

RETURNING TO WORK

Number of Associated Press Operators Back at Keys.

ONE THROUGH CIRCUIT IS OPEN

Leased Wire Working Between New York and San Francisco.

CLOWRY IS MAKING CLAIMS

President of Western Union Says Strikers Ask to Return.

COMPANY HAS NO WORK FOR THEM

Strikers Deny Union Men Have Applied—Chicago Brokers Take No Chances and Grant Increase.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Decided improvement was made today in the conditions of Associated Press wires. The entire leased wire circuit between San Francisco and New York was placed in operation shortly after 6 o'clock tonight. Up to that time the western wires had terminated at Denver. A number of operators who went out on Monday returned to their work during the day.

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Statement by Colonel Clowry. NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—At the general offices of the two telegraph companies it was said today that no difficulty was experienced in handling everything offered. "The strike is over," declared Robert C. Clowry, the president and general manager of the Western Union.

"We are having applications from the strikers today, but we are turning them down. We are filled up and cannot place them." The local offices of the union still express confidence in the outcome. They deny that any union men have applied for employment. The Associated Press is moving its report under steadily improving conditions.

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Extends to Smaller Cities.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The representatives in North Platte at both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies have joined in the strike and it is impossible to send a telegram out of North Platte or to receive one sent to parties here. The wires of the Western Union are being used for railroad purposes, but nothing else.

GRINNELL, Ia., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The Western Union Telegraph business is tied up here, the operators belonging to the union refusing to handle messages and the agent, who can handle the key, refusing to "scab." The Postal office is still doing business with all points reached by this office direct, the operator here not belonging to the union. Business has not so far been visibly affected.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Five Western Union operators and two Postal operators walked out this morning. Two are still at work in the Western Union office, but Manager Wolfe of the Postal is left entirely alone and is attempting to do the work of three men. The messengers convey no news and signs of disaffection.

The order to strike was not received by the Lincoln operators until Wednesday evening, having been delayed in transmission, and for that reason they did not strike earlier.

Death Message Refused.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 15.—William Reynolds, telegraph operator at Mapleton, near Sioux City on the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul railway, refused yesterday to take a telegram from a nonunion operator at Cedar Rapids. Later he was called by one distance telephone and told that his mother was dead at Cedar Rapids, it being the message he had refused to receive by telegraph.

Will Await General Order.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 15.—A statement was made this morning by President A. L. Ewing of the local union and chairman of the brokers' chapel, that there will not be a strike of leased wire operators in St. Louis until a general strike order is issued by President Small. All brokers' operators who are not then working under contract schedules, he said, would be called out. Two local broker firms have signed a schedule demanded by operators, but the other brokers have decided not to sign until they have definite information as to action taken by Chicago and New York brokers. The strike situation remains practically unchanged here. Western Union and Postal officials say they are steadily moving business. President George H. Plant of the Merchants exchange has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay requesting the president to use his personal influence in effecting a settlement.

Progress in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—"Everything is moving along very nicely," said Superintendent Storer of the Postal Telegraph company. "We have increased our working force since yesterday and now feel little inconvenience from the strike. I am confident that normal conditions will soon be restored." Superintendent May said that the Western Union was transacting a big volume of business. The outlook is very encouraging, he declared.

The Associated Press is working without any hindrance, both day and night.

ROBBERS LOT A BANK SAFE

Farmers State Bank at New Folsom, Minn., Entered by Burglars.

CHOCKETON, Minn., Aug. 15.—Robbers blew open the safe in the Farmers' State bank at New Folsom last night, securing \$2,000, and escaped.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, August 16, 1907.

Table with 7 columns: Day of week (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT) and 7 rows of numbers (07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13).

THE WEATHER.

Table with 3 columns: Time (Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg.) and 2 rows of weather data for August 15 and 16.

DOMESTIC.

Attorney General Bonaparte will come to Chicago Monday to consult district attorney about promise made by his predecessor to the Alton railroad. He said that the Department of Justice had made no promise of this kind to anyone since he became attorney general.

President Clowry claims the telegraphers' strike in New York is broken. A number of Nebraska and Iowa cities are affected with smaller cities generally. Brokers are avoiding walkout.

Secret service agents reported to be engaged as spies for the government on the pay rolls of the big corporations.

Postmaster General Meyer will recommend parcels post and postal savings banks.

Topeka banks make spirited bidding for state money.

Lightning kills a militiaman at St. Joseph, Mo.

Governor Folk reviews the state militia of Missouri at St. Joseph.

Standard Oil company declares the regular quarterly dividend.

J. D. Keller of Bonesteel was fined out of \$50 by a vendor of alleged five miles.

In Russia 274 persons were exiled in July for political offenses.

Bank of England raises the rate of discount.

Dynamic factory near Berlin explodes, killing nine and injuring many more persons.

Reconciliation between Emperor William and King Edward believed to have been accomplished by the Williams hotel meeting.

Federal authorities have sent to Sioux Falls for Bennett R. Moore, who is wanted on a charge of perjury alleged to have been committed at O'Neill in making a second homestead entry.

