

STEEL STRIKE IS AVERTED.

Trouble at McKeesport Amicably Settled.

STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF.

All Employees of the American Sheet Steel Company to Be Reinstated, Including President Holloway—Will Not Recognize the Amalgamated Association.

Pittsburg, April 19.—There will be no strike in the plants of the American Sheet Steel company. The trouble that broke out in the Dewees Wood plant in McKeesport last week and which for a time threatened to cause a general strike of all union iron and steel workers in the country has been settled in an amicable manner. The members of the general executive board of the Amalgamated association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers held a long session yesterday. It started out with a general feeling that a strike would come, as the workers would not concede the only point in dispute (reinstatement of the men discharged for joining the union) and so far as could be learned the officials of the American Sheet Steel company were equally determined.

During the morning session of the executive board, John Jarrett, acting for the American Sheet Steel company, appeared with a proposition for the members to consider regarding a settlement of the difficulty. In general, this proposition was that all men discharged from the Wood plant should be reinstated, including Holloway, and that all but Holloway should return to work at once. Holloway to be returned within ten days.

The board insisted that Holloway should be treated in the same manner as the others and finally Mr. Jarrett changed his proposition to include Holloway after three days' suspension and the agreement was drawn up and signed.

In explanation of the agreement it was stated that the matter will remain in exactly the same position as before the trouble broke out. The organization of the locals of the Amalgamated association among the employees of the mill will be continued, though the company will not recognize it in any way in dealing with the men. There did not seem any disposition on the part of either side of the dispute to claim a victory or the best of the settlement.

Another Strike at McKeesport.

McKeesport, Pa., April 19.—After safely passing through one labor trouble, McKeesport has just entered another. Last night all the hands employed on the McKeesport connecting railroads struck for longer dinner hour. The men at present have to return to work immediately after they are through eating their midday meal and they now demand 45 minutes. The strikers are all members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and that organization is expected to back the men in their demands.

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED.

Firemen and Linemen on Harbor Tugs at Lake Ports Quit Work.

Cleveland, O., April 19.—A general strike of all the firemen and linemen employed on harbor tugs at Cleveland, Conneaut, Erie, Ashtabula, Fairport, Sandusky, Lorain and Toledo, has been ordered to begin at once. The strikers demand an advance of \$5 per month. They now receive \$50 per month. The Great Lakes Towing company, which practically operates all the tugs at the points named, refused to consider the demands and the strike order followed. It is said that altogether nearly 1,000 men will be directly affected.

Sensation in Tennessee Senate.

Nashville, Tenn., April 19.—Senator W. B. Eldridge of Memphis, in open session of the senate yesterday, accused ex-Comptroller James A. Harris of an attempt to bribe and blackmail and precipitated one of the most sensational scenes ever enacted in the halls of a Tennessee legislature. He charged that Harris came to him at his seat in the senate chamber in the morning and offered him \$500 and promised him to have withdrawn a suit pending against him on the condition that he would vote for the terminal bill when it came up on a motion to reconsider.

Strikers Carry Their Point.

Shamokin, Pa., April 19.—The strike at the Natalie colliery ended yesterday by the return to work of the 1,000 employees. Inside Superintendent James Bateman, whom the men claimed was unfair in adjusting the wage schedule, resigned. It was chiefly for his dismissal that the men struck.

Iowa Debaters Defeated.

Topeka, Kan., April 19.—Representatives of Grinnell college (Iowa) were defeated in a debate with Washburn college here last night. The question was "Resolved, That the permanent retention of the Philippines would prove detrimental to the United States."

President's Itinerary Completed.

Washington, April 19.—The itinerary of the president's tour to the Pacific coast is now complete and no further appeals for changes en route or stops will be considered. The party will spend Sunday, June 2, at Salt Lake City, as originally planned.

WINTER BRIDGE PIERS SOLD.

Property of Kansas City and Atlantic is Disposed Of to Satisfy Mortgage.

