

BROOKLYN STRIKE.

The Great Street Car Tie-Up Believed to be Nearly Over.

TROLLEY CARS RUNNING ON MOST OF THE LINES.

A Severe Blizzard Prevailing in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Territory—Settlers in the Territory None Too Well Provided for With Shelter and Food—Cattle Freezing to Death—Heavy Snowfall in Illinois.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 25.—The street-car strike is nearly over. Trolley cars are running on nearly all the lines, although there is not a full complement, but the great tie-up has been broken. The Ninth Regiment has been ordered home, and there is every likelihood that the Seventh will be ordered back to New York soon.

The Central Committee of the Socialist Labor Party held a mass-meeting last night to protest against the presence of troops in Brooklyn arrayed against organized labor, and to express sympathy with the strikers. Charles H. Mitchell, principal speaker, denounced Mayor Schieren for calling out the militia, and declared that law and order had been maintained by the striking motormen and conductors, and had been overthrown by the police and militia.

Since midnight the only trouble caused by the strikers was the cutting of the wires. The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company announced that it would run cross-town lines from Green Point to Erie Basin to-day.

Large crowds waited for the first car. The authorities sent a large military force and a strong detachment of regular and special policemen to keep the peace. The military were ordered not to shoot without good cause.

At the strikers' headquarters it is said that the unusual quietness of the strikers is on account of Justice Gaynor's mandamus opinion. They believe the wires were cut or any opposition made to running the cars, the mandamus would be rendered operative.

Judge Gaynor reversed his decision this morning in the habeas corpus proceedings to release the men imprisoned in the stables of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company and in the armories.

The argument in the case of Joseph Loader against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, asking for a mandamus, was heard before Justice Gaynor. Judge Gaynor said he would give his decision some time this afternoon. The decision will determine whether the writ will be peremptory or simply alternative.

What is supposed to be a dynamite cartridge was picked up this morning at the corner of Broadway and Fulton street, where several car lines pass. It was covered with a coating. It has a fuse at one end and is about five inches long. Police Superintendent Campbell sent it to the navy-yard, where an examination will be made.

The policemen patrolling Bedford avenue this morning noticed a wagon full of wires. They were cutting wires. The policemen in the neighborhood of the driver whipped up his team and escaped. Three men at work in the street cutting wires were captured. The police fired several shots at the men, but are pretty certain that some shots took effect. The strikers say they are as determined as ever to hold out. If no agreement is made before the troops are removed there will be, in the opinion of many, a renewal of the trouble.

At Ridgewood Station, when about twenty-five new men arrived to work for the railroad company, the strikers surrounded them and attacked them. They then downed Palmetto street. Policemen and militia were sent to the rescue. They succeeded in overhauling the kidnapers and rescuing six of the latter. The street tracks were obstructed with barrels, boxes and refuse. A good deal of stone-throwing was done by the mob, despite the efforts of Father O'Hara who had entered the mob and urged them not to use violence. The police charged the mob with their night sticks and the crowd fell back.

Father O'Hara received a letter from the Mayor this morning. The Mayor said that if the disorder at Green Point did not cease he would at once send the militia there. On receipt of this letter, Father O'Hara went out on the street to induce the crowd to disperse.

Traffic on the Hamilton avenue line was resumed this afternoon, after twelve days' suspension. The Third avenue line has been operating in a carefully interrupted and little show of hostility.

Thirty-five property-owners residing on Hicks street and on Sackett street sent a petition to the Grand Jury this afternoon, asking for the killing of Thomas Kearney. The petition demanded Major Cockran as a "cold-blooded murderer," and demanded an investigation into the circumstances attending the shooting.

The following notice to former employees of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company has been sent out. It bears the signature of President Lewis: "Notice is hereby given that the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company is ready and willing to take into its employ such of its former employees as motormen and conductors as are needed to fill existing vacancies, paying them the market rate of wages for their services, providing such employees will accept the regulations of the company as to the frequency with which cars will be run and the number of cars which shall be run."

Messrs. Feeney, Robinson and Parcell, comprising the State Arbitration Committee, which left Albany last night for Brooklyn, were in secret session at the St. George Hotel this afternoon, and subpoenaed Messrs. Lewis and Norton, whom they examined as to the cause and status of the strike. The committee also sent a note to Mayor Schieren, requesting the presence of that official at the examination, but the Mayor positively declined to attend.

At 5:30 this afternoon the trolley wires that were cut on Fulton street near Saratoga avenue at 10:30 were fixed, and both tracks which had been stalled on both sides for four hours proceeded. Guards from the Seventy-first Regiment preserved order while the men were at work repairing the wires.

"This is the most encouraging day we have had during the strike," said Master Workman Thomas H. Lewis to the Associated Press representative. "We are getting the new men away from the railroad company as fast as they arrive."

