

GIVES HIM FREE HAND

France Promises to Endorse Any Action Constant Determines On.

HE BEGINS WITH ULTIMATUM TO SULTAN

Threatens to Withdraw Official Family from Constantinople.

PORTE'S AMBASSADOR MAY BE BARRED

Delasse Thinks of Forbidding His Return to Paris.

THIS WOULD BE BAD FOR THE TURKS

French Metropolis is Headquarters for Sultan's Disaffected Subjects and He Could No Longer Keep Informed About Them.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 23.—The French ambassador, M. Combarieu, today sent a letter to the sultan practically informing him that he would leave Constantinople with the entire staff of the embassy if the matters in dispute were not settled immediately. The letter has the nature of an ultimatum. It accords the sultan the briefest delay with which to comply with the demands.

While the officials of the French Foreign office decline to confirm or deny the dispatch of the Associated Press announcing that the French ambassador has sent the letter which is in the nature of an ultimatum, which has been laid before the council, now sitting at the Elysee palace. Only three ministers were present. The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the minister of agriculture, M. Dupuy, and the minister of public works, M. Baudin, are absent from Paris.

The correspondent learns that M. Combarieu has been given a free hand. Any step he finds proper to take will be fully endorsed. The foreign minister, M. Delcasse, if he deems it necessary, will withdraw the French embassy from Constantinople and M. Munir Bey, the Turkish ambassador who is now in Switzerland, will be notified not to return to Paris, in which case he probably will withdraw the legation to Bern, as he is also accredited as minister to Switzerland.

Would Inconvenience Sultan.

No avowal demonstration is yet contemplated, but the sultan will probably be seriously inconvenienced by the closure of the Turkish embassy here, which is the center of the espionage maintained to watch the numerous young Turks and other disaffected subjects and exiles who make their headquarters in Paris and who will have a free hand if diplomatic relations between France and Turkey are completely broken off.

It is suggested that the French government issue orders for the bourse to cease dealing in Turkish securities, but it is not likely that this step will be taken, as it would injure the French bond holders. The entire Turkish group fell on the bourse today, in some cases going down ten to twelve francs.

According to a special dispatch received here from Bern, Munir Bey has already leased a villa there for the use of the Turkish embassy.

SOVEREIGNS DINE TOGETHER

King of England and Emperor of Germany Greet Each Other Most Cordially.

WILHELMSHOEHE, Prussia, Aug. 23.—King Edward arrived here at lunch time and was met at the railroad station by Emperor William in the uniform of a British admiral, and the officers of the headquarters staff.

The king wore the uniform of the Dragon guards and after cordial greetings the sovereigns entered an open carriage drawn by four horses and were driven to the castle, where they had luncheon. The center of the table was adorned with the Epergne, designed by Emperor William as a present for King Edward.

CLOSE THE COUNTRY STORES

Order for Queenstown District of Cape Colony Indicates Serious Condition.

CAPTOWN, Aug. 23.—A fresh order proclaiming martial law has been issued providing for the closing of all the country stores in the Queenstown district, together with all things likely to be useful to the enemy shall be taken to certain specified towns and forbidding country residents to have in their possession more than a week's provisions.

RUSSIAN TROOPS MOBILIZING

Fleet of Torpedo Boats and Soldiers Gather Along Turkish Frontier.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Petit Bleu from Vienna says: According to advices from Galatz, twenty Russian torpedo boats and several dispatch boats have arrived at the Danube delta and Russian troops are commencing to mobilize along the Turkish frontier.

CZAR IS TO VISIT GERMANY

Accepts Invitation to Witness the Naval Manoeuvres at Danzig.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—It is semi-officially announced that the czar, in an autograph letter, definitely accepted Emperor William's invitation to attend the naval manoeuvres at Danzig.

Will Give the Duke a Dog.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Aug. 23.—The government has received a telegram from the duke of Cornwall and York, from at Cape-town, announcing that he will attend the two state dinners to be given in Government house, St. Johns, on the two evenings of his stay in New Foundland. The children of New Foundland will present to Prince Edward, eldest son of the duke of Cornwall and York, a New Foundland dog.

