

TAFT LOOKS AHEAD

Makes Prediction Concerning the Future of the Philippine Islands.

WILL BE HELD UNTIL READY TO DECIDE

May Then Choose Between Independence and Colonial Allegiance.

GOLD STANDARD AGAIN RECOMMENDED

Fluctuating Silver Standard Disadvantageous to All Concerned.

CAPTIVE SULTAN IS SHOT AND KILLED

Attempts Escape and Sentry Promptly Fires Fatal Shot—Cholera is Increasing and Agriculture is Seriously Depressed.

MANILA, Aug. 31.—Governor Taft was given a banquet by the American Chamber of Commerce of Manila last Saturday night.

In an address, replying to a toast, the governor discussed the future of the Philippines. He said the United States would retain the islands indefinitely, with the view of educating the Filipinos to a state of self-government and other conditions which would enable them to govern themselves. He said the Filipinos were not yet ready to become independent or to be made into a state like Canada or Australia under Great Britain. Governor Taft said he believed the relationship between the two peoples would be continued and that the Americans were here for the benefit of the Philippines. He said the Americans did not desire the islands for selfish purposes, but promised that American capital would get fair treatment here.

Continuing, the governor expressed his belief that commercial interests must ultimately rely upon Filipino labor, although a temporary relaxation of the immigration restrictions was possible. He said the United States civil commission would again recommend congress to give the Philippine islands a gold standard of currency, as the present fluctuating standard was a disadvantage to everybody.

Depends on Trade Regulation. Luke E. Wright, who acted as civil governor during the absence of Judge Taft, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. He expressed the opinion that the true future of the islands depends upon the admission of their products to American markets. Commissioner Wright regretted that the Philippine question had been made a football in American politics. The cholera is increasing. Last Saturday 340 cases were reported in the provinces. The totals reported up to date are 27,929 cases and 1,954 deaths from the disease.

The sultan of Mindanao, who was held as a hostage by the American forces at Camp Wickers, island of Mindanao, attempted to escape from his guards last Sunday. He was shot and killed by a sentry. The sultan had been arrested after the recent murders of American soldiers in Mindanao and was being held pending the surrender of the murderers. As a result of the war, rinderpest among the cattle and the epidemic of cholera, agriculture is seriously depressed in the Philippines. Governor Taft estimates the area under cultivation this year half that of an ordinary year. Many districts are impoverished.

BOER GENERALS IN LONDON

Reach There During Rainstorm and Receive No Demonstration—Fischer is with Them.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Generals Dewet, Botha and Delarey and Mr. Fischer arrived here today from The Hague. A heavy rain was falling when they arrived and they received no demonstration.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The papers this morning published editorial articles strongly urging the government to refuse further to negotiate with the Boer generals or at least to decline to grant them any further concessions. It is understood that Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, is coming to confer with the generals.

ENGLISH HUSTLE BUSINESS

Offer Free Transportation to Anyone Who Proposes Booming Canadian Trade.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Elder Dempster & Co. have offered free passage from Canada to Liverpool to any person whose object in coming to England is the development of trade between Canada and South Africa. The Allan Line steamer Ontario will leave Montreal October 15, to start the new monthly service between Canada and South Africa.

INDIAN POLICE TAKE CAPITAL

They and the Deputy Sheriffs Will Have Charge at Tishomingo This Week.

TISHOMINGO, I. T., Aug. 31.—The political situation here on the eve of this calling to order of the legislature remains practically unchanged. Sol Schoenfeld, Indian agent, arrived this evening and is in command of the Indian police, who are here to the number of about twenty-five. United States Marshal Colbert, with a force of well-armed deputies, arrived today. The Indian police and deputy marshals took charge of the capital building today. There is no excitement. Governor Bayard arrived this morning and Governor Johnson came in this evening. A number of legislators have arrived and it is expected there will be a quorum present when the two houses are called to order tomorrow. Governor Mokey is expected to reach Tishomingo in the morning.

