

The Messenger.

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GREATEST STRIKE OF THE WORLD

The Messenger has forborne to discuss the great strike among the steel folks that has been imminent for many days. It is so gigantic in its proportions, involves so much, and is so portentous for evil we have held back until now making reference to it. It may prove a most protracted, stubborn and disastrous strike and may be "big with fate." Hope had been indulged by close observers that a settlement would be arrived at and calamity avoided. There is so much involved that it is most lamentable that a satisfactory arrangement could not be effected. The owners, the strikers and the laborers not in the strike are all involved, for in the latter class must suffer more or less in the matter of employment. It is now evident that the conflict of interests having begun will continue and be as proclaimed "a fight to a finish." It is prophesied that capital will finally triumph as it usually does in a conflict with labor, and it is thought that the result will be disastrous to the Amalgamated Association by its being so divided and broken as to be never able again to resume its old strength. The trust is willing to make the fight, being confident in its power and resources. It knows its vast strength and unlimited wealth, and it is not adverse to a test of strength feeling confident of a complete triumph. The skilled workers will suffer a great deal in case of victory, for their present wages. The organization has brought them superior wages. A loss in the battle will be sure to reduce them all round. The Philadelphia Record says pertinently that the trust is not adverse to the trial of strength with organized labor as "its enormous capitalization has caused among investors at home and abroad a distrust of its ability to continue to make profits, and in this condition the necessity of a general reduction of wages may be for the trust as essential a question as it is for the steel workers to maintain their union, and thus fence off a reduction of the scale of wages.

A little over a week ago the steel workers could have obtained better terms than are now offered them. The trust was willing then to let them organize. If they could, in all the mills; but since then the trust has taken an uncompromising stand, doubtless believing in its ability to break the strike.

We understand that President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, favored the settlement offered, but was overruled by the more radical element. The cause of the final failure at agreement was the claim of the trust to employ non-union labor with union men. President Shaffer is thought to have shown a good deal of coolness, deliberation, decision and wisdom, and has well impressed the great public. It will be recalled that the attitude of the trust was uncompromising, defiant from the word go. Later they discovered the mistake and sought to rectify it by agreeing to a conference. The steel trust failed in its terms offered, and since then has been more openly resolved and stubborn than before. Hence the present battle. Thus far some 58,000 men are in the conflict. It is supposed that by Saturday the army will be 100,000 strong on the side of the workers. Will there be a starve out process only, or will there be a battle royal with blood. The Washington Post says of the outlook:

"The bloodiest internecine war which the world has ever known, the war between the states, was fought on account of a principle, and there have been religious wars without number wherein the matter in dispute could not be settled by arithmetic. The strike which is now in progress bears relation to those great struggles because something more than mere dollars and cents is involved. The labor unions regard it as their final stand against the encroachment of capital. It is a contest which is to determine their right to organize and protect themselves."

The strike began on July 1st, among the workers in two companies, the American Sheet Steel Company and the American Steel Hoop Company. On the 14th of July the American Tin Plate Company joined the strike. The final cause of the general strike ordered is a difference of opinion as to recognizing about a dozen mills as union, particularly those at Wellsville, Ohio; McKeesport, Pa., and Painter's, Lindsay & McCutcheon's and Clark's in Pittsburg.

The total men employed by the trust is 213,000. It is expected that the strikers will receive help from many non-union members. Report is that Mark Hanna is to try his hand to heal.

The two rival generals are J. P. Morgan and T. J. Shaffer. As we learn from the Baltimore Sun, Morgan was born in Connecticut in 1837, was educated in Germany, has been banker, railroad organizer, trust organizer and leading financier. Worth \$100,000,000. He is backed by the Billion-Dollar Steel Trust.

Shaffer was born at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1848. He is a classical scholar, a worker in steel mills, a Methodist preacher, president of the Amalgamated Association. He receives a salary of \$1,800 a year—a trifle for these extravagant, high-salaried times for the "men in the swim."

He Fooled the Surgeons
All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by R. E. Bellamy Druggist.

BUT TWO WAYS OPEN TO CURE AN EVIL.