From 9 o'clock this morning until 3 o'clock this afternoon we in the city were men to leave their posts at Ridgewood and so far to-day we have rescued thirty men at the other end of the line, to say nothing of the number we stopped before they reached this side of the river from New York. We have done all this, remember, without any violence or intimidation, and the newcomers in every case have yielded willingly. We bring them to our headquarters, feed them, and furnish a ticket to return home, no matter how far away they live. They have been deceived in coming here. They say they know nothing of the strike, but after coming here they wanted to earn enough to get back home. Some of them forfeited the money the company owes them, and are glad to get off so easy as that.

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MEXICO AND GUATEMALA.

The Former Government Making Preparations for War.

EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT HOSTILITIES.

Secretary Gresham Sends a Telegram Suggesting That the Two Republics Submit Their Difficulties to Some Friendly Nation for Arbitration—Mexico Ready to Put Fifty Thousand Men on the Guatemalan Frontier Within a Week or Ten Days.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 25 (via Laredo, Tex.).—That the situation has been regarded as critical is evidenced by the fact that in the Mexican arsenal at the citadel there are being manufactured weekly from 40,000 to 50,000 Remington cartridges by orders from the War Department. They are also engaged night and day upon other work, in order that all of the artillery shall be completed and ready at a moment's notice with full complements of all kinds of ammunition. In the arsenal it is notable the extreme activity of the operatives, who do not rest a moment, in order that all armament may be ready and in first-class order and in proper condition for the use of an army about entering into a campaign.

The War Department thinks of sending the Fourth Battalion of Infantry to Acapulco, but as yet has not issued the marching orders. It is also rumored that two battalions of artillery, completely equipped, will also leave within a few days with full batteries of steel cannon. It is also assumed that the Government has in charge two steamers which will be used to transport the necessary artillery for use as transports.

There is an extraordinary activity in Mexico, but as yet nothing has transpired for publicity, although it is easy to understand that the question of Guatemala is what originated the extraordinary activity.

The mobilization of troops at strategic points for an invasion of Guatemala continues daily. Up to date it is known 18,000 troops have been sent out, and the mobilization continues incessantly. It is also known that telegraph orders have been sent for additional rations for the troops on the Guatemala frontier, and it is also well known here that the Government has shown its outwardly secret representative in Washington, secret and delicate instructions relative to the question of Guatemala.

The Mexican Congress is in secret session. The United States has undertaken to play the part of a peacemaker between Mexico and Guatemala to prevent war, if possible. A telegram has been received from the United States suggesting that the two countries agree to submit their differences to arbitration by some friendly nation. This communication from a friendly nation enjoys such intimate and friendly relations with the Government that it is not surprising that the Government should be so ready to accept the suggestion.

Considerable feeling is manifested in this city over the visit to the national arms factory of a member of the Guatemalan Legation in company with the Mexican minister. The Guatemalan minister appeared at the factory without previous arrangement, and without the usual formalities, and without the usual formalities, and without the usual formalities.

The report was that under existing circumstances it would be inconvenient that the diplomats be given admission, and while the commandant was profuse in his apologies the visitors had to go away as ignorant as they came in regard to the operations of Mexico's big killing establishment and the figure it might cut in the near future.

Trials have been given the range cannon as perfected by Senors Mondragon and Perez, two officers of the Mexican army. The improvements are notable and are being quickly made by the fire, accuracy and general effectiveness of the cannon now in use in the army.

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Immediately on landing the forces will be pushed with all possible speed across the country toward the capital, which is only about fifty miles from the coast, and where it is naturally expected, the hard fighting will occur.

At the same time the famed Mexican rural forces will be ready to start from the various points on the border now occupied by Mexican troops and cavalry, sweeping through the country like a whirlwind.

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the coast and northern frontier at the strategic points, and having the forces there is evidently laying to rush in and capture their chief city on the very spot.

Should the Guatemalans destroy the means of subsistence in the track of the invading Mexican divisions, they will be used for foraging purposes, as well as for general fighting when needed.

THE ORIENTAL WAR.

Chinese Peace Envoys on Their Way to Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 25.—Official notice has been received that Chinese Peace Envoys are coming on the steamship Empress of China. They will proceed to Hiroshima by train from Kobe.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.—It is stated here on good authority that the Chinese Peace Envoys will not be received unless they have full powers to propose final terms of peace. Several Japanese warships have gone to sea to intercept steamers expected to arrive shortly off the coast of China with arms, ammunition and other articles classified as contraband of war.