TROUBLE BETWEEN THE RACES

At Occurs at Vicksburg and a Deputy Sheriff Calls Out Light Artillery.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Aug. 31.—Trouble between the races is reported today at Red Wood. Mr. Hughes, a white man, was beaten almost to death by a party of negroes. This aroused the whites, who attempted to arrest the ringleaders. About thirty negroes headed, it is said, by a white man, took refuge in a freight car, demanding to allow any of their number to be taken.

A deputy Sheriff Scott, with a posse and a detachment of the Warren Light artillery, went to Red Wood and the latest reports are to the effect that quiet prevails.

LITTLE GUNS STILL POPPING

From Willemsstad and Colon Come More Reports of Fierce Fighting, with Few Deaths.

WILLEMSSTAD, Island of Curaco, Aug. 31.—News from an official source has reached Willemsstad confirming previous reports that last Friday 600 men of the Venezuelan army were sent to the island of Curaco to assist forces near Demare deschamps.

The vice president of Venezuela, during the absence of Castro at Cua is domiciled in the presidential palace, Miraflores, which is situated on a hill in Caracas and commands the city. Last Thursday night the vice president's guard heard a shot in the vicinity of Miraflores and at once began firing their rifles on the city from their position on the stone platform surrounding the palace. The people of Caracas were very much alarmed for some time.

It has been learned here that the Venezuelan government has given orders to General Anguian, of the state of Maracabo, to turn the state over to General Olguin.

General Anguian has refused and complications are feared.

COLON, Aug. 31.—The Colombian cruiser Cartagena, under command of Captain Christiansen, with 900 government troops on board arrived here today. Cartagena was formerly the Moorish war vessel Beschir de Salamahe.

It is a smart-looking gunboat mounting twelve guns, namely, six machine one-pounders and six Armstrong twelve-inch timeter guns. Cartagena made the trip from the port of Cartagena to Colon in twenty-four hours. Further government reinforcements are expected to reach the isthmus shortly.

PANAMA, Aug. 31.—The arrival of government reinforcements from Barranquilla has caused great enthusiasm among the conservatives here. Judging from the news received from the Agua Dulce district, General Beltrán is believed to be holding his ground against the insurgents.

Five days ago it was reported that the insurgent general, Herrera, had abandoned the siege of Agua Dulce and was retreating toward Santiago. This report, however, has not been confirmed. The troops which have reached here have been sent to reinforce the garrison at Agua Dulce, and it is believed General Herrera will not be able to resist the attacking force the government will send against him.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Aug. 31.—News reached here from Carapoum, V.I., that the government general, Volante, would leave Carapoum with three gunboats and 500 men to bombard, for a second time, Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco river, which is still in the hands of the revolutionists. Ciudad Bolivar, capital of the state of Bolivar, was bombarded by the Venezuelan gunboats Bolivar and Restaurador last week, and many persons were killed or wounded. About 600 shells were fired into the city. British subjects at Ciudad Bolivar have requested the aid of the Great Britain to be sent for their protection.

BALK ON CHINESE TREATY

Representatives of Other Powers Not Satisfied with the Imperial Decree.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—The Anglo-Chinese treaty has not yet been signed. Sir James L. Mackay, representing Great Britain, and the other commissioners met August 30 for the purpose of signing the treaty. It was then found that the imperial decree empowering the Chinese commissioners to sign the treaty was unsatisfactory and the British representative refused his signature.

This postponement has caused surprise everywhere. The treaty was supposed to be settled and Sir James L. Mackay had arranged to leave Shanghai. He has now cancelled his passage and is awaiting further communications from Peking.

The foregoing complication is partly due to the fact that the government is objecting to the terms of the treaty. The Chinese are also understood to be seeking a loophole which will enable them to repudiate this treaty later should they find it necessary to do so. Sir James L. Mackay today pursued a representative of the Associated Press that the terms of the treaty were not questioned, but the matter at issue was the interpretation of the treaty.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The editor (tabulating) of the London Standard, the Chinese correspondent of the Times in a dispatch, "refers the question of the surtax to the Board of Revenue and it falls to ratify the Sheng-Mackay agreement regarding the appropriation of surtax funds, and the stipulation that these funds shall not be pledged for future foreign loans."

