

BIG PLANTS WILL CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Thousands of Eastern Laborers to Lose Employment.

Steel Corporation Threatens to Shut Down Its Works.

Strikes Causing Delay in Building Construction Decrease the Demand for Material.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23.—The United States Steel Corporation may close all its sheet steel plants in the near future unless the Amalgamated Association will consent to a recommendation under the same plan as was agreed upon last fall. The reason for this attitude is an overstocked market and the dullness of trade at this time of year.

The Chronicle-Telegraph says it has learned to-day that a movement is on to curtail the production of pig iron beginning October 1. A falling off in the demand for pig iron is an indication of a falling off in the demand for finished iron and steel products.

LEBANON, Pa., Sept. 23.—Vice-President Buckingham of the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co. has authorized the statement that the furnaces here and at Cornwall, Pa., will be blown out in a few days, throwing out 2000 workmen. He said the company had too much iron on hand. Buckingham said further that the building trades strikes, causing delay in the construction of new buildings, had helped to necessitate the suspension, which might continue.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—All collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, the corporation which owns all of the anthracite coal mines controlled by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, will be closed on Saturday and Monday of next week. This is the first important closing of mines since the end of the anthracite strike eleven months ago and is significant as an indication that the supply of coal has once more reached a point commensurate with the demand at this time. Absolute dearth is made that there is over production or that coal in any quantity is being stored by any of the companies that predominate the New York market. The demand in the West remains somewhat in excess of the supply of coal since where coal in quantity is being stored in Philadelphia, which is supplied by the Reading. With the exception of the Lehigh Valley, none of the other great companies with headquarters in New York will close all collieries this week.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 23.—Notices have been posted at all the collieries of the Delaware and Hudson Canal and Coal Company to the effect that the miners will hereafter work five hours each day until further notice, instead of nine hours as heretofore. The order came as a surprise to the thousands of employees.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—All the Minneapolis flouring mills were closed indefinitely last night at midnight. At that hour all the men quit work except a few who remained a few minutes to allow the rolls to run clean. There was no disorder of any sort. Most of the mills have notices posted to the effect that the "time" of all the men who quit work will be ready for them to-morrow morning, and that all the men who quit work for duty may consider themselves discharged. The strike involves about 1700 men.

NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING ELECTROCUTED

William L. Wells of San Francisco Runs Into a Live Wire at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 23.—William L. Wells of San Francisco had a narrow escape from electrocution by a broken trolley wire at Delmas avenue and San Carlos street late to-night. The wire had fallen to the ground and was crossing the street, ran into it. His left side was badly burned and he was thrown violently to the ground by the shock. It is thought he received a couple of thousand volts.

Railroad is Nearing Completion.

PHOENIX, A. T., Sept. 23.—General Superintendent W. A. Drake of the Phoenix and Eastern Railroad announces that the road will be completed from here to Florence and trains running some time in December. Structural steel for the bridge over the Salt River at Tempe to replace the present temporary wooden bridge is now en route and work upon the steel bridge will begin in a few days.

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FORGER BURKE STEEL LARGE

Authorities Unable to Locate Desperate Jail Breaker.

Believe That He Is Hiding in the Dense Brush Near Stevenson.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

STEVENSON, Wash., Sept. 23.—A desperate man without a hat is the quest of Sheriff Totton of Skamania County, Wash. That man is J. H. Burke, the jail breaker and forger, who, after a daring escape from Totton and a hand-to-hand encounter with the halfbreed, Frank Schrock, is now supposed to be hiding in the dense brush between Stevenson and Lower Cascades, Wash. The woods between Washburn and Le Comas have been searched by the Sheriff's posse without finding a trace of Burke.

Either in the fight with Schrock or soon after Burke lost his hat, and thus far has been unable to get another by entering any of the houses along the roads. How Burke has subsisted during the three days he has been in the woods is a mystery. He has appeared nowhere in search of food and, unless he has found some hidden store of which the Sheriff has no knowledge, he is slowly starving to death, while the minions of the law are hot upon his trail.