The Messenger has consistently, pertinaciously opposed compulsory education as unrepublican, undemocratic, paternalistic and full of New England sumptuary laws and Paul Pryism. But in view of developments what is to be done now? The increase in education among negroes according to the census of 1900, for ten years, was over 5 per cent and about 2 per cent for whites. That is a shameful, disappointing exhibit. What is to be done, we repeat? Is that neglect of whites to avail themselves of educational opportunities to continue? If it is to be then the Messenger must say, come what may, that there are but two ways open for future action. The school fund for negroes by white taxation must stop. The south cannot afford to have the coming generation of whites illiterate and the negroes literate. So if this is to continue, stop the schools in so far as the negroes are concerned and let them furnish educational facilities to their own children.

But there is a better way than that. The perpetuity of free institutions depends upon the intelligence, virtue and honor of the people. The white parents must be compelled to send their children to school. There is no other way open now.

But we see what education has done for the negroes in the north. Their "voice is still for war." The rascals do not expect to put their carcasses in the forefront as targets for white riflemen. But at long range they wish to persuade the negroes in the south to begin a war of retaliation now for lynching. Let the helpless white women and children be assaulted, wounded, destroyed, what care they? But take Winchester, is the advice, and shoot all who would favor lynching the black brutes. Such fool talk shows the character of the "educated negroes" in Yankeedoodledom. At a gathering of the Africa Press Association at Philadelphia, the much mouthing T. Thomas Fortune, the perennial marplot and incendiary, who was chairman, got off this "dandy" bit of wisdom when speaking on the subject of "The Press as an Educator," he said: "We have cringed and crawled long enough. I don't want any more 'good nigger.' I want 'bad niggers.' It's the 'bad nigger' with a Winchester who can defend his home and children and wife." He forgets that it is the bold, brave white man who can end "the bad nigger" who invades his home and lays his fiendish clutches on his wife and children. The "Winchester" is a potent instrument in the hands of angry white men searching for devils incarnate who burn and murder and rape. T. Thomas forgot that. A negro fellow from Atlanta who edits the Age was particularly hot on Senator Tillman. Hear him and his first idea shows the size of his brains:

"I believe in the transmigration of souls. It will not be long—I believe I will live to see the day—before the soul of Ben Tillman will be wandering through the streets in the body of a 'snick-egg' dog, with no one to throw him a crumb of bread to eat. The dollar and cold steel are the things the white man respects," continued the speaker. "Many of them are afraid to lynch us where they know the black man is standing behind his door with a Winchester. But they are not afraid then attack us defenseless in jail and lynch us."

A Life and Death Fight.
Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

CORRECTION OF A SERIOUS BLUNDER.

We read with care the list of North Carolina troops in the Great war from North Carolina as furnished after the war to Colonel Olds. That publication left a distinct impression that the total troops furnished the Confederate cause by North Carolina was but 80,000. It will make that impression on any one who reads it as it appeared in the Charlotte Observer and as copied into the Richmond Dispatch. Hence The Messenger at once undertook to expose the injustice, the stupendous blundering statement. Now, as we learn from the Raleigh Times, Colonel Olds "explains that the number furnished by the state according to Major Neathery, did not include the recruiting of the regiments, in some instances amounted to more than the original number. Major Neathery's statement in no way affects the accepted amount of the official number of troops furnished from this state."

We were pleased to see the correction. But that first publication will do a vast deal of evil, and North Carolina will not hear the last of the Neathery statement as to 80,000, or as he gave it exactly, 79,999. Why publish at all such a bewildering, mistaken, absurd statement? The Raleigh Post points to another serious error of the Neathery publication. It says:

"The Post is in full sympathy with The Messenger in this contention. If we mistake not, the record as compiled in Washington credits this state with a little more than 125,000 troops of all classes, furnished during the war between the states, besides something over 3,000 furnished the federal army during the same time. The statement credited to the late Major John B. Neathery shows incompleteness on its face, as a number of regiments and battalions are not given at all. We think the authority is conclusive that The Messenger is right in its contention."

NEW BOOKS.