Kansas City, April 19.—The Winter bridge piers in the Missouri river at this point and other terminal property of the Kansas City and Atlantic railroad, was sold at auction yesterday to Theodore C. Bates of Worcester, Mass., for \$100,000. The sale was made to satisfy a mortgage for about \$700,000 held in trust by the Massachusetts Loan and Trust company of Boston, and the property was purchased in the interests of the bondholders.

The sale will end the receivership of the property and will terminate ten years of litigation. Mr. Bates is at the head of an eastern syndicate which controls the property and which will, it is said, begin a reorganization of the terminals that will result in the building of a large passenger station at an entrance into Kansas City of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, the Chicago and Northwestern and other railroads.

The bridge will also be used. It is said, to bring in suburban electric roads now being projected from St. Joseph, Liberty, Excelsior Springs and other nearby cities.

ON VERGE OF RUIN.

Great Crowd in English Commons to Hear Budget Statement—Prosperity Not So Marked as Formerly.

London, April 19.—The exceptional interest taken in this year's budget statement was evidenced by the crowded conditions of the house of commons when it reassembled yesterday.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, rose amidst rounds of cheers and commenced the budget statement. His opening sentence was not promising.

"During the last five years," said the chancellor, "we have been invariably able to congratulate the house on a general increase in the prosperity of the country, but the year 1900, especially the last six months, showed symptoms of a change. Our foreign trade during the year considerably increased, but in value rather than in volume."

The budget adds 2 pence to the income tax, making it 1 shilling 2 pence. It does not provide an increase in the duties on beer, wine or tea, spirits or tobacco.

A duty of 4 shillings 2 pence per hundredweight will be imposed on refined sugar. A duty of 2 shillings per hundredweight is imposed on molasses.

A duty of 1 shilling and 8 pence per hundredweight is imposed on glucose.

A shilling per ton duty is imposed on exported coal.

Raw sugar polarizing below 98 is to pay a duty gradually diminishing, according to each degree of polarization, to a minimum of 2 shillings at a polarization of 76.

When the chancellor concluded Sir William Vernon Harcourt exclaimed: "We are living in an age of newspaper finance and of increased expenditures. We cannot go on without involving this country in financial ruin."

FARMER IS SHOT IN BACK.

Assault Fires Twice at Andrew Miller, Wounding Him Fatally.

Minerva, O., April 19.—As Andrew Miller, a wealthy farmer, living a half mile east of town, was climbing from the basement to the first floor of his barn, he was shot in the shoulder. He started back down the ladder and just as he reached the floor another shot penetrated his left lung. Miller attempted to grapple with his assailant and was shot through the cheek. His assailant escaped and Miller sank down exhausted from loss of blood. Bloodhounds from Canton have been put on the trail of the assassin.

Miller is sinking fast and cannot live. No motive can be attributed for the deed unless an old grudge. Miller stated, a few minutes after the shooting, that he believed he knew his assailant. The Miller farm joins President McKinley's farm in the northwest corner of Columbiana county.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Governor Yates appointed Joseph E. Bidwill chief grain inspector of Chicago.

The naval yacht Dorothea is to be sent to the great lakes for the use of naval militia.

Fire destroyed \$150,000 worth of cars of the street railway company at Birmingham, Ala.

Chinese indemnity claims of French departments of war, marine, and colonies are 193,000,000 francs.

Northern bricklayers refused to work beside negroes at Jackson, Miss. As a result, work on the new capitol is stopped.

J. H. Willard, a prominent Democratic politician of Indiana, died suddenly in the Clarendon hotel, New York, Wednesday.

The palace of the empress was burned at Peking. It was occupied by Count von Waldersee and staff, who saved only their military papers.

The total amount of gold now held in the United States treasury exceeds \$500,000,000, the first time this figure has been reached in the history of the country.

President McKinley has decided upon a policy for the government of Porto Rico. The time for the payment of delinquent taxes is extended. The Philippine plan of government is nearly completed.

STRUCK BY SNOWSLIDE.

Two Engines Carried Down by Huge Avalanche.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Locomotives Had Been Uncoupled From the Train, Which Was Heavily Loaded With Passengers, and Started to Buck the Snow When the Disaster Occurred.

