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SERENE OUTWARD

No Trouble on Account of the Steel Strike

SMALL CLOUD VISIBLE

Something May Happen at Wellsville Where the Mill People Are Defiant—Shafter Displays Prudence

Pittsburg, Pa., July 16.—The big steel strike has so far created no disorder, but according to the news received late tonight from Wellsville, Ohio, there may be trouble there tomorrow. Dispatches from Wellsville say that Persifer P. Smith, district manager of the American Sheet Steel Company, came there today and had a talk with a few striking mill workers. The Wellsville plant is the one from which 12 men were discharged for joining the union, and which is now on strike, all the men having been organized. Mr. Smith told the men: "The Wellsville rolling mill will be run and it will be run on-union, and will start tomorrow. If it could be run non-union it never would be run at all."

The men say that Smith can not find any non-union men to run the mill, but there is a good deal of uneasiness among the strikers. No new men have been brought into Wellsville, but the strikers will watch the river landings and railroad stations to meet any non-union men that may arrive. It was said at Amalgamated headquarters here today that "Jack" Whitehead, a former Amalgamated man, but now known as a famous scab and strike breaker, was on his way from Alabama to help the trusts break the strike.

It is believed now that Whitehead is bound for Wellsville.

Pittsburg, July 16.—Theodore Shafter is not going to call on the union men employed by the National Tube Company, the National Steel Company, the Federal Steel Company and the American Steel and Wire Company, four of the combines under the control of the United States Steel Corporation which have no strike on hand. Shafter never said point blank that he intended to call these men out, but he hinted and intimated that he had a circular letter in view that might cause them to strike.

Tonight he said that he would not issue a circular unless it became necessary, but he offered no assurances that he might not change his mind again. It is believed that Shafter is beginning to consider questions of finance and that he realizes that if he calls out all his union men there will be nobody left to pay strike assessments but the few thousand men employed by the Republic Iron and Steel and the independent plants.

John Jarrett, secretary of the labor bureau of the American Sheet Steel Company, was called to New York today, it is understood, from Cambridge Springs, Pa., where he was spending his vacation.

President Shafter denies a reported statement of an official of the United States Steel Corporation in which the official is quoted as saying that the combination did not deny the Amalgamated Association the right to organize, but opposed forcing men to join. Shafter said: "We made no demand on anyone of the three companies now involved in this strike to force the men of the non-union mills into the Amalgamated Association. We simply requested that the companies sign the Amalgamated scale for the non-union mills and abrogate the contracts which now prevent the men from joining labor organizations. The signing of the scale would not force the men into the association. It would simply permit them to join if they desired. We have no intention of compelling their organization."

"In the mills where our one hundred lodges are located there is a considerable number of men not members of the Amalgamated Association. We have been placed in a false position. We have attempted no coercion. The representatives of manufacturers offered to sign the scale for four mills which they have claimed were non-union. The principle is not different for those four mills that it is for all of the non-union mills of the three companies. We have simply desired to have the men given the right to organize and join our association if they saw fit. The manufacturers have refused to permit this. That is the entire situation."

UNDER A LANDSLIDE

Three Buried Alive and Five Seriously Injured

Bridgeport, Conn., July 16.—Three men were buried alive and five others were seriously injured today, in consequence of a landslide in the upper section of Fairfield, where an embankment forming one side of a reservoir which contractors are constructing for the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, collapsed. The excavation was 20 feet deep. The west bank of it had just been braced with new timbers, completing the supports on all sides. An Italian laborer was working at the bottom of the

excavation, digging. His pick struck either a root of a tree or a rock, which he removed with considerable effort, causing the entire west bank to collapse. About a dozen men were buried under an avalanche of dirt and timbers. Fortunately there was another gang of workmen a short distance away. They were hurried to the scene and set to work digging for those under the landslide. They succeeded in rescuing all but three. Those rescued were nearly suffocated. Some of them were unconscious and suffering from wounds about the body, caused by being struck by falling timbers.

Unauthorized and Inaccurate

Boston, July 16.—Free silver is likely to be knocked out of the platform of the Massachusetts Democracy this year, for while the Massachusetts Democrats allow that Mr. Bryan has every right to discuss principles and paramount issues, they do not longer recognize him as either a supreme leader or a mascot. An observer who drifts about Democratic State headquarters here in Massachusetts now finds more traces of a gradual swinging together of sound money Democrats and former silverites, and Tom Johnson is more apt to be mentioned as a candidate for the vacant place of idol to the democracy than is Bryan.

