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STRIKE IS SPREADING

Butchers in Independent Packing Plants
Are Ordered to Quit Work.

SWITCHMEN DECLINE TO JOIN THE STRIKE

Three Thousand Butchers and Stock Hand-
lers Walked Out Yesterday.

INTENTION TO CREATE A MEAT F

Employees at Independent Plants at U.
Cities Are Expected to Strike.

PICKETS SURROUND CHICAGO YARD

Strike Breakers Warned Not to
Leave Plants as an Unly Feel-
ing Prevails Against
Them.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—The efforts of President Donnelly of the butchers' union to spread the strike against the packers throughout all trades that are in any way connected with the packing house industry was only partially successful today. The first step was in calling out the men employed by the independent packers and the stock handlers that were still at work for those packers against whom the original strike was made. The total number of men who quit work today in response to the appeals of President Donnelly was about 3,000. It was also announced by President Donnelly that he had made arrangements for a strike of the switchmen on the railroads doing business in the stock yards and that in a short time the packers would find it impossible to ship out their product. The switchmen, however, have refused to strike. After a long meeting tonight, which was attended jointly by members of the switchmen's union and members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, it was decided that the members of both organizations would remain at work. The members of the switchmen's union declared themselves ready to strike, but those switchmen who are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen declined to do so. When this was made known to the members of the switchmen's union, they declared that a strike on the part of the switchmen unless the members of the brotherhood went out at the same time and they rescinded their action.

A telegram was sent today by officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor to President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor asking him to call a meeting to be held in Chicago of the executive committee of their organization for the purpose of devising means of assisting the striking butchers.

The manager of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company said that in anticipation of the strike of the stock handlers, he had been in training to take the places of deserting workers and that a lot of such men are available at once. He said further that no trouble was expected in handling the stock.

Meat Famine Probable.
Famine in meat is declared by the strikers to be the probable result of their new move in the strike against the packers. Orders have been issued for a general strike of all butcher workmen throughout the country. They are expected to go out tomorrow. The order will affect in all about 2,000 men in Chicago and ten independent packers. The order, it is observed, will also affect independent plants of large capacity in the following cities: East St. Louis, Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Sioux City, New York, Milwaukee, Syracuse, Bismarck, Ill., and hundreds of small plants throughout the country which employ from ten to twenty men. Altogether, union officials assert that 15,000 men will go out, and the meat supply will be seriously crippled, leaving as the only supply the output of the big packers by the non-union help. Today the pickets surrounding the yards were largely increased, the guards being watched for several blocks away. Strike breakers were warned not to leave the yards, as there is an ugly feeling existing against them.

At 9 o'clock the 600 stock handlers in the stock yards unions unsmiled their cow ponies, and, putting them in the barn, quit work. The men who quit work today were greeted by cheers of the union pickets.

President Donnelly is said to be depending upon the union drivers for the success of his attempt to make meat scarce. What action the 3,500 grocery and meat market wagon drivers will take remains to be seen. Heretofore they have refused to handle meat from the strike-affected packers and their employers were forced to buy from the independents.

It is also said that an attempt will be made to shut off the ice supply from every market in Chicago, since all meat products are to be on the unions' "unfair" list.

Switchmen May Go Out.
The packers say it is Donnelly's aim to create a meat famine which he thinks would arouse the public to such a pitch of indignation that a settlement would be forced.

"Donnelly is undertaking the impossible," said a representative of one of the packers. "There is no chance of a meat famine. The independent packers who by their collusion with the unions, have profited much during the strike, will suffer most." In addition to the stock handlers 125 special policemen and nearly 400 pen cleaners, drivers of refuse wagons, and laborers employed by the Union Stock Yards company quit work.

Efforts are being made to call out the switchmen at the yards, employed by the Chicago Junction Railway company. They will vote on the question tonight.

Frank P. Hawley, grand master of the Switchmen's Union of America, has been summoned to Chicago with the view of getting switchmen throughout the United States to refuse to handle cars containing anything for the packers.

If there is a strike of the switchmen it will be an event of great importance. An official of the Switchmen's union today said: "To call a strike of switchmen just now, when we are on the eve of business depression, would be folly, because the Brotherhood Trainmen would take our place as they did in '04 and a lot of switchmen would be out of work. I am confident that there will be no strike of the switchmen." Representatives of the independent packing firms had a meeting with the members of the Allied Trades' council with a view of arriving at some settlement in regard to the stock handlers, but nothing was decided on.