CHINESE LOST ONE HUNDRED MEN.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 25.—An official dispatch says that General Nodza attacked Hai Chen on January 17th, and dispirited there were 8,000 Chinese troops under General Chang on our right and 6,000 under General Tui on our left wing. We found twenty-one Chinese dead after the battle, including two officers. The natives say the Chinese lost over one hundred men.

EARTHQUAKES IN PERSIA.

Two Hundred Buildings Wrecked and Hundreds of Lives Lost.

TEHRAN (Persia), Jan. 25.—Further details received from Kuchan show that the earthquake there on January 17th did more damage and caused greater loss of life than at first reported. Over 200 were killed and 200 buildings were wrecked. The town is now said to be completely in ruins.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Further details of the destructive earthquake at Kuchan state that the loss of life was enormous. Most of the victims were crushed to death by falling buildings, but many were burned to death, the ruins in which they were entangled having caught fire. Six hundred were entangled in a mosque, while engaged in prayer. Six hundred other persons were killed in the various baths. The survivors could obtain neither food nor water for some days, the telegraph lines having been destroyed. Many who escaped before the earthquake perished from hunger and exposure.

Severe Storms in Europe.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Severe storms prevail on the coasts of Great Britain, France and Holland. In Scotland the fall of snow has been particularly heavy. A fishing boat belonging to Dunbar with her crew of seven has been lost off the coast of Cornwall with a vessel with a crew of fourteen has gone down.

Violent Scene in the Deputies.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25.—The recent violent quarrels between the Catholics and the Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies culminated to-day in a violent scene, which resulted in the resignation of the President and the suspension of the sitting.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Six Men Killed and Many Others Badly Injured.

MENDOTA (Ill.), Jan. 25.—At 3 P. M. to-day the main buildings of Henning's brewery were wrecked by a boiler explosion. The concussion was so great that every building in the city was badly shaken. The building destroyed was five stories in height, and filled with machinery. The force of the explosion completely demolished the boiler, and badly injured six others.

The killed are: S. S. Seibert, foreman; David Wells, brewer; David Gheer, engineer; Louis DeSbaro, teamster; Henry Bert, laborer; John Kennedy, a welder; and DeKalb.

The injured are: James Love of Chicago, arm broken and head badly cut; a cook, head and face cut; George Parker of Chicago, head cut; F. M. Carpenter, badly hurt; William Long, badly hurt; Henry Varner, badly hurt. The Chicago men and Kennedy of DeKalb had just lately come here, and were engaged in sinking a well near the brewery.

A blinding snowstorm started late to-night, preventing further search for bodies. It is thought that victims will be found in the debris when daylight comes.

The loss to property amounts to over \$100,000. A large number of men are thrown out of work.

It is believed there are several bodies at the bottom of the great heap of brick, mortar and machinery. The work of removing the ruins is progressing slowly, and it will be a day or two before the list of dead will be complete.

When the explosion occurred every building in the city was shaken, and the windows were broken. It was the cause of the confusion.

The dead men are highly respected, and several of them were prominent citizens.

PEARL HARBOR.

Reports of the Preliminary Survey Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Complying with a resolution of the Senate, the acting Secretary of the Navy sent to the body reports of a preliminary survey of Pearl Harbor, commenced last April by Rear-Admiral Irwin, then commanding the Pacific Station, and completed by Rear-Admiral Walker who succeeded him. Rear-Admiral Irwin submits that the requirement of a naval station in the Hawaiian Islands is necessary to give our western coast the walls of live coral is not a point less than 300 feet. The Rear-Admiral promised a further and detailed report.

Accompanying this report is an estimate made by Colonel W. M. Wood submitting a total of \$105,000 as necessary to make a cut 250 feet wide through the bar, with a depth of thirty feet, and to widen the channel through the bar to thirty feet; and of \$85,000, if the cut in the bar is 200 feet wide.

Life is a quarry out of which we are to mold and chisel and complete a character.—Goethe.

ONTARIO BANK ROBBERY.

One of the Participants in the Crime in Jail at Los Angeles.

SOME OF THE STOLEN MONEY INVESTED IN A TOWN LOT.

The Train Agent at Walnut Creek Held Up by Two Masked Men, Who Robbed the Safe of Its Contents.

Believed to Amount to About Fifty Dollars—Blockade Raised on the Shasta Division.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—One of the Ontario bank robbers has been captured and is now in the City Jail. His name is C. B. Barnes, and he has anything but the appearance of a desperate criminal, being dressed in the height of fashion and possessed of polished manners.

The Ontario State Bank was robbed on January 4th by two men, the robbers securing \$4,875. After beating Cashier Ernest Stamm into insensibility and locking up Stamm in the vault, R. P. Sibley, who happened into the bank at this stage of the proceedings, was also the recipient of a severe beating, and was left in an unconscious condition. The robbers then coolly left the bank and drove away.