Sheriff Totton returning to Stevenson organized an additional posse. He has received word that Burke is expecting to find in the mill in the Stevenson post-office a money order addressed to George Ray, the alias which he has selected since breaking jail in Hillsboro, Or. Close watch will be kept upon the post-office in Stevenson.

The men who are after the escaped forger are convinced that, armed as he is with gun and revolver, taken from Schrock, he will make a desperate resistance. They are prepared to cope with him and if necessary will shoot to kill.

There is a reward of \$100 offered for his capture by anyone who can furnish those name Burke used with good success in drawing money from people along the route of his travels.

UNITED STATES MAIL MESSENGER IN TROUBLE

Package Containing a Shirt Is Stolen and the Theft Is Traced to Him.

FRESNO, Sept. 23.—Thomas H. Trospen, a United States mail messenger, was arrested here to-day by Deputy United States Marshal Timmins, on a charge of embezzling a package from the mail. The charge was brought against him by Deputy Postoffice Inspector T. J. Hare. Trospen was taken before United States Court Commissioner Lanning, to whom he made a complete confession. The package stolen by Trospen was of small value, merely containing a shirt, but the theory is held that he took it believing it contained something of greater value. The theft was traced to him by the discovery of the shirt in a bundle of his clothing at a laundry. He was admitted to \$1000 bail. The crime is punishable by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years.

FEELS NO BAD EFFECTS FROM HIS LONG SLUMBER

W. H. Stibings Awakens From the Sleep Which He Entered Upon Last Friday.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 23.—W. H. Stibings awakened this afternoon from the sleep which he entered upon last Friday morning. He feels no bad effects save that he is still quite drowsy and has severe pains in the left side of his head which, however, yield to treatment. He remembers nothing of what happened since he went to sleep though his nurses have been able more easily to make him take nourishment this time than ever before. On the two previous occasions he awakened very weak and lost weight while he slept, but this time he feels quite strong and will be able to return to work within a day or two. He thinks that he has passed the present sleepy period. It is his third sleep and both of the former ones were longer.

Burglar Sticks in Pantry Window.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23.—Because he was too fat, an unknown burglar stuck in the window while endeavoring to enter the residence of Mrs. M. Powell last night. The noise he made while endeavoring to extricate himself aroused the women inmates of the house who screamed for help. Mrs. Powell ran to a neighbor's house to give the alarm and her daughters went into the basement in search of some weapon. As two men arrived on the scene, the burglar managed to wriggle loose, fell inside the pantry, ran out of the front door and escaped.

Fire Sweeps Over Marsh Lands.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Sept. 23.—The lower Caucasian marsh, about thirty miles north of Lakeview, has been burning for the past three days and about five thousand tons of hay have been destroyed so far. All of the Horeford Brand and all of that owned by the Brattains in that vicinity has already been destroyed and the fire is now rapidly consuming the remainder of the marsh, which belongs to the E. H. Huggin Company of Sacramento. Ten thousand cattle would have been wintered in this marsh.

Object to the Proposed Railway.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 23.—A number of residents along the route of the San Jose and Los Gatos interurban electric railway in the city limits are preparing to contest the building of that road under the franchise granted by the city. The City Council, President Best and Manager Granger of that road have been served with a notice by Charles Foerster to that effect. Manager Granger states no attention will be paid to the notice. The property owners claim the road will depreciate the value of their property.

Kunzite Mine for Sale.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 23.—Frank A. Salmons, the owner of the Pala Chief gem mine in which he discovered the crystal first known as salomonte and later named kunzite after the eminent authority on gems, Professor Kunz of New York and Washington, will leave for the East in a few days. It is understood that he goes for the purpose of disposing of the mine. It is owned by himself and three others and he goes armed with an option on the other three-fourths interests.

Sophomores Adopt a Novel Hat.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the sophomore class to-day a unique innovation was introduced into the college custom of a distinctive headwear for the different classes. The headwear adopted by the sophomores is a red Turkish fez mounted with a white tassel. The new insignia will be worn by all members of the class, both men and women, who will make their initial appearance in tezes on a near-by date.

GREAT ABILITY STRIKE AVERD

Officials and Brotherhoods Make Mutual Concessions.