But two independent packing plants are located at South Omaha. They are the

WRECK VICTIMS ARE MANGLED

Nine Persons Killed and Fifty In-
jured in Accident on
Trunk.

RICHMOND, Quebec, Aug. 31.—The worst railway accident that has taken place in this province since the Craigville disaster in 1885 occurred here today, when the regular No. 5 Grand Trunk train from Montreal, P. Q., collided with the special fair train from Montreal to Sherbrooke.

Nine persons were killed outright, twenty of the injured died later, and about fifty others were injured, twenty-five of them seriously. Many of the dead are so badly mangled that they are unrecognizable. The dead:

J. B. BLANCHET, M. P., St. Hyacinthe, P. Q.; FRED BOWLING, South Durham, N. B.; UNKNOWN MAN from Hallowell, P. Q.; W. T. MOUNTAIN of Montreal.

BOY NAMED DUBROFF from Athabaska.

EPHRAIM GAUDETTE, St. Theodore, De. Action.

CHARLES A. SAMARD, St. Hyacinthe.

A. THEODORE RICHARD, L'Acadie, Ont.

T. H. HACKETT, route agent Canadian Express company.

The fair train was packed with people. There was a large crowd and the first two passenger trains in each train telegraphed the baggage cars, while both engines were smashed to pieces. The cause of the disaster is unknown. Within five minutes there were many willing helpers on the spot and the rescue was commenced. Physicians were telephoned for from all over the surrounding country and a special train was immediately sent from Sherbrooke with a half a dozen doctors and nurses to aid them.

FOREST FIRES DESTROY TOWN

Three Hundred Families Homeless at
Little Bay, Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 31.—Forest fires have been raging since last night and 300 families are homeless. Two men have been drowned.

The steamer Prospero has embarked the women and children. The men are fighting the flames in an effort to prevent the fires from spreading to a wider area.

The government is providing food, shelter and other assistance to the destitute.

Imperial Children Models for Angels.
BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The architect who designed the restoration of the Protestant church at Spire, capital of Rhenish Bavaria, which was dedicated today, selected the portraits of the seven imperial children, in their fourth year, for the heads of seven columns which surround the altar.

The emperor's children are called "My children are no angels." The empress, however, thought the idea charming and it was accordingly executed.

Fatal Collision in Canada.
MONTREAL, Quebec, Aug. 31.—A fatal head-on collision occurred on the Grand Trunk railway near Richmond, Quebec, today between a special passenger train from Montreal and a passenger train from Montreal to Sherbrooke.

The Montreal train, which was carrying a large number of passengers, was struck by the Montreal train, which was carrying a large number of passengers. The Montreal train, which was carrying a large number of passengers, was struck by the Montreal train, which was carrying a large number of passengers.

Grandson of Hancock Dies.
LONDON, Aug. 31.—The sudden death of Washington Hancock, grandson of the late General Winfield Scott Hancock, at his home in London, was announced today.

The autopsy showed that he died from heart disease, and a verdict to that effect was accordingly rendered.

AUTHOR MAKES A DENIAL
White Says Article on Roosevelt
Was Not Inspired at
White House.

EMPORIA, Kan., Aug. 31.—William Allen White, referring to the statement in ex-Senator Hill's speech relative to a recent article on Roosevelt and the postal scandal, said:

"The article was not inspired at the White House and the president furnished none of the facts."

"It was well known," continued Mr. White, "before the indictment against Senator Green was issued that he was getting political influence to prevent the indictment. His friends were not at all scared about the matter. They boasted that they would head Bristow off. They claimed that Green was innocent and so represented the case to the New York republican politicians who interfered in his behalf. It is not discreditable to any man, he said, to be a government agent to try to help a man whom he sincerely believes to be innocent."

"The men who tried to help Green did so in the best of faith, and after the evidence was presented to them in the Bristow report the effort in Green's behalf immediately stopped. If Senator Hill can get any comfort out of the fact that New York politicians of high and low degree in the republican party refused summarily to help a man whom they see is honestly indicted for a real offense, Mr. Hill is welcome to his support."

SHORTAGE OF WINDOW GLASS
Factories Will Resume Operation and
Others Will Increase Their
Force.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31.—Evidence of a shortage of window glass was shown today by the withdrawal of former quotations by the American Window Glass company, the leading producer. Prices had advanced from 15 to 120 per cent over the rates prevailing last week and the company is said to be quoting 90 per cent off the list on all desirable orders.

