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THE PORTER'S POLICY.

THE FIRMAN ISSUED AT GRAFTON. (Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.)

At Grafton, Sept. 4.—The morning train brought the leaders of the Democratic party from the city, among whom were Lucas and Hoge, Governor Jackson, Michael Kelly, Sam Woods, D. H. Leonard, W. T. Logan, Judge Morrow, John Bessell and many others. The work of canvassing began, with the dawn, and it was soon discovered that every one had on his own plan and that it would require but little to bring on a bitter fight.

The whole of the day, until two o'clock, was spent in button-holding the representatives of the factions, every one evidently fearing to get down to work. No one dared to submit or discuss a plan of settlement, but contented themselves with trying to find out the feelings of the "other fellow."

At 2 o'clock the State Committee met with closed doors and each of the factions assembled in caucus in different parts of the hotel. It was then that they gave vent to their feelings, with many curses deep, if not loud. The Lucas men finally submitted to the Hoge delegates, the proposition that Hoge and his friends retract all charges that Lucas had visited counties up to the Convention, and all charges of fraud before any plan of settlement would be entertained.

This was promptly rejected. The Hoge faction then demanded that Lucas should retract his letter to C. W. Newlon, published last week, which was rejected. At this point a break seemed inevitable, but the bosses begged, coaxed and prevailed. Finally at 5 o'clock the Lucas men passed a resolution asking the concurrence of the Hoge men that the whole matter be referred to the State Committee to settle as it might seem best.

This proposition Hoge at first refused, but finally agreed to, and the papers were signed. At 7 o'clock the committee adjourned to meet at 8.

Never was the machine more cruelly worked than was done by the Democratic Bosses' committee here to-day. Either the action was dictated by the committee, and no matter how bitter the pill they cursed and swallowed it all the same.

The committee met at eight and required both Hoge and Lucas to withdraw unconditionally, which they did after the usual amount of cursing.

New delegates are to be chosen by the counties to attend a Congressional Convention to be held on the 20th of September, at Piedmont. Hoge and Lucas have obligated themselves to not be candidates before the Convention. It is now anything but a hot season. The Hoge men say they are compelled to eat, and they can't help it.

BARN BURNED.

John G. Jacob's Barn Entirely Destroyed by Fire. (Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.)

WHEELING, September 4.—The barn on the dairy farm of John G. Jacob took fire this morning about half-past six and was entirely consumed. It contained one hundred and seventy bushels of oats, twenty bushels of wheat, twelve tons of hay and nearly all the farming implements. It is not known how the fire originated. The flames were first seen emerging from the roof. This is the second barn that has been burned on the same site, one being burned some four or five years ago. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

Court and Counsel Sparring Over Trial in Hatter's Case. (Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.)

WASHINGTON, September 4.—This morning Mr. Henkle, of the counsel for the defense for the Star route trial, retained his address to the jury. Mr. Henkle called attention to the fact that Postmaster General Key had been called by defense to prove that the policy of the Department had been to expedite the service.

The Court—"And it was ruled out by the Court."

The Court, sternly—"And the Court will arrest your course of remarks on that subject."

The Court—"Now, I shall not interfere with the rights of counsel in addressing a jury, or with the rights of the jury, but when the Court has ruled upon any question I think it is not asking too much of counsel to yield to the Court."

RESOLVED TO STICK TO THE DEMANDS MADE IN JUNE.

The Pittsburgh Conference Votes Against any Compromise and Expresses a Determination to Stand by the Original Demands of the Amalgamated Association. (Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.)