Not All of India is Dry.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Simla, India, thirteen inches of rain have fallen there during the last three days.

It is Not Coming.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 23.—Marquis Ito has abandoned his proposed American tour.

PROUD BANDIT KILLED

Police General Guard Earns Thousand Offered for Lima Alive.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Lima, the notorious bandit for whose capture, dead or alive, the military government offered a reward of \$1,000, has been killed at Matanzas (Coral Falso) in the province of Matanzas. The police assisted the rural guard and four other bandits were captured at the same time. The body of Lima will be photographed for the purpose of identification.

Lima's operations in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana had greatly exasperated the military authorities. For several months there was a standing reward of \$500 for his head. During the latter part of July he sent word to the authorities that he would surrender for \$500, provided he was allowed to leave the island. Upon receipt of this offer the reward was doubled and urgent instructions were sent to General Rodriguez of the rural guard to capture Lima. Finally the bandit consented to promise to pardon him if he surrendered. The reply was that if he gave himself up he would be tried as a bandit and if he remained at large he would be hunted down and killed if necessary.

WILL BURN ALL THEY SEND

United States Smokers Keep Up Demand that Sets Cubans' Fears at Rest.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Gustav Beck, in the course of report to the Cigar Manufacturers' union regarding the outlook of the cigar and tobacco industry, expresses the opinion that there is no danger to be apprehended from American competition so far as Cuban cigars are concerned. He takes the ground that, even if Cuba sent all its cigars to the United States and produced 200,000,000 last year, this could not seriously affect the American producers and manufacturers, who sold 5,000,000 cigars in the United States. Even if Cuba were to more than double its present output and to send all to the United States, this would not change the situation.

Mr. Beck points out also that the tobacco sold in Cuba is limited and that the American grower has the advantage of the Cuban grower, in view of the fact that the cost of production of tobacco is greater in Cuba than in the United States.

FEVER, MOSQUITOES, POISON

They Are Experimenting with Them Collectively at Havana in Interest of Science.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—A nonimmune has been inoculated with the serum which Dr. Caldas, the Brazilian expert, alleges to be preventive against yellow fever, and has been bitten by two infected mosquitoes. The period of incubation is from four to five days. Major Havard, the chief surgeon, discussing the Caldas and other experiments, says that the yellow fever commission and himself have carefully considered the question of applying infected mosquitoes to non-immunes and have reached the conclusion that in view of all the circumstances, the fact that persons voluntarily undergo the experiments and the importance of the matter from a scientific point of view, the experiments are justifiable.

WHERE MONARCHS WILL MEET

Fredensborg, Denmark, Announced as Common Ground for King Edward and the Czar.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—It is now understood that the forthcoming meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas will occur at Fredensborg, Denmark. It is asserted that the chief of the Russian secret police will go from Paris and Inspector Melville of Scotland Yard from London to Fredensborg to insure the safety of the august visitors.

TOO PROUD FOR PRIVATEERING

Kruger Hoots the Reports that Boers Will Have Recourse to Such Method.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The Gaulois publishes an interview with Mr. Kruger at Hilversum, in the course of which he declared the reports that he would have recourse to privateering to be "mere fables." He said he was aware that the Boers could only count upon 10,000 men still in the field, but that they were determined to continue the struggle.

BRITISH POSTAL STATISTICS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A blue book containing the postmaster general's report for 1900 presents some interesting statistics. The total number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom was 7,233,317,000. The experiments with motor mail services are still unsuccessful, but recent developments have encouraged the hope of the ultimate establishment of this class of service.

The public deposited in the savings banks \$40,116,432 and the total amount of deposits at the end of the year was \$1,325,435,545. The telegraph department showed a deficit of \$462,104. The total postoffice revenue was \$115,955,470 and the expenditure was \$10,984,903.