Several factories in the west are ready to start tomorrow and others are expected to be in full operation by the first of the coming week. The new organization of window glass workers is determined to prevent a resumption until October 1, and will refuse to furnish scales to manufacturers who desire to start before that date, but they will obtain scales from the old organization or operate under individual agreements by their men.

MRS. JULIUS LEHMANN INSANE
Wife of St. Louis Bookler Now in
Prison Attempts to Kill
Herself.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Julius Lehmann, wife of the former member of the house of representatives, who is serving a term of imprisonment for bookkeeping, has become violently insane from brooding over her troubles. She attempted to jump from a window and kill herself and Dr. Schaub, her physician, says it will be necessary to send her to the insane asylum.

PEACE ADVOCATES GO WEST

Party of European Delegates to Visit
Omaha During Their Tour.

EXPECT TO BE HERE SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN

Are Guests of United States While
in This Country and Will Make
Their Tour on a
Special Train.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The foreign delegates to the international peace arbitration congress, which meets at St. Louis during the second week in September, will arrive in New York next Tuesday and at once become the guests of the United States during their thirty days' stay in this country.

The delegates are being conveyed to the United States by a special train, which will be made up of the representatives of such European countries as may desire to send delegates to the congress.

The first formal meeting of peace envoys will be held at the West Point Military academy, the delegates being conveyed from New York on a Hudson river steamer, where, upon their arrival, they will be formally welcomed to this country by H. C. Taylor, acting secretary of the treasury.

The day will be spent at West Point in getting acquainted with the surroundings and the delegates will then be taken to the material from which America's future generals is made. In other words, the foreigners will doubtless be shown how Americans, though peaceably inclined toward all the world, are not backward in preparing its young men to successfully bear arms, if the necessity should arise.

From West Point the party will return to New York, there to take a special train for an extended western trip. The western trip will be under the supervision of several prominent officials of the treasury, and they will visit a number of the leading cities between New York and St. Louis, at the conclusion of the congress at St. Louis the visitors will go direct to Denver, reaching that city September 16, and spend two days in Colorado, visiting Colorado Springs and other points of interest in the Centennial state.

The party will leave Denver on the afternoon of September 17 for Omaha, arriving in the Nebraska metropolis on the 18th, spending the day there, and thence eastward to Chicago and Buffalo, arriving in Washington on September 24 and sailing from New York for their respective countries about October 1.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL
Rural Carriers and Postmasters Ap-
pointed in Nebraska and
Iowa.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Rural free delivery carriers appointed in Nebraska and Iowa.

Nebraska: Elwood, regular, C. A. Talcott; substitute, P. Haworth, Lawrence county, C. C. McNew; substitute, Elmer L. Sheets.

South Dakota: Clear Lake, regular, C. J. Forster; substitute, George E. Murphy; Tyndall, regular, John E. Murphy; substitute, J. Murphy.

Iowa—Postmasters appointed: Downey, Cedar county, A. C. Holloway, vice L. L. Leafevre, resigned. North Washington, Chickasaw county, F. N. Gindorf, vice M. Lents, resigned.

Ohio Is Accepted.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Announcement was made at the Navy department today of the preliminary decision by the government of the battleship Ohio, built by the Union Iron works of San Francisco.

DR. THOMAS HERRAN IS DEAD
Man Who Represented Colombia at
Washington Passes Away
in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Dr. Thomas Herran, who represented Colombia at Washington for several years, up to the time of the Panama incident, died today at Liberty, N. Y. He had been ill for some time and went to Liberty in the hope that a sojourn there would result in the restoration of his health.

Mr. Herran was educated in the United States and devoted his life largely to the country's foreign service. In his appointment as Colombian minister to the United States he rounded out his term of service and at the same time achieved the unique distinction of becoming an accredited minister to a country he had once represented in a minor capacity.

Many years ago, while president of the University of Medicine, Mr. Herran was appointed and served as United States consular agent to Medellin, Colombia. For ten years he represented his own country as consul at Hamburg, coming to Washington three years ago as secretary of the Colombian legation. During his service there, which covered years, he was appointed minister to this country by his government to succeed former Minister Concha, he was practically the head of the legation. He was appointed in January of the present year.

SERVICES OF TROOPS DECLINED
Sheriff Bell Says Local Authorities
Can Preserve Order at
Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 31.—In a letter to Governor Peabody Sheriff Edward Bell has formally declined the services of the state militia to preserve order in this district and expressed the belief that "the best interests of this country and state will be subserved through the determination of the best people of this district."

