

A MINERS' STRIKE

Said to Be on the Program to Follow the Carpenters',

But the Coal Operators Ridicule the Idea

As the Men Are Paid by the Bushel and Not by the Day—President Gompers Says the Demand Has Been Decided Upon Not to the Dots—Believes the Result Would Be Gratifying—Labor News.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—Referring to the report of a general strike of the coal miners for an eight-hour day, Vice President William Martin of the American Federation of Labor, said that it was decided by the executive board at their meeting in New York some time ago to take up the carpenters' fight first, and after it had been settled the demand of the miners would be presented.

The carpenters' struggle is regarded as over, and whenever the miners are ready the federation will take charge of the matter. They have not notified the federation officials of their intention to demand eight hours as yet, and no one could tell whether there would be a strike or not.

Operators Ridicule the Idea.

The coal operators here say the idea of coal miners striking for eight hours is ridiculous. The men are paid by the bushel and not by the day. They are masters of their own time, and may work eight, sixteen or twenty-four hours in a day, or they need not work at all.

Gompers Says It's So.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Mr. Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, was asked about the statement to the effect that the coal miners will be next to demand eight hours. He said the statement was correct that the American Federation of Labor had demanded eight hours, but that the date had not been decided upon. "I cannot tell," Mr. Gompers said, "whether the strike will occur before the fall or not; if indeed there is to be a strike, and which is extremely doubtful, for I believe the employers will consent. We will give them no notice in any event, as we did in the case of the carpenters, and I believe the result will be just as gratifying. I am assured of success, for the miners have an organization as strong, I believe, as that of the carpenters."

Resorting to Violence.

PHOENIX, May 11.—Violence being resorted to by the striking workmen of the Lor Valley, in a number of instances factories have been attacked in that part of Alabama, and the strikers have not only compelled the workers to leave their homes, but have also smashed the machinery.

Quitting Law to Strikers.

PANAMA, May 11.—The mayor has issued a proclamation in quelling the criminal code of the state against acts of violence in preventing persons from pursuing their daily avocations. The proclamation was made necessary by the riotous acts of the club brigade of the striking coal miners Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Want to Consolidate Associations.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 11.—The Weavers' Protective association has appointed a committee to meet a similar committee here at the national association of Weavers, with the object of bringing about a union of both associations.

STRIKING STATEMENTS

In the Annual Report of the New York Labor Bureau.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The seventh annual report of the bureau of statistics of labor has been laid before the legislature by Commissioner Peck. It is a long document, and goes extensively into discussion of prominent points in the labor question. The following statements of fact will be read with interest:

The total number of strikes for five years, 1884-1888, was 2,284. Of this number 1,429 were successful, 1,435 partly successful, 3,498 unsuccessful, and 415 pending. The number of persons engaged in these strikes was 552,019. The amount lost in wages was \$2,042,913.39. The loss to labor organizations by reason of strike benefits and conduct of strikes was \$1,210,290.20. The estimated gain in wages was \$18,620,060.71. The loss to employers from all causes was \$5,192,842.15.

When the cause of strikes was a demand for more pay 2,301 establishments were subjected to a demand. Increase was conceded in 1,265 cases; a decrease took effect in 158 establishments. There was no change in 127 cases.

Although causes of strikes are by no means confined to the wage question, it has been found that once a strike has set in for any cause wages usually become implicated before the settlement. The sum of all strikes investigated during five years shows a total of 61,304 operatives engaged in successful strikes where wages were involved, the result being an estimated gain for the year of \$5,892,327.77, with a total for the whole number for the whole five years of \$18,620,060.71.

The gain per capita during five years would be about \$1 per week, the number of employees being presumed as constantly at work.

"Hours of labor" at the present time of working is literally the question of the hour. Shall it be an eight-hour day for all or a day with a difference to be settled by local usage or by each particular trade after its own fashion and idea?