FIRE STARTS FATAL PANIC

Vaudeville Performer Burned Beyond Recovery and Others Hurt by Being Trampled On.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 23.—A tent belonging to a New York vaudeville company, which is showing at a fair being held in Sullivan, near here, was destroyed by fire tonight. It was crowded when the cry of "fire" was raised and a panic ensued in which a number of women and children were seriously injured by being trampled upon. Miss Lillie May, a performer, was so seriously burned that she will die. Other children were severely burned while rescuing those in the tent.

KENTUCKIANS ARE TERRORIZED

Fear to Attempt Burial of Four Men Killed in Neighborhood Quarrel.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Aug. 23.—News has just reached here of a bloody battle in the eastern part of the county, twenty miles from here, in which Blake Logan and his two sons and two Wilson brothers were killed by West Mays and George Golden, in a quarrel over domestic troubles. A posse has left for the scene to make arrests and to bury the dead, as the neighbors are afraid to go to them.

TOO MUCH FOR YACHTSMEN

Constitution's Repeated Defeats by Columbia Seem Unexplainable.

SHAMROCK II DELAYS FIRST TRIAL SPIN

Misunderstandings and Bad Winds Result in Sir Thomas and Crew Finally Knocking Out Until Monday.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 23.—This was not a day of rest for the crew of Constitution. They will know no idleness for some time to come, for the yacht's manager and captain, in view of yesterday's defeat, are bound to keep all hands at work tuning up, until the new boat will show all the speed there is in it. The new mainsail was stricken today and a new sheet provided for the club topsail.

It was announced that Constitution would start tomorrow in better form than shown yesterday and its followers hope for a different result. There would be little use denying that there was chagrin over yesterday's defeat. Bad sails, it was said, did not explain it. Whenever the wind held true and showed any strength at all, Columbia simply walked away from Constitution and this was in conditions of seas favorable to the new boat. Well known yachtmen who have followed all the races between the two boats were astounded at the spectacle and cannot explain it.

Tomorrow's event, the last before the official trials at Newport is anticipated with pleasure and much interest. The most notable spectator of the race will be Sir Thomas Lipton.

SHAMROCK II GETS NOTHING DONE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Owing to a misunderstanding of orders the club challenger Shamrock II did not have a trial spin outside of Sandy Hook today. The original program was to have the yacht towed to Sandy Hook from its anchorage off Stapleton, Staten Island, starting at 11 o'clock, and then to have it go out for a trial spin over the America's cup course in the afternoon. But the forenoon was spent in putting ladders in the new mainsails and in making some alterations and repairs to the yacht's rigging. It was not before this was finished, so Shamrock was not ready to start until after the men had had their dinner.

At 1:50 o'clock the crew began hoisting the mainsail. Captain Sycamore, understanding the yacht was to sail out to Sandy Hook. But Sir Thomas Lipton and Designer Watson, after a conference, decided that it would be better to tow the yacht out with Erin on account of the strong southeast breeze prevailing, which if the yacht sailed, would make it a long tedious beat down the main ship channel to Sandy Hook. Accordingly at 2 p. m. a stout hawser, the one with which Shamrock was towed on its voyage across the Atlantic, was pulled out to the yacht's taffrail and the tow began. After the yacht's anchor was up Erin went away with the yacht at a ten-knot clip, leaving the accompanying tugboats far astern.

Too Late for Full Course.

As the vessels passed out by the Rorer Beacon they began to feel the effect of the easterly sea which was rolling in. At 3 p. m. they rounded the southwest spit and headed out to sea. It was then so late that Sir Thomas and the yacht's designer decided that it would be better not to attempt to sail over any stated course before dark, so about half a mile east of the bell buoy of Sandy Hook the towline was cast off, Shamrock's stayails were broken out and under that sail it returned to within a half mile of its mooring buoy in Sandy Hook bay. The yacht showed wonderful ability in her work, but she was under that short sail. The Associated Press tug towed it the last half mile until it was made fast to its buoy at 4 p. m.