"I believe," writes the sheriff, "that most of the disturbances occurring recently in this district have been occasioned by the united efforts of the Western Federation of Miners to create a sense of alarm regarding life and property in this locality and bring disrepute and odium upon my administration of the sheriff's office."

Movements of Ocean Vessels Aug. 31.
At New York—Arrived: Luguria from Genoa and Naples; Belgiana from Hamburg; Sallustia from Philadelphia; Havard from Philadelphia; Majestic for New York.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Praeland from Philadelphia; Parthena from Montreal and Quebec.

At Copenhagen—Arrived: United States from New York; Saxonia from Boston. Arrived: Amantia from New York.

At Southampton—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Gross from New York.

GRAND REVIEW AT BULL RUN

General Chaffee Will Inspect Men
on the Historic Virginia
Battlefield.

GAINESVILLE, Va., Aug. 31.—The grand review of the 25,000 troops, to be held at Bull Run, September 16, is regarded by General Chaffee as the most important feature of the maneuvers of the army about to begin, so far as the public is concerned.

The troops from all camps will be marched toward Wellington early on the morning of the 16th. They are all expected to be in their prescribed places at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, when they will be given an hour for rest and lunch.

General Chaffee, chief of staff of the army, is to be the reviewing officer. With him will be the Assistant Secretary of War Oliver, General Corbin and staff and perhaps other officers. It is expected that it will take four hours for the troops to pass in review. Each command will return to camp as soon as it passes the reviewing officer.

Two high-power steam automobiles from Cleveland are scheduled to arrive at headquarters today. They are to be placed at the disposal of General Corbin for the use of his guests. About eighty guests of the general have been provided for at headquarters. The only obstacle to a perfect camp at headquarters, the lack of water, was removed today. A steel drill has been working without result to sink a hole 50 feet into the ground. Today the water came. The flow is ample, being nearly twenty gallons a minute and good in quality and cold.

General Corbin will have several officers of the Twelfth infantry at lunch on Sunday and will then proceed to Washington in an automobile.

Officers from the two main camps continue to ride about the country planning their attacks and defenses.

ROW OVER MCKICKER ESTATE
Two of the Heirs Said to Have Gone
to Australia—Will not
Probated.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Puzzling circumstances were added to the Harriet G. McKivicker will case today when, after going to the probate court to file Mrs. McKivicker's will, she was told in a conference to withhold the instrument for several days. The decision was made after John D. Casey, assistant to Judge Cutting of the probate court said he would not prevent the contents of the will becoming public if it was filed.

Next as was announced by the attorneys, Judge Cutting will be asked for an order impounding the will under seal for ten or fifteen days that its terms may be kept from the public. Their intention to file the will having been changed, the lawyers decided not to leave the court with the instrument, but to take some action toward further settlement of the estate. Miss Jennie Boydston of Sterling, Ill., a cousin of Mrs. McKivicker and beneficiary under her will, was made a witness to prove her claim to the \$25,000 estate.

From Miss Boydston's testimony it became known that two heirs of the estate are missing. They are children of Isabelle, a sister of Mrs. McKivicker, who are said to have gone to Australia. Search for these missing ones may be made before final settlement of the estate.

"In my judgment," said one of the attorneys, "Horace McKivicker, Miss Boydston and Miss Clara B. Game of San Francisco are named beneficiaries. The lawyer declined to say whether or not the name of Dr. Zeigler appeared in the will."

PEACE CONGRESS AT ST. LOUIS
Distinguished Europeans Here, but
There Is Danger of Death
of Americans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Arrangements have been practically completed for the reception and entertainment of the distinguished body of peace congressmen who are to meet here next month to attend the twelfth international conference for the promotion of international arbitration, to be held at St. Louis in September, but recent developments have indicated that there is grave danger on account of the "voluntary" order of this city.

Speaking tonight of the situation Representative Bartholdt, who represents the American congressional committee and is chairman of the executive committee of the conference, said: "There is great danger the American congress will not be well represented at the conference. I sent out a circular letter two weeks ago and many members of the committee have responded that owing to the campaign they could not be present. In my judgment, it would be better to invite here distinguished members of all European parliaments, be a national disgrace if congress be not well represented at the conference and the foreign delegates would be sure to feel the matter keenly as a slight to themselves."

DEATH IS DUE TO ACCIDENT
Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in
Case of Men Killed by
Automobile.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Barney Oldfield, whose automobile killed two men in the recent Sunday afternoon crash, was acquitted by the jury in the case of the death of John Scott and Nathan Montgomery proceeded today without him. The first witness examined by Coroner Funkhouser was A. Schultz, an eye witness of the accident.