"Every-Day Thoughts in Prose and Verse" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, a well known author and poet. It is published by W. B. Conkey Company, Chicago, and is a handsome volume of 345 pages. "Live-in-a-Mist" is a volume of verse by Post Wheeler. It is an attractive volume containing 216 pages, and is published by The Camelot Company New York city. Glancing merely we would say the author has the gift of rhyme, rhythm and music, and if one had time might while away an hour or two pleasantly over the pages.

"Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies." Published by U. S. Government. The volume numbered 12, series 1, has reached this office. It is a volume of 956 pages, is published under the direction of Hon. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, by Professor Edward K. Rawson, U. S. navy, Commander George P. Colvocoresses, U. S. navy and Mr. Charles P. Stewart. The volume contains operations of North Atlantic blockading squadron from February 2, to August 3, 1865, and South Atlantic blockading squadron from October 29, 1861 to May 13, 1862.

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HOME FOLKS.

The Farmers' State Alliance in North Carolina has suffered from a tremendous decline. Ten years ago—1891—it numbered 105,000 members. It has dwindled now to but about 4,000.

Typhoid fever is possibly more general in North Carolina at this time than for some years preceding. It is known to exist in 57 counties. The Raleigh special to the Baltimore Sun says that the disease is worst "in the middle section and particularly so in factory towns near streams. At one mill there are 30 cases reported. The state board of health is trying to fight the fever, but most of the ignorant persons who have it or are exposed to it do not consider it as infectious, and this is the great cause of the trouble." We have reason for thinking that never before was this fever so violent or general in Wilmington. We have heard of some seven deaths from it. There are cases in several sections of the city if we are not misinformed. We heard the late distinguished Dr. George Thomas say in 1877, that as long as he had been practicing in Wilmington he had never seen a well defined case of typhoid fever.

Mr. R. A. P. Smith, associate editor of Charlotte's clever evening paper, the News, and the Weekly, the Times-Democrat, sends us a piece of music just published and of his own composition. It is a song, and we are unable to say a word as to its merit. Not being able to strike a note or "turn a tune" our inability as editor of the musical department is complete. We hope it is fine and that it will be sung around the state.

A list of important tanneries is before us. It shows growth in this industry, and a considerable output. There are tanneries with outputs from 54 hides a day up to 150, 180, 160, and 250. These are a small part of what are in the state. In fact the thirteen are on the line of the Southern Railway Company in North Carolina.

The New York Evening Post makes the following announcement under its "Personal": "President John C. Kilgo of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., who is termed the 'storm center' of North Carolina Methodism," leaves this week on a European tour, voted him by the trustees in appreciation of his zealous work. He will attend the missionary conference in London as a delegate from the North Carolina Methodist conference."



Women are Like Flowers. Healthy and strong they blossom and bloom. Sickly, they wither and die. Every woman ought to look well and feel well. It's her right and duty, but she might as well try to put out a fire with oil as to be healthy and attractive with disease corroding the organs that make her a woman. Upon their health depends her health. If there is inflammation or weakening drains or suffering at the monthly period, attend to it at once. Don't delay. You're one step nearer the grave every day you put it off. Women can stand a great deal, but they cannot live forever with disease dragging at the most delicate and vital organs in their body. You may have been deceived in so-called cures. We don't see how you could help it—there is so much worthless stuff on the market. But you won't be disappointed in Bradfield's Female Regulator. We believe it is the one medicine on earth for womanly ills. There is as much difference between it and other so-called remedies as there is between right and wrong. Bradfield's Female Regulator soothes the pain, stops the drains, promotes regularity, strengthens, purifies and cleanses. It does all this quickly and easily and naturally. It's for women alone to decide whether they will be healthy or not. Send for a statement and Regulator lies at hand. 5c per bottle at drug store. Sent for 25c free booklet.

THE FIRST DAY'S FIGHT

IN THE BIG STEEL STRIKE RESULTS IN A DRAWN BATTLE.

