penetrated the heart, as he died almost instantly.

"It all happened so quickly that I could do nothing to deflect either shot. The little boy ran out of the room at the first sight of the pistol. I stood over by the window."

The police and the coroner arrived a few minutes later. The body of Brookie was taken to the coroner's undertaking rooms and the woman, after receiving temporary treatment at the hands of Police Surgeon Borglum, was sent to the Clarkson hospital.

Letters from Brookie.

Among the woman's effects were found several letters which had been written her by Brookie. One, dated at Council Bluffs August 3, read in part as follows: "My Darling Queen—I have kidnaped the boy, Stevy, and have him here with me at the —— hotel in Council Bluffs, and if you ever expect to see him again you'd better come over, and don't bring that fellow, 'Mr. A.,' with you or there will be trouble. I've got a gun and know how to use it. I know I'm a thief and a low, degraded whelp, but for all that I love you better than my soul. I love you better than G—. Now, you'd better come, for I can tell you, I'm a desperate man."

The "Mr. A." referred to is Adams, who was the woman's accepted suitor. Three weeks ago he rented the room for her at the Capitol avenue address, representing himself as her husband. He is employed at the smelter.

It was further learned from the woman's papers that her maiden name was Davie and that she has a mother living at the "Queen's Rest," Mt. Washington, Mo.

An examination of the woman's wound showed that the bullet entered just below the right shoulder blade and penetrated the right lung, probably dividing some large bloodvessel, the doctor said.

Among those who have been subpoenaed as witnesses before the coroner's jury are Charles O. Veth, H. B. Mayo, S. A. Jones and Bert Adams, all of whom were in the house at the time.

WHEELMEN OFF AT BUFFALO

Bicycle Races and Maccabees' Day Big Events at Pan-American This Week.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 4.—One of the best bicycle meets ever held will be inaugurated in this city during the coming week in the stadium at the Pan-American exposition. The best amateurs of the country will compete in the events, which include quarter, third, one, two and five miles, with an exhibition record ride by Walter Smith of the Kings county wheelmen, New York City. The various participants are now arriving upon the ground and have already gone into track practice. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded the winners.

As a grand windup to the events of the week there will be a twenty-mile paced race, in which any number of noted middle distance men will compete.

The Maccabees will pitch their tents at the exposition on Wednesday. Twenty thousand knights and women are expected to visit the exposition on that day.

The Ecuador building will be formally opened to the public on Saturday. Don Louis F. Carbo, chairman of the commission and minister at Washington, will preside.

THINK COALSHIP IS BURNED

Underwriters Are Seeking to Hedge on Roanoke Because of Reported Blaze at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—The American four-masted bark Roanoke is only fifty-three days out from Norfolk, Va., for San Francisco with a cargo of coal, but still the underwriters are willing to pay 45 per cent to reinsure their risks on the vessel and cargo. On July 6, in latitude 45 dgrees 46 minutes north, longitude 47 degrees 45 minutes west the ship Margherita sighted an American wooden steamship on fire. The captain described the burning vessel as being more than 300 feet long with all four masts gone, but what was presumably an iron hull and a donkey engine still standing amidships. From the nature of the fire it was surmised that the vessel's cargo was coal. On this account the underwriters offered 40 per cent to reinsure and now it has reached 45 per cent.

TO CONTROL THE DREDGERS

Options Are Asked on Those Operating in Great Lakes, Looking to a Combine.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Options on all dredging properties on the Great Lakes have been renewed to January 1 for the purpose of combining them in the proposed $10,000,000 trust to control the business and prices within that territory. James A. Smith of Cleveland is the representative of those who are promoting the combine.

Movement of Ocean Vessels, Aug. 5.

At New York—Arrived—Celtic, from Liverpool; La Normandie, from Havre; Astoria, from Glasgow; Nomadic, from Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Lake Superior, from Montreal.

At Moville—Arrived—Sardinian, from New York, for Glasgow.

At Japanport—Arrived—Doric, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, for Yokohama and Hong Kong.

At Hong Kong—Arrived—Victoria, from Tacoma, via Yokohama.

At Queenstown—Sailed—Umbria, from Liverpool, for New York.

