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MORE MILLS WILL RUN

Changes in Their Condition Promised by the Corporation Officials.

HAVE MEN TO INCREASE FORCE

Plants on Single Turn Will Soon Be Working With Three—Plenty of Skilled Mechanics—Extensive Improvements at the Star.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 26.—Some remarkable changes in the condition of the strike-ridden mills of the United States Steel corporation are promised for the present week that will change the aspect of affairs considerably if carried out. It was stated on good authority today that before the end of the week those of the plants that have been operating on single turn will be run with full force and for the usual three full turns each day. Men enough have been secured for this purpose, the officials say, in spite of the claims of the strikers that the companies could not get enough men to operate their plants, and the managers of the mills say they will be ready with all the skilled men required to start up the machinery and turn out a heavy tonnage.

The most interesting situation is in the Star mill of the American tin plate plant here. This plant was until this summer considered as doomed. The tin plate company had, it is said, decided to abandon the mill and move the machinery elsewhere. Since the strike has come on them and it was demonstrated that the operation of the mill with non-union men was possible under the protection of a well equipped police force, the officials decided to keep this mill, make extensive improvements in its equipment and make it a permanent fixture of the company. The most significant feature of this plan has been carried out during the past week. That consists of fitting the mill in the same manner as that of the Monessen (Pa.) plant. The former eight mills have been changed to four double mills. Other improvements have been added that will give the plant a larger capacity, increase its force of men and make it one of the most modern of all the tin plants in the country.

With the completion of these improvements, the company will be prepared to place a sufficient number of men in the plant to work the four double mills three full turns. This is said to be expected to take place during the present week. Before Saturday, according to Superintendent Piper of the Star mills, the plant will be operated to its full extent.

Referring to the present condition of the mills, Mr. Piper said: "We received eight skilled men early this morning. J. R. Phillips of the company accompanied the men to the mill and it was not until after they were in and comfortably settled for the night that the strikers discovered their presence. Those men are of the best in the trade and will enable us to move the plant on a better basis than before."

Outside the Star plant today a large number of strikers were on picket duty. They were quiet and orderly, but had their eyes and ears open for any signs of newcomers. The peculiar feature of the strike about the Star plant is the good feeling displayed between the strikers and the manager of the plant. When Superintendent Piper left the building early this morning he met the strikers and laughed good naturedly to them. He said to the anxious pickets: "I had more fun in getting those last men into the plant than at a game of checkers."

Close the Country Stores.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 26.—A fresh order proclaiming martial law has been issued providing for the closing of all the country stores in the Queenstown district, requiring that 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.

Prince Chuan in Europe.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Prince Chuan, brother of the emperor of China, and the members of the Chinese mission now on the way to Berlin to apologize for the murder of Baron von Ketteler, German minister in Peking, have arrived at Basel, Switzerland.

Wilson Will Not Resign.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 26.—(Via Galveston, Tex.)—Henry L. Wilson, United States minister to Chili, formally denied the report that he would soon retire.

TOO FEW SOLDIERS IN MANILA.

Force to Be Increased by Four Companies of Infantry.

MANILA, Aug. 26.—In the city of Manila there are now less than 1,000 effective soldiers and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that the guard duty is too heavy for the present force. As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless in the event of an uprising in the future, such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available.

General Chaffee says he considers the city of Manila to be perfectly orderly and he can see no prospect of an uprising. Commissioner Wright thinks the people "extremely peaceable." He is satisfied that, although among a certain class there is some discontent on account of the land tax, which is not yet understood, this class is not likely to foment trouble.

Many army officers say they are gratified at the increase in the military force. They think that with the military guard withdrawn from the prison another uprising there might result in the release of about 1,800 prisoners. This possibility is regarded as a menace to the city by those who take that view of the case, as they regard the white guard as insufficient.

WILL NOT HURT AMERICANS.

Cuban Cigar Trade Said to Be Unimportant in Size.

HAVANA, Aug. 26.—Gustav Beck, in the course of a 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 her cigars to the United States and produced 20,000,000 last year, this could not seriously affect the American producers and manufacturers, who sold 5,500,000,000 cigars in the United States. Even if Cuba were to more than double her present output and to send all to the United States this would not change the situation.

Mr. Beck points out also that the tobacco soil 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 his production of tobacco is greater in Cuba than in the United States.

