FAINT CHANCE OF PEACE

President Shaffer Withholds Issuance of Formal Order.

NO CONTRACTS ARE VIOLATED.

Gives Steel Companies Fair Warning and Places Them In Position to Renew Arbitration—Nonunionists Get to Hyde Park Safely.

Pittsburg, Aug. 6.—Just a faint glimmer of hope that the great steel workers' strike will be settled was embodied in a statement given out by President Shaffer of the Amalgamated association last night. When asked if he would pursue the same policy in ordering a strike in the mills of the Federal Steel, the National Steel and the National Tube companies as he did in calling out the men in the mills of the American Tin Plate company, he replied: "If it had not been for this determination on my part, the general strike would have been ordered on Saturday night."

Before calling out the tin workers and after failing to get any satisfaction from the officials of the American Sheet and the American Hoop companies President Shaffer sent a telegram to Vice President Warner Arms of the American Tin Plate company notifying him that he would be obliged to call out the tin workers in all of the mills owned by the United States Steel corporation unless the difficulty was settled within a period of ten days. As a result of this notice Mr. Arms succeeded in getting together another conference and a vain attempt was made to settle the dispute and prevent a strike, which would involve the tin mills. That conference was the one that broke up in the Hotel Lincoln three weeks ago last Sunday. In order to be equally fair to the other constituent companies of the United States Steel corporation and accord them the same treatment, President Shaffer has sent a similar notice to the officers of the Federal Steel company, the National Steel company and the National Tube company, giving them the same time in which to make any effort they may desire to bring about a settlement or he will put in force this same clause in the Amalgamated association's constitution. It is presumed that delay in issuing the general order will be at least until the end of the present week. Possibly it will not be issued until early next week. In the meantime the men in the mills of these three companies will be prepared to come out when the strike order is issued.

The possibility of a settlement of the strike is based in the bare hope that the officials of the three additional companies will bring to bear sufficient influence to urge an adjustment of the difficulty before the strike order is issued.

The condition at McKeesport is reported as follows: Many strikers are on the streets around the National Tube works. The men announce that they are only waiting for orders from headquarters before going out. Organizer Flynn of the Federation of Labor was here yesterday looking over the situation and conferring with local leaders. Persistent rumors are to the effect that the mine workers will refuse to furnish coal for the trust coke furnaces or mills.

A dispatch from Leechburg says the West Pennsylvania train unloaded 55 nonunion men at Hyde Park mill gate. The strikers are quiet.

NOT SURE OF POSITION YET.

Attitude of Federation of Labor Will Depend Upon Developments.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, who has charge of the headquarters here in the absence of President Gompers in Philadelphia, said yesterday that it was impossible to forecast what the organizations affiliated with the federation may do to assist the strike of the Amalgamated association men. "If the antagonism of the trust reaches such proportions that the American Federation of Labor is forced to come in and protect the recognized rights of organized labor," continued Mr. Morrison, "President Gompers undoubtedly will call the executive council of the federation together to take all measures necessary. The affiliated organizations of the Amalgamated association have the right to call ou the federation for moral and financial assistance."

Strike Leaders Abducted.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 6.—Last night 100 business men, in order to end the strike of La Resistencia union cigarmakers, searched the streets of Tampa and seized many of the strike leaders and it is rumored that they were sent on a vessel outside the bar and to the gulf. Excitement prevailed, but no rioting occurred. It is said that an attempt was made to assemble the strike leaders in a conference and capture them all together, but the strikers heard of it and dispersed. The search through the streets followed.

Suicide at Red Cloud.

Red Cloud, Neb., Aug. 6.—William Frint, 20 years old, killed himself yesterday morning by placing a shotgun under his chin and blowing the front of his head off. Sickness and despondency was the cause.

Big Fire at Oskaloosa.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Aug. 6.—The shops and foundry of the Iowa Manufacturing company were destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss is $15,000. Insurance is $5,000. They will rebuild immediately.

EMPRESS FREDERICK DIES.

Mother of Emperor William of Germany Passes Away at Cronberg.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—Empress Frederick died at Cronberg at 6:15 p. m. yesterday. The death of the dowager empress was somewhat sudden. Emperor William and her majesty's other children were in the sick room most of the day.

