

MR. GLADSTONE NOT WELL.

UNABLE TO BE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE TIME SET FOR ANNOUNCING THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AS TO IRELAND.

LONDON, March 25.—Mr. Gladstone is ill. He caught cold yesterday and was today confined to his room. He suffered from chills and a fever. The attending physicians have forbidden him to go out of the house of Commons to-day. He had appointed to go to the House of Commons to-day. It was generally expected that he would accompany his announcement to-night with a short speech which should intimate the nature of his Irish scheme.

Mr. Gladstone caught his cold last night while away from home. He went to bed at nine o'clock last evening. He was not in bed until ten o'clock. He was then taken with a chill, which increased as the day progressed. The physicians say there is nothing dangerous in the Premier's condition so long as he is not subjected to exposure. The doctors themselves manifest no anxiety about the case.

The Cabinet meeting appointed for to-morrow, following the announcement made by Mr. Gladstone, and it is deemed absolutely essential that Mr. Gladstone be present. For this reason alone, if there was no other, Mr. Andrew Clark would, under no circumstances, permit his distinguished patient to expose himself to the public this evening to the danger of being attacked by a chill.

Mr. Gladstone had hoped up to the last moment that he would be able to attend the meeting. But he would not risk his health for the purpose of attending the meeting. He is now in bed, and his condition is such that his only recourse is to rest.

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THE FIRE RECORD.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF ARSON. KEROSINE OIL, BURNING CANDLES AND KINDLING WOOD FOUND IN A GROCERY.

The grocery in the basement of the five-story tenement-house, No. 528 West Thirty-ninth-st., was not open for business yesterday. John McGrath, an Irishman, who kept the store and lived in rooms in the rear of the building, was taken to East Broadway, N. Y., last night, shortly before 4 p. m., the housekeeper of the adjoining house saw smoke issuing from the grocery and entered an alarm. The door of the grocery was broken open and several policemen of the Twentieth Precinct entered the place. They found the floor of the grocery on fire in one place and they extinguished the flames before the fire spread.

Little damage was done by the fire. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning in the grocery. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning in the grocery.

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A BRIGHT TO CIVILIZATION.

COLORED PEOPLE IN MISSISSIPPI PARALYZED WITH FEAR—EFFECT OF THE CARROLLTON MASSACRE.

WASHINGTON, March 25 (Special).—Letters continue to be received here, giving further details of the recent slaughter of colored men while attending court in Carrollton, Miss. The latest report places the number of killed and those who have died from their wounds at seven. The attention of the President has been directed to the matter by Senator Bruce and ex-Congressman Lynch. They have received many letters from the scene of the slaughter which represent that many colored people, paralyzed by fear at the outrage, fled to the woods and that among these were a number who were wounded. These letters state that it is not of the number of those who were killed, but the number is much larger than was at first reported. The slaughter was committed near the home of Senator Bruce's son. It is said to have been the work of "regulators."

Mr. Bruce and Mr. Lynch, in their interview with the President, stated that the fact that the Government of Mississippi had taken no official action in the premises, and was represented as having intended that the Government should take no official action in the premises, and was represented as having intended that the Government should take no official action in the premises.

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STRIKERS ATTACK A TRAIN.

A RIOT ON THE MISSOURI PACIFIC. FIVE HUNDRED YARDMEN JOIN THE BIG STRIKE.

ST. LOUIS ISOLATED AT LAST—MANIFESTO OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR—TROUBLES EXPLORED TO-DAY. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—The Missouri Pacific Railroad is isolated at last. The freight train this morning, it was manned by 125 policemen, and with the assistance of 100 more in the yards they kept at bay 4,000 men and boys anxious to interfere. The train was followed two miles by the mob, the chase being kept up until it had almost reached the city limits. The police had to threaten the crowd with revolvers to keep it off. The train proceeded without interruption to Pacific, Mo., twenty-five miles west, where a riot occurred. Strikers numbering about 100 blocked the track with bridge timbers piled ten feet high and the train was forced to stop. The regular police had left it in the city limits and only about six special officers in the employ of the company were on guard. When the train stopped the strikers made a dash upon it from both sides of the track. Armed with sticks, they were met with clubs and revolvers. Determinedly they pushed the coupling pins and attempting to withdraw them. But the police held their ground and by a vigorous use of clubs succeeded at last in forcing back the mob. Not a shot was fired, though many fingers seemed ready to press the trigger. Two officers were badly hurt, one striker lost an eye by a blow of a club, and five of his companions were severely wounded. The Sheriff of the county came on the ground soon after the heat of the conflict and removed the blocking timbers, after which the train went on its way unmolested.

Promptly at 3 o'clock this afternoon the whistles of nearly one hundred locomotives in East St. Louis gave simultaneously prolonged shrieks, and all the yardmen, switchmen and shopmen in the employ of the Eastern trunk lines quit work, in response to an order from the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor in session in St. Louis. This action delivers the fatal blow to interstate commerce, and St. Louis is completely isolated to-night as Timbuctoo. The walk-out was so surprising that it was not expected. The strikers, who are now in the city, are now in the city, are now in the city.

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CHALLENGE TO MR. GOULD.

APPEALING AGAINST THE STRIKERS TO STAND FIRM—THEY ARE RECOGNIZED.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—The Executive Board of District Assemblies 101, 17 and 93, Knights of Labor, has issued an address to the Knights of Labor and trades unions throughout North America, intended as a reply to statements made by Jay Gould last night in regard to the strike of the railroad employees of the Southwest. After quoting from the statement of Mr. Gould the sentences saying that the employees upon his roads have presented no grievances to the management, the address says:

"The men are quitting work by the order of St. Louis. This is the first time in the history of the world that a man has ever been so bold as to challenge the Knights of Labor. So far as we are concerned, no grievances or complaints exist. The demands made two weeks ago were amicably adjusted, the switchmen on many of the roads receiving the Chicago scale of wages for which they asked. The switch and yard men who went out number close on 500 men, and a blockade has been declared on the following roads: Vandalia, Indianapolis and St. Louis, Cairo, Quincy, the East St. Louis, Louisville and Nashville, Ohio and Mississippi, Mobile and Ohio, Wabash, belt line owned by the Wiggins Ferry Company, and the Illinois and Belleville. Manager Hill, of the Vandalia, said: 'Our men have no grievances and I have heard no complaints about wages.' Manager Parker, of the Cairo Short Line, said: 'The men are quitting work by the order of St. Louis. 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