

# LABOR STRUGGLE

## PACKING PLANTS PREPARING FOR A FINISHED FIGHT.

### A GENERAL CALL TO COME OUT

Teamsters as well as Butchers Will Make Another Effort to Bring About Adjustment. They Also Having Voted in Favor of a Strike.

CHICAGO—Determined on a fight to a finish to enforce the demands of the striking butchers, a sympathetic strike of all the union workmen employed in the meat packing industry throughout the country, with the exception of the teamsters, will be declared Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

Instead of joining in the sympathetic strike, the teamsters will make another effort to bring about an adjustment of the controversy by arbitration. This decision was reached late Sunday night at a meeting of the joint council of the teamsters' unions throughout Chicago, who met to give their endorsement this afternoon to quit work with the other men. The decision of the stock yards teamsters was almost unanimous in favor of striking, but as it is necessary, according to the rules, for the joint council to sanction any strike movement, all the union teamsters in the employ of the packers will remain at work during the struggle or until the joint council gives their permission to a strike should their efforts to settle the matter by conciliation today prove futile. The committee appointed at last night's meeting was notified to get into communication Monday morning early with the packers.

Whether the teamsters' efforts for peace will prove successful none of the packers' representatives who were communicated with Sunday will say. The decision to make another effort was reached at such a late hour last night that it was impossible for the packers to get together to decide what answer will be given to the intermediary committee.

The reason given by the teamsters' council for their action is that they never before have been consulted in the present trouble, and that therefore before they would sanction a strike of the stock yards teamsters they wished to make an official investigation of the trouble before asking the international officers to order the men on strike.

No conferences were held Sunday either by the packers or the labor leaders, or jointly, in an effort to reach an adjustment of the controversy. Both sides rested, apparently waiting for developments.

Whether or not the packers would make any concessions to the demands of the labor leaders in order to prevent a general walkout of the stock yards would not be discussed by any of the packing house representatives. But for the preparations going on at the different plants during the day it was plainly evident that the packers intended to fight for their independence. All the labor leaders claimed they would await Monday before doing any further, and the packers would have to make the propositions for the peace negotiations, as the unions had no intention at the present time of doing so.

### BATTLE HAS BEGUN.

Engagement in Progress Between Forces of Keller and Kuroki.

LIAO YANG—A general engagement, it is reported here, began Monday morning to the east between the forces of Lieutenant General Count Keller and General Kuroki. It is reported also that an engagement began simultaneously at Ta Tche Kiao, from which the Japanese for some days had been only six miles distant.

The Associated Press correspondent lately traversed the Feng Wang Cheng road, which was in the height of military activity and offensive with the odor of dead animals.

The Red Cross hospital at Ta Tche Kiao was removed to Mukden in anticipation of the fighting. Consequently there was a large call for Red Cross trains to proceed to Ta Tche Kiao.

The activity of the Japanese in the northeast caused a wide dispersion of troops and the consequent improvement of the center of the strength a little further north.

A Cossack report of an expedition to the Japanese camp shows that the Japanese troops are suffering from dysentery, which is now at its worst stage.

### Carries Sixty Thousand.

CHICAGO—The movement westward on account of the opening of the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota exceeded all expectations. The Chicago & Northwestern alone took 60,000 people to Bonesteel, Fairfax and Yankton. The unprecedented movement was largely due to the fact that a long overland journey was not necessary to reach the land.

### Cruisers Near Yin Kow.

LIAO YANG—Saturday eight Japanese cruisers, accompanied by transports with troops, were seen approaching in Kow. South of Ta Tche Kiao the Japanese are busily moving forward. The Russians are expecting a big advance from the south. General Kuropatkin inspected troops arriving from Russia. The Russian companies on the left flank are constantly engaged in skirmishes with the Japanese forces, who have suffered heavily. The Russians thus far have destroyed four guns.

### Solid Shots for the Ardova.

PORT SAID—Advices received here say that the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk fired three blank shots across the bows of the British steamer Ardova, the cargo of which consists of coal and explosives, and the vessel loaded shots at her, one of them passing over her amidships and the other going over her stern. The Ardova was then seized and her crew transferred to the Smolensk. The vessel will be brought to Suz.