After the yacht was secure Sir Thomas Lipton went on board the press boat and told the newspaper men that he was not going to take the only "day off" they would probably be able to have before the cup races. They were going to the race of Columbia and Constitution off Oyster Bay tomorrow, he said. He announced that Shamrock would not sail until Monday, but it would go out every day after that, except Sundays, to take trial spins over the America's cup course.

YOUNG BRIDE IS SHOT DOWN

Her Husband Attempts Murder and Suicide Upon Her Return from Iowa.

PALMYRA, Wis., Aug. 23.—A case of attempted murder and suicide occurred here this afternoon at the residence of Alfred Watson. Mort Cartright lies at the sanitarium with two bullets through his body and Edna Cartright, his wife, lies at the home of her grandparents with a bullet in her back. Cartright can live only a few hours, while his wife is expected to recover.

A few weeks ago Cartright, who is only 19 years of age, married Miss Etta Strike, a girl of 15. They lived at the home of his parents for a few weeks. Trouble arising, they separated, she going to Iowa and he remaining here. Later the trouble appeared to be settled and Mrs. Cartright returned to Palmyra today, stopping at the Watson residence, where she was with her husband. The tragedy occurred shortly after the arrival of young Cartright, when a fusillade of bullets was heard. No further explanation is given.

STRANGE DEATH OF LYALL

Wealthy Inventor and Manufacturer Accidentally Asphyxiates Himself in His Bathroom.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—James W. Lyall, aged 63, a wealthy manufacturer of cotton goods, was found dead today in his bathtub at his home in this city. The gas was turned on. It is believed he was overcome with weakness and fell, striking the gas jet with his arm, turning it on. Mr. Lyall was the inventor of what is known as the positive motion loom, which largely revolutionized the manufacture of cotton goods, and various improvements and devices widely used in the cotton industry.

LIFE CONVICT IS PAROLED

John Fleming Released to Visit His Dying Father at Kokomo, Indiana.

MICHIGAN, Ind., Aug. 23.—John Fleming, a life convict in the penitentiary, has been given a ten days' parole by Governor Durbin, in order that he may visit his dying father at Kokomo. The officers have full confidence that he will return at the end of the ten days. This is said to be the first case on record where a life convict has been permitted to leave prison.

JUMPS FROM ANOTHER TRAIN

Mrs. Poor Repeats Her Iowa Experience on the Erie Limited in York State.

CORNING, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Passengers on the Erie Limited No. 5 had a lively experience between Elmira and Corning last night. After the train left Elmira a woman started running through the train, screaming that some one was trying to place her under an anesthetic. She fought one hour and a half with a big jackknife. With her hair down, she was chased over the roof and up and down with her mother. The passengers were terrorized and the trainmen had great difficulty in restraining them. When the train reached here the woman made a dash and with her hand smashed the large plate glass in the car vestibule and jumped from the train, followed by the two boys.

They ran a block and then rushed into the Corning club, where the woman, bleeding and bruised, screamed for help. The clubmen, believing that murder was being committed, called in all directions. The woman and her sons were finally caught by the police and a doctor dressed her cuts and bruises.

Today she gave her name as Dr. Mellie Poor and said her sons' names were Henry and Robert. They lived, she said, in Chicago. They were detained at police headquarters until this afternoon, when they were allowed to go. The woman and her sons apparently had taken some strong drug which crazed them temporarily. They were apparently all right today and proceeded for Chicago tonight.

Mrs. Poor is the widow of the murdered Mrs. Poor of Omaha. She created a sensation last month by leaping off a Northwestern train while it was running through Iowa.

WILL NOT RISK A LYNCHING

Governor Jenkins Must Be Assured of Favors' Safety Before Missouri Can Have Him.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., Aug. 23.—William Favors, the negro held here on the charge of being connected with the murder of Gazelle Wild at Pierce City, Mo., was released on a writ of habeas corpus, but immediately re-arrested by the sheriff as a fugitive from justice. A telegram was received here from the governor of Missouri stating that the requisition papers for Favors were on the way here. Favors will be held, pending the decision of Governor Jenkins in regard to the requisition. It is believed here that the governor will not honor the requisition, unless assured that the negro will be protected.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—Governor Dockery this afternoon ordered Auditor Doherty to report and Brigadier General Clark to repair to Pierce City at once to protect the property of the state there against the mob. There is talk of disbanding the militia company at Pierce City on account of the company's rifles being used by the mob that lynched the three negroes.