Chiefs of the Labor Orders Successfully Conduct Negotiations.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 23.—The controversy between the engineers and firemen and the Great Northern Railroad was amicably settled to-night. Neither the company officials nor the grand officers of the two brotherhoods would state just what the terms of agreement were, but it is known that each side made some concessions. The firemen understood to have been granted a slight increase in wages bringing their schedule to a parity with those of the various other transcontinental lines. No increase in Hill territory has been granted, but numerous minor changes were made in the working rules.

The controversy, which at one time threatened to take on a most serious character, was brought to a close by a series of conferences which began yesterday and ended to-night. The grievance committee of the two brotherhoods had been in St. Paul in conference with the officials for several days. It is said that nearly every concession asked for by the committee was at one time granted by the general officers and a tentative agreement was reached which was then referred to President Hill. He referred the subject back to the general officers and they at once withdrew their consent to the concessions previously granted. This greatly incensed the men and it looked for a time as though a poll of the local unions would be taken as to whether or not there should be a strike.

Grand Chief W. F. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Grand Chief Hanahan of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen were summoned to St. Paul to take charge of the negotiations. Another conference was asked of the company officials and was granted. After this conference Stone said that the company showed a disposition to meet the men in a spirit of fairness and that a peaceful settlement was probable. The conference was continued throughout the day and to-night an agreement was signed by the company officials and the committee representing the men.

DELEGATE PARKS SEATED.

Action of President Buchanan is Directly Repudiated.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 23.—After being in session behind closed doors since early this morning the convention of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers at 10 o'clock to-day voted in favor of seating Samuel Parks and the other delegates from local union No. 2 of New York. There were but three votes cast against Parks and his friends. These were the ballots of President Buchanan, the Kansas City delegate and one other. The Parks delegation is a decided victory for Parks, as it reinstates him and local No. 2 of New York, of which he is the business agent, and directly repudiates the action of President Buchanan in suspending it. The Parks delegations will now have seats on the floor, and the supposedly regular New York delegates are out of it.

Mine Workers in Convention.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 23.—The annual convention of district No. 15, United Mine Workers of America, which includes Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, opened here this morning. A number of the delegates had not arrived and little work was done. The miners are asking a higher wage scale, an eight-hour day, no discrimination against members of the United Mine Workers, a bi-weekly pay day and reforms in the system of weighing. The sentiment of the delegates seems to be in favor of a peaceful settlement if possible.

Labor Troubles in Ophir End.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Sept. 23.—Manager Henry Buckley of the Silver Bell mine granted his mill men an eight hour day and three shifts will be employed in the mill. Captain Davidson, manager of the Caribou-Montezuma, also granted an eight hour day. This practically settles the labor troubles in Ophir, with the exception of the Butcher-Criddle mine, whose manager, J. S. Keating, refused to treat with the union.

Support for Marble Workers.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Sixty unions, having a membership of nearly 50,000, affiliated with the Building Trades Council, will, according to Secretary Deusch of the council, support the Marble Workers' Union against the effort of the National Marble Dealers to maintain "open shops."

Liquor-Crazed Seaman Kills Himself at Napa.

Captain Edwards of the lumber schooner Robbie Hunter of Napa shot himself through the brain with a pistol this morning at the Hatt lumber yards.

Support for Marble Workers.

EDWARDS was 40 years of age. He was a member of Templar Lodge, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco. Members of his crew state that he had been contemplating suicide for some time.

Citizens Threaten Vengeance.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 23.—Deputy Sheriff Snow was called to Durkee this afternoon to arrest Charles Rittner, a saloon-keeper, upon the charge of having assaulted the 13-year-old daughter of Robert McAulay, a hotel proprietor. It is stated that the crime was committed several days ago. The little girl's condition following this had been satisfactory. Citizens started out to wreak vengeance upon Rittner. Rittner was warned in time to flee.

The people of London use gas for fuel, heat and light almost to the exclusion of all other material, and Americans are rapidly following this lead with satisfactory results. If you are in doubt what you want consult the gas company. You will find their advice good.

POTENT X-RAY CURES EPILEPSY

Patient Under Treatment Makes Rapid Progress.