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MAYOR OPPOSES BURNS' PROPOSITION

Writes Open Letter Disapproving the New City Pumping Project—Civil Engineers Make Brief Business Call.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Negotiations which have been pending for several months tonight resulted in a reconciliation of the two discordant branches of the Christian church. Reorganized, the church has over 500 members. It will continue under the name of the First Christian church and preliminary steps have already been taken toward the construction of a temple at Fourteenth and M streets on the lots which D. E. Thompson offered to donate to the city as a site for the Carnegie library. The ground was purchased recently by the church for $4,000.

Until a few years ago the First Christian church was one of the largest and wealthiest religious organizations in the city. It built the handsome church edifice at Fourteenth and K streets at a cost of over $60,000. Financial trouble, which occurred about the time of the general decline in business, caused a tragic disruption in the ranks. The organization was dissolved and the church building given over to creditors. Each branch assumed a defiant as well as independent attitude, but in recent years the feeling began to dissipate. Several months ago John Bracton of Liverpool came to Lincoln to temporarily relieve Rev. Aylesworth as pastor of the branch which holds services in the Conservatory of Music. He began the work of reconciliation and tonight his flock was invited by the other branch to come to its church auditorium in the Salisbury building. The offer was accepted and the members at once proceeded to the building, where they were cordially welcomed by Rev. T. J. Thompson on behalf of his communicants. One recalcitrant refused to rejoin the church.

Mayor Disapproves Burns' Plan.

Mayor Winnett has addressed a letter to the public in which he disapproves the proposition of Joseph Burns to do the pumping of city water for 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. The matter will come up for consideration by the council tomorrow night and the offer will be vigorously opposed by the mayor. The city now charges 15 cents per thousand gallons of water, but of course no charge is made for water lost through leakage or for water used at fires. Mr. Burns offers to give the city free use of water for fires and to make no charge for leakage. Under this arrangement the city would make a profit of one-third of the total amount paid by all consumers.

For Firemen's Race.

W. D. Fisher of York has been in the city arranging for races between the fire department running teams of the state during the coming State fair. At the recent tournament at Fremont the events were so close and exciting that many of the teams have expressed a desire to race again. The fair board has made it possible for the teams to meet again. Two races have been arranged. One race will be 250 yards and couple hose, for a purse of $250, divided into three moneys. There will be one horse race, straightaway, 250 yards, purse $150, one money.

Anent Fremont Power Plant.

A party of engineers interested in the proposed Fremont power plant was in Lincoln yesterday. The visitors investigated the records of the Platte and Loup rivers and conferred with Prof. Stout, government gauger of rivers in Nebraska. In the party were: George W. Rafter of Rochester, N. Y.; F. L. Arnott of Manchester, N. H.; J. F. Hansen of Fremont and R. N. King of New York. The visitors declined to express any opinion concerning the proposed plant, further than to say that investigations would show an ample flow of water at all times.

The Lincoln health record for July shows a total of six deaths from heat, two by murder, two cases of suicide, two from railway accidents and one from an elevator accident. There were thirty-eight deaths during the month.

OMAHA REFUGEE IS CAUGHT

Liberty of Convict Adair Has Sudden Ending Near Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Sheriff Pollard and local officers, assisted by several men from Hamilton county, have captured one of the convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary last Wednesday night. The men went to Phillips on a train, where they changed clothing. They were traced to this city and Sheriff Pollard, with the Lincoln bloodhounds, was put on the trail. The bloodhounds tracked the men to a point near Lion Grove, a picnicking resort about a mile south of this city in the Wood river valley. Here Adair, sent from Omaha for four years on the charge of forgery, was captured and is now in the city jail in this city.

Sheriff Pollard of Hamilton county, Sheriff Taylor of Hall, Mr. Keefe and hounds of Lincoln, the Burlington claim agent and a section employe of Phillips, who were hot on the trail of the two convicts, returned this afternoon from Alda, eight miles west, having given up the chase. The trail of the men was followed quite a distance through the dry channel of Wood river, but the refugees evidently got into a pasture, where there were many horses, cattle and campers, and here the dogs repeatedly lost the trail. The river was skirted for miles and all surrounding farmers notified to be on the lookout, but in some manner the convicts remained undiscovered. During the chase Sheriff Taylor's horse fell, rolling on his leg, which had been broken about two years ago, but no injuries resulted.