EMPEROR AND KING PART

Emmanuel of Italy Says Goodbye to William of Germany at Potsdam Station.

POTSDAM, Prussia, Aug. 31.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who has been visiting Emperor William, started for home today. The king and emperor drove together to the Wildpark station. Here the monarchs parted and the parting was most cordial.

Prince Frederick William and Prince Wilhelmina Elitel Frederick and Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellors, were on the station platform to bid farewell to the king of Italy and a large crowd of people cheered the departing guest. The king stood at a window of the railway carriage waving his hand to the emperor as long as the train was in sight.

It is said that as a result of King Victor Emmanuel's arrival here this evening, he inspected the Thierstein Prussian Hussars, of which organization he is honorary colonel, and later dined with the officers. His majesty resumed the journey to Italy at a late hour.

Prof. Virchow May Rally. BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Prof. Virchow, the famous scientist who is ably ill and heavily expected to live, was brought here today from Harsburg in an ambulance. Hopes are still entertained that the professor may rally from his present illness. He is over 80 years of age.

MEETING OF MAIL CARRIERS

Progress of Reclamation Bill the Principal Topic of Interest.

LOUD HAS BLOCKED MEASURE UP TO DATE

Association Has No Money in Treasury with Which to Keep Up the Fight at the National Capital.

From a Staff Correspondent. OTTOWA, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—During the past week in September the annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers will be held at Denver, Colo. At the convention in Chattanooga last year the organization was strengthened by those who had become dissatisfied with the methods employed by the officers in charge and the progress which they had made in the effort to secure increased compensation for the letter carriers, and at the coming convention the officers elected last year will be called upon to give an account of their stewardship.

For a number of years the letter carriers have striven to have congress increase their maximum pay from \$1,000 per annum to \$1,200 per annum, but as yet without success. They do not ask that necessarily every man must receive \$1,200, but they maintain that \$1,200 a year is not an excessive amount for a letter carrier to receive for the service performed, and that in the course of time a letter carrier should be given the privilege of mounting to that salary instead of as at present, being confined to \$1,000 per annum.

Of course, many other matters in which the association is interested. Several years ago it seems that the association was about to split upon a rock and might fail to pieces altogether. Happily this danger was averted and in all respects except financially the association appears to be better off than ever before. Little progress has been made towards the passage of the reclamation bill by congress. For this, however, the officers of the association are in no wise to blame. Several bills were introduced last session, the one most discussed being introduced by Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan, raising the limit of pay in cities of above 75,000 population to \$1,300 and fixing the limit in cities below 75,000 population at \$1,000 per annum.

Two Champions of Carriers.

The letter carriers have two earnest champions in the house, the foremost on the republican side, being Representative Cromer of Indiana, who is a member of the house post office committee. Representative Sulzer of New York has taken the most active interest in this matter on the democratic side. The efforts of the letter carriers have met with the approbation of the press in every direction, and thousands of petitions have been received by members of the house, from business men, labor organizations and other sources asking that something be done in this direction. During the last session of congress the bill was held up in the postoffice committee mainly through the efforts of Representative William A. Gillette of Massachusetts, who is a member of the committee on postoffice and post roads, who is unalterably opposed to the measure. Mr. Loud has taken the ground that the letter carriers are better paid for their work than either the postoffice clerks or the railway mail clerks and until the salaries of the letter carriers are placed on a par with those of the letter carriers he will not support any bill to increase the pay of the letter carriers. The letter carriers admit that the railway mail clerks are underpaid, but see no reason why, because congress refuses to give them justice, the letter carriers should be permitted to secure their proper deserts.

Drop Lobby Scheme.