CUTS TO MOVE THE WHEAT.

Seven-Cent Rate to Chicago on Carloads From Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—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 loaded cars in the local yards. 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.

ARMOUR ON HIS WAY HOME.

Sick Man Leaves Chicago for Kansas City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Kirk B. Armour, head of the extensive Armour enterprises in Kansas City, and who was recently stricken with a critical illness at Watkins Glen, N. Y., passed through Chicago, en route to his Kansas City home. He was in a private car and was attended by Dr. Griffith of Kansas City and trained nurses. To those who made inquiry while the car was in the railroad yards here as to his patient's condition, Dr. Griffith stated that Mr. Armour was resting comfortably.

The party arrived in Chicago over the Lake Shore road at 4 p. m., and went out over the Santa Fe road at 6 o'clock.

Czar is to Visit Germany.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—It is semi-officially announced that the czar, in an autograph letter, definitely accepted Emperor William's invitation to attend the naval maneuvers at Dantzig.

SHOW STRIKE STATUS

Reports from Steel Plants Indicate Strength of Contending Forces.

CHANGE WITHIN WEEK PROMISED.

Amalgamated Official Says Final Outcome Will Be Hurried—Conference to Start Things—It Hinges on the Unexplained Project.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—A summary of the steel strike situation last night shows about the following condition:

This city: Star Mill—Two mills running; strikers say five more men left the plant and joined their ranks, but management positively denies statement.

Painter Mill—Four mills running. Fire lighted in the bar mill furnaces, but failed to start as expected.

Pennsylvania Tube Works—Mill idle; machinists say they will quit tonight.

All Carnegie mills running full.

McKeesport—Delmar plant idle and no attempt will be made to start it before next week. Everything else closed.

Irondale—Mill running with same force as yesterday; making two turns and assurance from the manager that more men will be added to-morrow.

Wellsville—Situation unchanged; twelve mills running.

Lisbon—Fires started in tin plate plant. Manager Evans says everything ready to start, with plenty of men. Strikers voted today to remain out and the mill is strongly picketed.

Wheeling—Everything tied up and no apparent indications of an attempt to start any of the mills.

Bellaire—The National Steel company's idle plant will, it is said, be started early next week by a full force of men.

No late advices have been received by the Amalgamated officials from either Bay View or Joliet and the situation at those points is considered by them to be unchanged.

The conference of the labor leaders at the offices of the Amalgamated association was the leading feature today. The officials of the organization all seemed pleased with the way things were moving and one of them said: "In another six days you will see a decided change in the strike that will tell with effect on the trust and aid in hurrying the final outcome of the strike." Just what this change is to be was not said, but it was inferred that the coming event hinged upon the conference that was taking place.

Two sessions were held by the conferees behind closed doors. After the adjournment of the first session, none of 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 action taken looking to the aid of the strikers, morally and financially, by all of the organizations represented.

SCHWAB PAYS FOUR MILLIONS.

Reported to Have Decided to Grasp the Bethlehem Steel.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—A check for \$4,000,000 is said to have been received 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 at the rate of \$24 a share 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 Tuesday and it is reported that Vice President McIlvain will be elected president.

Russian Troops Mobilizing.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the *Faithful* 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.

NEW TOWN IS LAID WASTE.

Fierce Wind Storm Demolishes Houses and Tents in Anadarko.

EL RENO, Okl., Aug. 23.—A wind and rain storm amounting almost to a tornado nearly demolished the new town of Anadarko. W. P. Levis of Weatherford, Tex., and John Antone of Paris, Tex., and Dr. Mayse of Wichita, Kan., were killed by falling buildings and a number of others were injured, while about twenty buildings were almost completely wrecked and hundreds of tents and great quantities of merchandise were strewn over the prairie. The town people are busy this morning and soon the wreckage will be cleared away and buildings replaced. The damage will amount to several thousands of dollars, but cannot be estimated accurately at this time.

Known injured: Sam P. Nelson, Kansas City, may not recover. Dan Warren, Story county, internal, but not serious.

Several others were reported injured, but it is believed none will die.