Total reporting under this head is 7,936: of these 98 report increase, 1,226 report decrease, 6,513 report no change. The female only were not asked as a rule, given to strikes as a remedy; they follow the shop lead loyally, but when they originate a movement it is as often as not done in a huff, and quickly abandoned. The number of women and girls engaged in strikes in the past five years was 48,846.

Laughed At. The report cabled from Pesh that, according to an official paper of that city, the international eight-hour demonstration was the outcome of a secret union brought into existence at the Paris congress, is laughed at in labor circles in this city.

The National Federation of Labor, under the auspices of which the movement in this country is being conducted, has no affiliation with other organizations in England or Europe, and, as President Gompers remarks, is quite enough to do to look out after its own affairs.

It is true that the Socialistic element in this city is affiliated with organizations abroad, but even these are not unusually strong enough to have engineered the recent spontaneous uprising in favor of the eight-hour day.

THE SIMPSON DRY DOCK.

Opening of the Immense Basin in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

BROOKLYN, May 11.—The Simpson dry dock in the United States navy yard was opened Friday morning in the presence

of several hundred visitors from New York, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Nearly 100 guests came from Washington and Baltimore on a special train of Pullman cars Thursday night, arriving in Jersey City at 7 o'clock.

Breakfast was served in the union station. At 10 o'clock the delegation from Philadelphia arrived, and shortly afterward the guests were taken by a steamer to the navy yard.

The dock was flooded at about 11 o'clock. The United States monitor Paritan was docked immediately, and the pumps were set at work at once emptying the dock. The whole affair passed off quickly and without a mishap. After a formal opening of the dock a collection was served to the invited guests at which Mr. Simpson, the new dock and the United States navy were toasted.

The dry dock has been in course of erection about two years and a half, and its cost was more than \$500,000. The contract price is \$597,833.

Its extreme length is 330 feet; its width at the top 130 feet and the bottom 38 feet; the depth in the center is 22 feet 6 inches. The floor rests upon piles. From it the sides rise at an angle of 45 degrees in a series of steps ten inches in height, made of Georgia pine beams. It is emptied by two centrifugal pumps of forty cubic feet diameter, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons an hour.

The builders, J. E. Simpson & Company, have built thirteen other docks on the same pattern.

CHINESE RIOT.

One Man Killed at Los Angeles—One Hundred Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The Chronicle's Los Angeles special says: The two warring factions of Chinatown came together and the result was a riot. One Chinaman was killed, one seriously wounded and a white bystander shot in the leg. The trouble was caused by Ah Lung, a member of the Ah Mow faction, who had been arrested by the police.

Wong Ki Lung drew a revolver and shot Ah Lung in the stomach, producing death in a short time. This was the second of a series of shots fired from all sides, fully fifty shots being fired from the windows and by the Chinese in the street.

The police soon quelled the riot and arrested 100 Chinese who carried prisoners. The Wong Chi society has announced that every prominent member of Ah Mow will be killed.

VERY STARTLING.

Later Developments in the Leaphart Murder and Exhuming Case.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 11.—The developments in the Leaphart murder and exhuming case were startling. It has been found that the affidavit and letters that were filed in the governor's office, and which were supposed to be respectful, are in fact, a gross insult to the governor. The affidavit was signed by W. J. Miller, a notary public, and was a gross insult to the governor. The letters were signed by W. J. Miller, a notary public, and were a gross insult to the governor.

SAVED BY A DOG.

Missing Buffalo Man Found Engulfed in a Snowdrift.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11.—Henry P. Thair, aged 50 years, of his home Sunday morning with his animal malnourished by reason of illness. The police were notified, but were unable to discover the missing man. Thursday a farmer near Hamburg, found Mr. Thair in his swamp, his body engulfed in a snowdrift and only the hand remaining above the surface.

The discovery was made by the farmer's dog, which guided the farmer to the spot. Mr. Thair was pulled out by his bondsman and brought to his home.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Murderer of a Prisoner Stung at Birmingham, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11.—Sandy Jones, colored, was hanged here Friday for the murder of fellow-prisoner John Manning. The hanging fell at 1:30. His neck was broken and he was dead in ten minutes. The executioner broke down on the scaffold and wept and prayed to the end.