Malady of Six Years' Standing Is Gradually Disappearing.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—For the first time in this country and probably in the world, epilepsy, heretofore considered an incurable disease, is being successfully treated by the application of the X-ray. At the Post Graduate Hospital, in the electro therapeutic department, Dr. J. H. Branch of West Eighty-Seventh street has had an epileptic patient under treatment for several months. While too conservative to declare the X-ray treatment to afford a certain cure until he has had the patient a longer time under his observation, he is at least convinced that it is by far the most successful treatment yet attempted.

Miss Elsie Winkler, 15 years old, who lives with her parents at 308 East 106th street, has been subject to epileptic attacks sometimes as often as twice a day ever since she was ten years old. At that time she had a severe attack of diphtheria. Her right arm became partly paralyzed and epilepsy soon developed. Until she began to receive the X-ray treatment, bromides and other remedies failed to relieve her. The bromides upset her system to such an extent that her face became covered by an eruption and her general health was rapidly failing.

DIMMICK'S MOTHER THINKS DENTIST WAS MURDERED

Inquest Into Cause of Young Man's Death Is Begun by Coroner Curry.

OAKLAND, Sept. 23.—The inquest to determine the cause of the death of Dr. Edwin F. Dimmick of Oakland, who was found dead in the Contra Costa hills, was begun at Martinez this morning at 11:30 o'clock by Coroner Curry.

There were present from Oakland Mrs. Dimmick, his sister; Lillian Dimmick, his wife; Mrs. Edwin Dimmick, the widow of the deceased, together with Edward Troy and Frank Britton, who were in the company of Dimmick on his trip to the hills.

The mother was the first witness. She testified that she believed her son had been foully dealt with, but had no knowledge of the fact. All she knew of the circumstances was what she had read in the papers and what she had been told. She had reason, however, to believe, she said, that her son's life was in danger, because her son had told her that Stella Walker, or Florence Welch, the woman who now claims to be the widow, had once stabbed him and that her son stated at that time that Stella "would get him yet."

"It has been stated that my son was a habitual drunkard," said the mother. "If so he could not have attended to business as he did. He was in his right mind as far as I could see. If he was crazy it was because of what they gave him in camp. He was not addicted to opium." The case was continued until 1:30 o'clock.

Want Seniors to Control.

BERKELEY, Sept. 23.—After a conference lasting until midnight the student affairs committee of the University of California to-night decided to turn over to the senior class the control of all matters relating to the student body, provided the seniors shall accept the duty. The student body will decide at a meeting to be held Friday.

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Other furniture pieces of this character are here also. Among the lot are round and square dining tables, which go nicely with the chairs described above.

BATTING ON THE SOIL OF BULGARIA

Insurgents and Turks in Combat Near Frontier.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Moslem Force, Supported by Artillery, Suffers Heavily.

Macedonians Capture Commander of a Turkish Division in the Engagement at Meirik.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Dubnitz, dated September 23, says heavy fighting has been proceeding near the village of Mishino, in the district of Kotchang, five miles over the Bulgarian border. The insurgents numbered 250, under Captains Trenoff and Tchernoff, the latter being the man who captured Miss Stone, the American missionary. The Turkish force, which consisted of ten battalions, with artillery, suffered considerably. The insurgents sent couriers for immediate reinforcements.

The insurgents have completely routed the Turks at Meirik and have captured many of them, including the commander of a Turkish division, who is being kept a prisoner. Many Turks were killed. The 'Times' correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that there is excellent authority for believing that the Austro-Hungarian Government has abandoned all intention of reviving or extending the Austro-Russian programme of Macedonian reform. This decision, he says, is probably influenced by the German Chancellor, Count von Bulow.

CLIMAX DRAWING NEAR.

Turco-Bulgarian Relations Becoming More Strained.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 23.—The relations between Turkey and Bulgaria are daily becoming more strained. Rumors are current of a crisis at Yildiz Kiosk and that the Grand Viziership has been offered to Said Pasha, who was unceremoniously dismissed last year, but that he declines to again take the office unless he is authorized to declare war on Bulgaria, which the Sultan hesitates to do.