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Detective Malone has received information from Grand Island that one of the three convicts who escaped from the penitentiary last Wednesday night is under arrest at that place. The man is suspected of robbing a freight car on a Burlington train at St. Michael. It is believed that the other escaped convicts are somewhere in the vicinity of Grand Island and Malone's bloodhounds are now looking for their trail.

The clothing worn by the man when arrested in Grand Island was sent to this city and today was identified by Warden Davis. The clothes were missed about the time the prisoners disappeared.

Johnson County Selects Day.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The republican county convention has been called for Monday, August 26, in Johnson county. The primaries will be held on the Saturday before. A county ticket will be placed in the field and delegates to the state convention selected. Congressman E. J. Burkett has agreed to be present at the convention and address the members of that body after the work of the day shall have been completed.

Workings of Doniphan in Again.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Dan Workings, librarian of the Doniphan Literary and Commercial club, has been arrested again for selling liquor without a license. About a month ago the mayor of Doniphan swore out a complaint against Workings. The defendant was brought to this city, his headquarters at Doniphan were raided and beer discovered. About a week ago he was again arrested for the same offense and the preliminary hearing set for August 26. Yesterday he was again alleged to be guilty and the preliminary hearing for this, the third offense, was set for the same day. The preliminary hearing for the first offense had taken place and Workings is awaiting trial in the district court on the first offense.

Detain the Wrong Man.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Despite the untiring efforts of Sheriff Strong and Deputy Cummings, no trace can be found of the whereabouts of Frank Neal, the alleged horsethief, who escaped from the county jail early Tuesday morning by sawing out a cell window. A man answering the description of Neal was held at Liberty until the Johnson county officers could go to that town, but he was not the man wanted. A reward of $50 is offered for Neal's capture.

FAMINE IS KEPT SECRET

Investigator Finds True Condition in South Russia to Be Far Worse Than Told.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A traveler chancing into the district of Elizabethgrad, province of Kherson, south Russia, would find men and women who, endowed with serviceable visual powers as long as the sun is visible, become totally blind the moment twilight sets in and must be led home. This is one of the queerest diseases known to medical science and is one of the camp followers of the famine which is not officially admitted to exist in this district.

In correspondence from here mention has been made from time to time of the drouth which visited many though not very large districts of Russia last year and of the efforts made by the government to alleviate suffering resulting from it. The ministry of the interior repeatedly declared the famine had been conquered, food had been distributed and seed corn provided for the current year. The necessity for private benevolence was reluctantly admitted at one time in the winter, but later the existence of severe want was denied. Newspapers here received during the last few months occasional letters depicting the situation in anything else than rosy colors. The government answered by a communique, recapitulating what had been done and repeating former assertions that all was well as could be expected and then the newspapers received a secret circular forbidding further mention on the subject. The existence of famine was an inconvenient fact at a time when negotiations were pending for foreign loans. Access to the famine districts was made difficult for non-residents of them and the charity workers who were not directly under the control of the state were sent back to their homes and the agencies they had created were placed under the Red Cross, which is as much a branch of the government as any ministry. These measures did not still the natural curiosity to ascertain the truth about the matter and certain people with influential connections which could not be ignored sent a trustworthy young man to Elizabethgrad to investigate for himself. He has just returned. Without going into details he reports the following facts:

The city and districts of Elizabethgrad, with a population of 600,000, are suffering now from famine and disease incident upon famine. The investigator found:

1. General destitution.
2. Many cases of acute destitution.
3. Some people dying of starvation.
4. "Spotted," or punger fever prevailing.

Punger typhus is an unfailing indication that poverty has sharpened into want. Whole families are attempting to exist on rations allowed for a single child. The government rule is to count persons not actually sick with disease which can be labeled as able-bodied working people. There is little or no work to be found, consequently rations cannot be had until they are no longer of much benefit.

The government gave minimum quantities in the first place and delivered supplies of seed corn and foodstuffs to the nearest railway stations. The peasants, having already been forced to sell their horses, were unable to secure the supplies so furnished in many cases without giving a large part to draymen.

The investigator was told that those conversant with local resources and not in the confidence of the governor were utterly unable to see how the souls and bodies of the majority of the population were to be held together until the new crops should be harvested and available.