SMELTER MEN FEAR CLOSING

Those Employed at Argentine Plant Apprehend that it is Never to Resume.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—There is a feeling in Argentine, Kan., that the Argentine smelter, which the American Smelting and Refining company, will close down permanently on September 15. It was announced on Tuesday last that the plant would shut down for a period to give it thorough cleaning. Already 200 employees have been let out and the chief of the plant has said that they will all lose their places and that the plant is to be abandoned.

In a special to the Star from New York Vice President Sewell of the American Smelting and Refining company is quoted as saying: "All of the employees thrown out by the closing of the plant should be employed at other plants. Some have already been sent to Chicago. If after overhauling the plant it is found inadvisable to repair it, it may be shut down permanently."

TEXAS TREASURER IS SAFE

House Too Anxious to Get State's Money Back to Impeach Him Now.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 23.—The house today refused to pass a resolution to impeach State Treasurer Robbins for having a large amount of the state's money on deposit in the First National bank of Austin when it failed recently. The governor sent in a message indicating that the First National bank was in a fair way to be reopened and asking for legislation to enable the state to take advantage of the bank's resuming, so as to get hold of all its money within 180 days. The resolution was adopted. The governor has acquired a majority of the bank's stock and will co-operate with W. B. Wortham, its president, in taking it out of the hands of a receiver and settling with its depositors.

CUTS TO MOVE THE WHEAT

Santa Fe Makes Seven-Cent Rate to Chicago on Carloads in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—The commercial agent of the Santa Fe railroad today announced to the Kansas City Board of Trade that his road would carry all wheat on which disposition orders were received before evening, from here to Chicago for 7 cents per 100 pounds. The object of the Santa Fe in cutting the rate is to secure the disposition of wheat in the local yard. There were 100 loaded cars of wheat in the Santa Fe yards today. Disposition orders were received for the majority of them before evening. The commercial agent said that the receipts of wheat tonight would decide whether or not the 7-cent rate would be effective tomorrow. It is possible that the Santa Fe will continue to make this rate openly while shipments continue heavy. The present is a cut of 3 cents under the agreed rate of 10 cents.

THROWS LIGHT ON KAWVILLE

Missouri and Kansas Folk See What They Believe is a Meteor.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—What is supposed to have been the fall of a meteor was witnessed in this part of the country last night. It was exceptionally brilliant and appeared to strike within fifty miles of Kansas City. It was witnessed here and, according to dispatches today, was also seen from Lawrence, Kan., and Butler, Mo.

SOLID FOR JUDGE KEYSOR

Douglas County Republican Delegation Unanimously Endorses Him.

JOHN C. WHARTON NAMED FOR CHAIRMAN

Enthusiastic Meeting of Nearly a Hundred and Fifty Republicans Who Will Represent Douglas County at State Convention.

The Douglas county delegation to the republican state convention, nearly 150 strong, met at the courthouse last night and unanimously pledged itself to support the candidacy of Judge William W. Keysor for the nomination for supreme court justice. The endorsement was given without a dissenting voice and with great enthusiasm.

Chairman Ostrom of the county committee called the meeting to order soon after 8 o'clock, and announced that its purpose was to effect an organization for the work to be done at Lincoln next Wednesday. W. L. Selby of West Omaha precinct was elected temporary chairman and J. W. Baitinger of the Fourth ward was selected for temporary secretary, after which E. G. McElroy offered the following resolution: "Whereas, Hon. W. W. Keysor, as judge of the district bench during the last ten years, has earned for himself the respect and confidence of the people of this district; and

Whereas, We believe him to be eminently qualified to fill a place on the highest judicial tribunal of this state, therefore be it resolved, That the delegates from Douglas county hereby pledge themselves to support his candidacy for supreme judge so long as a majority of the delegation from Douglas county continues to stand by him.