PAID IN A HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Four patients in the city hospital died of cholera, a disease which is spreading rapidly in the city. The patients were from the tenements, and had been drinking water from a public fountain. The disease is spreading rapidly in the city.

Exclusion of Colored Members.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 11.—The disunion convention adopted an amendment excluding colored members from seats on its floor, with a proviso that the only present colored member shall retain his seat until his privileges are lost by his resignation or death.

Johnston Corps Unearthed.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 11.—Five bodies were found Thursday by workmen in the Fifteenth and sixteenth wards. Two of them were another and child, clamped in each other's arms. The force searching for the dead will be increased.

Modern gardeners have expressed doubt that any one could mistake the taste of a tulip for that of an onion, but a writer in 1859 says that several have had them sent by their friends from beyond the sea, and mistaking them to be onions, have used them as onions in their potage or broth, and never found any cause or mistake, or any sense of evils quality produced by them, but accounted them Sweet Onions.—Philadelphia Press.

A New Disease.

Conductor—Where's the regular porter? Substitute—Pete's sick, boss, and won't be on his feet trip. Frank—I never thought of it before, but it does seem foolish, that's a fact.—Boston Transcript.

It Did Seem Foolish.

Doctor—Tell you the truth, I'm heartily sick of my profession. If you only knew how many fools come to me for advice.—Franklin—I never thought of it before, but it does seem foolish, that's a fact.—Boston Transcript.

At the Art Gallery.

Young Woman (looking at a sheep picture)—Isn't that a beautiful Jacques! How good those sheep are.—Young Man—They ought to be. Canvas back sheep, you know.—Life.

The Holy Flower, discovered by Dr. Schadenberg growing upon a volcanic mountain in one of the Philippine islands, is perhaps the largest flower in existence, being about three feet in diameter and twenty-two pounds in weight.

CAME TO GRIEF.

"The Honest Man's Protector and Friend," of Georgia,

Dies Suddenly After a Brief Existence.

The Organization Comprised a Gang of Desperadoes Whose Object, by Arson and Murder, Was to Terrorize the Community and Prevent the Giving of Mournful Information.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 11.—"The Honest Man's Protector and Friend" has come to grief. This will be remembered as a remarkable gang of men sworn to burn and kill moonshine informers, the doings of which were exposed by the newspapers last March. Jack Lansdown was captain; David Wheeler, first lieutenant; George Fields, second lieutenant; and Joe Richards, secretary and treasurer.

Each member swore to protect each other in putting down reporting of moonshiners; to be true to each other; to help each other out of trouble; that the organization would try and put to death its members that they would do justice, and would forever keep the secrets of the clan. Members were to be whipped and shot when not responding to the call of the captain. Attached to the organization appeared the names of twenty-seven prominent and law-abiding citizens of Atlanta, the very men who had been the conspirators for punishment. One of the names was that of an outlaw. For instance, first on the roll was the name of Nelson Lowford; represented by Jack Lansdown appeared opposite.

Lowford's name was burned Dec. 12, 1888. The burning caused great indignation. The family knew it was incendiary. The night of Dec. 12 was bitter cold. As the family were leaving their burning home, the jeers of men moonshiners, and the children in their distress were heard from the darkness of the wood.

Indignation and horror were intensified to fever heat when, on Dec. 21, the home of Mike Stone, the prettier in all Jersey, was burned down. The house was the property of the late George Stone's brother. Officers went to hunt down the incendiaries. Jack Lansdown and John Forester were arrested and held.

Shortly afterward a band of the men in the band of Mike Stone, in the absence of the father, released them and two other prisoners, leaving in the fall with axes and bars. On leaving the jail they were confronted by Sheriff Johnson's posse.