The governor of Kherson is Prince Obolensky. It is upon him that the government relies for its reports. Prince Obolensky has visited many villages which are suffering, but local report and the observation of the investigator, indicate that he showed no great desire of ascertaining whether there was any considerable want.

Elizabethgrad is in the heart of the Black Earth zone. It was formerly flourishing before the shiftless farming methods went into effect. Small villages are without manufactures or commerce. The country has never recovered from the terrible drouth of 1892 and the peasants have lost all power of resistance. And worse is coming. The great provinces of Samara and Saratoff and many other large districts are threatened with an almost total crop failure.

UNIONS WANT ALL THE WORK

Try to Organize So that Only Union Material Will Be Used in Exposition Buildings.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4.—An attempt is being made in this city to form a building material trades council, to include all workingmen engaged in the manufacture of structural materials. If the project is carried out successfully only union made material can be used in the erection of World's fair buildings, it is stated.

Business Agent Richard De Barry and Walter E. Gebelein of the Amalgamated Wood Workers conferred with the officers of the Metal Trades council here this afternoon, outlining a plan which met with the full approval of the metal workers. A committee was appointed immediately to go before the executive committee of the Wood Workers in furtherance of the plan. Secretary John P. O'Connor of the Metal Trades council said tonight that he had no doubt whatever that the metal workers in St. Louis would gladly enter into the new union. There are 14,000 skilled laborers in the twenty-eight local unions forming the St. Louis Metal Trades council. Walter E. Gebelein, who represented the wood workers at the conference yesterday, expressed the belief that the Building Trades council will stand by the Building Material Trades council in St. Louis, as it has done in other cities.

Among labor leaders the formation of the new organization is looked upon as a new way of approaching the subject of union labor for the World's fair. Only last week the Central Trades and Labor union drew up a strong resolution to the effect that none but union labor should be employed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company. Everything possible would be done to put this into effect.

Converter in Smelter Explodes.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 4.—The center converter of the smelter of the Detroit Copper Mining company at Morenci blew up, seriously injuring eight men. One of the men injured is Bernard G. Rojo, the smelter foreman. Joseph Vetar was frightfully burned by melted copper.

NEBRASKA CITY IS SEALED

Not Even the Livery Stables Can Open for Sunday Business.

PLENTY OF POLICE BUT NO ARRESTS

Mayor Mattes Follows Out Law and Order League's Suggestions Without Discriminating for Even the Iceman.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Not a single place of business was open in this city today. The order of Mayor Mattes, issued last Tuesday, was sweeping in its terms and included stores, bakeries, butcher shops and livery stables.

The order was modified yesterday so as to allow the delivery of milk, but the icemen made no rounds today. Drugstores were open to fill prescriptions only. People who keep their horses at livery barns complained loudly, as no horses except those belonging to physicians were allowed to leave the stables.

A large number of extra police were sworn in, but no violations of the order were reported and no arrests were made. The action of the mayor was the outgrowth of the movement of the Law and Order league against the opening of saloons and the playing of base ball on Sunday.

ALL UNIONS MAY JOIN

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said Mr. Shaffer as he went on. "Mr. Morgan knows absolutely nothing about the true condition of the mills, except as he is told by others. He has their word and is guided by it entirely. I believe that Mr. Morgan is a fair minded man and is only acting on his judgment, based on information of others whom he looks to. I am aware that there is a hidden influence in the corporate body of the United States Steel corporation that has been working against us. What I mean is that it is hidden to the public, but not to us. We are fully aware of the location of our enemies. We went to New York wanting peace. We did everything that we could do to bring about peace honorably. In every effort we failed. We can do no more than fight for our existence until either the trust asks for another conference or we are extirpated."

Have Plans Well Laid.

Throughout the interview President Shaffer indicated that the officials of the Amalgamated association had their plans for this struggle well in hand and had made arrangements for the battle on complete and systematic ideas. He declined to say anything about the action of the American Federation of Labor in assisting the Amalgamated association in this struggle or to tell anything about what support the organization would receive from other sources. The policy of the organization, he said, would be to move quietly and carefully, as they realized that they had a difficult task before them and nothing would be gained by rashness. The various vice presidents of the organization, after the meeting in New York, had scattered to their respective homes and there they will assume direct charge of the members in their districts. The only members of the official family of the organization left in Pittsburg will be the national officers and President Shaffer, who will act with full power in directing affairs from the general offices.