JAPAN'S MODEST CLAIM

United States Alone in Admitting Its Fairness

Washington, July 16.—President McKinley is expected back in Washington within a short time for a talk with his cabinet officials, and for the transaction of any business that may demand his personal attention here.

There are some features in the Chinese problem that may have to be passed upon by the President. It is said that nothing has been heard at the State Department from Commissioner Rockhill in regard to the hitch over the Japanese indemnity, which seems to be the only stumbling block in the completion of arrangements. Japan, it will be recalled, contented herself with the extremely modest indemnity of \$24,000,000 which represented the obligations actually incurred by her relief and other expeditions. When she came to arrange for the floating of the Chinese four per cent bonds with which the indemnities were to be paid she found they would not command in her market more than 86 per cent of their face value. She accordingly went back to the powers to ask for an increase to make good the 14 per cent discount. To this the powers were not ready to agree, and Russia was particularly hostile. The attitude of the United States, which Mr. Rockhill has represented, has been that this extra allowance to Japan will be fair and we have been willing to grant it if the other powers would agree. The commissioner's silence is thought to indicate difficulty in reaching an agreement.

BLOODY BATTLE

Stand-up-Fight Between Negroes and Mexicans

Hereford, Tex., July 16.—Word has reached here of a pitched battle and wholesale killing between Mexicans and negroes who are working on the new Rock Island extension in New Mexico, one hundred miles west of here.

The trouble originated in the killing of a Mexican by a negro some weeks ago. The authorities undertook to arrest the assailant, but his friends interfered and they were obliged to withdraw.

Last week some 35 or 40 Mexicans armed themselves with guns and went after the negro. A battle took place, in which 15 negroes were killed and several wounded. The casualties among the Mexicans can not be learned. The trouble occurred at Spencer's railroad camp, near Liberty N. M., in a sparse, settled section of the territory, where police officers are few and the law is not rigidly enforced.

PHILIPPINE SCOUTS

Lieutenants Appointed for 12 Native Regiments

Washington, July 16.—In accordance with the provisions of the army reorganization bill, authorizing the formation of twelve regiments of native Filipino soldiers, the President has appointed 41 provisional first lieutenants, and a similar number of second lieutenants, to be assigned to these regiments which are to be known as Philippine Scouts.

These appointments are provisional, for the reason that the twelve full regiments of Filipinos may not all be organized.

The commissions of these officers are not unlimited, as those of other officers of the army, but are to continue for but four years.

Two Strikes at Memphis

Memphis, July 16.—Memphis is being a strike center. Today 800 coal miners of the Galloway Coal Company of this city walked out of the mines because the company refused to force all employees into the union. About forty carpenters employed on the new Gayosso Hotel building struck this morning, after the employers had declined a demand for the removal of a non-union foreman.

RAINS OUT WEST

Limited Areas Moistened and Cooled

WILL HELP THE CROPS

Corn Will Be Revived—Texas Cotton Belt Still Suffering. Excessive Heat in North Dakota

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Rain fell over an area of 80 miles around Kansas City today. At Lawrence, Kansas, it was the first moisture in 26 days. Ottawa, Wellsville and Toronto, Kansas, and Camden Point, Mo., also report good rains.

Although some of the fields are reported to far gone to be saved, it is believed late corn will be greatly revived. In the three Missouri counties east of Kansas City the crop is reported in prime condition.

The temperature here at 11 o'clock was 93 degrees.

MINES TIED UP

Stationary Firemen Go Out on a Strike

GREAT NUMBERS IDLE

All the Leading Mines in the Anthracite Coal Region are Closed—No Attempt to Carry on Operations

WILL BRYAN BOLT?

Charles A. Towne Reads the Signs of the Times

HILL THE COMING MAN FOR PRESIDENT

Free Silver a Dead Issue in the West—Made So by Providence—Western Democrats Want to Win and They Are Ready to Repudiate the Platforms of the Last Two National Campaigns

New York, July 16.—Ex-Senator Chas. A. Towne is in New York organizing a company to handle the by-product of his oil wells in Texas. While asserting that he is out of politics for good, Mr. Towne says that he has kept track of the political situation and feeling in the West.

