

## RESULT IN DOUBT

### AGITATION AND UNEASINESS IN RANKS OF STRIKERS.

Mill Managers Able to Make Inroads and Start Tube Plant at Pittsburg—Peace Conference Fails—Reading Signs of Failure.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 5.—Agitation and uneasiness prevails in the ranks of the strikers tonight, caused by the apparently unfavorable developments of the day. The leaders, however, profess to be satisfied with present conditions and claim that ultimate victory will be theirs.

Much was hoped for from the peace conference in New York, but the announcement of the failure to reach a decision put a damper on these hopes. Still many hold to the belief that the matter now being up to the strike leaders to accept or reject whatever may have been the proposition made today, a settlement speedily will be reached.

President Shaffer's only remark was when shown the announcement of the adjournment without decision: "I have no comment to make." He would say no more on the subject. He said further that tonight he would positively not be seen by any newspaper men and would make no statement. He said he would be in his office as usual in the morning, when he might have something to say.

The following was handed to a representative of the Associated press without comment by President Shaffer of the amalgamated association.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 2, 1901.—"We the members of Crescent lodge of A. A. of I. S. and T. W., assembled, denounce the statement made by J. D. Hickey when he says that this strike was instigated by President Shaffer and is not constitutional as absolutely false and as not worthy of any consideration by the members of the A. A., and we deny the assertion that 72 per cent of the mills of the United States steel corporation are at work.

STEVE DAWSON, President.

W. G. EVANS, Secretary.

The above, together with the telegram received by Mr. Shaffer today from President Gompers of the American federation, denying that there was a meeting in Buffalo to consider the charges made by Mr. Hickey, would indicate that the charges have fallen flat.

The steel officials were in a very confident mood last night and appeared to think the strike was effectually broken and that only a few days more will be required to make it a thing of the past. The return of the 400 tube-workers at McKeesport and the report that ten or more went in at the Pennsylvania tube works 5, and the protection of Sheriff McKinley and his seventy-five deputies at Demmler, where a start will be made tomorrow morning, gave much weight to this belief. In addition to these breaks the steel officials claim increased numbers at the Star, the Lindsay and McCutcheon, Painters and the Clarks mills, and say other plants will now be put into service rapidly.

Organizer Schwartz of the American federation, who organized the Pennsylvania tube workers, called a meeting of his men yesterday afternoon, when it was decided that none of the men would return until President Shaffer gave the word. Mr. Schwartz said not a man of the organized tube workers at this plant had gone to work and that the report that 150 of them had gone in yesterday was false. A few laborers and repair men are at work, putting the plant in order for work, but aside from these no other workmen are in the mill.

Robbers at Large

TEXARKANA, Tex., Sept. 4.—The six men who held up the Cotton Belt passenger train at Eylan, Tex., last night are still at large. The robbers evidently rode their horses up Alkin creek and left them standing in the stream. They then used a hand car and went five miles north, as the hand car was found where the train was stopped. After looting the mail and express car the robbers returned to the creek, mounted their horses and again rode down the stream, thus obliterating their trails.

The robbers secured one package of \$10,000 and it is said the entire haul was about \$35,000. The express men and the railroad and government officials are very reluctant to discuss the robbery.

At noon today the pursuing officers returned to Texarkana and reported they could not find a single clue that would show who the robbers were or which way they went. This afternoon a special train went to the scene of the holdup, with Colonel O. K. Wheeler, chief of the Cotton Belt detectives, Sheriff Stanley Edwards, United States Marshall John Grant, and a large posse of deputies, who had with them a pack of bloodhounds. An effort will be made to strike a trail leading from Alkin creek.

Roosevelt Goes East.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 3.—Vice President Roosevelt left tonight for Chicago. This afternoon he was tendered a reception by the Minneapolis commercial club. The doors were thrown open at 2 o'clock and for nearly three hours the vice president was kept busy shaking hands with the club members and their friends.