## GERMAN PROTEST.

### Objects to Seizure of Mails by the Russians.

BERLIN.—The German government has taken a prompt and firm stand in regard to the seizure of the mails of the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich, which arrived at Aden July 16 from Hamburg and Southampton for Yokohama, by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, July 15, having entered a protest against the carrying off of the mails, and asking for a disavowal of the Smolensk's action and the return of the captured mail sacks. The German government, the foreign office says, recognizes the right to search mails when on board the vessel itself, but claims the Smolensk had no right to take off mails in bulk from the vessel. The further argument is advanced that the right of search can only be exercised by a warship, whereas the Smolensk is only a merchant vessel, and is not entitled to fly the Russian commercial flag, not assuming the character of a warship. The German government has not taken a positive stand on this last verdict, but leaves the question for future discussion and settlement. No answer has yet been received from Russia.

The recent publication by the Russ of St. Petersburg of a statement that Great Britain is about to transfer Wei Hai Wei to Germany in exchange for a free hand in the Yang Tse valley is scouted at the foreign office, where it is classed as a revival of an old story and as having no foundation.

Diplomatic circles believe Russia will speedily disavow the seizure, since a refusal to do so will certainly raise the status of the Smolensk. Discussions of the incident, among the foreign diplomats show there is a belief that the raising of the question will be extremely awkward for Russia, since the Smolensk passed the Dardanelles as a merchantman and assumed the role of a warship in the Red sea. In determining its status only two alternatives are permissible—it is either a warrior or a pirate—and Russia having every reason to prevent Germany from pressing for a decision on this point, will, it is believed, gracefully disavow the rash act of the Smolensk.

The newspapers strike a sharper note in discussing the seizure of mails from the Prinz Heinrich, and raise a unanimous demand for a speedy apology.

### RUSSIA IS FIRM.

### Stands Pat on the Matter of Stopped Ships.

ST. PETERSBURG.—In addition to the claims for the ships stopped by the Smolensk and St. Petersburg, it is not improbable that claims may also be presented for ships detained at Port Arthur at the opening of the war and for those held up in the Red sea by Admiral Wierenus' squadron before the latter returned to the Baltic.

The passage of the Dardanelles by the Smolensk and the St. Petersburg and their conversion into cruisers being an accomplished fact, Great Britain does not expect to make a point of their cases, except to justify raising the question of the status of the Black sea. Moreover, it is considered possible Japan may have already appealed to her ally, as one of the signatories of the treaty of Paris, on the grounds that to allow more Russian ships to go out of the Dardanelles for conversion into warships without a protest would constitute a violation of neutrality.

The report that the British Mediterranean squadron is going to Alexandria is not believed to have special significance in this case. Neither France nor Germany is excited over the question, but if presented by Great Britain it would compel the other signatory powers to declare their attitude.

The Russian authorities apparently are tranquil on the subject of the vessels of the volunteer fleet passing through the Dardanelles. They maintain that they are perfectly within their right, as there is absolutely nothing in the treaty of Paris to prevent their passage as merchantmen and their subsequent conversion into cruisers. There is no question of a false declaration having been made at Constantinople. It was pointed out before the war that vessels of the volunteer fleet, carrying arms, munitions and soldiers, passed without the shadow of a question being raised.

The war office has no further details of the Russian repulse at Motien Pass.

The loss of men, which, it is freely admitted, will probably be considerably in excess of General Kuropatkin's figures, given out last night, is greatly deplored. But evidently the engagement at least served the purpose of demonstrating that General Kuroki's army has been heavily reinforced north, and the general staff is now inclined to believe that the Japanese commander may have decided that a frontal attack from the south is inadvisable and is concentrating his forces for a direct attack on Liao Yang.