President Shaffer said that he had given up all hope for a peaceful settlement of this trouble and looked for no further attempts to bring about a renewal of conferences.

Sounding Federation of Labor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President Shaffer and other members of the executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have been sounding the American Federation of Labor as to the extent the latter body can be depended upon in supporting the great steel strike now under way.

"With this object in view President Shaffer, Secretary Williams, B. I. Davis, M. F. Tighe and John Chappelle came to Washington after the announcement in New York of their failure to reach an agreement with the United States steel officials. They reached the city late last night and registered at one of the downtown hotels.

Their presence in the city was known to only a few people. They departed for Pittsburg this afternoon. While here the committee had two extended interviews with General Secretary Frank Morrison, the principal officer of the American Federation of Labor now in the city, President Gompers being away for a few days' visit to the north. Mr. Morrison did not want to discuss the object of the committee's visit. He would not say specifically to what extent the federation would aid the Amalgamated association. He confined himself to the general statement that the committee had come to Washington for conference with the officials of the American Federation of Labor as to the best methods of procedure in carrying on the strike.

The Amalgamated association, Mr. Morrison said, was affiliated with the Federation and was entitled to the co-operation and aid of the greater body in conducting the strike movement to an effective and successful issue. Mr. Morrison expressed himself as confident of the ultimate success of the steel workers and felt certain that the Federation of Labor would give them all the aid in its power. He was asked specifically whether orders would be issued for an extension of the strike in affiliated branches of labor and regarding the matter of financial assistance to the steel strikers, but declined to answer the questions. The members of the general council of the Federation of Labor are within reasonable distance of Washington and if any decisive action is to be taken by the Federation in aiding the steel strikers it is probable a meeting of the council will be called for that purpose. President Gompers is expected to return to Washington early in the week, probably tomorrow.

As anxious as the members of the executive board of the Amalgamated association were to settle the present steel workers' strike, their refusal to accept the terms of Mr. Morgan was the only alternative left them at the last moment. For the association's site to have agreed to the proposition would have declared all of the hoop combine mills now idle as nonunion and would have meant the desertion of the thousands of workmen who were employed in them and who organized and came out on a strike since the trouble began. To have deserted these men now would have been the deathblow of the organization and it would have died in dishonor. To fight the trust in an honorable battle with a good chance to win means at least a chance for life, but if beaten a demise of the Amalgamated association with honor." This was the explanation of Vice President David Reese of the Amalgamated association, who returned from New York today after attending the conference there with the officials of the United States Steel corporation.

Shaffer Keeps Agreement.

As to the agreement which President Shaffer is alleged to have signed with Mr. Morgan and which it was charged he had failed to keep, Mr. Reese said that it had been proved conclusively that Mr. Shaffer had done all that he agreed to do. The board is a unit in all things and it has no internal dispute as had been alleged. This proposition of Mr. Morgan's had been discussed by the members in a free and dispassionate manner. It was agreed that a settlement of the strike was preferable to a long and bitter contest and the board was willing to accept the proposition that the trust retain as nonunion the Old Meadow-Saltsburg mill at the time of the conference in the Lincoln, but they could not desert Wellsville, McKeesport and such other mills as they knew were organized to a man. The manufacturers were willing to give the Amalgamated association the Wellsville, McKeesport, Saltsburg and Old Meadow mills at the Hotel Lincoln conference, but would not consent to any more. Had they added the Lindsay, McCutcheon and the Painter mills of the hoop combine the strike would never have gone any further. Since then the Amalgamated association has organized and gotten all the men in the hoop combine, with the exception of one mill. These men have shown their desire to join the Amalgamated association and the trust officials said they would not interfere with their men if they wanted to join the organization. It was proved by the organization that the men did want to and the executive board took the officers of the trust at their word and offered to compromise on the scale being signed for all mills that were known to both sides to be fully organized. The proposition was declined. It was declined without any explanation from the officials and in return they offered worse terms than had been rejected by the board during the Hotel Lincoln conference.

No Change in Strike Status.