State food commissioner inspects milk in Omaha restaurants and finds it below standard. Dairies, some of them, unsatisfactory. Slight cut in passenger rates to some points. Platte county asks rehousing in Union Pacific tax case. Harrison Clarke asks new trial in supreme court.

SPORTS.

Annual tennis tournament at Sioux City has narrowed down to a contest between C. S. Peters of Chicago and John Barton.

Theodore Olsen, former vice consul of Denmark in Omaha and city comptroller of Omaha is missing, and it is alleged \$12,000 or \$13,000 entrusted to him also is gone with him.

Union Pacific takes lead in departing from established rule to grant no concessions for special passenger rates.

County Board approves the proposed tax levy of 12.4 mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns see kings and queens of two countries while in Europe on eventful tour.

Society—Mrs. G. W. Wattles entertains large company at the Country club.

Superintendent Park says through the mediation of the Union Pacific it was that the strike of the Colorado & Southern railroad was settled.

WORK IS FOUND NECESSARY

Negroes at Topeka Declare This is Essential of Success in Training.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 15.—(Long Distance Telephone.)—At the conference in progress at this city known as the National Negro Business league, with Booker T. Washington as president, the several lively discussions have been had over the program, the negro being considered as a merchant, a business man and a banker. One of the speakers said it was time more of the negroes realized that in order to succeed as farmers they must get to work. He said he believed more and more were finding this out each day.

FARMER SHOTS HIMSELF

John De Brunner, Living Near Red Cloud, Is Probably Fatally Injured.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—John De Brunner, a farmer living a few miles northwest of this place, accidentally shot and perhaps fatally wounded himself about dark last night. He was taking a shotgun from a vehicle, in which he had just driven from town, when it was discharged. The ball entered his side near the abdomen. His recovery is doubtful.

SUIT CASE FULL OF NOTES

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Accused of Taking Certificates from Bank.

MORE LAND FOR SETTLERS

Fifty-Five Thousand Acres in Brule Reservation Near Pierre.

DRAWING COMES OFF IN OCTOBER

Lands to Be Sold at Appraised Valuation on Annual Payments, One Dollar Per Acre to Be Paid at Time of Entry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The president has issued a proclamation opening 55,000 acres of public lands, formerly in the lower Brule Indian reservation. These lands are situated about ten miles southeast of Pierre, S. D., and are said to be valuable for agricultural purposes, and much of them can be cultivated without irrigation. Improved lands in that vicinity sell for \$15 to \$25 per acre. They will be opened under the drawing system, similar to the one used in opening land in the Montana drawing during June of this year. Each applicant will be required to execute an affidavit before some officer within the Pierre (S. D.) land district and present the same to the register and receiver of the Pierre land office between 9 o'clock Monday, October 7, and 4 p. m. on Saturday, October 13. On October 14 the drawing will take place, and on the following Monday the successful applicants will begin to make entry.

These lands are to be entered under the homestead law in tracts not exceeding 160 acres and are to be paid for at their appraised value, ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per acre, first payment of \$1. being made at the date of entry and others at annual payments. Necessary blanks and information can be obtained from the commissioner of the general land office at Washington or the register and receiver at Pierre, S. D.

Broatch Goes to Manila. Captain James W. Broatch, United States marine corps, is detached from duty in charge of the recruiting district of Illinois, and is ordered to proceed to San Francisco and thence to Manila via the army transport sailing about September 5, for duty with the First brigade of United States marines.

Minor Matters at Capital. Albert Grubb of Meria, Neb., appointed a messenger in the surveyor general's office at Helena, Mont.

Complete rural free delivery service has been ordered established in Woodbury county, Iowa, effective October 1, making the total number of routes in the county thirty-four.

Ira A. Williams of Ames, Ia., has been appointed a clerk in the geological survey service.

Postmasters appointed: Iowa, Bennett, Cedar county, Thomas B. Barnes, vice C. W. Hamilton, resigned; Percy, Marion county, John L. Cowman, vice R. M. Catlin, resigned; South Dakota, Oreville, Pennington county, Mamie Koehnke, vice A. W. Guniach, resigned.

SECRET SERVICE MEN SPIES

Bureau of Corporations Said to Have Them Well Placed in Big Concerns.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—The Record-Herald today says: Secret service agents of the United States Department of Justice, working through the bureau of corporations, are said to be on the pay rolls of all the big railway corporations and trust combinations in the United States. It is said, there are at least 150 special agents who are working for railroads and for packing house companies and are watching every move that is made with a view of ascertaining whether the corporation laws are observed in letter and spirit. While no proof is obtainable as to the presence of these spying employes in several instances men have been suspected but have been removed from their positions on the ground that they were in the employ of the government as spies.

"One of the officers of this end of the Department of Justice when asked if such an army was at work for the government, said: 'If it were not for the fact that we know of cases where men have lost their positions unjustly from falling under suspicion, I have heard the statement made before, but I shall neither affirm, or deny it. If such work is done, agents of the bureau of corporations are those most likely to be engaged in it.'"