### Skirmishes Near Kai Chau.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Lieutenant General Sakhaoff in a dispatch to the general staff, dated July 23, reports skirmishes in the vicinity of Kai Chau July 22. Lieutenant General Count Keller's reconnaissance on the same showed that the Japanese had only weak detachments at the Siao Kao and Wanfankou passes. There was no change in the situation on the high road to Mukden, according to the report, but strong Japanese columns were advancing along the Pail Tse.

### Rivals of Car Bar Bandits.

CHICAGO—Emulators of the exploits of the car barn bandits, four youths arrested here, confessed to killing one man in a saloon holdup several times. The murder was that of John Lane, stage carpenter of the Illinois theater, who was shot in an attempt to hold up Gustav Riege's saloon July 4. The proprietor was also shot. The prisoners are Peter Duffer, James and William Farnby and David Kelly. All declare they are less than 20 years old.

# STRIKE ON AGAIN

## PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEES ARE OUT A SECOND TIME.

### A JOINT CONFERENCE IS HELD

### Strikers Assert that Discrimination is Shown When Application is Made for Work—Packers Pick Out Certain Employees and Let Others Go.

CHICAGO—The stock yards strike, which was renewed Friday morning in Chicago and all the other points where the hog packing companies have branches, because the strikers were dissatisfied with the manner in which the employers proposed to reinstate their former employees pending a settlement by arbitration, will continue for another day at least.

A joint conference between representatives of both sides to the con-

### TEDIOUS SIEGE METHOD JAPS MAY HAVE TO USE.



The picture shows a method of attacking a fort if high angle fire fails to reduce it. The irregular trenches leading to the parallels are dug so that they cannot be swept by the enemy's fire. The men dig the trenches under the protection of their own artillery. The parallels are for the protection of the storming parties as they approach nearer and nearer the walls.

troversy and representatives of the allied trades in an attempt to bring about a peaceable adjustment of this second strike was unsuccessful, and the meeting was adjourned with the understanding that another conference would be held Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

At the conference, which lasted five hours, a committee consisting of five representatives of the packers and five representatives of the butchers' union, was appointed to go over the whole situation, but the committee was unable to reach a working basis with which both sides would be satisfied. Whether the difficulty can be satisfactorily settled at Saturday's meeting is problematical.

After adjournment a publication committee announced that the peace negotiations had failed, but still has hopes that an agreement could be reached in the near future. No written statement of what occurred in the meeting was given, as has been customary at the former conferences and the committee declined to give any further information, except that another meeting would be held Saturday.

In the following statement given out by President Donnelly of the butchers' union, the reason why the strikers refused to return to work is given:

"The packers signed an agreement that there would be no discrimination in the re-hiring of the men. This was accepted by the officers of the organization in good faith. On the return of the men this morning they were lined up like cattle. The foremen and superintendents would walk through the line and pick out a man and say: 'You come up.' The next man would be pushed out of line and told that he could not be active. It was always the active union men whom they could not use. We understood the agreement perfectly and the strike was only called after the packers had violated the same. This has been their system in the past and that was our main reason for insisting on the time limit in the agreement, but in spite of this the packers' intentions were to hire only such men as were favorites. They also hired men in some of the departments who had not been employed prior to the strike."

### Most Give Indemnity Bond.

PORTLAND, Ore.—According to advices received at the local offices of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company from New York, the steamship Aragonia, which is owned by the Hamburg-American company, will be allowed to carry a cargo of flour from here to Japan, providing the Portland & Asiatic company first file an indemnity bond to protect the owners in case the steamship is seized by the Russians. The amount of the bond was not made public, but is believed to be \$275,000.

### Are Suing for Millions.

BUTTE, Mont.—Two more suits were begun in the district court by the Boston & Montana company to recover damages to the amount of many millions of dollars on account of the alleged looting of large quantities of valuable ore from the adjoining mines through the Minnie Healy workings. In the two suits judgments are asked to the amount of \$7,400,000, making a total, with the big suit that was begun on Thursday, of \$21,150,000 for ore alleged to have been unlawfully extracted from mines.