Soon after the announcement was made the flags on all the public buildings in Berlin were half-masted. It is taken for granted that the interment will be at Friedenskirche, Potsdam, by the side of Emperor Frederick, but the date of the function is not yet known publicly.

The papers assert that the dowager empress long ago adopted her husband's motto, "learn to suffer without complaining." She recently ordered that the public should be excluded from the grounds of Friedrischof, saying: "The world shall not learn what I am suffering. I will not be pitied in my misfortune."

At 8 o'clock Emperor William conducted the members of the dowager empress' household into the death chamber and led them, one by one, past the bedside, to take a last farewell of their mistress.

London, Aug. 6.—All the London papers appeared today with mourning borders and all published editorials expressing deep sympathy with the two mourning royal households, extolling the virtues of the deceased and referring generally to the great difficulties incident to her relations with the Hohenzollerns, especially the bitterness displayed toward her by Bismarck.

DRIVER BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Wagon Load of Nitro-Glycerine Explodes Near Bowling Green, O.

Bowling Green, O., Aug. 6.—A terrific explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred on the Munn road near this city yesterday, in which one man, William Redbaugh, a driver for the Hercules Torpedo company, was blown to atoms and many others narrowly escaped serious injury. Redbaugh was driving a wagon loaded with 800 quarts of the explosive and when nearing the tracks of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road whipped up his horses to cross the tracks ahead of an approaching passenger train. The jolting exploded the stuff on the tracks and the train was stopped within a few feet of the gaping hole made by the explosion. Pieces of debris were hurled with great force against the train, but none of the 50 passengers were struck. A house occupied by Mrs. Abram Teall was wrecked and Mrs. Teall seriously injured.

SEVENTEEN DAYS' FIGHTING.

Colombian Revolutionists' Agent Receives Belated Report of It.

New York, Aug. 6.—A. Diaz Guerrera, agent in this city of the Colombian revolutionists, yesterday received information from trusted agents who had reached Venezuela, that a bloody battle was fought at Palo Negro in the latter part of May. The conflict lasted for 17 days. The battle was drawn at the end of that period, the insurgents retiring when their ammunition was exhausted, the government troops being too badly cut up to pursue the revolutionists.

Carnegie Library for Porto Rico.

San Juan, P. R., Aug. 6.—Negotiations are underway between Andrew Carnegie and Education Commissioner Brumbaugh, who, in this matter, represents the people of Porto Rico, which will give San Juan and all of Porto Rico one of the Carnegie libraries. The San Juan council met and decided to appropriate $6,000 yearly as a maintenance fund for the library. Mr. Carnegie's private secretary, James Bertram, wrote that it was the millionaire's custom to give ten times the amount of the maintenance fund.

Concentrate Natives In Camps.

London, Aug. 6.—The military administration in South Africa, according to various dispatches from Johannesburg and Kronstadt, has determined to concentrate into camps natives who are outside of the garrisoned towns, destroying their kraals and mealies so as to shut off this source of food to the Boers.

Santa Fe Willing to Help Farmers.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Paul Morton, second vice president of the Santa Fe road, declared yesterday that if necessary his road would carry corn into Kansas at reduced rates, provided the corn crop proves an almost total failure and would allow farmers to keep their cattle to fatten.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

David B. Henderson, speaker of the United States house of representatives is in Berlin.

Jesse Haney, owner of several of the earliest comic papers, died at his home in New York Monday.

President Francis Monday announced the appointment of Halsey C. Ives of St. Louis as chief of the division of fine arts of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

The body of James M. Frazier, a Presbyterian minister, 82 years old, was found in the Ohio river Monday three miles below Paducah. It is supposed he committed suicide.

Judge E. G. Rognon, judge of the United States commissioner's court at Teller City, Alaska, has been indicted by the federal grand jury and arrested for alleged misuse of government money.

Insanely jealous of his wife, William Schultz, a Chicago carpenter, stabbed her to death Monday and then killed himself with a revolver. The two dead bodies were found by Schultz's daughters.

EXPLOSION KILLS SCORE

Tenants Caught Under Falling Walls of Five Buildings.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN DEBRIS.

