

CONFERENCE FUTILE

Attempt of Chicago Council Committee to End Butcher's Strike... BOTH SIDES REFUSE TO CONCEDE... PACKERS AND STRIKERS BUT NEITHER YIELD THEIR VIEWS... EMPLOYERS SAY PLANT IS RUNNING AS USUAL... ASSERT THEY HAVE FULL CONTROL OF CHICAGO AND OMAHA... CATHOLIC CLERGY OFFER SERVICES... EIGHT PRIESTS CALL UPON PRESIDENT DONNELLY AND OFFER THEIR GOOD OFFICES AS MEDIATORS IN STRIKE.

STATUE OF FREDERICK STARTS

German Emperor's Gift to United States Has Been Packed for Shipment... BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Prof. Ubbue's statue of Frederick the Great is to be presented to the United States by Emperor William, and which has been standing all summer in the sculptor's garden, was packed yesterday and shipped to Hamburg. It will be forwarded to America by the Hamburg-American line steamer, consigned to Ambassador von Stenberg.

STRIKE MAY BE CALLED OFF

Both Sides Look for Something Important from Chicago Today... PACKERS SAY THEY HAVE BROKEN STRIKE... DONNELLY CALLS EXECUTIVE BOARD TOGETHER FOR CONFERENCE AND NEWS IS EXPECTED BY MEN FROM HEADQUARTERS.

RUSSIA'S POSITION HOPELESS

Eminent French General Discusses Situation in the Far East... (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904)... PARIS, Aug. 26.—New York Herald-Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.—A military man of high rank, whose reputation is world-wide, and whose personal relations with the best officers of the armies of other nations, have given him intimate knowledge and experience of affairs in Europe, Asia and America, has kindly favored us with an impression of the actual state of the campaign and its probable termination.

CHANGES AT FORT OMAHA

Plans Being Prepared to Fit it Up for Use of Signal Corps... GENERAL CHAFFEE DELIGHTED WITH OMAHA... SECRETARY MORTON AND WIFE JUST NOW BUSY HOUSE HUNTING PREPARATORY TO CLOSING THEIR CHICAGO RESIDENCE.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temperature, Wind, etc. Forecast for Saturday and Sunday.

BOTH ARMIES ARE ACTIVE

Japanese Pressing Russian Forces at All Points of the Field... GRADUALLY CLOSE IN ON PORT ARTHUR... Artillery Pouring a Murderous Fire Upon the Besieged Garrison... KUROKI ATTACKS KOUROPATKIN'S ARMY... Intends to Crush Him at Same Time Port Arthur Falls... ADVANCING FROM THREE DIRECTIONS... Nothing Definite from Engagement Yet Received, but indications it is on a Large Scale.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Conference of the committee appointed earlier in the week to attempt a settlement of the stockyard strike, with the parties to the dispute, resulted in nothing.

There is no present prospect that they will result in anything in the future, and the chances of an agreement between the packers and strikers appear very meagre... The strike leaders appeared before the committee this morning and stated their side of the case. They did not suggest to the mediators committee that it make any overtures to the packers, but simply gave their view of the situation.

SEVEN WORKMEN LOOSE LIVES

Fatal Result Follows Disastrous Fire in Oil Tanks at Antwerp... LONDON, Aug. 26.—A dispatch to a news column in the Times says that seven workmen perished in the oil fire at Hoboken and that only two of forty tanks escaped. The loss is estimated at \$1,200,000.

HOWE DENIES THE CONFERENCE

R. C. Howe, general manager of the Armour plant here, said: "There is no truth in the report that the packers are to hold a conference with President Donnelly or any of the officers of the Amalgamated association in Chicago today."

DEFENSE OF PORT ARTHUR

The defense of Port Arthur will become historic and may be considered to rival the most heroic feat of war. The glory of the brave men who are shut up there on sea as on land is recorded. The supreme value of the Russians has indeed gained general admiration.

MORTON BACK AT DESK

Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton was at his desk this morning after an inspection of the navy yards along the New England coast.

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR

Lieutenant McCully Quoted by Frenchman as to Status of Place August 14... PARIS, Aug. 26.—Raymond Reccoy, correspondent of the Temps at Liao Yang, telegraphed as follows to his paper yesterday evening: "I was fortunate this morning to travel with an American naval attaché (Lieutenant Newton A. McCully) who has just returned from Port Arthur after a sojourn there of three months. The news he gives me is entirely different from the pessimistic reports current lately concerning the situation at the fortress."

PANAMA INTERESTS PROTECTED

Young Republic Given Assurance Regarding Customs House... WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—It is learned that the American minister to Panama, John Barrett, acting under instructions from the State department, has assured the Panama government that the United States will do nothing in its interpretation of the treaty regarding the troublesome port question which is in any way inconsistent with the honor and the true interests of both countries and that it will not adopt any permanent policy as to the main issue involved in the port matter without fully conferring with the Panama authorities.

ASSASSIN SENTENCED TO DEATH

Carr Now Has Case of Von Plevh's Murder Before Him... ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—It is reported that Samonoff, the assassin of M. von Plevh, has been sentenced to death and that the sentence is now before the emperor.

RELIEF GIVEN STRIKERS

The Amalgamated relief store opened for a couple of hours Friday morning and groceries were served out to strikers as long as the supply lasted. The statement was made that the store would open today again, with a new supply of provisions if looked for.