The officers spent several days and nights looking up clues, but without success. Detective Goodman and Sheriff Nickell of Orange County finally struck a clue, and followed it up to a successful issue, about ten days ago some money was sent to a tough hobo at the City Jail. The act appeared suspicious, and learning that Barnes was on intimate terms with the hobo, the authorities caused his arrest, but he would neither admit nor deny that he was one of the robbers. He stated that he belonged in Austin, Tex., where his father was proprietor of a large grocery house. He also claimed to be related to the Vanderbilts of New York.

His personal belongings were finally located, consisting of two valises stocked with the best quality of gents' clothing, about \$2,000 in gold in his hair had been recently dyed from brick red to black, but he has been positively identified by Cashier Stamm and Mr. Sibley as one of the robbers. Personal livermen also identified Barnes as a man who engaged a rig on the day of the robbery.

Other investigation revealed the fact that Barnes and his pal, who is still at about \$2,000 in gold in his hair had been purchased in clothing and an elegant gold watch. He also invested \$100 in a town lot at Fullerton.

CALIFORNIA ORANGES.

Frost in Southern States Creates a Demand for Our Product.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The recent killing frost in Florida has left the Southern California orange-grower jubilant—not that he rejoices over the misfortune of his brother orchardist in Florida, but because the freeze has created a demand for California oranges unprecedented so early in the season.

Usually there is not much demand for Southern California oranges before the first of March, by which time the Florida crop is cleaned up. This year, however, the demand began two months earlier than usual, on account of the Florida freeze. Orders are pouring in much faster than they can be filled, as the fruit is slow in ripening. The orchards are carefully gone over and the ripe culled and put into boxes rapidly as the weather and other conditions will permit. The recent heavy rains almost entirely suspended shipments, as the ground was too soft to allow teams to go into the orchards. Orders are pouring in much faster than they can be filled, as the fruit is slow in ripening. The orchards are carefully gone over and the ripe culled and put into boxes rapidly as the weather and other conditions will permit.

Orange picking has been resumed all over Southern California within the past few days and many carloads of fruit will be moving by the end of the week. Reliable reports from all districts say the crop was never in better condition. None of the fruit was ripe enough to be injured by the late rain. Not a particle of frost has yet come here, and the southern citrus belt, and it is now regarded too late for danger from that source.

The Co-operative Fruit Exchanges claim to have control of four-fifths of the crop, which is estimated at 6,000 to 7,000 carloads, or 2,000,000 barrels. The exchanges established prices in January which have not been changed to date. The exchanges are offering at \$1.50 per box for navel, and \$1.75 for quality, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 for seedlings.

ROADS OPEN.

Trains Again Running From This City to Tehama via Woodland.

WOODLAND, Jan. 25.—The road is now open from Sacramento to Tehama via Woodland. The first train went through late this afternoon. There was a long delay at the break north of Yolo before a temporary track was laid. The south-bound train was about five hours late. It is probable that trains will also be running on the Knight's Landing branch sooner than was anticipated twenty-four hours ago. All depends upon the amount of filling necessary to be done. Construction trains are at work on both sides.

The water is receding everywhere that place at Knight's Landing. At that place the river now marks 17 feet 11 inches. That is within 7 inches of the high water mark of 1881. It is rumored that the levee is broken between Knight's Landing and Elkhorn, but no particulars have been received.

BLOCKADE RAISED.

SISSON, Jan. 25.—The blockade was raised to-day. The northbound trains which have been snowbound at Dunsuir went north this morning. Trains from the north are expected through to-night. The blockade may exist to-morrow again, if the weather is warm, as considerable snow has accumulated at the last big slide.

CONTRA COSTA ROBBERY.

Train Agent at Walnut Creek Held Up by Masked Men.

WALNUT CREEK (Cal.), Jan. 25.—This evening at about 8 o'clock two masked men, armed with sawed-off shotguns, held up the railroad agent at this place as he was closing up his office preparatory to going to town for his mail. At the points of their guns they compelled him to return to the office, and made him open the safe and give up all the money contained belonging to the railroad company. The agent does not know the exact amount, but thinks it was about \$50. The robbers threatened that if he made any noise they would shoot him on the spot. They compelled him to stay in the office while they made their escape, and they had been gone about ten minutes before he gave the alarm. The whole town is excited, and messengers have been sent out in all directions to look for the robbers.

The two men had been hanging around town for the last two days. One is a short man and the other tall. They were

both poorly dressed, but it is thought that this garb was assumed for purposes of deception.

A BRAVE LADY.

She Succeeds in Landing an All-Round Burglar in Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Gus Griffin, an all-around thief and burglar, is in jail as the result of the bravery of Miss Willetta Robinson. On Thursday Miss Robinson caught Griffin coming out of her mother's