The storm struck at about 8 o'clock and came up without warning. John Antone was killed in the lodging tent and grocery store of his sons, located just west of the postoffice. The postoffice building, a rudely constructed affair, collapsed and fell over the tent. Antone's three sons succeeded in getting out, but their father was caught by a large timber and crushed to death. W. P. Levis was killed in a tent by the side of a saloon building being erected on the corner of Tenth and C streets. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a painter. Dr. Mayse of Wichita was killed in his tent by an unfinished house blowing down on him. Dan Warren, a young man, was injured while standing in a tent near Levis' place, being knocked from his cot by a timber.

RESENTS ARMED INTERVENTION.

President of Ecuador Warns Nations to Keep Hands Off.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The following dispatch, addressed to the Associated Press, has been received from General Alery Alfaro, president of Ecuador:

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 21.—War between Colombia and Venezuela is improbable. The union of the conservatives in both republics with a view of exercising absolute control has led to conflicts of a transitory character. The president strongly condemns any armed intervention in the internal affairs of the republics. ALFARO.

Protocol Still Unsigned.

PEKIN, Aug. 23.—The Chinese peace commissioners have not signed the settlement protocol. Prince Ching, president of the foreign office, telegraphed to the emperor requesting an edict empowering him to sign, but no reply was received. He telegraphed again today in stronger terms. Hung Chang has had a serious attack of sickness, the result of over-exertion in connection with the conferences. He is better today.

Young Train Wrecker's End.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Aug. 23.—William Kinney, the 11-year-old son of a railroad watchman, was sentenced today to the Industrial School for Boys at Waukesha for wrecking a train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. Young Kinney, who had previously ditched a train by throwing a switch, loosened the brakes on some freight cars, which, running down a steep grade, crashed into a freight train, causing a serious wreck.

President Sees Another Expo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 23.—It was announced this evening that President McKinley, accompanied by Mrs. McKinley, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey and other members of his household, will arrive in Buffalo on the evening of September 4. They will be entertained at the home John G. Milburn, president of the exposition company.

Starts Frisco Steamers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 23.—It is stated positively by the Examiner that by the end of the present year the Santa Fe company will abandon its trans-Pacific steamship line from San Diego and will establish an oriental service from this port, with connections for Central and South America.

Moves Vicuna's Body.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 22.—The body of Senor Vicuna, late Chilean minister, left for Washington tonight in a special car over the Pennsylvania railroad.

SHAFFER HAS HIS PLAN

Association President Thinks He Can End Steel Strike.

WILL FIRST BRING ABOUT A CRISIS

Hints of Forcing an Agreement by Taking Some Drastic but Mysterious Measures—Bayview Men Paid Off—The Situation in a General Way.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 22.—President Shaffer said tonight that he has well-defined plans to bring the great strike to a close. This is to be done by bringing about such a crisis in the differences between the steel corporation and the Amalgamated association as will force a settlement. Just how all this is to be accomplished is a mystery, but it will not be by arbitration or litigation. In answer to questions about the numerous stories going the rounds of mediation or arbitration Mr. Shaffer dismissed all by saying:

"We have not heard from the other side. We have not placed anything before them and know of nobody acting for either side or on any side. We are not hunting for arbitration. Arbitration, representing both sides, might be worse than the strike itself. Two willing champions, one for either side, might have a worse fight in choosing a third party and in settling the differences than we in the continuation of the strike."

"I have told the other side that, personally, I would consent to disinterested arbitration in the hands of such public men as Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Potter and Seth Low. Although I did not, as an officer of the association, suggest such a move, I was willing to advise it."

A squad of non-union tin workers are scheduled to arrive in Pittsburg at 1:50 in the morning, their destination being either Denmler or the Star tin plate works.

Seven strikers were arrested near the gates of the Pennsylvania tube works in Soho. When the whistle blew at 5:30 a crowd of about 1,500 gathered to give a warm reception to any workers who might come from the mill. None came, but the crowd became noisy and the large force of policemen on hand ran the leaders, all foreigners, into the mill office and called for the patrol.

American Federation officials offered bail for the prisoners, who are charged with disorderly conduct, but the magistrate refused to accept it. The men will have a hearing in the morning.

NO CHANGE IN THE STRIKE.