POSTAL MATTERS

Rural free delivery established October 1: Iowa—Adair, Adair county, one additional route; area, 22 square miles; population, 57. Brandon, Buchanan county, one route; area, 18 square miles; population, 330. Farmington, Van Buren county, one additional route; area, 22 square miles; population, 429. Florida, Davis county, one additional route; area, 25 square miles; population, 50. Greenwald, Jackson county, one route; area, 22 square miles; population, 56. Livermore, Humboldt county, one additional route; area, 25 square miles; population, 52. Moorland, Webster county, one route; area, 35 square miles; population, 45. Osterdock, Clayton county, one route; area, 21 square miles; population, 290. Pilot mound, Boone county, one route; area, 25 square miles; population, 90.

ISLANDERS DESIRE SHIPS OUT OF SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, called upon Acting Secretary of State Adee today to talk of the settlement of the questions connected with the presence of the two Russian warships in the harbor of Shanghai.

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COAL RATES CUT ONCE MORE

Reduced by Burlington from Cleveland and Lucas Mines to Ninety Cents... Another reduction in the soft coal rates has been made by the Burlington on hauls for this city. This cut, announced last night, reduces the tariff on the haul from the Cleveland and Lucas mines in Iowa to 90 cents.

CONDITION OF HODGINS

C. W. Hodgins is getting along nicely at the South Omaha hospital and is able now to talk quite intelligently at intervals. Yesterday he told Chief Higgins some of the details of the assault. He was not pushed from a street car, as has been reported by some. He says that while walking along Q street in front of a cigar store he was struck and almost immediately became unconscious.

SQUADRON NOT AFTER SMOLENSK

American Boats Are Not Ordered to Watch Volunteer Vessel... CAPETOWN, Aug. 26.—There is no foundation for the report circulated in the Cape States that the American South Atlantic squadron, Rear Admiral Chadwick commanding, now in these waters, had been ordered to leave here and watch the Russian volunteer fleet vessel Smolensk, which, it was added, was believed to be waiting for an American ship.

FIGHT FIRE IN OIL FIELDS

Western Louisiana Gasifier Causes Flames Which Destroy Much Property in Neighborhood... CROWLEY, La., Aug. 26.—The biggest fire in the history of the Mammoth oil field in the parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, broke out at 10 o'clock today.

NATIONS MUST PROTECT THE ASKOLD

Russian Newspaper Sounds Warning to the Neutral Powers... ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—7:45 a. m.—The Russ today declares it is in a position to state authoritatively that there is not the slightest possibility of the report that the Russ has suggested to France an offer of its good office on behalf of Russia.

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YOUNG MEN ARE UNDER ARREST

Sons of Dr. Harper and Fred D. Gates Charged with Destroying Property at St. Louis... ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—Paul Harper, 19-year-old son of Dr. W. B. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, Fred Taylor, aged 17, son of a New York broker, and Fred Gates, aged 17, and Frank Gates, aged 15, sons of Frederick G. Gates, business manager for John D. Rockefeller, were arrested at the University today on charges of destroying the papers and destroying property. The Jefferson guards, who made the arrests, claim that the boys broke down a side door at the Moorish Palace on the Plaza. The boys declare that they were arrested in the maze of the exhibit and pushed through a door in order to get out.

ITALIAN CONSUL TRANSFERRED

Mao Who Was Stationed at San Francisco Is Sent to China... SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—Count Grinani, vice consul for Italy at this port, left today for Hong Kong, in southern China, where he will act as consul. Mong Tse is in the province of Yun Nan, and the location of a consular office there by Italy is due to the fact that a number of Italians have a subcontract for the construction of the railroad being built in the province under a French concession.

DEVIL'S LAKE DRAWING ENDS

Filling on Fort Totten Reservation Begins September Sixth, Continuing Two Weeks... DEVILS LAKE, N. D., Aug. 26.—Registration and drawing for claims on the Devils Lake reservation is now over and the preparation for the fillings, which will commence September 5 and last until September 19, are now being made. The fillings will be made at the rate of fifty names a day. On September 19 the claims will be closed and there will be a reserve list of 400 names drawn upon and a sufficient number of persons will be notified of their right to fill.

ENJOINS STRIKING MACHINISTS

California Judge Makes Permanent Temporary Order, but Discharges Accused Men... LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 26.—Judge Withers of the United States circuit court has made permanent the temporary injunction issued several weeks ago restraining the striking boiler makers of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway at The Needles and Bakerfield from interfering with the operations of the company's shops at those points.

ARREST ALLEGED MURDERER

Frank Lee at St. Louis Uses Telephone to His Own Undoing... ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—A telephone message to a saloon in the neighborhood where he had been staying for the last week today caused the arrest of Frank Lee on a charge of having killed Charles Fischer on August 12, 1901.

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DENVER WINS FROM SALT LAKE

Colorado City Becomes Permanent Headquarters of American Skisled Congress... PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26.—In the vote for the selection of a permanent headquarters for the American Skisled Congress, Denver was today over Salt Lake City by a majority of 24.

CONDITION OF SENATOR HOAR

Distinguished Patient Does Not Pass as Good a Night as He Was Expected... WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 26.—The bulletin today on the condition of Senator Hoar was as follows: "The senator is quiet. He did not have quite so good a night as he was expected. There is no essential change in his general condition."

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