## WANTS BRYAN AND PARKER.

### Mayor Harrison Would Open the Democratic Campaign in Chicago.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—Esopus took on a new atmosphere Tuesday with the arrival of the first train bringing New York newspapers. The conference of New York democrats held last night at the Hoffman house was the subject of the keenest interest, even to the villages, who hitherto have been content in the knowledge of Judge Parker's nomination, without bothering about any of the details or gossip connected with his campaign. The judge himself showed an interest beyond his usual calm, and at breakfast read the newspaper accounts of the conference with close attention, but, as usual, without any comment which could reach newspaper men.

A report is current that there will be an effort to get the judge to begin his active campaign in the middle west with a speech at Chicago soon after the notification ceremonies. It is understood that Mayor Carter H. Harri-

## DANGER TO JAPAN

### SQUADRON STEAMING FOR ISLANDS AND TO SHELL CITIES.

### SHIPS ARE NEARING YOKOHAMA

### Ships Sighted in Jap Waters and Bombardment May Be Expected—Japanese Torpedo Boats Retire Under Heavy Fire From Forts.

TOKIO.—A fisherman reports that the Vladivostok squadron was off Myako yesterday, going in a southeasterly direction at a speed of 10 knots. If this course and speed is maintained the squadron will be off Yokohama late today. The eastern coast of Japan is shrouded in fog. Shipping has been suspended, awaiting the location of the Russian fleet.

CHEE FOO.—Copies of the Novo Kral, a newspaper published at Port Arthur, including the issue of July 11,

## HIGH HONOR FOR AN AMERICAN.

### Secretary Hay Will Be Given Grand Cross of Legion of Honor.

PARIS.—The most important announcement of the forthcoming list of decorations following the French national holiday will be that of President Loubet conferring the grand cross of the Legion of Honor upon Secretary Hay.

The grand cross is the highest grade and is given only to personages the government desires to signify honor. An official said it was evidence of Foreign Minister Delcasse's high regard for Mr. Hay's conduct of foreign affairs during the last five years. This has constantly strengthened Franco-American relations, the latest being American recognition of French paramount authority in Morocco under the Franco-British arrangement.

### Mrs. Maybrick is Free.

TRURO, Cornwall, Eng.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick is free. She left here at 11:43 a.m. Wednesday on her way to France.

Mrs. Maybrick's imprisonment was not terminated with the clang of doors, the last sound which remains in the ears of so many of her fellow prisoners who had preceded her to liberty from Aylesbury prison, where she spent more than fourteen years of her life. It closed before the arched doorway of the white convent of the Sisterhood of the Epiphany in this little town, with the black-robed sisters softly uttering their blessings and good wishes for her future.

### Doings of the Maccabees.

DETROIT, Mich.—The special committee appointed to consider the resolutions submitted by the 224 Maccabees' tents who objected to the proposed readjustment of rates, and asked for a more liberal representation in the supreme tent, submitted its report on Friday. The report recommends that consideration be given those protests that were worded respectfully, and that the board of trustees take up the matter of punishing those tents that submitted protests couched in disrespectful language.

### Report Fighting at Kaitou.

LONDON.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says there is reason to believe that a severe fight, lasting all day, occurred July 19 at Kaitou, north of Mo Tien pass. Another dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that a telegram from the front announces that the engagement north of Mo Tien pass was precipitated by the Russians, who attacked the Japanese positions at Sio-hayen, westward of Kaitou. After severe fighting the Russians were repulsed.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

### Assessment Reports Slow.

A big crop of hay is being secured in Lincoln county. The street fair put on at West Point proved to be a great success. Richard Dobson, of Clay county, who served three terms in the Nebraska legislature, died last week.

The Lincoln labor unions are making elaborate plans for the celebration of Labor day in September. They expect at attendance of about 4,000. The school census of Otoe county which has just been completed shows that there are 3,578 boys and 3,609 girls of school age between the ages of 5 and 21.

At the special election for the purpose of voting bonds for \$15,000 for a sewerage system for the city of Wahoo the proposition carried by a vote of 253 for and 104 against.