Many Are Drawn From Wreckage Just In Time to Escape the Flames. Over Two Score More or Less Injured—Work of Rescue.

Philadelphia, Aug. 6.—A terrific explosion in a block of six buildings on Locust street, above Tenth, last night completely wrecked five of the structures and caused the death of from ten to twenty or more persons. Over two score of others were more or less seriously injured. Some of those taken to the hospital will die. It is estimated that at least 35 persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred, and the exact number of dead will probably not be known for 24 hours.

What exploded and how it happened is not known, but it is believed to have been a barrel of gasoline in one of the three grocery stores.

The buildings were occupied as follows: No. 1008, Housman's pool and billiard rooms; 1010, Morris Rosenthal's second hand clothing store, occupied by Rosenthal, his wife and five children; 1012, William Jones, colored restaurant, occupied by Jones and about 15 boarders; 1014, George McClemmy's grocery store, occupied by McClemmy's clerk and servant girl; 1016, Patrick Quigley's grocery store, occupied by Quigley, his wife, three children and his uncle; 1018, Albert Mountain's grocery store, occupied by Mountain, mother sister and clerk.

The explosion occurred about 9:30 o'clock. With the explosion of 1008 the front walls of the buildings were blown outward into the street, while the floors and the roofs were blown upward and fell straight to the ground. Almost every building in a radius of two blocks about the scene of the explosion had window panes shattered and was otherwise damaged. Every building on the opposite side of Locust street was more or less wrecked, but none of them fell.

A terrible cry went up from the ruins the moment the explosion occurred. Women, children and men, occupants of the wrecked houses, could be seen crawling from the debris, while agonizing cries of others were heard in the wreckage. From all the surrounding buildings injured people came running and fell into the street unconscious. To add to the horror, fire broke out in the debris the moment it settled to the ground, and in less than five minutes the great pile was burning fiercely from end to end. A general alarm was turned in for fire apparatus and ambulances, and in the meantime the work of rescue was voluntarily begun by those in the neighborhood that were not injured. Here and there a person was dragged from the ruins before the fire could reach the victim, several lives being saved by this prompt work. When the firemen reached the scene the flames had reached great headway and were igniting the buildings across the street. The fire, however, was extinguished in a few minutes.

The work of digging away the ruins was begun in earnest. Near the edge of the debris several colored men were taken out and sent to the hospitals. While the firemen and policemen were digging in the debris and hauling away heavy timbers in several sections of the wreckage, cries were heard coming from the cellar of Mountain's grocery store. Fifty men, with rope and tackle, were immediately put to work at that point, and pulled away the roofing and flooring which had fallen into a massed heap. From the bottom of the pile, doubled up, were taken a man and a woman. The man was able to speak, but the woman was apparently dead.

While the work of rescue was going on in the exploded block, hospital attendants and others made a search of all the damaged houses on the opposite of the street and almost a score of persons were taken to various hospitals from these places.

The Jefferson and the Pennsylvania hospitals, which are located nearest to the scene of the explosion, were soon crowded with the injured. Two hundred men are now at work clearing away the wreckage. The buildings containing the pool rooms, clothing store and the restaurant were three story bricks, while the other three buildings were two and one-half stories.

From 40 to 45 persons are lying in the several hospitals suffering more or less severe injuries.

At 2 a. m. the rescuers came across an inanimate body of a colored woman, but, remarkable to relate, the woman was alive and asked for water. She was quickly placed in an ambulance and sent to a hospital. She was Lizzie Watkins, aged 18 years. She had been in the ruins for four and a half hours. Four bodies have been recovered.

Revenue Law Declared Invalid.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 6.—District Judge Dixon decided that the new state revenue law is invalid, having never been legally enacted by the senate. The state will appeal the case to the supreme court. The decision, if sustained, may necessitate calling the legislature in special session.

Hotel Burns at Plainview.

Plainview, Neb., Aug. 6.—The Hawks hotel building burned yesterday morning. The fire started in the third floor near the chimney. The property was insured.

NO CHANGE IN TARIFF LAWS.