"In my opinion ex-Senator Hill of New York will be the next candidate for President of the United States of this regular Democratic party," said he, "and the platform adopted will, I believe, be a very reactionary one. In fact I believe the party will split in 1904 and Mr. Bryan will lead a third party faction in support of the issues to which he is still loyal.

"The feeling among Democrats throughout the West is that they want to win and they don't care a rap what sort of platform they win on. There is a strong feeling in that section in favor of the nomination of Mr. Hill or some other Eastern man, and the adoption of a platform that will be a total repudiation of the chief issues of 1896 and 1900.

"The free silver question is absolutely dead in the West. It will not only be an issue in 1904, but I do not believe it will be mentioned in the Democratic platform or campaign. Our position on

the Kingston Coal Company announced themselves on a strike this morning, and Mr. Nichols, president of this district of the Mine Workers' Union, said that the strike was authorized by the executive boards of the district. He says the company has of late been cutting its prices for mining, contrary to the agreement with the union, and the strike was ordered in consequence. It went into effect this morning, though the mines are idle owing to the firemen's strike.

Washington, July 16.—The War Department has received a cablegram from General Corbin stating that the transport Hancock has arrived safely at Manila and that all on board are well. The Hancock sailed June 25 from San Francisco, having on board a number of the staff officers of the army, who are on a tour of inspection through the Philippines.

New Shamrock a Fast One

Glasgow, July 16.—In an interview today Sir Thomas Lipton said that the trials had proved that the Shamrock II was the fastest racer ever built on this side of the Atlantic. July 25 has been fixed as the date for the departure of the Shamrock II for New York.

AN END TO SLAVERY

A Native Dignitary Proclaims Emancipation in Zamboanga

Manila, July 16.—The members of the Philippine Commission are greatly pleased with the action taken by Datto Mandi, who has just issued a proclamation prohibiting slavery or slave trading in the Zamboanga district. The Datto, in his proclamation, reminds the native chiefs that the slavery system is unfavorable to the progress of the islands.

The Philippine Commission has passed a resolution of thanks to Datto Mandi for his action. They attach the highest importance to the action taken by him and are convinced that he is anxious to encourage progress in his district.

In view of the serious destruction of crops by large swarms of locusts in the southern islands and their recent appearance in Manila, which was reported yesterday, the Philippine Commission has adopted prompt measures for checking the plague.

The African fungus, which has been used successfully in the United States, will be introduced and an additional employe of the health department will be appointed whose sole duty it will be to prepare and distribute the infected insects, through the provincial officials, in the localities affected.

The transport Hancock, with Adjutant General Corbin and party, Senator Harris and Representative Kahn, arrived here today. General Corbin will probably be the guest of General Chaffee during his stay here. Mr. Ferguson, secretary of the Philippine Commission, met General Corbin and welcomed him on behalf of Governor Taft, who is confined to his room by a slight injury to one of his feet. A delegation of Californians, headed by Justice Smith, greeted Representative Kahn.

TOM JOHNSON'S VICTORY

Street Railway Valuation Increased Ten Fold

Cleveland, O., July 16.—By raising the tax valuation of the Cleveland City Railroad, popularly known as the Little Consolidated, from \$600,000 to \$6,233,800 today, Tom Johnson scored his first victory in the campaign which he has been waging against the corporations since he was elected mayor of Cleveland last spring. What makes Johnson's victory more pleasing to himself is the fact that the president of the Little Consolidated is Senator M. A. Hanna. Recently the railroad company made its tax return, placing the value of its taxable property at \$600,000. Today the city board of equalization got in its work by making its most sensational valuation to over six millions, or ten times the amount of the company's return. Senator Hanna was in Canton visiting President McKinley and Superintendent Mulheed appeared before the board. Mayor Johnson was also present and was sworn as an expert witness on street railways. Deputy County Auditor Sarstedt fought the large increase in value but in vain, the board, almost entirely composed of Johnson men, having their report formulated before the meeting. Superintendent Mulheed denounced the action of the board as illegal and said he would carry it to the courts.