This morning Colonel Roosevelt spoke at the Fourth ward wigwag to an audience of old soldiers.

## TO AVERT THE WAR.

President McKinley Tenders His Good Offices.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—It is ascertained that on August 24, during Secretary Hay's recent visit to Washington, a telegraphic message was sent to the minister at Caracas and Bogota directing them to inform the foreign secretaries of Venezuela and Colombia of the distress with which the president had heard of the likelihood of a disturbance of the relations between those two republics. Adverting to the possibility of the influence of the United States being exerted to compose the pending questions, the ministers were directed to say that, while the relations of this government with both nations are equally intimate and friendly, and every opportunity is taken to show the good will we bear them, an offer of the president's kindly offices to arrange any differences which exist between Colombia and Venezuela would be ineffective without the acquiescence of both. Nevertheless, inspired by the sentiments which are common to all the governments of the American republics, the United States would sincerely deplore a breach of the amicable relations that at this time happily exist between the sister nations of the western world, and would especially regret any action by either of them which might menace the security of transit across the isthmus or the neutrality of its territory and thereby constrain the government of the United States to consider its responsibilities and functions under existing treaty engagements with Colombia.

NO REPLY FROM COLOMBIA.

The text of Mr. Hay's telegram has not been made public. It is understood that an acknowledgment of its receipt has been made by the Venezuelan government. Venezuela has not declared war against Colombia. No acknowledgment has been received from Bogota.

Colombia, also, it was said last night, has made response to the note of Secretary Hay. While its contents are not obtainable, the statement is made that it is conciliatory in character and expresses an earnest wish that war with Venezuela may be avoided.

May Face Murder Charge.

PENDER, Neb., Sept. 4.—John and William Walk, two Omaha Indians, brothers, who have the reputation of being very quarrelsome and ugly, made an assault last Sunday on Little Deer, another Omaha Indian, at his home near the Omaha agency in this county, and with a long willow pole, having several nails in the end of it, beat their victim into insensibility. His head, eyes and face were bruised and lacerated in a horrible manner and probably his skull is fractured. The doctor who is attending the injured man thinks it doubtful if he will recover and should he not the assailants will no doubt be tried for murder. They were intoxicated, it is charged, on whisky obtained at Whiting, Ia., and it was while on their way home that they committed the crime. Sheriff Daley of this county arrested and brought them to this place Monday, where they are lodged in jail awaiting a hearing before United States Court Commissioner T. L. Sloan, who will, in all probability, bind them over to the United States district court for trial.

While trying to catch a horse in the pasture last Sunday, John Williams, the thirteen-year-old son of J. E. Williams of this place, was badly injured by the horse, which in trying to dodge past him, stumbled and fell on the boy, injuring his head and probably internally, causing him to be unconscious, in which state he is yet.

Denmark to Sell Islands.

LONDON, Sept. 2. 4.—A dispatch to a news agency from Copenhagen today says the new Danish ministry has decided to accept the United States' offer of 16,000,000 kroner for the Danish West Indies, thus announcing as an accomplished fact what the dispatches of the Associated press said the ministry would do.

Butte Votes Railroad Bonds.

BUTTE, Neb., Sept. 4.—Butte precinct voted bonds to aid the Atkinson & Niobrara railroad yesterday. The vote was nearly unanimous.

Has Rope Around His Neck.

WEEDING WATER, Neb., Sept. 4.—As announced in yesterday's dispatch, E. M. Lingell, accused of an attempted criminal assault on the six-year-old daughter of Walter Perry, was taken by the father in the presence of the child, who quickly identified him.

Lingell was then taken in the afternoon to the Missouri Pacific track near Weeding water, where a rope was placed around his neck and he was swung up to the cross arm of the telegraph pole. He was let down and given time to pray and again swung up and let down, when he begged to write to his mother in Indiana.