Senator Cullom Expresses Opinion After Talk With President.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—After a visit to President McKinley at Canton Senator Cullom says there is not likely to be any general tariff legislation next winter, but that some of the pending commercial treaties ought to pass the senate. The senator also talked of government policy in other lines. He said: "We shall have to enact some legislation regarding the Philippines, but not much, I think. Porto Rico is now all disposed of and there is nothing to do for it. As far as Cuba is concerned, it has accepted the American proposals, and we have nothing more to do than to let it alone and allow it to work out its own salvation. From all the information I can get, the feeling is growing stronger in Cuba every day in favor of final annexation to this country. It will grow stronger as the Cubans find their neighbors in Porto Rico enjoying the benefits of free trade with this country, which they are debarred from."

WYOMING SHEEP KILLED.

Three Thousand Attacked on a Range Near Iron Mountain.

Cheyenne, Wy., Aug. 6.—Unknown persons yesterday attacked 3,000 sheep being ranged near Iron Mountain by Kels Nickel, the man that was shot Sunday, and large numbers were slaughtered. A report of the affair was brought to Cheyenne late last night and a posse started for the scene at once. The scattered sheep will be gathered up and driven to a place of safety further north. Efforts will also be made to apprehend the raiders.

It is believed that the persons who assassinated Willie Nickel and shot his father are also implicated in the slaughter of the sheep. A sheriff's posse will leave in the morning to arrest James Miller, neighbor of Kels Nickel, and his two sons, who are suspected of the crimes.

SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE SPREADS

Mayor Fails as Mediator and Sand Teamsters are Ordered Out.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—The outlook for an amicable settlement of the strike has considerably diminished, and the indications are that the contest will be a protracted one. The efforts of Mayor Phelan to bring about an understanding between the opposing interests have failed, and he has been reluctantly compelled to abandon temporarily at least his position as mediator. The belief is general that the strike is to be widely extended.

The San Francisco Labor council has ordered out the sand teamsters, about 600 in number. This move will seriously affect the building trades.

DIVES INTO FIERY FURNACE.

Insane Patient Burns Himself Fatally Despite Efforts of Attendants.

Provo, Utah, Aug. 6.—James M. Wilson, a patient at the insane asylum, threw himself head first into the open door of a furnace yesterday. He was badly burned before being pulled out. While bandages were being prepared Wilson broke away and again threw himself into the furnace, this time being so frightfully burned that he died within a short time.

Train Wrecker Confesses.

Carbondale, Ills. Aug. 6.—P. W. Spangler was last evening placed in the county jail, charged with attempting to wreck an Illinois Central train on the Gale division of the system and has confessed to his part in the affair. The attempt came near wrecking one of the fast trains on a curve near a deep ravine. Tie rails were roped to the track. A track walker came upon the would-be wreckers and was severely beaten by them before he made his escape and ran to the nearest station.

'Frisco-Memphis Officials.

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—It was learned from an authoritative source that the board of directors of the new consolidated 'Frisco-Memphis system have agreed upon the following officials: Benjamin F. Yoakum, president; Benjamin L. Winchell, general manager; A. Douglas, auditor; C. H. Beggs, purchasing agent; Bryan Snyder, passenger traffic manager; Alexander Hilton, general passenger agent; A. E. Dodge will be made freight traffic manager.

Klausenberg In Open Revolt.

London, Aug. 6.—"The town of Klausenberg, in Transylvania, is in open revolt against the Hungarian authorities," says a dispatch from Vienna to the Daily Express. "A majority of the inhabitants are Germans. Resenting Magyar ascendancy, they have stormed and wrecked the municipal buildings and the house of the prefect of police, the occupants barely escaping with their lives."

Dragged to Death by Horse.

Audubon, Ia., Aug. 6.—Herman Hohn, a young man residing with his parents two miles north of this city, was dragged to death by a horse last evening. While leading the horse to the barn it started to run and the long rope which was fastened to the horse's neck became tangled around Hohn's body. Before the animal could be stopped he was dead.

Transports Sold at Auction.

New York, Aug. 6.—The United States transports Terry and McPherson were sold at auction in Brooklyn yesterday. The Terry was bought by Miles Bary of Chicago for $19,500. E. H. Parsons of Baltimore bought the McPherson for $18,700.