Concerning the actual strike status in this city there seems to be little or no change. The mills on strike are still idle, with no indications of an attempt by the combine to start any of the plants. No fires are being started and the only evidence of work about any of the plants is that of men making necessary repairs. There seems to be no concern among the strikers at the failure of the late conference and all seem believe the men will stand by the association to the end.

A sample of the condition of the men is that at the Lindsay McCutcheon mill, one of the plants which caused much of the discussion between the two sides. It was learned today that not a man among the strikers who wants to work is idle. Out of the 500 men at this place not more than 100 are out of work. They have secured employment in the numerous independent plants. Those who are idle are enjoying a much needed vacation.

When the general strike order is issued among the first to go out will be the Amalgamated men at the Republic iron works on the South Side. This mill is a branch of the National Tube company, which has plants all over the country. The skilled men at the Republic mill are said to be well organized.

From McKeesport this announcement is made tonight:

The Amalgamated association is rapidly gaining strength in McKeesport and it is estimated that it added at least 200 new members to its forces at the two meetings held this afternoon. The meeting of National lodge, consisting of employes of the Boston Iron and Steel works, was largely attended and although no definite statement was given out in regard to the number of new men taken into the lodge, the conservative estimate is placed at 100, while others claim that nearly double this number were added to the lodge. The members of the lodge claim they now have the entire Boston mill organized with the exception of two men, and these latter positively refuse to have anything to do with the organization. Union lodge, composed of employes of the National Rolling mill, at its meeting secured, it is reported, 100 new members. The strikers last night were claiming that everything was coming their way and that if a general strike order is issued the National Tube company will be unable to turn a wheel and that they would have between 8,000 and 10,000 more men out. The tubeworkers are organized by the American Federation of Labor, which organization will readily respond to the call of the Amalgamated association. The business men of McKeesport are great depressed by the situation and they fear if a general order is issued from strike headquarters that their business will be nearly ruined, at least for the time being, as about 15,000 men would be idle.

Men Restive at Wellsville.

The report from Wellsville, O., is that the strikers are in a very restive mood tonight. The arrest of eight of their number and the fact that warrants are in the possession of the police for nine more who are at present in hiding in the camps across the river in West Virginia have put them in anything but an amicable frame of mind toward the authorities and the steel company. Four of the strikers are still in jail. Organizer George Evans, Frank Adams and William and Elmer Moore have been released on bail. The Amalgamated lodge is arranging to furnish bail for the others early Monday and will have the men for whom warrants are out come over from West Virginia and give themselves up as soon as bail can be gotten for them. Deputy Sheriffs Christ Threck and Bert Ellis of Lisbon are in town, but they say they will take no part in the trouble should any occur unless the local police force is unable to cope with the situation. The deputies were in consultation this evening with Judge P. M. Smith, attorney for the steel company, but the subject of the conference was kept a secret, both parties refusing to divulge anything that had taken place. It is thought by the strikers that an application will be made to the United States district court in Cleveland for an injunction to restrain them from picketing the approaches to the mill. If the injunction is granted they say it will be broken and this step will bring matters to an immediate issue. Tonight mills No. 1, 2, 4 and 6 are lighted up ready to begin work at 3 a. m. There is a feeling of unrest among the operative potters of East Liverpool and Wellsville and the owners of the plants are fearful lest they come out in sympathy with the steel workers. There are 9,000 operatives in the potteries in the two towns. The railroad brakemen on the Cincinnati & Pittsburg division will hold a meeting on Tuesday night to map out a course of action. They are heartily in sympathy with the strikers and may decide to come out in sympathy.

Organize Military Companies.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 4.—The organization of the first militia company by a labor organization was put under way last night by Crescent lodge, Amalgamated association, and today so popular is the plan that the members of the labor unions by the hundred are discussing it favorably, and the indications are that a large proportion of union labor will soon be under military discipline. The two full companies formed in Crescent lodge will not be in any way controlled by the state, but will be as independent as are the military companies of secret and religious organizations. Their officers will be empowered to order action, but only on the line of self-defense or defense of property of their employers when endangered by mobs. Their constitution declares that their interests and that of their employers are identical. Only when property is endangered will they act. The Amalgamated association is ready to close all trust mills on a strike order. Workers in independent mills have pledged 20 per cent of all earnings to the strike fund and the Crescent lodge has resolved to give half if the national board can use it. There are 3,000 men in the independent mills. Business is already seriously affected, workmen generally making preparations for a long siege. The general strike order will affect 12,000 men in the Wheeling district. All the trust mills are fully organized but the Riverside and Bellaire and there the men have partial organizations.