Other testimony brought out the statements that Oldfield had closed his eyes before his machine ran off the track; that Scott was disobeying his orders in standing at the point where he met his death and that the management of the races had arranged to sprinkle the track, but resolutely refused to do so at the request of Webb and Oldfield.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accident, adding: "From the evidence we find that the track was not properly policed."

SEVERAL KILLED IN WRECK
One Report Says Nine and Another
Eighteen Dead in Grand
Trunk Collision.

MONTREAL, Aug. 31.—An official telegram from Richmond, Quebec, states that in the Grand Trunk collision nine people were killed outright and two have since died of their injuries. The number of injured is not known.

From another source it is said eighteen were killed and fifty injured. Among the dead is Mr. Hackett of the Canadian Express company and Charles Burgard, a furniture dealer of St. Hyacinthe.

SHAW WILL SPEAK IN OMAHA

Secretary of the Treasury to Address the
Republicans Here.

OPENS STATE CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER

One Speaker Secured by Burgess and
Rigg as a Result of Their
Expedition to Chicago
Headquarters.

The first big meeting of the republican campaign will be held in Omaha on September 21. At that time a number of speakers of national prominence will be here and among them Secretary Shaw of President Roosevelt's cabinet will be one of the most conspicuous. The attendance of the latter was arranged for by Charles Rigg, who has charge of the bureau of speakers for the republican national committee, while he and Chairman Burgess were in Chicago last Tuesday.

"Chairman Burgess and I visited the national committee headquarters for the purpose of securing a number of speakers for the campaign in Nebraska," said Mr. Rigg last night. "It was a little too early. The corps of orators engaged is very incomplete thus far and will probably remain so until the weather becomes cooler and the members of the national committee get down to the hard work of the battle. The only available man that suited us was Secretary Shaw. He immediately got into communication with him, and was told that he could speak in Omaha on September 21. Before agreeing to any other dates for Nebraska meetings the secretary stated that he would have to consult his itinerary. We got him for several state rallies, however."

An acceptance of Secretary Shaw's offer to speak at a meeting in this city was telegraphed him by Mr. Rigg yesterday afternoon. Other good republican orators will be engaged between now and the time fixed for the celebration.

FAIRBANKS TOURS IN MISSOURI
Candidate for Vice President Speaks
While on His Way to Kansas.

JAMESPORT, Mo., Aug. 31.—Senator Fairbanks, the republican vice presidential candidate, arrived here on his way to Marion, Kas., today. He came in on a special train over the Rock Island road and was heartily greeted along the route.

Trenton, the county seat of Grundy county, there was an impromptu meeting, and the senator made his first rear platform speech in this campaign. When the train pulled into the station a large assemblage of people was found gathered on and about the platform and there were loud calls for the senator.

He responded promptly, saying that he had nowhere seen greater interest manifested in the campaign than at that point, and adding: "If the American people take an interest in the presidential campaign, there can be no possible doubt that the verdict to be rendered will be in their interest, and in the interest of our common country. If Missouri shall take counsel of her highest and best citizens, she will align herself with the hosts of republicanism."

The speech was received with applause, and at its conclusion many of those present came forward to shake hands. Included among them were several who were democrats.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 31.—Senator Fairbanks arrived here this evening from Chicago and was given a reception tonight by the Topeka Commercial club. Tomorrow morning Mr. Fairbanks, Senator Long and the Kansas delegation in congress will go to Marion, the home of E. W. Hoch, the republican nominee for governor, where the republican campaign in this state will be formally opened. The principal address will be by Senator Fairbanks.

PARKER GOES TO THE FAIR
Spends Afternoon at Exhibition of Ulster
County Products.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Judge and Mrs. Parker and their son, Fred H. Parker, came to Kingston today from Esopus. They crossed the city on a trolley car to the New York, Ontario & Western station, where they boarded a special train for the Ulster county fair at Ellenville, twenty-seven miles southwest of this city.

ELLENVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Judge Parker and his party left the train at Nanapanoch, about four miles from Ellenville station and were driven to the house of Thomas E. Benedict, former public printer, where they had luncheon. Mr. Benedict's house is in the town of Ellenville about a mile from the fair grounds. After luncheon they were driven to the fair grounds.

At the station at Kingston and all the way out on the train the candidate was greeted by old friends and new, for each of whom he had a handshake and a cordial word.