The posse fired at them, missing him, but hitting his face with a lead. Then the sheriff, with the aid of several detectives, started after them on the trail and Patton Mills was arrested. He told on George Fields and Coffey were imprisoned. Coffey turned state's evidence, and the children to the gang's rendezvous, handed over the disguises, and constitution and by law, together with the names of the whole band, and confessed that the gang did the burning.

The present matter is a crisis. The arrests of the principal parties followed, and their trial is now in progress. There are seventeen prisoners now in jail. Friday John Forester was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The next day Jack Lansdown was convicted. Scaburn Lansdown will plead guilty to the indictment. The cases will be taken up and pushed through trial as rapidly as possible. The great object of the moonshiners was to drive from the country all persons who interfered in any way with the manufacture of and traffic in blockade whisky, and they made up their minds not to hesitate to burn or murder to carry out their purpose.

ANOTHER LEVEE BREAKS.

The Result is Most Distressing—Serious Situation in the Black River Country.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 9.—The Pandora levee, in Bossier parish, near Benson, broke last night in several places, and the water is now sweeping down over a large area of country. It is a great disaster, involving heavy losses to hundreds of planters. The water from these breaks will reach the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railway.

A dispatch from Greenwood gives a gloomy description of the situation in Black River country. The River and Coast Line steamer New Haven, with a relief committee of citizens of this city, reached that section just in time to save 280 people and hundreds of head of mules, horses and cattle. There is not a foot of land in that whole section, embracing thousands of acres, the most productive area in the world.

The Texas Flood.

JEFFERSON, Tex., May 9.—The river continues to rise, and the water in the lake is higher than ever known before. There is great loss of cattle and stock of all kinds. Many families are homeless, and the river is beginning to run through the sewers of the city.

A Town Under Water.

COLUMBIA, Tex., May 9.—This town, with the exception of one street, is under water, and railroad traffic is suspended.

Organizing Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president has sent to the senate the following nominations for the territory of Oklahoma: George W. Steele, of Indiana, governor; Edward R. Green, of Illinois, chief justice of the supreme court; A. J. Sney, of Missouri, and J. G. Clark, of Wisconsin, associate justices; W. S. Lundy, of Virginia, United States marshal; Horace Speed, of Oklahoma, United States attorney.

Illinois Wheat Crop.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11.—Reports received by the state department of agriculture show that the area of winter wheat destroyed by floods and fire will reach 60 per cent. of the area sown last fall. The condition of that left standing will yield about 75 per cent. of an average crop per acre. Throughout the state the condition of the crop is 55 per cent. short of an average crop.

Rescued From a Wrecked Vessel.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 11.—The ship Equator has arrived at North Sydney from Buenos Ayres, bringing Capt. Hogan and crew of schooner Sarah Godfrey, of Dorchester, N. B., from Rio Del Sul for Barbados. The Godfrey was struck by a hurricane on March 31, last. Her masts and gear became helpless.

Its Excellent Qualities.

Comment to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs. It is pleasing to the eye, and to the taste and by gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

Mr. Jas. Carter Arrington, of Ringwood, N. C., was cured by Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy of a sore on his face, which has been troubling him for years. In size and appearance it resembled a strawberry, and was perfectly raw. For full particulars of his case send for pamphlet, to Mrs. Joe Person, Kittrell, N. C.

THE SOUTHERN STATES

Will be Largely Represented in Richmond at the Unveiling Ceremonies.

RICHMOND, Va., May 10.—Indications now are that the attendance of military and veteran organizations at the unveiling of the exposition station of Gen. Robert Lee, on May 20th, will surpass any former gathering in this city. Arrangements have been nearly perfected for the attendance and care of the military. The railroads in the south have agreed to issue commutation tickets at the rate of one cent per mile. The military will be quartered in the exposition building, and the veterans will be entertained in the city.

All soldiers will be fed gratis. Soldiers from states outside of Virginia, who have already planned their intention of being present, will come from Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. From the various states, such as William and Mary, Washington and Lee universities, Virginia Military Institute, and the University of Virginia, will have delegations in line. After the unveiling of the day and after the military will be given a dinner at the exposition grounds.