INJUNCTION AGAINST OLATHE

Judge McPherson Would Prevent Kansas Towns from Revoking Railroad Franchise.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 15.—(Long Distance Telephone.)—In the United States circuit court here today Judge Pollock was absent and Judge Smith McPherson of Red Oak sat in his stead. He issued a restraining order to prevent Olathe, Kan., from forfeiting the franchise of the Kansas City & Olathe railroad. Olathe claimed the railroad should pay the sum of \$4,000 for the use of the streets and also damages to the amount of \$7,000, where were caused by washing away of the streets. The railroad company refused and the city claimed the right to forfeit the franchise, and proceeded to put them out of business. Judge McPherson granted the order.

The railroad company has now started a suit of \$75,000 against the town of Olathe for damages.

STATE MONEY IS IN DEMAND

Bankers of Kansas Want to Put Up New York City Bonds as Security.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 15.—(Long Distance Telephone.)—Mart Tulley, state treasurer of Kansas, today opened bids from the different banks as state depositories for the state funds. Up to noon sixty bids had been received, whereas there were but forty-five banks last year holding the state funds and these paid from 2 to 8 per cent interest. One banker wrote to State Treasurer Tulley asking if New York City bonds could not be substituted for the municipal bonds as security, this being taken as an indication of the prosperity of the west and especially Kansas.

SULPHATE DRIED FRUIT GOOD

Kansas City Will Accept This Product from California, Following Analysis.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 15.—City Food Inspector W. P. Cutler has notified the national government that his test of California and Arkansas dried fruit cured with sulphate shows that the fruit when cooked is entirely safe. Kansas City will accept the sulphate fruit.

MOORS GATHER FOR BATTLE

Reinforcements Brought Up to Casualties as if to Make a Final Attack.

TANGIER, Aug. 15.—Reports from Casablanca today indicate that the Kabyles are gathering reinforcements as if preparing for a final effort to capture General Druze's camp outside that city.

BONESTEEL MAN TAKEN IN

Advances Fifty Dollars to Suspected Agent of Western Emigrant Association.

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ALL MEN MAY QUIT

President Small Issues Statement While Passing Through Omaha.

RAILWAY MEN TO STAY ON DUTY

First Public Utterance by Head of Strikers' Organization.

CONFIDENT OF UNION VICTORY

Conference is to Be Held with Railway Telegraphers.

BREACH OF FAITH ALLEGED

Head of Telegraphers' Union Says Officials at San Francisco Failed to Live Up to Promises.

According to President Samuel J. Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, the only wires to be working in three days, unless there is a settlement between the telegraph operators and the companies will be those necessary to transport railroad business. Mr. Small made his first public statement since leaving San Francisco in Omaha Thursday morning on his way to Chicago, where he goes to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the union. He said: "In three days, unless there is a settlement in the meanwhile, there will be no telegraph wires working in the country except those necessary to move trains and transport railroad business."

Mr. Small was met at Columbus by President Graul and Secretary Kirkland of the local union and a reporter for The Bee, and discussed the situation with them all the way to Omaha. President Small said one of his first duties in Chicago, after meeting with the executive committee of his order, would be to confer with the officials of the Order of Railway Telegraphers relative to calling on the 125,000 railroad operators in the United States and Canada to place a boycott on all telegrams filed for transmission over the lines of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

He indicated his belief that there was a good chance of getting the support of the railroad operators in this matter.

SHOOTING MONOPOLY KNOWN

President Small says the telegraph business is the strongest monopoly ever known, the Standard Oil company not excepted, but he believed the Standard Oil company had gone out the following written interview on the strike and the causes leading up to it: "The direct causes which led up to this strike," says President Small, "are the long and persistent efforts of the Western Union Telegraph company, notably, and the Postal Telegraph company, incidentally, to reduce the operators in the United States to a condition of servitude obviously impossible of human endurance. "Second, the repeated violation of the agreements entered into by the Postal company with its employees and the persistent refusal of the Western Union to receive committees of its employees for the purpose of discussing grievances. "Third, after disregard of the promises made by Colonel Clowry in a letter to Commissioner Nell on June 29, following the ending of the San Francisco strike, which ended July 19, which agreement bears the official signature of Mr. Clowry and is on file in the office of the commissioner of labor at Washington. "Blameless San Francisco. "To the San Francisco telegraph officials may be laid directly the cause of the trouble. After the strike had been on in San Francisco for a month, an agreement was signed by Ethelbert Stewart, representing United States Commissioner of Labor Nell, Assistant General Superintendent I. N. Miller for the Western Union, Superintendent L. W. Storer of the Postal Telegraph company and myself as president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, and this agreement is now on file in Washington. It provided that the Western Union company should restore without prejudice seventy men within five days and fifty-five others within thirty days of the calling of the strike. It was further agreed that a few against whom charges had been filed should be given opportunity to clear themselves. The agreement stated that married men were to return to work first. "Out of the first fifteen married men who reported for duty after the strike was declared off seven were told they would have to report to Superintendent May in San Francisco, who they did not know, that the charges against them were