PITTSBURGH, September 4.—The delegates meeting of the First District after a session of four hours and a half reaffirmed the scale of June last. Fifty-eight lodges were represented and one hundred and eighteen ballots were cast. The first vote stood, four for compromise, and one hundred and fourteen for no compromise. A long discussion followed and closed with a secret ballot resulting in unanimously reaffirming the scale. The men in Wilson, Walker & Co.'s blacksmith and bumper shops were requested to quit work at once. The strikers are firmer than at any time since the lockout opened and do not fear that non-union men will be brought in. Wilson, Walker & Co. and Spang, Chalfant & Co. have announced their intention of starting up with non-union men this week. The former firm expects to get its old men at the old scale.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., September 4.—The District meeting of the Amalgamated Association, which has been looked forward to with intense interest by all classes, in hopes that some action would be taken which would result in the settlement of the troubles, was held to-day, and after a protracted session, adjourned this evening, leaving the situation as when the strike was inaugurated on June last. Fifty-eight lodges of the sixty-three were represented by one hundred and sixteen delegates.

When the meeting opened a vote on the question of returning to work at the old scale was taken, and it resulted in 4 for a compromise and 112 for a continuance of the strike. A long discussion then ensued, which finally ended by the association voting unanimously against any compromise and in favor of standing out for the demands as originally made. The question of permitting the bumper and hammer men now at work in Wilson, Walker & Co.'s mills to continue while the strike is in progress was next considered, and they were requested to stop work immediately. The action of the meeting, while not wholly unexpected, is a disappointment and will result in the manufacturers predicting that it will result disastrously to the Amalgamated Association. It is now expected that the mill owners will try the non-union experiment.

A later Associated Press dispatch says: "The first mills to announce their intention of resuming as non-union mills, were the Amalgamated Association have decided to prolong the strike, as Wilson, Walker, Co., and Spang, Chalfant & Co. will start this week and do not anticipate any trouble in getting plenty of men to run their mills."

Collapse of Longshoremen's Strike. Boston, Mass., September 4.—A decided change in the attitude of the longshoremen's strike occurred this morning. The longshoremen who have been employed on the Cunard wharves to the number of forty, gave up the strike and tendered their services to the company at the old prices. In the meantime the officers of the company who were in the habit of bringing the usual complement of men over in a tug boat, found in addition to the one hundred regular men, more than one hundred others, chiefly colored, waiting to be engaged. Many of them were from Baltimore, and had spent some time in prison. The Cunard company engaged as many as they needed, and sent about one hundred to the Warren and other companies, where they probably will be needed owing to expected arrivals. A party of Boston strikers went to East Boston to verify the report that the Cunard men had returned to work, expressed indignation at their course, and declared the Boston society would fight the battle for living wages independent of East Boston.

A LIEGE LADY SENTENCED. Toronto, September 4.—The action of Sir Charles Tupper in dismissing a number of engine-drivers from the Inter-Colonial Railway and threatening all the rest with dismissal unless they sever their connection with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been the chief topic among railway men in Toronto and other parts of Canada since the announcement of the measure. Engine drivers are particularly incensed, and profess to their denunciations of a Government that would set such an example to the country. Many prominent Trade Unionists are incensed at the action with alacrity, as they are fearful of the effect the example is likely to have on corporations and even employees.

Irish Politicians' Strike. DUBLIN, September 4.—The official committee appointed to consider the claims of the police men for the first time to-day, two special constables have been sentenced, one to six months and the other to three months imprisonment for assaulting the military. It is stated that the specials are very unpopular both with the soldiers and police, and that the dismissed constables have invited the mob to attack them. At a meeting of the corporation at Lord Mayor Dawson's it was said that the special constables were simply a target and cause of disturbance.

Accident at Salem, Ohio. SALEM, O., September 4.—Byron L. Smith, agent of the Adams Express Company at this point, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He fired two shots, the first went into the horse and died in a few minutes. He had been in the Verde Valley but a few months, coming from Arizona. On Baxter's right arm was tattooed in Indian ink the name "John Isaac." The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

The Turf Commission. CINCINNATI, September 4.—The Turf Commissioners arrived here Saturday, from Indianapolis, and began to hold their session this afternoon. To-day Messrs. Sampson, Tempest and Scott, representatives of an art-hardware factory here, made arguments in favor of imposing higher rates of duty on imported pottery. They represented that the existing rates are entirely inadequate. Labor being the chief part of the cost of production, say over ninety per cent, and it costing more than double here what it costs in England, they recommended a mixed specific and ad valorem duty. With additional protection, and a feeling of security, the manufacture of the ware would be so improved that the product would be cheapened. Without it, they would be driven to the wall.