Some years ago an attempt was made to raise a fund to be placed at the disposal of such parties who represented they could lobby the bill increasing the pay of the letter carriers through congress. The attempt to collect this fund met with great opposition at the hands of many of the letter carriers, who refused to pay and left the organization. Others paid, but made vigorous protests, the results of which was the matter was ventilated in the press and all hope of securing passage of the bill by this scheme was abandoned. At the last national convention J. C. Keller, a letter carrier of Cleveland, was elected president on a reform platform. Mr. Keller was so afraid that he and his associates, who had just been put in charge of the affairs of the association, might be charged with undue dereliction of duty, that he refused to accept the position. He was elected president on a reform platform. Mr. Keller was so afraid that he and his associates, who had just been put in charge of the affairs of the association, might be charged with undue dereliction of duty, that he refused to accept the position.

Have No Funds.

Representative Loud has labored under the impression that a large part of the special fund raised by the letter carriers some years ago was still in the possession of the officers of the association for the purpose of "lobbying." In this respect Mr. Loud appears to be mistaken, for whatever fund was raised completely disappeared, and when the present officers of the association took charge of its affairs they claimed the treasury was practically empty. Only a few hundred dollars remained in the treasury, and since the Chattanooga convention the headquarters of the association in this city have been operated on the smallest amount of money possible. President Keller has been compelled to use his own funds and even to borrow money from personal friends in order to continue the work at headquarters. Shortly after Mr. Loud declared that the carriers had a large fund at their disposal for lobbying purposes Mr. Keller was compelled to return to Cleveland and resume his work as a letter carrier, that postoffice from which position he had been on leave while acting as president of the association—in order that he might make sufficient money to support himself and enable him to visit the national convention at Denver. If there is any special fund at the disposal of the president of the association Mr. Keller would be very pleased to learn of its whereabouts and how he can get at it.

An attempt will be made at the coming convention by the friends of the old officers of the association to recapture the convention. This movement will be resisted by the friends of the present officers, who expect to win out. Representatives Cromer and Sulzer, the two leading advocates of the cause of the letter carriers.

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STORM JUST FITS THE TRAIN

Wrecked Northwestern Passenger Seems to Have Been Singled Out for Deadly Work.

OWATONNA, Minn., Aug. 31.—The wreck of the Chicago & Northwestern road, five miles west of here last night probably was the worst that ever happened in this section of the state. Three are dead, four are fatally injured and thirty-four others received injuries, some of them of a serious character. Those killed and fatally injured were:

Dead: DELMAR PETERSON, 5 years old, Waseca, Minn.

ETHEL RICHARDS, 14, New Ulm UNKNOWN WOMAN, about 30 years of age, supposed to have come from Lake Mills, Ia.

Fatally injured: Mrs. Almira F. Dickford, Albert Lea, Minn.

A. C. McConnell, Brookings, S. D. Caroline McCune, Worthington, Minn. Conductor W. H. Kenzie, badly bruised; head cut; may die from shock.

Investigation shows that the storm which wrecked such damage to the train was but 100 feet in width. From all reports it is evident that the engine escaped the fury of the tornado by but a few feet, for it remained standing on the track while the six coaches in the train were picked up and were thrown and rolled over and over down the steep embankment. Four of the coaches caught the full fury of the storm and were carried much further than the other two. In these four coaches occurred all of the deaths and the majority of the injuries. Engineer Mitchell apparently was unaware of the approach of the storm cloud, but many of the passengers state that they saw a funnel-shaped cloud approaching, but had scarcely time to move in their seats when it struck the train. The fact that the brakeman upon the ill-fated train was a new man is probably a serious consideration. The brakeman escaped alive. The baggageman was in one of the rear coaches instructing the brakeman how to light the lamps when the storm struck. The baggageman was one of those that received the storm's full force and was literally smashed to splinters.

Great credit is given by the passengers to Conductor Kenzie for his heroic work in rescuing the injured. Although himself suffering from severe injuries he refused any aid and set to work with great grit and heroic courage to relieve the injured from their perilous positions and not until the last passenger was out of the wreck did he receive medical attention for his own wounds. It is feared that he cannot survive.

