

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.

Ironton—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 McIlwain 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 Dniester 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 Dragoon 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.

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 derailed 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 Vienna's Body.

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

Shuts Out Women Lawyers.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—The general council of the American Bar association has decided that women are not eligible for membership in the association under the present constitution. This decision was reached in the case of Mrs. Jane B. Ott of Dyersville, Ia., who had applied for membership. The council was almost evenly divided on the question. It was finally decided to let the matter go over for a year and then take the question up again.

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 Dramatic 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 Pittsburgh at 1:50 in the morning, their destination being either Demmeler 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.

Drowned in a Tunnel.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 22.—Five men were drowned last night as the result of an explosion of gas in the tunnel leading from crib No. 2, where the fatal accident of last Wednesday occurred. The work of sinking the shaft at crib No. 3, which is five miles from shore, was completed yesterday. Five men were at once put to work digging a tunnel toward crib No. 2, when the accident occurred. The bodies were recovered.

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 had been acquired by the petitioner.

DIVERGENT VIEWS IN GERMANY.

The Hated Monroe Doctrine May Receive a Jarring.

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—The Berlin Tageblatt 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.

Schwab to Resign His Place.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The resignation of Charles M. Schwab as president of the United States Steel corporation is confidently predicted in a special to the Tribune from Philadelphia. It is stated that Mr. Schwab will devote his energies to the management of the Bethlehem Steel and Iron company. Schwab, when seen at the Hotel Lorraine in this city and questioned with regard to the correctness of the report, declined to discuss it.

PROMISES OF BARTLEY

Governor Says He Has Waited Three Weeks for Their Fulfillment.

DECLINES TO MAKE THEM PUBLIC

Preparations Going Forward for the State Fair Soon to Be Held—The Matter of Mr. Bartley's Bondsmen—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 21.—Governor Savage was in town on his way to Norfolk to examine the water works system at the Norfolk asylum for the insane. In reply to the question what he intended to do about continuing Joe Bartley's parole in view of the criticisms that had been made by the public press and citizens generally, he said:

"All I have to say is what I have said before; the settlement of this matter lies wholly with Bartley. When I paroled him he made certain definite, specific promises as to what he would do, and whenever he carries out those promises I shall feel under obligations to do something for him. He knows perfectly well what those requirements are and he knows I have been waiting for him for three weeks to do as he agreed."

"Unless Bartley does as he promised me, he need not expect any further leniency. As soon as he complies with the conditions which I imposed on him when he was paroled, I shall take his case under further consideration. If he does not carry out those pledges which have been made by himself he will have to go back to the penitentiary, and stay there," added the governor. When asked what the conditions were, he said: "I do not wish to make a statement at the present time."

PREPARING FOR THE FAIR.

Buildings and Grounds Being Put in First Class Condition.

LINCOLN, Aug. 21.—Eighteen thousand dollars is being expended in new buildings and improvements at the state fair grounds. It will make an appreciable difference in both the appearance of the grounds and the comfort of the state fair visitors. Since the purchase of the grounds by the state, plans have been made which in present and future betterments will work out as handsome and convenient exposition grounds as could be desired.

There will be a consolidation of buildings on the most available sections of the grounds that will make the distance from place to place much less than formerly. Heretofore there has been much traveling required and especially has this been against the stock exhibitors, for the people have been obliged to walk half a mile in the sun while viewing this important feature of the fair.

One of the first steps taken by the board when the appropriation became available was to provide permanent buildings for the stock. The result is that hereafter all stock will be seen in a comfortable way and the stock itself shown to the greatest advantage. On the south side of the grounds near the entrance, three horse barns have been erected, each 34x114 feet in size, with a central aisle 16 feet in width. These barns will accommodate 130 head of exhibit horses.

The Case Against Bartley's Bondsmen.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 21.—An appeal to the supreme court has been taken by the state in its case against the official bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer Bartley. A decision was rendered on June 24 in the district court of Douglas county and judgment was entered against only a part of the bondsmen. The three bondsmen who went upon the bond as additional security were released. They are W. A. Paxton, Thomas Swobe and Cadet Taylor. The other defendants in the lower court were E. E. Brown, C. C. McNish and John H. Ames. Judgment for \$545,947 was rendered against them. The evidence introduced at this trial was that used in a former case.

Decide to Hold no Fair.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 21.—The Saunders County Agricultural society, at a meeting decided to have no fair this fall, owing to the drought having damaged fruit and vegetables to such a great extent. While there is much fine stock and grain in the county it was decided that the people would be placed at a great disadvantage in holding a fair this season.