The men again strung him up, but again let him down, and on his promise to leave the country at once he was let go. He lost no time in going.

Revolution in Persia.

COLOGNE, Sept. 4.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Teheran, dated August 31, says:

A widespread revolutionary movement is going on in Persia, fostered by discontent with the government on account of the new loan negotiations with Russia. The Grand vizier is accused of selling the country and falling to make reforms. Martial law has been proclaimed in the capital and environs.

## HARD TO HOLD.

STRIKERS INCLINED TO BE LAWLESS AT PITTSBURG.

Evidence of Impatience—Attack a Colored Man and Attempt to Lynch—Public Interest Lagging, but Managers Believed to be Gaining Ground.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 3.—The big labor day demonstration monopolized the attention of workmen and strikers here and in the surrounding towns, but the steel manufacturers went on making preparations for the opening of the plants that are shut down by the strike, and increasing the number of men at the mills already in partial operation.

Public interest in the strike itself is lagging, and the contest seems to have settled down to an issue of endurance. Only the unusual incidents connected with each day's doings receive notice by those not directly affected by the struggle. Evidences of impatience are cropping out on the side of the strikers, and fears that unlawful acts participated in by the strikers last night and today about the Star tin plant may multiply and spread to other quarters. The officials of the Star plant claim that yesterday the pickets about their mill held up a special delivery boy from the postoffice with a letter for the office while he was coming down Twelfth street and inspected the letter before he was allowed to proceed. The matter will be reported to the postal authorities at once. It is also charged that the strikers stoned the company carriage on Pennsylvania avenue yesterday morning, but did no special damage to the occupants.

ATTACK A COLORED MAN.

The aggressiveness of the strikers was further demonstrated late yesterday afternoon, when a mob surrounded William Jones, a colored man who was mistaken for a non-union man from the Star works. He made a narrow escape from serious injury and possibly death by the appearance of Police Lieutenant Crossan, who came to his rescue. Before Crossan could secure additional aid he was almost overwhelmed by the large crowd that had gathered. The prompt arrival of a large force of officers promptly saved Jones from being lynched, as the mob appeared a desperate one, and many demands were made that he be strung up.

During the parade most of the pickets were away from the Star mills, and the company succeeded in securing several new men. Of the lot that arrived in Pittsburg early yesterday morning, it was said that a good many of them were for the Demmler plant in McKeesport and were now in that plant where the operations are to begin in a short time.

Bryan on the Labor Problem.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 3.—Labor day was marked by the largest and most imposing parade of labor unions ever seen here and by the participation of William J. Bryan in the procession and exercises. Eight thousand men marched through the streets, grouped in their unions, each union wearing a distinguishing uniform. Mr. Bryan occupied a carriage at the head of the line and was cheered whenever recognized. The pavilion at the park was crowded to suffocation. Mr. Bryan took for his text the Bible verse, "Muzzle not the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." He warned his hearers against trusts and said that their remedy was at the ballot box. Mr. Bryan went in a carriage from Electric park to Shawnee park, Kansas City, Kan., where he addressed an open air meeting of 10,000 persons.

Teddy at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 3.—Vice President Roosevelt was the orator of the day at the formal opening of the Minnesota state fair, by invitation of the Minnesota agricultural society. He shook a thousand hands at a reception following the exercises, was the guest of the fair association at lunch on the grounds and reviewed the Third Infantry and First artillery, Minnesota national guard. Colonel Roosevelt occupied the Judge's stand at the race track with General Miles, Archbishop Ireland and Governor Van Sant of Minnesota. The grand stand was literally packed and when Governor Van Sant in introducing Roosevelt, asked the ladies to wave their handkerchiefs and the men to give three cheers, the result was a response which the vice president will long remember. The audience was responsive throughout the vice president's address.