The storm destroyed the grain stacks of Thomas Rake, upon whose farm the wreck occurred; then passed directly between his house and barn, leaving them unharmed. It then passed northwest through Medford, a town on the Milwaukee road, where a number of barns were demolished and several houses and other buildings overturned.

WINONA, Minn., Aug. 31.—A tornado passed over Winona, Wis. last night, destroying a dwelling house and six barns. No one was killed, but a number are reported injured.

DIE UNDER WRECKED ENGINE

Engineer Wallace and Fireman Robinson Are Victims of Northwestern's Second Mishap.

FAIRCHILD, Wis., Aug. 31.—The fast mail passenger train of the Chicago & Northwestern road ran into a washout near here about midnight last night and two engineers were killed.

The dead: ENGINEER IRA WALLACE, Altoona, Wis. FIREMAN ROBINSON, St. Paul.

The train was running at a high rate of speed and the first mail car followed the locomotive into the ditch and was badly splintered. The mail clerks escaped with but slight injuries. The passenger coaches and sleepers left the track, but did not turn over and beyond a severe shaking up none of the occupants was hurt. The track was blocked until late tonight. The bodies of the dead trainmen were extricated from the wreckage and taken to Eau Claire on a special train.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 31.—Eastbound train No. 4 on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road arrived almost twelve hours late at a washout at Gate City, Minn. The trainmen reported that the Mississippi was out of its banks at that point and that the smaller streams which feed Lake Pepin were raging torrents.

The washout on the new Princeton branch of the Northwestern, near Marshfield caused traffic to remain at a standstill all day.

It is believed at Madison that Theodore Roosevelt, jr., was on the train which delayed all day by the wreck at Fairchild.

HANG HIM AND RIDDLE HIM

Georgia Lynchers Dispose of John Brown, Who Assailed Johnnie Chaffin.

MONTICELLO, Ga., Aug. 31.—John Brown, a negro, who attempted to criminally assault Miss Johnnie Chaffin, a 12-year-old white girl, near Monticello yesterday, was lynched today.

Brown was captured six hours after his arrest and given preliminary hearing before a district justice of the peace, who ordered him sent here for safe keeping. When seven miles from town the deputy having Brown in charge was surrounded by men, who demanded the prisoner. The deputy was overpowered and the negro was carried to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

KILLS ONE AND HURTS THREE. Louis Sacks of Rock Springs, Wyo., Nearly Annihilates the Spisak Family.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Aug. 31.—In a drunken fight on the streets in front of a saloon here early today Louis Sacks shot and killed one man and more or less seriously wounded three others. All are Hungarians. Joe Spisak, Jr., was killed and Steve Spisak received a bullet in the right shoulder and Steve Motto was wounded in the thumb. The senior Spisak is likely to die. Sacks is in jail. His son, who was killed, was acting as peacemaker in a saloon row.

OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

Strikers to Parade and Then Attend Picnic at Courtland Beach.

NUMEROUS CHANCES FOR AMUSEMENT

Council Bluffs Plans Elaborate Exercises and South Omaha Also Gets Into Line.

Events of Labor Day.

Forenoon: Parade of Labor Unions, Headed by Union Pacific Strikers. Ball Game—Des Moines-Omaha. Afternoon: Labor Demonstration at Courtland Beach. Omaha Gun Club Shoot. Base Ball Game—Des Moines-Omaha. Royal Italian Band and Concert. "Hello Bill" at Boyd's Theater.

The principal celebration of Labor day in this city will be at Courtland beach, where Central Labor union will give a picnic for the benefit of the Union Pacific strikers. One-half of the proceeds will be turned over to the federated board of the strikers. This picnic will be all that the Central Labor union will undertake as they were too late in taking up the matter of a Labor day parade to make any elaborate preparations.

The striking railroad men, however, have been preparing for a short parade which is to leave Labor temple at 9 o'clock this morning. The line of march had not been definitely decided upon last night, but the strikers will probably pass down Douglas street and up Farman and then take the cars for Courtland beach. They will be headed by a band composed of their own ranks, and which has been drilling for the occasion under the direction of George Green, and will be under the leadership of Peter Casey. The Union Pacific machinists will precede the other unions and will be followed by the striking boilermakers.