Mysterious Drowning. LANOVER, N. H., September 4.—A messenger from Post Mills, Vt., says Dr. O. Dickey, of Worcester, Mass., and Dr. John Marshall, of Lyons, N. H., were drowned in Fair Lee Lake yesterday evening. Just how it happened is not known. When last seen they were driving a pair of horses on the beach and soon after the horses and carriage were found floating in the water.

Aid for John Brown's Widow. CINCINNATI, September 4.—About one thousand dollars have been raised for Mrs. John Brown. It is believed it will amount to \$1,500 in the city.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

A Brave Action—A Narrow Escape from Death. CUMBERLAND, September 4.—Saturday afternoon when No. 14, the west-bound main train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, reached Cumberland, several circumstances conspired to make it a "hazard train," got off to obtain something to eat. The train started without them, and they had to run for it. They all gathered the platforms except one woman, who seized hold of the railing of the platform of the last car, but was unable, owing to the increasing speed of the train to make the platform. She continued clinging along with the train, which was finally checked up somewhat, but the woman was further embarrassed by her feet striking one of the portable steps on the other side of the platform. She was thrown down and dragged along, and the horrified spectators expected every moment to see her dragged beneath the wheels. At this juncture, Railroad Policeman James Birmingham, at the risk of his own life, leaped forward and forcing her to release her hold on the railing, dragged her from the train and on to the platform, her feet narrowly missing the wheels he did so. The train was stopped and the woman got aboard. The officer deserves great credit for the coolness and courage he displayed.

About 8 o'clock Saturday evening as a freight train coming west on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was passing North Branch station the gauge-cogs of one of the cylinders of the engine, Boyer, and the engineer stopped the train, when he found the rod connecting the cocks had struck the head of a man who had been lying on the side of the track with his head against the rail. He was picked up unconscious and brought to this city and attended by the company's physician, Dr. M. A. R. E. Carr. His head was badly cut, but the injury is not serious. The man could not speak any English but it was learned that he was a discharged miner from Eckhart. It is supposed that he was intoxicated when he laid down beside the track.

THE B. & O. AND THE STRIKE. The Cumberland Hoisting Mill Against the Association. CUMBERLAND, September 4.—Master of Machinery Chapman, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, stopped at this city Saturday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, and gave orders for the discharge of every man who, at the resumption of work adheres to the membership in the Amalgamated Association of Ironworkers.

The mill was to have been started up on single turn to-day, after a two weeks' suspension. The effect of the new order is not known. It is said that 75 or 80 of the 400 men employed in the works are members of the union.

Up to yesterday evening formal notice of the order had not been given to the employees of the mill. It was simply given out that work would not be resumed until they had been investigated, when it was posted this morning, notifying all the men to report to the office during the day. The union men or members of the Amalgamated Association in the morning and the non-union men in the afternoon. In this way it will be ascertained who are union men. Whether or not the mill will start up to-morrow morning cannot be stated. It is understood that the union men will be paid off to-day or to-morrow, and that if any of them apply for re-employment they will be asked the question whether they will belong to the union and the matter of re-employing them will be in the discretion of the superior agent. The latter said last evening that even should a large proportion of the men refuse to leave the union and have work he thought he could replace them without much difficulty.

NEW YORK. Railroad War Threatened by the Nickel Plate Company. New York, September 4.—The Nickel Plate Railway management have decided on an aggressive policy against the Lake Shore, and will demand of it a good share of the Buffalo and Chicago traffic. If not granted, a war will be waged. The indications are for a lively fight and a break in passenger and freight rates. The Seney syndicate give out that this course will be pursued. Railroad officials who have made trips of observation from Chicago over the lines into the North-west and South-west, say that they have seen in the latter a decided disposition to meet the Nickel Plate on equal terms. The observations are for a lively fight and a break in passenger and freight rates. The Seney syndicate give out that this course will be pursued. 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