Judge Keysor Responds.

A standing vote was taken on the motion to adopt the resolution and it went through unanimously with enthusiastic applause. There were loud cheers for the candidate and Judge Keysor responded by saying: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Nothing has happened during the entire eighteen years I have lived among you more gratifying to me than this expression of your good will; this mark of your confidence in endorsing me for the exalted position of judge of your supreme court. Such an endorsement from nearly 150 of my fellow citizens is as much of an honor as an election to the supreme bench and I want to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation. Having received the unanimous support of the delegation I expect to win in the convention and I expect to be elected if nominated. Gentlemen, again I thank you."

Is Enthusiastically Received.

Judge Keysor's brief speech was enthusiastically applauded and at its close William A. DeFord moved that the meeting proceed to elect a permanent chairman of the delegation. As the motion prevailed Mr. DeFord said: "I desire to nominate for the position of permanent chairman a gentleman whom you all know—the gentleman with the fognhorn voice, Hon. John C. Wharton."

John N. Westberg nominated Charles A. Geas, but that gentleman promptly declined and Mr. Westberg seconded the nomination of Mr. Wharton, who was elected unanimously. Mr. Wharton thanked the delegation for the expression of confidence and said that he was rejoiced to know that the Douglas county republicans were going to Lincoln as a solid unit. "We are particularly fortunate in having such an admirable candidate as Judge Keysor," said he, "and by going into the convention united for him I believe we will win."

A motion by A. P. Tukey to authorize Judge Keysor to appoint five delegates in addition to the chief delegation, as a steering committee was carried and the meeting adjourned. Previous to the meeting of the delegation the executive committee of the county committee held a short session and appointed Frank W. Coleman superintendent of registration records to prepare the registration rolls for the forthcoming primaries.

SENATORSHIP ALL HE WANTS

Friend of Stone of Missouri Says Ex-Governor Has No Presidential Aspirations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 23.—"Ex-Governor Stone is not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1904. Ex-Governor Stone is a candidate for the United States senatorship and nothing else. You can say that, regardless of all announcements to the contrary, and you can also say that he will be the next United States senator from Missouri. He is the only man in the race having a show of election."

The foregoing was the declaration made by Colonel Moses C. Wetmore to a reporter today at the Planters hotel. Colonel Wetmore is a close business and personal friend of the ex-governor. He was a liberal campaign supporter of ex-Governor Stone in 1900, and it is well known that he enjoys the closest social and political intimacy with the ex-governor. Ex-Governor Stone was reported much better and is improving so rapidly that he is expected to be able to come down to his office next week.

CROWDED CARS IN COLLISION

One of Their Passengers is Killed and Seventeen Injured, All of Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 23.—A head-on collision on the river line of the Rapid Transit company late this afternoon killed one man and injured seventeen people, three of them seriously. The dead: HARRY WILLIAMS, 37 years of age, of 1000 North Avenue, was probably fatally injured. Mrs. John M. Weaver, Riverside, C. C. Williams. All of the injured are believed to be from Atlanta. The collision occurred on a sharp curve near Simsville, five miles out of the city. It was the one of the most popular suburban rides and the cars were crowded. Both cars were running at full speed.

ELECTRIC TRACTION TESTED

New York's New System Makes Satisfactory Showing in First Trial for Speed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The first test of a new system of electric traction is reported in the Electrical Review, issued tomorrow, as having surpassed the expectations of the installing company. A correspondent says where the installation has just been completed a speed of forty-five miles was attained without any serious jarring and that trains of five cars were easily transported at this speed, even on decelerated grades. The dynamo work perfectly at 21,000 volts on a line sixty-seven miles in length. This new method of electric traction, which is known as the high tension polyphase system,

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday; East to South Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 61 1 p. m. 82 6 a. m. 61 2 p. m. 84 7 a. m. 63 3 p. m. 80 8 a. m. 66 4 p. m. 87 9 a. m. 71 5 p. m. 86 10 a. m. 74 6 p. m. 84 11 a. m. 77 7 p. m. 81 12 m. 80 8 p. m. 82 9 p. m. 80