The union teams will be in line, also, having probably the largest delegation, probably 1,100 men. Such other union men as are at the temple in time will fall in line, but not as organizations.

At 3 o'clock p. m., the speaking will commence at Courtland beach. Father John Williams, George J. Kieffer and Thomas L. Wilson will discuss labor topics. Immediately after the addresses there will begin a program of racing and other track athletics which will continue until evening. Special efforts have been made by the committee having the arrangements in hand to make the day enjoyable for those who attend, especially the friends and families of the strikers.

Mayor Moores has issued a Labor day proclamation setting for the fact that it is the duty of all good citizens to properly celebrate the day and asking that all places of business be closed at 1 o'clock.

In South Omaha.

Labor day will be observed in South Omaha by a parade and picnic in Syndicate park. The parade will form at 10 o'clock at Twenty-sixth and L streets and after passing through the principal streets will proceed to the park where prominent and well known speakers will be on hand and ample accommodations have been provided.

The Council Bluffs celebration will be the most elaborate and a number of organizations from other towns will be present and participate in the parade. The typographical union of Omaha will be in line. The parade will start from Pearl street and First avenue and will move in a roundabout way to the Northwestern station where motor cars will be taken for Union Driving park. After dinner has been eaten at the park there will be a number of addresses, the speakers being: Emmet T. Hays, Rev. John Williams, Hon. A. S. Hazeltine and Rev. Harry DeLong. After this there will be an athletic program of ten events and two ball games, between the East Ends and Quick teams and the Printers and Cigarmakers of Council Bluffs against the Cigarmakers of Omaha.

CHINAMAN TO ADDRESS LABOR

Wa Ting Fung Will Be Orator of the Day at Binghamton, New York.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Wu Ting Fung, minister to the United States from China, arrived here tonight. He will make the Labor day address at 8 o'clock tomorrow. Several thousand people met the minister at the station and cheered him. He was escorted through the crowd by a score of policemen and to his hotel by a committee of workers.

Mr. Wu was accompanied by the secretary and interpreter of the Chinese legation at Washington. The program tomorrow includes a breakfast to Minister Wu by the Press club, a review of the labor parade, review of the Labor day sports and a dinner given to Mr. Wu by C. S. Dickinson, consul general to Turkey. Although here as the guest of the Central union, the program is so arranged as to bring Mr. Wu in touch with every class of Binghamton's citizens.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—Labor day in Kansas City promises to be observed more thoroughly than on any previous year. According to present arrangements the parade, which will move through the downtown streets in the morning, will be made up of 100 union workers. United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, who is to make the principal address of the day, arrived in the city this afternoon from the east. Senator Fairbanks will speak at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Electric park, where the main exercises of the day will take place.

CATTLE BUTCHERS MAY STRIKE

Packing Houses in South Omaha and Elsewhere Affected by Plans Soon to Materialize.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Unless a compromise is effected the cattle butchers employed by the various packers at the stock yards will go on strike next Wednesday morning, and the butchers in the packing plants in Kansas City, South Omaha, St. Louis, Sioux City, St. Paul and St. Joseph say that they will do likewise.

The butchers' union has made in all the cities a demand for an increase of 10 per cent in wages, and if the request is refused concerted action has been agreed upon.

The charge was made tonight by some of the leaders of the butchers' union that some of the large packing houses here were taking cuts into their plants to prepare for the nonunion men in case there was a strike.

The packers say that there will be no strike and that any differences will be adjusted when the time comes. The men declare that they were promised a reply by Labor day and that they have not received one. If they do not receive it by Tuesday night there may be a strike.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Monday and Tuesday; Warmer Tuesday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
8 a. m.	61	2 p. m.	77
9 a. m.	62	3 p. m.	77
10 a. m.	61	4 p. m.	77
11 a. m.	61	5 p. m.	76
12 m.	67	6 p. m.	77
1 p. m.	69	7 p. m.	74
2 p. m.	72	8 p. m.	71
3 p. m.	72	9 p. m.	68

FLORENCE IS IN A BAD FIX

Strike Has Spread So Generally That Living Has Become a Difficult Accomplishment.