The following telegrams were received tonight:

Scottdale, Pa.—The determination of the Amalgamated association to call out all the organized employes of the United States Steel corporation will have no material effect here. Both the Scottdale and Old Meadow plants will start up in full at midnight as usual.

Sharon, Pa.—If the general strike order is issued it will have but little effect in the Shenango valley further than closing the independent blast furances whose product is controlled by the Bessemer association. It is announced today that the blast furnace workers will receive an order from their union to close the plants tomorrow. If the independent furnace men go out about 1,000 men will be affected here, at Sharpsville and West Middlesex. The National Steel works in this city are unorganized and it is not believed they will strike.

Monessen, Pa.—The Amalgamated association expects to gain many recruits from the National Tinplate mill during the week and it is more than likely that the full force of men will not report for duty tomorrow morning. This week will witness a turn in the local situation which will mean a decisive victory for one side or the other. Manager Percy E. Donner realizes that a crisis is imminent which will decide the conflict and is concentrating his efforts to prevent a break in the ranks of his workmen.

As Viewed in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 4.—"If President Shaffer carries out his published intention of ordering a general strike, it will mean the absolute annihilation of the Amalgamated association and a second Homestead affair," said Superintendent George L. Reis of the Illinois Steel company, tonight. "As to whether or not a strike will be ordered in our mills I cannot say."

Mr. Reis continued: "The men who are employed by the Illinois Steel company are working under a contract and an agreement which has been in force fourteen years and I have never known the association to violate a contract. But if the men in our mills are ordered out I have no doubt they will obey the order.

"It seems to me a mistaken policy to throw thousands of men out of work merely on a matter of sentiment and this is all that the present strike amounts to in my opinion. The course of President Shaffer is calculated to wreck his organization and I believe he has made a great mistake in adopting his present policy."

Four hundred men are employed in the Bayview plant of the Illinois Steel company. No word of a strike order has been received here, but one is expected.

Fear Sympathetic Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 4.—Representatives of the operators and mine workers of Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Illinois are gathering here for a conference tomorrow. O. L. Garrison of St. Louis, chairman of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, who is here, admits the conference, but is reticent as to its objects. Asked if a strike were feared he said:

"There is no telling what the mine workers may do. If President Mitchell should call his men out I think he would make a serious mistake. The executive board of the bituminous district, comprising Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania, will be in session tomorrow and I expect to see the officials and have a talk with them. The conference will turn on the annual meeting of the operators and miners next January."

It is reported here tonight that Indiana operators are fearful of a sympathetic strike of miners in aid of the steel strikers. An operator said tonight: "It is true much uneasiness prevails in the coal fields of the state on account of a possible sympathetic strike. The meeting of the miners' executive board will be watched with more than usual interest. It is known that the anthracite field is excited and this feeling has invaded the bituminous fields. It is impossible to predict what will occur. I believe President Mitchell of the mine workers will not favor a sympathetic strike, but he may be outvoted."

CRISIS IN STRIKE IS NEAR

Employers at San Francisco Must Make Settlement or Extreme Measures Will Be Used.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Whether the local labor trouble is to be terminated or whether it is to be extended to other unions and possibly to other coast cities will probably be determined tomorrow afternoon. The directors of the employers' association are to meet then and decide on their final position. Should they decide to make no concessions the union leaders assert that they will issue orders for extreme measures. Andrew Furuseth, secretary of the labor council, said today:

"We have done everything in our power to meet the employers half way, but through their attorney, Mr. Michael, they have expressed a desire to treat with us only on one basis—that of the disruption of labor unions in San Francisco.

"We shall not consent to yield up the only rights we have as laboring men. We decline to allow the employers to rule the industries of this city as did the Council of Ten in the dark days of Venice's history. We are willing to meet the issue raised by the employers in a spirit of fairness, but at the same time we demand that the employers consider the question involved in this struggle in the same spirit. What we want is an early adjustment of this affair. We will do all we can to secure it without the sacrifice of our principles as a union and our dignity as honest workingmen."

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