Roosevelt Chasing the Festive Coyote.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 6.—Vice President Roosevelt and party left here yesterday for a three days' coyote chase in the vicinity of Fountain, 18 miles south of this city.

CUMMINS AGAINST FIELD

Other Candidates Combine in Gubernatorial Contest.

FIRST TEST OVER CREDENTIALS.

Steering Committee Named to Handle the Concentration Against Cummins—Delegates Are Pouring Into Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 6.—Delegates are pouring into the town to attend the Republican gubernatorial convention which convenes here tomorrow. The managers of the several candidates each assert confidence in the victory of his man, but between estimates that radically differ and statements that flatly contradict, one fact is evident, and that is that the convention will be a battle royal from its beginning. The supporters of A. B. Cummins declare he will receive the nomination, while the anti-Cummins men say they will make a fight in the caucuses that will prove a surprise to Cummins, and they confidently predict that they will control the make-up of all the important committees. Mr. Cummins claims that he will receive the nomination on the first or second ballot.

Cummins against the field and the fortunes of the field in the absolute control of a steering and sifting committee is the situation. The committee is composed of two representatives of each candidate for governor, with the exception of Cummins. The determination of the candidates to make a common fight against Cummins was reached yesterday in a conference that lasted from an early hour until noon. It was decided to force the contest, first of all, before the committee on credentials, where the opposition to Cummins hopes to take from him 26 votes. There are three contests to come before the committee, involving in Jackson county 16 votes, in Carroll county 12 votes and in Polk county 8 votes. The contests are all against the Cummins men, and a mighty effort will be made to unseat them.

It was decided by the conference that if the Cummins faction triumphed on the floor of the convention in the fight over the report of the credentials committee a bolt should be made to some one candidate and the full strength of the opposition thrown to him. It is altogether likely that there will be an alliance formed between Cummins and Judge Towner, the candidate for the bench of the supreme court. The friends of Judge Towner are deeply in earnest in their fight, and have his interest very much at heart. It was admitted by one of his campaign managers that if it would advance the interests of their man to make an alliance with Cummins they would gladly enter into the compact. It is estimated that an alliance between Cummins and Towner would bring to the former about 100 votes which he does not now have, and which would insure his election. On the other hand, there are many delegates from the northwestern part of the state, where Cummins has nearly everything, who are strongly for Towner. They would be glad to go for him, provided their doing so cost nothing to Cummins. With a chance to make something on the trade that would help both of the men they like, there is every chance of the deal being made.

Conger and the Governorship.

Burlington, Ia., Aug. 6.—The Hawkeye prints an interview had with Minister Conger in Honolulu by the Hawkeye representative there, in which Mr. Conger says: "We were given a splendid reception in Iowa, but I did not have a chance to see many Iowa friends whom I would liked to have seen, for fear that I would be open to the charge of electioneering for the governorship. I stand exactly as I did on that score. If I am nominated on Aug. 7 I will go home and redeem my promise to accept. Otherwise I will remain in China."

Dewey Calls at Navy Department.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Admiral Dewey, president of the Schley court of inquiry, was at the navy department in consultation with Acting Secretary Hackett. The admiral will leave shortly for the north for a month's rest. The successor to Admiral Kimberly on the court has not yet been announced at the navy department.

Killed by Kick of a Horse.

Atlantic, Ia., Aug. 6.—William H. Disbrow, a prominent citizen of the county, four miles northeast of town, was kicked by a vicious horse yesterday at the home of a son-in-law, James Lepper, near Lorah, and was so seriously injured that he died in a short time.

Boy Killed In a Holdup.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Aug. 6.—The body of the 14-year-old son of Dr. Beemblossom of this place was brought here this morning from Rush Springs. The boy was killed in a holdup last night while going overland with his father to Lawton.

Rob Chicago Power House.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Four highwaymen entered the power house of the Suburban Electric Railway company yesterday. They bound and gagged two employes who were in the building, blew open the safe and escaped with $700.

Explosion Causes Death.

Nemaha, Neb., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Minnie Knapp, the wife of Edward Knapp, the liveryman here, died from the effects of burns received in a gasoline explosion here yesterday.

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