According to the completed returns of the assessor the average value of farm lands in Otoe county is \$58.84, and the total value of both personal and real of the county is \$35,093,927. Ebert Laughlin, a section hand employed at Paxton, while returning from Ogallala, where he had been assisting in clearing some wrecked cars from the line, was injured by falling from a moving train. He will recover.

Hans Peters, aged 65, a member of a party of ten people from Gretna, bound home from Bonesteel, died in Norfolk from injuries received at the junction Northwestern depot in Norfolk when the special pulled in from Bonesteel.

Eighty-five dollars per acre was the price paid last week for 160 acres of fine farm land in Grand Prairie township, Platte county. The land is six miles from Columbus and two years ago it sold for \$65 per acre and eight years ago for \$55.

Dr. E. C. Munk of Newman Grove and Dr. J. G. Walker of Lindsay, charged with alleged statutory assault on the person of Nellie Thompson of Newman Grove, were dismissed by Justice Richardson after the examination of numerous witnesses.

Harry Kimmel of Blair, a guest at the National hotel in Nebraska city, lost a \$250 diamond ring in the wash room of the hotel. Mr. Kimmel removed the ring while washing his hands and left the room without taking the diamond. A few minutes later he discovered his loss.

A tramp was brought into Wahoo from Touhy on the Union Pacific, where he had his right arm crushed under the train. He was taken to the county jail, where County Physician Smith, assisted by Drs. Bush and Tornholm, amputated the man's arm just above the wrist.

John Hoyt, of Sarpy county, while on his way to Bonesteel, met with a painful accident. He was eating his lunch, when a small chicken bone lodged in his throat. He immediately returned to Papillion, but the doctor was unable to remove the bone. The sufferer then went to Omaha to get relief.

The school census of Otoe county just completed shows there are 7,209 children of school age in Otoe county. This includes all the children between the ages of 5 and 21 years old. There are 3,578 boys and 3,631 girls. The census indicates there are twenty-one more children this year of school age than there were last year.

Great interest is already manifested in the Nebraska state fair. The most spectacular feature of the fair will be the appearance of Dan Patch, who, on August 20, will pace one mile against time. The management of the fair will have to pay \$1,500 for this privilege, and, in addition, 20 cents from every ticket sold above the number when Cresceus appeared last year; admission goes to M. W. Savage, the owner of Dan Patch.

Mrs. Robert Heckathorn, an old resident of Gage county, has been pronounced insane and ordered to the asylum.

Robert Colson, a young man living a few miles southwest of Mumboldt, came in to receive medical attention made necessary by an explosion of some powder, a quantity of which the young man ran across while burning up some hens' nests. The box had been used about the house and it is supposed the powder was stowed away in it and forgotten.

A voucher for \$237 back pay due from the Civil war was received by Adjutant General Culver from the war department. The money, which had never been solicited, was accompanied by a statement to the effect that settlement was made to enable the government to close up its accounts with the soldiers of the Civil war and to correct clerical errors made by the paymasters when the soldiers were mustered out of service. The voucher was for \$172 due Mr. Culver for pay as a private from September 21 to 24 inclusive, 1861, and for 53 cents due for service on October 14, 1864; also 12 cents for clothing allowance for the same date.

Farmers of Sarpy county are complaining of rust in the wheat.

Thirty-seven years ago on the 19th of July Lincoln was selected as the capital city of Nebraska. David Butler was at that time governor of Nebraska, T. P. Kennard was secretary of state, and John Gillespie was state auditor. These three formed a prospecting party empowered to fix upon a definite site for the Capital City. By a vote of two to one, Mr. Gillespie, voting in favor of Ashland, the place where Lincoln now is, was chosen for the location of the capital.

A heavy rainstorm visited the section about Auburn. The government gauge showed a precipitation of two inches.

George Caster has appealed to the supreme court an action for damages coming up from Valley county and instigated by John F. Scheueman. The quarrel is over three head of cattle belonging to Caster and which strayed from his pasture into a field belonging to Scheueman. Scheueman took up the cattle and refused to give them back to Caster until damages had been settled.