Aerolite Strikes Farm House.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 21.—As Saturday night's storm was at its height a meteoric stone, weighing fourteen pounds, struck the house of George Brookman, who lives four miles west of Juniata, and went through the siding, the sheeting and the plastering and did considerable damage when it fell into the room. But fortunately nobody was injured. The stone was part of an aerolite and was hurled from the heavens with a terrible force.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle—Receipts were rather moderate and as a rule, the quality was nothing extra, only a limited number of beef cattle, either native or western, being on sale. There was a slightly better demand for beef stock this morning and buyers were out early with fair orders to fill. The market was active from the start and decent grades sold freely at stronger prices. Shorted beef steers and thin westerns sold at steady prices. The market for cows and heifers was also stronger, with the number on sale scarcely up to the demand. Canning grades, bulls, veals, stags and rough stock were picked up at fully steady figures. About a dozen loads of stockers and feeders were received. The market continues to improve and prices today were strong to 50c higher on handy feeders and good stockers. Active trading soon cleared the yards of all on sale.

Hogs—The sharp decline in prices the fore part of the week tended to cut off supplies, and receipts were considerably below the normal. Besides the regular local demand several shipping orders showed up and as a result of increased competition a lively market followed. Early bids from most of the buyers were not so much higher, but they quickly raised prices and first trading was generally 50c higher. Under active competition prices strengthened rapidly and closing figures were fully a dime higher than yesterday, the bulk selling at \$5.50 to 5.59, against \$5.75 to \$5.82 yesterday. Sheep—Sheep receipts while fair were not excessive and there was nothing very choice on sale. Prices on fair to good mutton sheep were notably steady to strong and a fair clearance was effected. The more common mutton sheep sold from steady to weak. Supplies of lambs were not excessive and mutton grades were picked up in good season, the market showing more firmness than yesterday. Stock sheep have been scarce this week.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Native beef steers, steady to 10c higher; other cattle, steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good, \$4.00 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.25; western feed steers, \$4.25 to 5.25; western range steers, \$3.25 to \$4.50; Texans and Indians, \$2.75 to \$4.00; Texas cows, \$2.40 to \$2.50; native cows, \$2.45 to \$4.00; heifers, \$2.40 to \$4.50; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; bulls, \$2.50 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.00 to \$4.75.

Hogs—Market closed 10c higher; top, \$6.25; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$6.20; heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.25; mixed packers, \$5.50 to \$6.20; light, \$5.00 to \$6.00; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Market steady; lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; native wethers, \$3.00 to 3.50; western wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.15; stock sheep, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

PHILIPPINE FOREIGN TRADE.

Imports and Exports Show Large Increase Over Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—A continued increase in both the import and export trade of the Philippines is shown in a comparative statement compiled at the War department giving the commerce of the islands for the seven months ending January 31, 1901 and 1900. The total value of merchandise imported during the seven months ended January 31, 1901, was \$17,999,167, as against \$12,674,705 for the same period in 1900, and the merchandise exported was \$12,637,359, as against \$8,305,530 for the 1900 period. This shows an increase of 42 per cent in the value of the imports and 52 per cent in export values.

The value of imports of merchandise from the several countries respectively during the seven months ended January 31, 1901 and 1900, exclusive of quartermaster's supplies, follows: United States, 1901, \$1,493,488; 1900, \$890,010, or 68 per cent increase. European countries, 1901, \$8,974,183; 1900, \$5,270,766, or 70 per cent increase. Asia, 1901, \$7,327,582; 1900, \$6,006,222, or 22 per cent increase. Oceania, 1901, \$1,978,683; 1900, \$507,702, or 61 per cent decrease.

Exports of merchandise to various countries respectively during these seven months periods follow: United States, 1901, \$1,477,611; 1900, \$2,037,630. European countries, 1901, \$7,983,751; 1900, \$3,201,656. Asia, 1901, \$2,543,410; 1900, \$2,774,464. Oceania, 1901, \$286,805; 1900, \$242,450. Other countries, 1901, \$345,782; 1900, \$49,523.

The value of hemp exported during the seven months ended January 31, 1901, was \$7,233,155, an increase of \$2,661,110; sugar, \$1,010,590, decrease \$626,086; tobacco and cigars, \$1,509,623, increase \$244,296; copra, \$1,906,215, increase \$1,671,856; miscellaneous, \$707,621, an increase of \$247,371.

Too Much Smallpox.

SANTEE, Neb., Aug. 24.—The annual mission conference of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, working among the Sioux Indians, has been declared off this year, because of some lingering cases of smallpox among the Sisseton tribe at Lake Travers.

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.

Fire Starts Fatal Panic.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 24.—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. 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 she will die. Other employees were seriously burned.