SCHWAB PAYS FOUR MILLIONS

Is Reported Finally to Have Decided to Grasp the Bethlehem Steel.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—A check for \$4,000,000 is said to have been received today by the Girard Trust company to be paid stockholders of the Bethlehem Steel company, on account of the controlling interest in the company on which Charles M. Schwab holds an option. The Girard Trust company is acting as a depository for the stock. Officials of the company decline to furnish any information concerning the reported receipt of the \$4,000,000. At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Bethlehem Steel company it was agreed to sell to Mr. Schwab an option of \$4 million and he was given an option until August 26. The total amount of money involved in the sale is said to be \$17,000,000. The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the company will be held next Tuesday and it is reported that Vice President McIlvain will be elected president. Proceedings were instituted here today by stockholders of the Bethlehem Iron company against the projected sale. The number of shares represented in the suit is 2,022. The bill states that the Bethlehem Iron works was leased to the Bethlehem Steel company for a term of ninety-nine years and that in the sale of properties the price agreed upon by a majority of the stockholders is below the real value of the property and franchises. The petitioners ask that the defendants be restrained from selling and purchasing the Bethlehem Iron company.

CUDAH BUTCHERS WALK OUT

Hundred and Twenty-Five Strike at Armourade Because Two Are Discharged.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—Because two union beef butchers employed by the Cudahy packing house at Armourade, Kan., were discharged today, 125 butchers struck, causing that department to be shut down. The strikers allege that the men were discharged without cause. The company superintendent says it was following out a plan to reduce the force in all departments. Strikers Threaten Trouble. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—A special to the Evening Telegraph from Pittston, Pa., says: A second riot occurred at the Sterling silk mill this morning, more serious than a clash which occurred last night, and the howling mob now surrounding the mill threatens to enter it by force and drag the nonunion girls from the looms. When the strikers arrived at the mills they were provided with stones and other weapons. The first object of attack was a small Italian girl. The nonunion girls in last night's trouble took shelter in the school houses and were not until this morning that the strikers taken looking to the aid of the strikers, morally and financially, by all of the organizations represented.

Two Sessions Were Held by the Conference Behind Closed Doors.

After the adjournment of the National Federation, the participants would give out any information of the proceedings further than to say that the leaders had been called together for the purpose of having the situation thoroughly explained to them and to have some plan looking to the aid of the strikers, morally and financially, by all of the organizations represented. Who Was There. There were present at the conference beside the Amalgamated officials: John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers of America; J. W. Jenks, member of the Industrial Commission; R. M. Easley, secretary of the National Federation; and Edgar M. White, general secretary of the United Garment Workers. The conference ended tonight about 9 o'clock and the conferees left for their homes. The strikers make the claim that little or any of its plants since the strike began and that what product has been turned out has been of an inferior character. Notwithstanding this, the steel officials declare themselves well pleased with the condition of affairs and say all the mills started are working satisfactory and turning out good product. The postponement of the attempt to start the Driemler plant of the American Tinplate company until next week, the officials of the company say, was for the purpose of putting the plant in perfect order before the men started to work. They say great numbers of men will be on hand when the time comes to operate the plant. Attention was called to a former statement made by the officials of the corporation that while delays would necessarily occur in operating the idle plants, it would not deter the officials from proceeding along the same line and that they were prepared to spend all the time and money necessary to fight the union and make all of the plants nonunion in the end. Conference Just Happened. When President Shaffer was seen at his home tonight he said with reference to the day's meeting that it was not a preconcerted one, "but just happened." President Mitchell, however, was of the opinion that the same thing would have occurred in his way home from the eastern coal fields and soon after his arrival the other gentlemen made their appearance. During the meeting, however, the whole strike situation was discussed. There was nothing of importance accomplished. Mr. Shaffer said no arrangement had been made to submit a new peace proposition to the corporation or