The vice president in beginning his address paid a high tribute to the character and energy of his hearers, descended he said, from a race of pioneers which had pushed westward into the wilderness and laid the foundations for new commonwealths. The man with axe and pick and plow, who, he said, had pushed to completion the dominion of our people over the American wilderness, had shown by their qualities of daring, endurance and far-sightedness that they recognized in practical from the fundamental law of success in American life—the law of worthy work; the law of resolute, high endeavor.

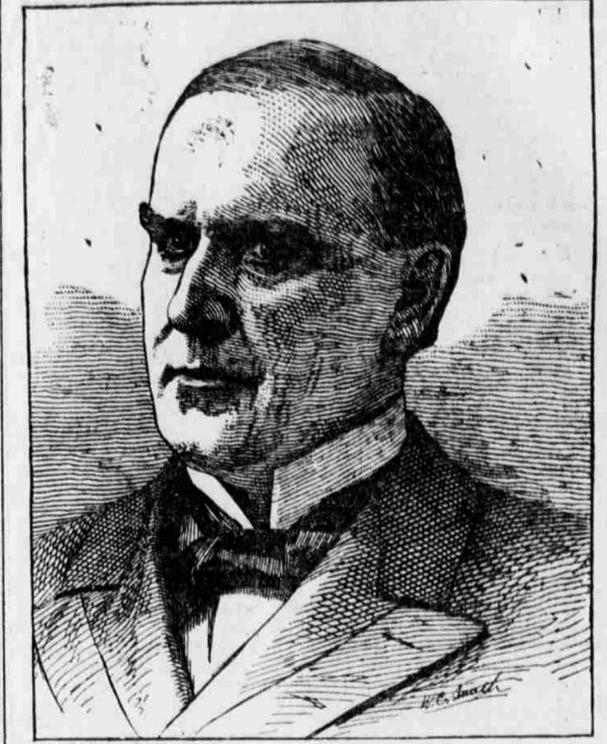
Captures a Horse Thief.

TRENTON, Neb., Sept. 3.—A horse thief was captured here yesterday by Sheriff Brown and J. C. Hurst. Word was received by the sheriff that a man had stolen two horses at Sterling, Colo., and one at Yuma, and was headed this way. The sheriff, in company with Hurst, started east, as the man was seen to pass through town a short time before the word was received, and captured the suspect between here and Culbertson.

## REJOICING TURNED TO TEARS

President McKinley Shot Down While Attending Functions at the Pan-American Exposition.

LIFE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE HANGS IN THE BALANCE



BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Just a brief twenty-four hours after the newspapers of the city blazoned forth in all the pomp of headline type "the proudest day in Buffalo's history" the city was in sackcloth and ashes, in squalor, surrounded by gruesome borders of black, the same newspapers were telling in funeral tones to a horrified populace the deplorable details of "the blackest day in the history of Buffalo."

President McKinley, the nation's chief executive, and the city's honored guest, lies prostrated, suffering the pangs inflicted by the bullet of a cowardly assassin, while his life hangs in the balance.

Out on Delaware avenue at the home of John G. Milburn, with fearful face and heart torn by conflicting hopes and fears, sits the faithful wife, whose devotion is known to all the nation.

SHOT DURING PUBLIC FUNCTION.

It was a few moments after 4 p. m., while President McKinley was holding a public reception in the great temple of music, on the pan-American grounds, that the cowardly attack was made, with what success time alone can tell. Standing in the midst of crowds numbering thousands, surrounded by every evidence of good will, pressed by a motley throng of people, showered with expressions of love and loyalty, besieged by multitudes, all eager to clasp his hands, amid these surroundings and with the ever recurring plaudits of an army of sightseers ringing in his ears, the blow of the assassin fell and in an instant pleasure gave way to pain, admiration to agony, folly turned to fury and pandemonium followed.

THE PICTURE OF THE ASSASSIN.