Boulder, Colo., April 19.—A terrible accident occurred on the Colorado and Northwestern road near this city. Two big engines attached to a passenger train coming from Ward to Boulder were struck by a huge snowslide and hurled into the chasm below. Four trainmen were killed. They are: Engineers Hannon and Fitzgerald, Fireman Miller and Conductor Blair. Fireman James Marks was found under the snow with a broken leg, but not fatally hurt. Oliver Sells, a boy, who was making kodak pictures of the engines bucking the snow, was carried down by the slide and will probably die. The slide was about 100 feet wide and six feet deep.

When the train reached Boomer, the engines were uncoupled and started up the hill to buck the snow, which was deep upon the tracks. A sharp curve occurred near the apex of the mountain, and just as the engines started to plow through a huge snow drift, a vast-avalanche of snow and earth was loosened from above. It came down with a terrific force and gained momentum every second. The train, which was heavily loaded with passengers, was not touched by the slide.

RATES FOR CONVENTIONS.

Transcontinental Passenger Association Completes Its Work.

Delmonte, Cal., April 19.—The principal business accomplished yesterday by the Transcontinental Passenger association was the fixing of rates for the various conventions during the year. The round trip rate for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo from San Francisco was fixed at one standard first class 30-day fare to the Missouri plus one first class fare added to \$1 from Missouri river points to Buffalo. These tickets will be sold June 3 and 4, July 3 and 4, Aug. 22 and 23 and Sept. 5 and 6, and apply by all direct routes. The same rates as above were fixed for the Baptist Young People's International convention at Chicago and the National Educational association at Detroit in July of this year.

For the Grand Army national encampment at Cleveland Sept. 5 and 6, one 30-day fare is to be the excursion rate with the same condition as the Pan-American exposition rates. The rate for the convalescence of Modern Woodmen of America at St. Paul is also one 30-day fare. The return limits of tickets sold according to the rates made for the Elks' convention at Milwaukee, the National Educational convention at Detroit and the Knights Templar convalescence at Louisville was extended from 30 to 60 days.

Fresh Outbreaks of Plague.

Vancouver, B. C., April 19.—The steamer Aorangi, from Sydney, brings news of fresh outbreaks of the plague at Brisbane and Perth. The serious phase is the appearance of the plague in the Dunwich insane asylum, where there are 1,000 inmates. The carrying of the plague to the asylum is ascribed to rats, and all sewers in the Australian cities are being fumigated in order to destroy infected vermin, with the result that thousands of dead rats have been washed out.

Kills His Wife and Self.

Chicago, April 19.—Charles Swooney, local agent for the Worth Tobacco company of Lexington, Ky., yesterday shot and killed his wife, Sarah Swooney, and then took his own life at the Dubuque flats in Rush street.

North Atlantic Squadron at Kingston.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 19.—This port is in holiday attire owing to the arrival of the United States North Atlantic squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Farquhar. The warships were saluted and returned the salutes. The governor of Jamaica, Sir Augustus Hemming, visited Admiral Farquhar on the Kearsarge. Later the American admiral visited the governor at the government house. The squadron left at daylight this morning.

Wind Storm Strikes Selma.

Selma, Ala., April 19.—A terrific wind and rain storm struck Selma yesterday. The electric light plant and several other buildings were damaged and many trees uprooted. No casualties are reported. A freight train on the Mobile and Birmingham road was caught in the storm near Jackson and wrecked. Engineer H. G. Elwood of this place was killed and a brakeman badly hurt.

Found Dead in Buggy.

Hastings, Ia., April 19.—Joshua Durbin, living six miles southeast of this place, was found dead in his buggy while returning home from Emerson. Mr. Durbin was one of the oldest residents of this county and was well-to-do. Epilepsy cause of death.

Business Block at Fairmont Burns.

Fairmont, Neb., April 19.—Fire broke out last night in the Reesor block, destroying the building, valued at \$12,000, covered by insurance. Miller & Co., drugs, and R. G. Hall, hardware, occupied the lower floor and the stock was mostly consumed.

