

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

IKA L. BARE, Proprietor.

TERMS: \$125 IN ADVANCE.

NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

At the meeting of the republican state central committee of Iowa, R. W. Clayton of Oskaloosa, representing the Sixth district, was chosen chairman.

John James James of Chicago, secretary of the Commercial club, and well known in insurance circles throughout the country, died of pneumonia.

James Madsen of Hawkeye, Ia., has been appointed assistant meat inspector in the bureau of animal industry, to be located outside of Washington.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the Western National bank of New York as a reserve agent for the First National bank of Council Bluffs, Ia.

The war department intends to make a searching inquiry into the cause and responsibility for the explosion of the shell of a seven-inch gun at Fort Riley.

The entire town of Landesville, Ill., was destroyed by fire. There was no fire protection whatever. The town has a population of 300. No casualties are reported.

The business portion of Seaton, Ill., was almost entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, about half insured. No fire appliance was at hand to fight the flames.

It is understood that an elevator company in Yonkers, N. Y., is at work on two elevators for Buckingham palace, England, on an order from King Edward, sent indirectly to this country.

It is reported in Glasgow that J. R. Ellerman, of the Leyland Line, has purchased the old established city line of fourteen steamers, engaged in the East Indian trade, the price being nearly £1,000,000.

Julius C. Beige, president of the St. Louis Shovel company, confirms the reported consolidation of five of the largest shovel manufacturing concerns in the country, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000.

Plans are announced to secure the opening of the Spokane Indian reservation to mineral locations. The reservation is twenty-five miles northeast of Spokane, Wash., and contains about 200,000 acres.

United States Judge Estes, at Honolulu, has rendered a decision in which he declares that all Chinese born in the Hawaiian islands are American citizens, no matter what government they were born under.

In a statement taken from a report to his government, William Wyndham, British consul in Chicago, says that the United States will shortly be able to produce from beets the \$100,000,000 worth of sugar imported annually.

In a report to General Gillespie, Major Roselle of the corps of engineers, says that the damage by the recent storm at Fort Morgan in Mobile harbor was very slight and confined wholly to a few old buildings.

London Engineering describes R. J. Hoffmann's flying machine, which is nearing completion at Berlin, as being very similar to Professor Langley's, but adds it has some essential improvements, including a water tube boiler and a compound condensing engine.

A Rio De Janeiro dispatch says: The Royal Steamship company's steamer Nile has brought a supply of American coal here in reference to the Cardiff coal sold by the company's own agents. This is the first instance of the kind in the history of the company.

A dispatch from Basse Terre, Island of Guadeloupe, says that the town of Grand Bourge, Island of Marie Galante, in the French Antilles, has been destroyed by fire. The town has a population of about 15,000.

A dispatch to the Brussels 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.

J. M. Mercer, convicted of criminal assault, was hanged at Tampa, Fla. His neck was broken by the fall.

Potatoes are so scarce and high that southwest Missouri people are fearful lest they be forced to live on peaches and cream all winter.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin giving the population by sex, nativity and color of the state of Nebraska. The males predominate with a percentage of 52.9. The percentage of foreign born is 16.6. Over 99 per cent of the population are white.

A dispatch from Baltimore announces the death of ex-Congressman Isaac W. Van Schalack.

Jos. H. Langer, of Nebraska, has been selected for consul at Solingen, Germany, and his commission will be issued in a few days.

LOOK FOR PEACEMAKER

Colombians Expect Uncle Sam to Interfere in Case of Trouble.

ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR BOATS.

Colon Prompt to Report the Arrival of the Machias—Revolutionary Movement Flourishes—The Liberals Are Well Supported.

COLON, Aug. 27.—A report is circulated here to the effect that the rebels now threatening the town of Bocas del Tero hall from Bluefields, Nicaragua.

The Machias anchored today in Colon harbor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The navy department was advised this evening that the Machias had arrived at Colon, where it was ordered in view of the threatened injury to our interests owing to the revolutionary outbreaks near that port.

COLON, Colombia, Friday, Aug. 23.—Via Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 26.—The arrival of American warships is expected. The impression prevails that in case of trouble the United States will interfere.

The government's decree dated July 18 revives the talk of the possibility of a forced loan from the foreigners in Colombia. The decree shows the government's severe financial extremity.

The liberal revolutionary movement in Colombia is well supported throughout the country and it is generally believed that it will eventually succeed. The government has about 400 soldiers on the isthmus, while the whole army amounts to from 25,000 to 35,000 men. The Namouns, now called the General Pinzon, is useless because it lacks a crew. The natives seem incapable of properly handling it.

The loss of the gunboat La Popa, the remainder of whose crew is now reported safe, was a blow to the government, which now has only two small gunboats on the Atlantic and three on the Pacific.

Interior communication, traffic and transportation are bad, especially between the isthmus and the rest of the country.

General Alban's absence causes uneasiness in government circles. His position gives him unrestricted power over the isthmus, and the lack of communication with Bogota, the capital, renders him more independent of the government.

The censorship here prevents the transmission of political news or news unfavorable to the government.

The revolt of the Colombian rebels, now two years old, lately assumed a more serious aspect by the liberals' concentration on the isthmus. It is believed they are contemplating aggressive action. Consequently uneasiness prevails at Panama, the liberal objective, which was nearly captured a year ago. It is not believed the rebels will molest the railroad or interrupt the traffic. The recent rebel raids along the railroad amounted to bloodless raiding and the robbery of Chinese storekeepers, which the presence of a few government troops apparently stopped. There is a report that the government is bringing troops to protect the isthmus. This will be difficult, without exposing to rebel attacks the points whence they are taken. The are of the revolt is extensive.

GET SULTAN'S PROMISE TO PAY.