### Assessment Reports Slow.

### Work Will Commence With Many Counties Yet to Report.

LINCOLN.—Owing to the delay of county officials in getting their assessment reports the state board of equalization will go to work with many counties still missing. The sessions will have to be of the strenuous order if the law is complied with for the reason that the statutes require the report of the board to be certified out to the counties by the first Monday in August, which this year is August 1. This leaves less than two weeks for the board to complete its work, and the task will be a hard one.

Numerous reports have begun to come in from various counties to the effect that a mighty roar is going to come in because property has been assessed too high, and other reports are to the effect that the railroads are going out of their way to compel the board to raise the farmers out of all proportion to what they have been raised over last year. Whether the farmer will leave his wheat field and come in to plead his case has not been announced, but constant rumor has it that the railroads are loaded to the brim with figures and probable threats that they intend to unload for the edification of the board that the people of the state may still be taxed out of all proportion to the railroads.

For some reason it seems to be the general opinion that the board will use the valuation placed on railroad property as a basis upon which to fix the valuation of the different counties, but no member of the board will admit that such is the case. The board doesn't seem to know how it will proceed, though it is probable that the first thing on the program will be to listen to protests. From Douglas county comes the report that the railroads are very anxious that the people there be put on the defensive, and it is common talk that they will try to show the board that it is a shame the way Douglas county is beating the state out of taxes. This because citizens of Douglas county are largely responsible for the late increase in the value of railroads.

### DINNER FOR PAUL MORTON.

### Elaborate Festivities Enjoyed at Arbor Lodge.

NEBRASKA CITY.—One of the most elaborate dinners that has ever been served in this city was given at Arbor lodge in honor of Paul Morton, the new secretary of the navy, by his aunt, Miss Emma Morton, and his brother, Joy Morton. The dinner was strictly private as far as their friends here were concerned, all of the guests being guests from outside of the city and the personal friends of the new secretary. The tables were spread in the monster dining room of the new home at Arbor lodge, which was completed this spring by Mr. Joy Morton, to whom the father entailed the property. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers, as were the rooms. Hidden behind a bower of flowers an orchestra furnished the music. In the center of the table was a great battleship built of flowers and flying the flag of the new secretary.

There was no toast master, but a number of impromptu speeches and toasts were given. The members of the party were in a jolly mood. All were the personal friends of the new secretary and therefore they made public nothing of the little talks that were made.

### Receives Threatening Letter.

GRAND ISLAND.—A Parkhurst, a retail meat man, received a letter ordering him to place \$500 in a box at the rear of his store or the writer would blow his head off. He received the letter, two hours after the time which he was to have placed the money there and found his head still on straight.

### Holdredge Will Hold a Jubilee.

HOLDREDGE.—The business men of Holdredge are arranging for a grand harvest jubilee here this fall, the primary object of which is to show up the resources of the county in the way of agriculture, stock raising, fruit growing, creamery products, etc.

### Big Stallion Dies.

ST. PAUL.—Tama Jim, the biggest and best horse in Frank Iams' importing stables, died very suddenly. He is said to have been the largest stallion in America, weighing more than 2,600 pounds, and had taken many prizes at state fairs and expositions all over the country.

### Boy Killed by Accident.

LEWISTON.—The 10-year-old son of Mrs. George Hiller, who lives near here, was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. The boy had gone to the field with his two brothers to see them start the binder. He was seated on the machine holding the gun with one hand over the muzzle, when in some manner the gun slipped off its resting place and was discharged. The contents tore through his hand and struck him in the face near the chin, passed upward and found lodgment in the brain.

### Good Prospect for Fair.

LINCOLN.—Indications thus early are brought for a glorious state fair this year. Already more applications have been made for pens in the swine exhibit than ever before and applications in other departments of the fair are just as numerous. The implement men have been coming in pretty regularly this past week and all of this space will soon be taken. Fraternal societies expect to make a splendid showing this year and the day set apart for their special benefit will be a hummer.