DEAD ISSUES

Democrats Deplore Bryan's Efforts to Keep Them Alive

Richmond, July 16.—Prominent Democrats do not take kindly to Col. W. J. Bryan's position in undertaking to keep alive what they call the "dead issues" of the past. Many of them believe that the Western leader is liable to prove a disturbing factor in the party for a long time. "I do not think Mr. Bryan's position is all wise," said Col. Joseph Burton, clerk of the Constitutional Convention, this morning. "His attempt to keep alive old issues is going to give the party lots of trouble, and the sooner he stops it the better it will be for all."

"Mr. Bryan ought to go out of the declaration business," said Judge James W. Marshall. "It would be well for him to rest a while and write a book on the civil war, or do something which would get these troublesome issues off his mind for a while."

Judge James B. Richmond of Scott county concurred in this sentiment. He thought Mr. Bryan should drop silver and accept the situation and get ready to help win a victory for the Democrats in 1904. He was strongly of the opinion that the Democrats needed to get together and discard past issues, and then they would stand a chance to win. Constant agitation of dead issues, he thought, was hurting the party.

GAINED HER POINT

Madame Olgevska Draws Attention to a Grievance

Paris, July 16.—M. Baudin, minister of public works, was fired upon while diving to a cabinet meeting today. The author of the attempt upon the life of M. Baudin was a woman, who was accompanied by a ten-year-old child. She approached M. Baudin's carriage and, seemingly drawing a revolver, fired at the minister. M. Baudin was not injured. The woman was arrested and gave her name as Olgevska, and said she lived at Nanterre.

Madame Olgevska asserts that she had no intention of hitting M. Baudin, but that she fired her revolver in the air to draw attention to an alleged grievance of her husband. Her husband is described at Count Olgevska, a naturalized Frenchman, holding a government receivership in the neighborhood of Paris. He believes he is being deprived of money due him by the ministry of foreign affairs.

Several of the smaller companies waited until the last moment and then, avoiding that the strike could not be averted, except by granting the demands of the men. They are now holding meetings at each of their local, and representatives from all over the region are coming in. The coal companies were non-committal, most of them stating that work had either been shut down as soon as the strike was declared or that work was suspended indefinitely at their collieries.

It is roughly estimated that 150,000 mine workers are idle. At some of the mills where the demands were not granted, non-union men have been placed in the strikers' places. As yet there have been no strikes of other employes in consequence.

The 3,000 mine workers employed by

CAR VESTIBULES

Street Car Companies in the State Must Provide Them

LAW EFFECTIVE NOV. 1

Corporation Commission Declines to Make Any Exceptions—Purpose is to Protect Motormen

Every street car company doing business in North Carolina will have to provide vestibules for all the cars they operate after November 1 next. So says the North Carolina Corporation Commission, upon whom the last General Assembly conferred the power to exempt any companies they might deem it advisable in view of the situation of the city in which the company operates cars being such as to escape the severe cold wind and sleet which sweep over other sections.

Yesterday was the time set apart for hearing the petitions of street car companies praying release from the operation of the law, and petitions were presented by General Manager W. J. Andrews of the Raleigh company, and Manager and Receiver A. B. Skelding of the Wilmington company. The Charlotte, Asheville and Winston-Salem companies were heard through their representatives last week.

The commission gave them all a courteous hearing, and then made their ruling that they would not interfere with the operation of the law anywhere, but simply let it be effective in every town where street cars are operated.

The law requires that these vestibules shall be used on the cars from November 1 until April 15, and the companies in the several towns where cars are operated must now proceed to prepare for putting these vestibules in use within little more than ninety days.

They are already right generally used by the Asheville company, and the principal objection of the company that was offered to the application of the law to them was that it would interfere with the discipline of their motormen. According to their present system the rules required that the windows of the vestibules shall be lowered when the suburban cars reach the city, and there is danger that the motormen may attempt to resist the rule for lowering the windows in the city limits. Their reason for having this rule is that in very cold weather the motorman's breath forms a sheet of ice over the glass, making it impossible for him to see clearly whether the track is clear or not. Then, too, the snow which often falls adheres to the glass and obstructs the vision. It remains to be seen how this difficulty will be bridged.

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AN EXPENSIVE CRIMINAL

Casper, Wyo., July 16.—Manuel Armenta has been convicted here of stealing sheep. He has been tried fourteen times in three counties for larceny. In these trials he has cost the State \$100,000. He and his followers are said to have driven the range cattle business out of this section. He is a half-breed Mexican and makes his home just south of the Hole in the Wall country.