Interference With Quay's Contract is Expensive if Liquidated.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 27.—The amount of the indemnity which the sultan agrees to pay the Quays company for interference with its rights is 700,000 francs. The sultan will also pay 600,000 francs to a Frenchman on account of the seizing of his lands in Albania. The Quays company renounces for a year the clause in its concession regarding the transfer of the Quays to Turkey, only it is believed to save appearances for the sultan.

M. Constans, the French ambassador, after making farewell calls on his colleagues, left here on board the Vautour, for Stamboul, where he will take the train.

Epidemic Feared at El Reno.

EL RENO, O. T., Aug. 27.—A special from Lawton to the American says that the thermometer registered 112 degrees there yesterday, the hottest of the summer. Sanitary conditions are bad and an outbreak of fever is feared.

Chun's Illness Only Feigned.

ROME, Aug. 27.—The illness of Prince Chun, brother of the emperor of China, who, with a Chinese mission, has arrived at Basel, Switzerland, on his way to Berlin to apologize for the assassination of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Pekin, is, according to a dispatch received here from Basel, a pretext for delay, Prince Chun having received orders from Pekin not to proceed, as fresh complications have arisen.

ONLY TALK OF SETTLEMENT.

No Evidence that Practical Attempt is Being Made to End Strike.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—Developments in the steel strike were meager this morning. Probable renewal of peace negotiations by disinterested parties was again being discussed, but nothing definite could be learned. Henry M. White of the Garment Makers of America and Ralph M. Easley of the National Civic federation, who took part in the conference in this city last week, left for the east last night and it is reported that they went to New York to make another attempt to have the negotiations between the contending parties reopened. President Shaffer, however, said that he knew nothing of the proposed venture and his associates had authorized no new steps for space.

The combine, it is said, intends to make aggressive attempts to start more plants this week. They were successful in putting two more mills in operation at Painter's this morning and now have four mills, with a force of 400 men, at work. The mills started today were No. 1 bar mill and No. 7 cottontie mill. The management says that the work being turned out is up to the standard and is being placed on the market. One of the officials announced that he had three more crews, but that they would not go to work until all the men necessary to operate the six mills had been secured and then that the plant would be run at night. He said he was almost certain the entire works would be running at night before the end of the week. More men were taken into the Star plant of the American Tinplate company and at the Lindsay & McCutcheon works of the Steel Hoop company. These mills, the combine officials say, they expect to have in operation before Saturday.

The strike managers assert that the resumption of these plants in full will be an impossibility and say the claims of the steel people are not borne out by the facts. They say that they scored a victory over the management of the Star mills by preventing seven men entering the plant and that the plant is not running at all this morning.

Operator Pierce of the Amalgamated association said there were less men working in the local mills this morning than for over a week. The situation at all points is reported quiet and no trouble is expected.

DISCOVER VALUABLE RELICS.

Good Returns From Overhauling Garrets and Cellars.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The overhauling to which the various royal palaces are being subjected, by order of King Edward is leading to extraordinary discoveries. Garrets and cellars closed over a century are being cleared and thrown open. Recently a magnificent portrait of Queen Caroline, by Lawrence, was found, along with other paintings in a garret at Windsor castle, and now an old fourgon, or velvet-lined van, of great size, filled with splendid silver and gilt plate, has been found in a cellar at St. James palace which has not been used for 150 years. The silver in question belonged to Queen Anne and was used by her when giving grand dinner parties at Kew, Hampton court and other suburban palaces to which the van was dispatched from St. James. The silver was black, and undoubtedly had remained in the van since the time of the death of Queen Anne.

NOW COMES THE FAIR'S TEST.

Board of Directors Arranges to Call for First Payment.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 27.—At its meeting yesterday the executive committee of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company authorizing the subcommittee having the matter in charge to proceed at its discretion with the proceedings for the condemnation of additional ground near the world's fair site. The 660 acres in the Forest park site have been found inadequate for the buildings planned, and several hundred acres adjoining will be secured by condemnation if equitable arrangements cannot be made with the owners. An opinion by General Counsel Blair says that the exposition company has full power to secure by condemnation proceedings whatever additional ground is necessary for the world's fair.

A meeting of the board of directors has been called for next Friday to arrange for a call on subscribers to make a 20 per cent payment on their stock.

No Proposal for Settlement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—No proposition looking to a settlement of the steel strike had been submitted up to 11 a. m. today to the United States Steel corporation as a result of the conference at Pittsburg last week of members of the Amalgamated association, Industrial commission, Civic federation and labor leaders. As far as could be ascertained none of the participants in the conference had come to New York.

SHOW STRIKE STATUS

Reports from Steel Plants Indicate Strength of Contending Forces.

CHANGE WITHIN WEEK PROMISED.

Amalgamated Official Says Final Outcome Will Be Hastened—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.

Irontide—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 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.

Sovereigns Dine Together.

WILHELMSHORE, Prussia, Aug. 24.—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 of England wore the uniform of the Dragon guards. After cordial greetings the sovereigns entered an open carriage drawn by four handsome horses and were driven to the castle, where they had luncheon.

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.

Dear 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.

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.

Say They Will Start a Paper.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 26.—Columbus Typographical union at a meeting yesterday approved the action of the Press-Post printers, pressmen and stereotypers in quitting their places and declaring a lockout at the establishment. The management of the paper announced that publication would be resumed at once. Inasmuch as no settlement with the union is in prospect it is thought an entire new force will be put on.

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 Pekin, 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.

Say They Will Start a Paper.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 26.—Columbus Typographical union at a meeting yesterday approved the action of the Press-Post printers, pressmen and stereotypers in quitting their places and declaring a lockout at the establishment. The management of the paper announced that publication would be resumed at once. Inasmuch as no settlement with the union is in prospect it is thought an entire new force will be put on.