Down at police headquarters, surrounded by stern-faced inquisitors of the law, is a medium-sized man of commonplace appearance, with his fixed gaze directed on the floor, who presses his lips firmly together and listens with an air of assumed indifference to the persistent stream of questions, arguments, objections and admonitions with which his captors seek to induce or compel him to talk. It was after the daily organ recital in the splendid temple of music that the dastardly attempt was made. Planned with all the diabolical ingenuity and finesse of which anarchy or nihilism is capable, the would-be assassin carried out the work with a hitch and should his designs fail and the president survive, only to Divine providence can be attributed that beneficial result.

The president, though well guarded by United States secret service detectives, was fully exposed to such an attack as occurred. He stood at the edge of the raised dais upon which stands the great pipe organ at the east side of the magnificent structure.

CENTER OF A JOYFUL THRONG.

The president was in a cheerful mood and was enjoying to the full the hearty evidences of good will which everywhere met his gaze. Upon his right stood John G. Milburn, of Buffalo, president of the pan-American exposition. Upon his left stood Mr. Cortelyou.

It was shortly after 4 p. m. when out of the throng which surrounded the presidential party, a medium-sized man of ordinary appearance and plainly dressed in black, approached as if to greet the president. Both Secretary Cortelyou and President Milburn noticed that the man's hand was swathed in a bandage or handkerchief. Reports of bystanders differ as to which hand. He worked his way amid

the stream of people up to the edge of the dais until he was within two feet of the president.

President McKinley smiled, bowed and extended his hand in that spirit of geniality the American people so well know, when suddenly the sharp crack of a revolver rang out loud and clear above the hum of voices, the shuffling of myriad feet and vibrating waves of applause that ever and anon swept here and there over the assemblage. DETERMINED EFFORT TO AVENGE. There was an instant of almost complete silence. The president stood stock still, a look of hesitancy, almost of bewilderment on his face. Then he retreated a step while a pallor began to steal over his features. The multitude, only partially aware that something serious had happened, paused in surprise while necks were craned and all eyes turned as one to the rostrum where a great tragedy was being enacted. Then came a commotion. With the leap of a tiger three men threw themselves forward as with one impulse, and sprang toward the would-be assassin. Two of them were United States secret service men who were on the lookout and whose duty it was to guard against just such a calamity as had here befallen the president and the nation. The third was a bystander, a negro. As one man the trio hurled themselves upon the president's assailant. In a twinkling he was borne to the ground, his weapon wrested from his grasp and strong arms pinioned his hand. For a moment the confusion was terrible. The crowd surged forward regardless of consequence. Men shouted and fought, women screamed and children cried. Some of those nearest the door fled from the edifice in fear of a stampede, hundreds of others from the outside struggled blindly forward in the effort to penetrate the crowded building and solve the mystery of excitement and panic which every moment grew and swelled within the congested interior of the edifice. In the multitude which witnessed or bore a part in the scene of turmoil and turbulence there was but one mind which seemed to retain its equilibrium, one hand which remained steady, one eye which gazed with unflinching calmness, and one voice which retained its even tenor and faltered not at the most critical juncture. They were the mind and hand and the eye and voice of President McKinley. UNFLINCHING IN HIS MIND. After the first shock of the assassin's shot he retreated a step. Then, as the detective leaped upon his assailant, he turned, walked steadily to a chair and seated himself, at the same time removing his hat and bowing his head in his hands. In an instant Secretary Cortelyou and President Milburn were at his side. His waistcoat was hurriedly opened, the president meanwhile admonishing those about him to remain calm and telling them not to be alarmed. "But you are wounded," cried his secretary. "Let me examine." "No, I think not," answered the president. "I am not badly hurt, I assure you. Nevertheless, his outer garments were hastily loosened, and when a trickling stream of crimson was seen to wind its way down his breast, spreading its tell-tale stain over the white surface of the linen, their worst fears were confirmed.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

Humboldt will hold a street carnival this month.

A new Baptist church has been built at Shickley.