REPORTS ARE GUESSWORK.

President Hill Asserts Many Statements Made Regarding Merger are Erroneous.

Seattle, Wash., April 19.—President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, who is now in this city, on being asked by a representative of the Associated Press if he had anything further to say touching publications concerning the merging of various railway corporations into great syndicates, said:

"Say to the Associated Press that I have read the various statements published and where there is one clean-cut statement of facts there are about a dozen statements of erroneous character. It is true that several large railway corporations are endeavoring to make closer traffic arrangements and that such arrangements involve the Burlington, but up to the present time there has been nothing consummated upon which to base correct statements."

It is apparent that Mr. Hill has been greatly annoyed by the coupling of any railroads other than those with which he has been dealing and he did not hesitate to say that interviews which had been given out by heads of such railroads were merely guesswork and contained little truth. Mr. Hill left Seattle for St. Paul at noon.

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION.

Eighth Biennial Meeting of the American Association Convened at Nashville. Reports Are Read.

The three-days' pool tournament at Washington between Alfred De Oro and Frank Sherman for the world's championship ended Thursday in a victory for De Oro, who made a total of 600 points against 498 for his opponent.

Nashville, Tenn., April 19.—The eighth biennial convention of the American Association of Young Women's Christian associations convened here yesterday at the First Cumberland church. After an address by S. Walters McGill on "Spiritual Growth and the Motives of Life," Mrs. L. Wilber Mesere read the report of the American committee. Extensive development was noted in every aspect of the work.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Tillman, showed a balance on hand at the close of the last fiscal year of \$27,500. In 1900 the receipts were \$21,629 and the expenditures \$21,013.

A nominating committee reported for election the following convention officers, who were unanimously elected: Chairman, Mrs. L. W. Mesere; secretary, Mrs. Carrie B. Wilson; Chicago; press secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, secretary of the city committee.

Misunderstanding Causes Bad Wreck.

Cleveland, April 19.—As the result of a head-on collision between freight and construction trains on the Wheeling and Lake Erie road in the Cleveland yards one man was killed and several badly hurt. The dead man is William Thies, a brakeman. The injured are: Harry Valsenbrech, engineer, Canton, probably fatal; Sylvester Bruggen, Cleveland, badly hurt. The cause of the accident is supposed to have been the result of a misunderstanding of orders.

Kansas Eggs for Cuba.

Abilene, Kan., April 19.—The Kansas Wholesale Egg Dealers' association met here last night and accepted a contract to ship 100 cars of Kansas eggs to Cuba for the island trade.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Two robbers held up a gambling house at Memphis and got \$3,000.

General MacArthur thinks only a small force will be necessary in the Philippines.

Dr. H. S. Scruggs, Jr., of Memphis was murdered in his carriage by unknown assassin.

Liquor interests are reported to have raised a corruption fund to influence legislation at Honolulu.

Ex-Congressman M. R. Baldwin of Minnesota committed suicide at Seattle because of business reverses.

Lake steamers owned by the railroad companies will remain idle until the marine engineers' strike ends.

The committee of 15 raided several pool rooms in New York. The police are accused of giving warning of the raid in advance.

Mrs. L. R. Adams of Richmond, Ind., secretary of the House Heirs association was arrested, charged with using the mails to defraud.

Anti-Ritualist John Konsit was attacked while coming out of a London church, where he protested against confirmation of Bishop Ingram.

The German military expedition against the Chinese is causing apprehension among the foreign envoys in China. Li Hung Chang is found to be playing a double game.

Mexico Wednesday signed the convention of The Hague peace conference. China, Luxembourg and Turkey are now the only countries which have not signed the peace convention.

The United Mine Workers of America expended \$153,000 last year for the relief of strikers and their families. A large portion of this was for the southwest strike, which is still in progress.

A new manganese iron ore field has been discovered 12 miles south of Little Grande, Utah. E. T. Wolverton, a veteran prospector, when searching for copper, stumbled upon an extinct crater, from which had overflowed vast quantities of manganese iron.



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