BOTH SIDES GAIN ADVANTAGE

Strikers Close Big Steel Plant at New Castle and Corporation Partially Break the Strike at Clark Mills in Pittsburg—Not the Slightest Disturbance Yet Occurs—Shrewd Move of Manufacturers—Hopes of Settlement Through Outside Influence.

Pittsburg, August 7.—In the big steel strike honors are even in this section tonight. The Amalgamated Association succeeded in closing down the big steel plant at New Castle, and the manufacturers partially broke the strike at the Clark mill in this city. Neither side is exulting, nor is there any expression of discouragement. Victory or defeat of either at this early stage of the warfare can have but little effect beyond indicating the probable line of battle to be pursued by each.

Up to this hour not the slightest trouble has occurred at any point in this immediate territory and Amalgamated men are correspondingly happy, for this condition would seem to be the carrying out of the association's new departure in the handling of strikes. The quiet waiting of the strikers may be one of the surprises hinted at by the national officers. From one or two points the strikers are reported as restless and eager for action, but so far they have kept faith with their leaders and refrained from committing any breach of the peace. Recorder A. M. Brown does not anticipate that there will be any disorder in Pittsburg on account of the steel strike. "If there should be disorder," he says it will be the duty of the bureau of police to suppress it, and arrest all who are concerned in it. Recorder Brown incidentally remarked that there should be no discrimination between strikers and employers and that all are equal under the law and will be so treated.

The United States Steel Corporation, it was learned today from an official source, will at once proceed in a systematic manner to start its closed mills, making the non-union plants of the Kiskiminetz valley the cradle where strike breakers will be trained and then sent out to the mills that are closed.

So far as President C. M. Schwab is concerned, no overtures will be made by the workers in a talk with a Pittsburg man in New York yesterday, he said: "We have made our last proposition to the Amalgamated Association and will now proceed to start our works." President Shaffer makes this counter statement: "The next proposition must come from the United States Steel Corporation officials."

Thus the two executives stand. It seems as if only outside efforts can bring them together. The trust officials have decided to go ahead slowly in the matter of starting mills and to do so with as little publicity as possible. The strongholds of the Sheet Company are the mills at Vandergrift, the largest country, Leechburg, Apollo and Scottsdale. It has been decided to take as many skilled men away from these places as possible, without retarding operations there, and start the mills where there is the least danger to the workers. The places to be vacated at the mills mentioned will be filled with men deserving of promotion and they will be given better positions. This move will be undertaken slowly and with caution. The plan further contemplates that after a time many of the men will return to the mills, one after another of the mills resuming. This plan was tested the first few days of this week and found to be feasible so far as the mills at Hyde Park and Wellsville go, and it has been decided to carry it out as far as the sheet and hoop mills are concerned.

Plans for starting the closed tin plate mills have not been completed. In this branch the situation is different. The Tin Plate Company have only six of their 232 roll trains going, while the Sheet Company have a few less than half.

The officials of the Amalgamated Association say that this move will, in a measure, play into their hands. At McKeesport, President Shaffer said that he himself would lead men from Vandergrift into the wood mill. The officials feel that if they can get the Vandergrift men away from their environment there little trouble will be found in bringing them into the association.

Amalgamated headquarters were more quiet today than they have been since the strike. The officials of the organization were busy all day attending to routine business and in getting out material for the wage reduction lodges of the association that have been organized during the past few weeks. A report was received early in the morning from the strikers in New Castle, announcing that the order to strike had been obeyed to the letter and the men were out to a man.

The news of the starting of the Clark mills here was not surprising to the officials of the organization, as they had received intimation of what was to happen yesterday afternoon. The situation is perfectly understood in Lawrenceville. The officers say, and the misunderstanding that caused the colored men to return to work will, it is said, be ratified in a short time.

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their lines are to be attacked. It is said that the officers have received assurances from many of them that they will return at the proper time and they could start several of their mills if it was not for the desire on their part to avoid any open rupture or create riots or violence. They deny that there is any motive on their part to goad the men to acts which will give cause for calling on the militia to guard property and allow non-union men to work in peace.