FLORENCE, Aug. 31.—The employees of four different callings have joined the strikers of last Friday. The town appears to be in a state of siege. Troops have been recalled from maneuvers and every square in the city is occupied by soldiers. Infantry with fixed bayonets and cavalry patrols are on guard. Florence. Six thousand troops in addition to a number of policemen and carabinieri have been concentrated in the city. Plenty of other soldiers are available should order be disturbed. The summer exodus has left the town partly empty and a number of other persons have left, fearing trouble.

The regulations have been made more rigid since the strikers have been committing acts of vandalism. All meetings of persons have been prohibited and hundreds of persons have been arrested. These measures have left the town in a state of anarchy and socialist elements to profit by the strike to foment trouble.

The tramway operatives and the gas men are among those who have joined the movement. The troops have been ordered, as far as possible, to maintain the public service.

Arrangements have been made for fifty tons of bread to be brought daily into Florence from outside the city and nobody will be allowed to purchase more than two pounds at a time. The troops are slaughtering animals to provide meat. The water supply of the city is assured. Owing to the cutting of the gas-pipes certain portions of Florence are now lighted with torches. The cafes are closed.

The populace condemns the strike as out of proportion to the small question involved. It is estimated that 40,000 men are idle in Florence. The municipal newspapers have ceased to appear as a result of the strike.

Certain workmen who were repairing the belfry of the English church, on Minchilli street, refused to join the strike. The strikers threw petroleum over the board fences surrounding the building and set it on fire. The flames were extinguished before serious damage was done. Numerous arrests were made and the jails were filled to overflowing. Large numbers of prisoners have been transferred to neighboring towns.

What is most feared in Florence is that the strike contagion may spread to Milan, Genoa and other industrial centers.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 31.—All the employees of the railway lines of this city went on strike today because the management of the electrical workshops who are an American, dismissed forty men employed in the shops and offered them positions as conductors. It is feared the strike will extend to the men employed on the steamers plying on the lake of Geneva.

STREET CAR STRIKE IS ON

Not a Wheel Turns on Hudson Valley Railway for Lack of Motormen.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Not a trolley car is moving tonight on the Hudson Valley railway. A strike of the motormen began yesterday. The 200 men are members of the Troy division of Amalgamated Association of Street Railway employees, which has a membership of 700.

SWIM THROUGH LOWER RAPIDS

Graham Takes It at Niagara Falls with a Life Preserver and No Bad Result.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Carlisle D. Graham swam from the whirlpool below Niagara Falls through the lower rapids to Lewiston this afternoon. Graham made a better swim than he did on September 9, 1901, when Maude Willard attempted to navigate the upper rapids in Graham's barrel and was suffocated. Graham today wore a life preserver about his waist and a neck float. He entered the water at 3:17. The swift running current whirled the swimmer to the center of the stream and for nearly half an hour Graham battled with the waves. As far as the danger of drowning, it appeared comparatively easy for Graham and then he plunged into rough water that many times hid him from sight. Only once, however, was he in danger. A current suddenly tossed him toward the shore, dangerously near the big boulder that showed threateningly above the surface. He held on to the boulder and was saved.

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THEY DECIDE ON BOND ISSUE

Stockholders of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific Railroad Get to Business.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 31.—At a special meeting the stockholders of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad decided to issue \$22,500,000 of fifty-year 4 per cent first mortgage gold bonds and ratified the contract with the Colorado-Utah Construction company to build the road. The contract provides that work is to begin September 1.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Aug. 31.

At New York—Arrived: Astoria, from Glasgow. Mailed: Cambrian, from Boston via St. Michaels for Genoa. At Montreal—Arrived: Columbia, from New York for Glasgow. Tunisian, from Montreal and Quebec, for Liverpool, and