No Developments or Gains for Either of the Contending Forces.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 22.—The strike situation was not materially changed today. The feeling of irritation at Wellsville has been increased by the appointment of thirty strike breakers as special officers to guard the plant of the American Sheet Steel company, and the police here have had to disperse noisy crowds at the recently tied-up plants, but there has been no serious trouble at any point. It is asserted that an attempt was made last evening to fire the Monongahela works of the American Tin Plate company. According to the story told by John Schuster, general labor boss of the plant, a pressure gauge was knocked off of an eight-inch gas main and burning paper thrown into the place with the idea of destroying it with explosion and fire. He says he plugged the break before the brand was thrown and saved the works. The strikers indignantly deny that they had anything to do with any plot to wreck the plant and are inclined to discredit Schuster's story entirely.

The promised break in the Carnegie properties has not yet come. As far as outward appearances go the Lower Union mill in this city has not been affected, but the strikers insist that they have seriously impaired it. The strike leaders are trying hard to gain a foothold in the Clark mill, which is running with non-union men, but that property, too, seems to be going at practically full capacity. It is quieter at Duquesne, but the fight for supremacy there is by no means over.

Veyrl Preston of the United States Steel corporation was in the city again today and conferred with the officials of the Carnegie company. He and the other officials are still silent as to their plans. The somewhat shop-worn rumor of peace has again been revived, but the mildest suggestion of it at authoritative places produces long and positive denials.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

Late Corn Ears Better Than Expected, but Will Need More Rain.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 21.—G. A. Loveland, Nebraska section director of the climate and crop service of the government weather bureau, issues this weekly crop bulletin:

The last week has been warm and dry. The daily mean temperature averaged 3 degrees above the normal in northern counties and 1 degree in western. The maximum temperatures for the week have been slightly above 90 degrees.

Rain has fallen only in scattered showers, generally so light as to be of little benefit. The rainfall has exceeded an inch, however, in parts of Cass, Thayer, Hamilton and Merrick counties.

Late corn has improved in condition in the southeastern counties, but more rain is now needed in most of the state. Late corn is earing better than was expected, but will need moisture and absence of frost until the last of September to mature. Haying has progressed well in northern counties, where the crop is generally abundant. Considerable plowing has been done in southern counties, and all indications are that a large acreage will be sown to winter wheat this fall and that it will be sown farther north and west than has been customary. Very little plowing has been done in central and northern counties, as the ground is still too dry to plow to advantage. Pastures have improved slightly, but are still dry. Early peaches are small in size; late peaches have been improved some by the recent rains.

FRAMING UP A DIVORCE LAW.

Commissioners Working on a Uniform Statute.

DENVER, Aug. 21.—Many prominent lawyers from all parts of the country have arrived in this city to attend the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Bar association, which begins tomorrow. The association has a membership of over 1,500, and an attendance of 600 at the convention is expected.

The eleventh annual conference of the state commissioners for the promotion of uniform legislation, which began yesterday, gave a hearing this forenoon to a delegation of Denver clergymen, headed by Dr. J. D. Rankin, who presented their views on the divorce question. They contended that divorces are too easily obtained in many states and advocated changes in the laws to correct the alleged evils under the present system.

After listening to the arguments of the ministers, the conference resumed consideration of the proposed uniform divorce act, discussing the question whether section 1 should be eliminated. This section provides that "no divorce shall be granted for any cause arising prior to the residence of the complainant or defendant in this state, which was not a ground for divorce in the state where the cause arose."

The point had been raised that this section, if enacted into law, would work hardship in many cases, particularly where a bona fide residence has been acquired by the petitioner.

DIVERGENT VIEWS IN GERMANY.

The Hated Monroe Doctrine May Receive a Jarring.

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—The Berlin *Tagblatt* says: "It seems fairly clear that Washington statesmen have taken sides rather openly for Colombia, as they are provoking unbounded mistrust toward Senor Castro, president of Venezuela, who is indubitably one of the most energetic and active states in South America. President Castro may one day prove the 'rocher de bronze' against which the Monroe doctrine will be powerless."

The Post says: "It is not expected that the sending of a German war ship to an American harbor would be considered as an attack on the Monroe doctrine. Our object is not political intervention, but merely protection of German commercial interests. Therefore, certainly, nobody would object. The possibility that the United States could regard the sending of a German war ship as an unfriendly measure has not been seriously considered, the more so as the United States itself does not consider the whole conflict from a political standpoint, but merely from a commercial point of view."

Runaway Proves Fatal.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Aug. 21.—News has reached here of the death of Samuel McCutcheon, as the result of a runaway which happened a week before at a ranch near Moomaw, thirty miles northeast of here.