A sand bank caved in near Petu and killed Henry Williams.

Sheridan county will have the largest crop of wheat in its history.

Henry Boose of Louisville is digging a well. Signed the pledge, eh?

The starch plant in Nebraska City is being enlarged and remodeled.

A castle of Royal Highlanders was organized at Stella with forty-eight charter members.

Hebron boasts of having three saloons and five preachers. That ought to touch both classes.

Over 2,000 new patrons are added to the postoffice at Nebraska City as a result of rural delivery.

There is a stream in Cuming county called "creamy creek." How cold these milk men are getting.

The Chariton Herald mistook Labor day for St. Patrick's day and come out on green colored paper.

Fred Brande, editor of the Pierce Call and postoffice, has just finished up a fine building for the occupancy of both.

Lincoln comes in with a death rate for last year of 1.18 per 1,000, which places it among the lowest in the country.

Herman Brockman of Pilger fell from his wagon and was nearly killed. The wheel passed over his head and crushed his skull.

A musical professor is traveling through the state. He imitates a brass band so perfectly that you can see the financier passing the hat.

The outlook for corn is so flattering in the neighborhood of Talmage that the editor of the Tribune has placed himself on full rations again.

An Omaha girl writes to her country cousin at Belgrade and says she wants to come out next winter when her uncle cuts his winter wheat.

Clarence Harrison, a young man in the employ of the Merchant's bank at Bloomfield fell from a tandem and will die from the injuries sustained.

DeWitt has an improvement society that is ready to do anything and everything that will help the town along. Such a society as that is invaluable.

Amos Lampson, a Pender youth, was trying to see how high he could swing when the rope broke and now he has a pair of fractured arms to look after.

Two boys were riding one horse near Norfolk when the animal stepped in a post hole and fell. The younger boy, Ray Benish, was perhaps fatally injured.

A Unadilla man captured a nine pound carp in a shallow place in the Nemaha one day last week and now the sports of Otoe county are searching every mud hole in the county.

A Danbury man has excited the curiosity of all the neighbors by enclosing his forty acre farm with a forty-five-inch close woven wire fence. They are wondering what he is going to put in it.

The Baptist preacher at Peru placed a night blooming cereus on the pulpit beside him, the other evening, and when the flower began to open the audience lost sight of the text, preacher and all.

Here is a hard luck story that is purported to come from Oak in Nuckolls county: A woman and her little granddaughter picked all the corn there was in a twenty-four acre field in about an hour and cooked and ate it all for supper.

Calfax county came dreadfully near pulling off a lynching one day last week. A tramp criminally assaulted a young married woman, whom he met on the railroad track near Clarkson. He was captured, but cooler heads prevailed and he was hurried off to jail.

A Lexington woman has discovered a sure way to drive skunks off the place. One of the little felines got under the house and the woman saturated a rag with coal oil, set fire to it and poked it under the building. The house burned up and the skunk escaped.

A burglar entered the grocery store of C. Christensen of Fremont through a cellar window and gained entrance to the salesroom by prying a bolt loose from its fastenings. The cash drawer had been left open, as its contents were removed by the proprietor the evening before and put into the safe. The drawer to an old cash register that was no longer used was broken open by the thief, who secured four or five pennies, no merchandise was taken, so far as has been learned. The thief left no clue to his identity.

Charles Eis, a farm hand near Palmyra, was working at a windlass cleaning out a well, when the handle of the windlass slipped and struck him in the face, breaking the bridge of his nose. He will have the bridge repaired at once.

Helen, the eight-year-old daughter of Sam Garlan, a farmer, who resides on an island two miles south of Plattsmouth, mysteriously disappeared from home. After the father and some of the neighbors had searched for hours, they finally found the girl asleep in a hollow log. The log was evidently the abode of snakes, as the men killed several big reptiles while affecting the child's rescue. One of them was found curled up in her lap, but fortunately she escaped without being bitten.