DISCOVERED A VEIN OF TIN.

It Has Just Been Found in the County of Cherokee, Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 10.—Mr. J. S. Thrasher, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Judge John Cunningham and J. T. McLendon, of this city, have made a discovery which will make them millionaires. These gentlemen have found a vein of silver and tin in Cherokee county, about forty miles from Atlanta, and near the town of Canton, on a piece of land owned by them. Before announcing the discovery, a thorough test was made, and it was proved beyond question that the vein is forty feet wide and nine feet deep. The ore taken from several points along the vein assayed beyond the highest hopes of the discoverers.

The silver veins which run parallel to the tin veins also assayed richly. As has never been discovered before in paying quantities in the United States, this discovery in Cherokee county is considered an important find. A company will at once be formed, and work commenced to unearth this hidden treasure.

The Cyclone Swept Down and Rose Up.

ALABAMA, Ga., May 10.—The cyclone which visited this section the other day, played wildly in Baker county. It blew down all the trees in a new ground in a matter of minutes, and one could walk across the huge field on fallen logs. It rose then, went about two miles, and then swooped down on another place, where trees, two houses and a gin house were blown to the ground, and two negroes were killed. Here it rose again, and a half mile further on it came down on the Shipp plantation, blowing down Chapel Hill church and doing considerable damage. At Gillenville houses and trees were blown down. At Dupont's houses were blown over, and two negroes were injured.

An Inhabitant Brought to Her Senses.

UTICA, N. Y., May 10.—One of the inmates confined in the asylum at Preshott, a lunatic woman, was seen in her senses in the fire that destroyed the building. She escaped from the room by a window, reached the roof and then crawled along the ridge board and round the keeper's wife from slumber, thus saving her life.

Thirteen bodies have been taken from the ruins, and the probabilities are that these are not all. There are several feet of debris in the cellars, and it is thought other bodies are buried there. One body was found some distance from the burnt buildings.

A New Kind of Petition to Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Senator Butler has presented the petition of nine families, aggregating seventy-two persons, asking congress to appropriate \$100 per acre to the state of Michigan to irrigate the arid lands, and maintain the same for six months. The petition has a printed heading, indicating an organized movement to support the scheme of wholesale desertion of the colored people of the south to that country. An accompanying paper gives the testimony of the neighbors of the petitioners as to their worth and respectability.

A Vigorous Defense of Farmers.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Judge Crisp, of Georgia, in his tariff speech in the house, among other things relating to the farming interests of the country, said: "The way to benefit the farmer is to reduce his cost of living; not to deluge him with paper duties on agricultural products. He buys everything he uses at the protected markets—the dearest in the world—and sells everything he has to sell in the free trade market—the cheapest in the world."

A Georgia Railroad Accident.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga., May 10.—There was an accident here, on the main line of the Georgia road, caused by the running off of a freight car. It had run on, plunging over the cross-ties some distance before it was discovered, and did considerable damage to the track. The accident caused the night passenger train to remain here until 7 o'clock, at which time the track was righted, and the train once more had a clear road. This is the third smash up in a year this road has had.

The Fatal Result of a Cat Bite.

DANVILLE, Va., May 10.—A colored man named David Stokes, who lived in Rockingham county, N. C., struck at a cat, and the animal jumped at him and fastened its teeth in his wrist. The cat held on so tenaciously that its head had to be cut off before its grip could be relaxed. Stokes was taken sick at once and died soon thereafter.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

LAGRANGE, Ga., May 10.—A shocking accident occurred in O'Neal's mill here, this country. Mr. Andrew Coon's little boy, about 12 years old, cut down a tree. It did not fall to the ground, but lodged against another tree, on a limb. The little fellow was passing under it to cut away the limb, when it gave way, fell upon him and broke his neck.

A Mighty Poor Hank.

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 10.—The fisherman who went on a strike here a few days ago, have returned to their work without obtaining their demands.

It is said that frost was seen in the hammock lands, near Duck station, in Baker county, Ga., on Friday.

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