When Judge Parker reached the fair grounds and his party made the rounds of the exhibits their progress was marked by a continuous round of cheers and hand-clapping. They were then conducted to the reviewing stand, adjoining that of the judges of the trotting races, and there reviewed the progress of exhibitors.

The occasion was absolutely devoid of political significance, but scores of people pressed up in front of the stand to shake hands with Judge Parker.

LETTER IN HANDS OF PRINTER
President is Now Ready to Spend
More Time with Visitors.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 31.—Having transacted all business of pressing importance that has been pending since his arrival at Sagamore Hill the president will give more time henceforth to visitors. A few callers will be received almost every day. Members of the international arbitration conference, which is to be held in St. Louis in the next ten days, will be received by the president at the White House on September 21. The delegates will be the guests of the nation while in this country, congress having appropriated \$5,000 for their entertainment.

Many of the delegates already have arrived in this country and others are expected in a day or two.

The president's letter of acceptance was taken to New York last night by Assistant Secretary Barnes and placed in the hands of a printer. It will require several days to make it ready for distribution and publication.

DEMAND FOR BRYAN IN EAST
Nebraska Readers Services to Democratic
Committee for October.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Secretary Urey Woodson of the democratic national committee has received a letter from William J. Bryan, in which Mr. Bryan says he will be at the disposal of the democratic committee for campaign purposes during the month of October. Mr. Bryan indicates that he would prefer speaking in the west.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Occasional Showers and Thunder-
storms Thursday and Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	65	1 p. m.	77
6 a. m.	64	2 p. m.	75
7 a. m.	65	3 p. m.	79
8 a. m.	67	4 p. m.	82
9 a. m.	69	5 p. m.	82
10 a. m.	71	6 p. m.	80
11 a. m.	71	7 p. m.	79
12 m.	73	8 p. m.	77
		9 p. m.	75

SCENE OF PRESENT CONFLICT
Liao Yang the Center of a Fertile
Province Thickly Dotted
with Villages.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The dispatches leave the position at Liao Yang somewhat vague. It is really quite clear. The general situation is determined by the Khin Gan ridge, which forms the backbone of Manchuria. This ridge runs from the south of Port Arthur right up to the great bend of the Amur river at Khabarovsk and is, in fact, the cause of that bend, the Amur flowing round it to the north. On the east of this backbone ridge lies the valley of the Yalu. On the west of the same ridge lies the valley of the Liao river. The fighting since early spring has been for the possession of this ridge, which was crossed by the Japanese in the various battles of the passes. From this main backbone ribs of low hills go westward, into the Liao river plain. The railroad from Port Arthur crosses several of these ribs, and in part it resembles a switchback railway. Between each pair of ribs a stream flows into the plain, going generally due west, and joining the Liao river in the valley. This valley is of immense fertility, and is covered with magnificent fields, with numerous villages and farms and numerous towns, each marked with a tuft of trees, generally elms, willows, fir or pines. It is recorded that the elms near Liao Yang are heavily decked with mistletoe.

From Ta Chi Kiao, the junction for Port Arthur and New Chwang, the distance north to Liao Yang is forty miles, chiefly along the foothills of the ridge and across various ribs. The streams between the ribs are mountain torrents, liable to sudden floods from cloudbursts, and the bridges, one of M. de Witte's masterpieces, allow for these floods by the great height of their arches. Westward of the railroad toward the great wall are magnificently irrigated and cultivated plains, producing tobacco, cotton, millet, hemp and such fruits as pears, grapes, peaches and cherries. The last rib of the hills from the main backbone is four or five miles south of Liao Yang city, the backbone being in sight to the east of the town. The mountain stream corresponding to this rib is the Taitse river, which flows just north of the town, in a wide sandy bed, with numerous sandbanks, one of which divides its stream into two branches.

The Russian position is a half circle, the southern front being on the rib of hill four or five miles south of the city, while the right and left wings touch the Taitse river, thus practically encircling the town of Liao Yang.

The Japanese position is south of the rib of hills and stretches in a large semi-circle outside of the semi-circle of the Russian troops.

The land between the southern ribs of the hills and the city is flat and richly cultivated. It is dotted with suburban villages and is largely covered with market gardens and fruit orchards. To the east of the town the ground gradually rises till it passes through the foothills into the backbone ridge. Northward of the city comes first the wide sandy bed of the Taitse river and then the rich, richly cultivated plain twenty-five miles in extent, which divides Liao Yang from Mukden. Westward of the town of Liao Yang