New York, August 7.—The Commercial Advertiser says: "As far as can be learned, no communication has been received by J. P. Morgan & Co. or by any of the steel companies here from the labor leaders since the conference of Saturday last. Peace, however, may not be far away after all. It is learned that independent influences are at work which may surprise everybody within the next few days." Mr. Morgan will not say a word, but it is believed in some quarters that he has received important communications from persons strong enough and independent enough to bring about a settlement before Shaffer's order to strike takes effect. Those who know Mr. Morgan say he will welcome any move that will hasten the end of the controversy, providing the fundamental objections he urged on Saturday last are respected. That something is being done in the direction of amity is apparent from the manner of the steel men here and the course of the steel stocks on the exchange.

Glorious News
Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved.—That Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. Bellamy Druggist. Guaranteed.

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Hereafter it cannot be expected that Father Worth should have much faith in office holders and legislative committees.—Durham Herald.

The encounter between Dr. J. C. Kilgo and Mr. R. B. Crawford was unfortunate. But the attack on Dr. Kilgo was neither shameful, nor cowardly, nor unprovoked. He was insulted, and as a man of honor it was his duty to resent it, even if the man who affronted him were the cloth of a clergyman. It is to be regretted, however, that Dr. Kilgo so far forgot himself, as to use offensive language to the young man.—Gastonia Gazette.

So long as the courts wait weeks and sometimes even months before they bring before the bar the fiend who has debauched some helpless woman men will continue to appeal to the shot gun and the rope for vengeance. Had justice been a little more swift-footed in this county last winter the town of Carthage would not have been treated to a first-class lynching within a few feet of the court house. Our people have regard for the law that is high and jealous but they will protect good women at all hazards.—Sanford Express.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Durham Herald: Sunday morning Bode Riggsbee, a young white man, was drowned while in bathing at Christian's mill pond some six miles from the city. It was about 9:30 or 10 o'clock when the distressing accident happened, but his body was not recovered until about noon.

Raleigh Times: The floating indebtedness of Wake county is now only \$14,000, while in Mecklenburg it is \$65,000. The latter county is now considering a \$200,000 issue to macadamize the county roads. Nearly 100 miles of Mecklenburg's highways are now beautifully macadamized.

Charlotte Observer: Addie Dawson, colored, the 13-year-old daughter of Ann Dawson, was drowned yesterday in Town creek, close to where the bridge crosses Fifth street, about a mile from the square. At about 12:30 o'clock the girl was standing on a foot log trying to collect, for fuel purposes, drift wood that floated down the swollen stream, when her feet slipped and she fell into the current and disappeared.

Raleigh Post: Goldsboro, N. C., August 6.—A young man, who was killed a daughter of Mr. Sanderford in Fork township, this county, yesterday afternoon, and so badly injured his wife that she died last night. The mother and daughter were engaged in stringing tobacco under the shade of a large walnut tree in the yard, when lightning struck the tree, with the above sad results.

Telling Fortunes With a Burnt Match
Telling fortunes with a match and a square of cardboard as the only accessories is an amusing sort of a game which has come from Connecticut. A hole is made in the centre of the cardboard just large enough for the match to be stuck in it, business end up. From the centre draw radiating lines of any desired number and if it is a fellow whose fortune is being told write the names of his various girl friends along these lines. Now light the match. It will burn about half way before going out, the burnt part toppling over on to the cardboard. The name upon which the burnt end drops is the name of the fellow's future wife. Where a girl's fortune is being told, of course, the name of her male friends are substituted.

In place of people's names you can substitute the names of various professions, the position of the burnt match indicating the nature of a lad's future career. In the same way you can find out the various virtues and foibles of "your victim."

Of course it is all fun and there is not an iota of truth or logic in it all, but there is a great deal of amusement to be gotten out of the thing and you will find it well worth trying some evening when the time-worn games seem to lag.

Steamer Hampton Roads Burned
Norfolk, Va., August 8.—The steamer Hampton Roads, of the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company, used as a ferry boat between Norfolk-on-the-Roads and Old Point Comfort, was burned to the water's edge this morning. Her crew of twelve men were asleep on her when the fire broke out and had a narrow escape.