As one of the results of the numerous Cabinet councils at the Yildiz Kiosk the transfer of thirty-two battalions from Monastir to Adrianople has been ordered and 200 young officers have gone to Salonica and Adrianople to complete the commissions in the army in Roumelia. These movements are regarded as war preparations against an expected attack. The military commission is practically in permanent session.

PEACE OUTLOOK GLOOMY.

Macedonian Sympathizers are Urging Bulgaria to War.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Sept. 23.—A less hopeful feeling prevails to-day in Government circles regarding the general situation, although no actual change is reported. The events of the next two days are awaited with great anxiety and popular feeling is becoming more excited. A largely attended meeting of Macedonian sympathizers held at Rustchuk, Bulgaria, on September 22, adopted resolutions appealing to the Bulgarian Government to declare war on Turkey immediately.

In revolutionary circles war is believed to be imminent unless Turks cease massacring the Christians. Dr. Christo Tatarschiff, president of the Macedonian organizations, says that the insurgent committees attach no significance to the reported negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria, because similar negotiations were discussed in 1897 and later in 1899 and

SUTTON RETURNS FOR SENTENCE

Pleads Guilty to Charge of Conspiracy and Is Fined.

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 23.—Colonel E. R. Sutton, former regent of the State University and prominent in Michigan Republican politics during Governor Finney's administration, who has returned from Mexico to plead guilty to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State by means of the notorious military clothing deal, arrived here to-day from Sodus, N. Y., and went to the Circuit Court, where after a hearing he pleaded guilty. The court, desiring a conference with Sutton, adjourned the hearing until this afternoon.

After spending the afternoon closeted with Judge Wiest, Sutton came into court just before 6 o'clock to receive his sentence. Judge Wiest gave him a severe scolding and then imposed a fine of \$2000, which Sutton immediately paid.

It is understood that Sutton, during the time he was closeted with Judge Wiest, Prosecutor McArthur also being present, related everything within his knowledge in regard to the alleged attempts at jury bribing in this county at the time of his first trial. His statements were taken down by a court stenographer and were sworn to by Sutton, a fine of \$2000 is the amount paid by the other men implicated in the military supplies deal. When Sutton left the city to-night he declared that he was now free to come and go as he pleased, indicating that he is assured he will not be prosecuted on the charge of perjury.

Referring to the details of the proposed arrangement, Dr. Tatarschiff said there was no guarantee, even if the committee was appointed, that it would ever be more than ornamental. The present village commissions in Macedonia have Bulgarian members, but they are always favorable to the Turks. The president of the Macedonian organizations concluded by declaring that the insurgents would be satisfied with nothing short of intervention by the powers.

Special significance attaches to the Macedonian meeting at Rustchuk because the resolutions adopted are the first open expressions of opinion which the Trades Union Congress and the British and American press for their expressions of sympathy with the Macedonian cause.

Fighting is reported to have taken place near Kotschani, on the frontier, in which the Turks lost fifty men killed and the insurgents suffered a loss of ten. A panic prevails at Kotschani and all business and work is at a standstill. Reports of other minor encounters and more atrocities by the Turks continue to come in.

BRITISH SHIPS TO MOVE.

Battleships Are Ordered to the Island of Crete.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—It is reported that the British battleships Russell, Illustrious and Renown have been ordered from Majorca, Balearic Islands, to Suda Bay, Isle of Crete. It is supposed in connection with the Balkan crisis.

Servian Cabinet Will Resign.

BELGRADE, Servia, Sept. 23.—At King Peter's request the Cabinet will resign to-morrow, but the Ministers will remain in office until the meeting of the Skupshtina.

To Begin Condemnatory Proceedings.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 23.—The Board of Portage Railway Commissioners at a meeting this afternoon instructed the General Crawford to take steps to begin the necessary condemnatory proceedings against the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and such individual property owners along the line of the proposed Dalles-Celilo portage railway, with whom an amicable settlement could not be otherwise obtained to secure a right of way for the road.

Award Contract for New Courthouse.

REDWOOD CITY, Sept. 23.—The Board of Supervisors has accepted the bid of the American and Hawaiian Engineering and Construction Company of \$122,825 for the construction of a new county courthouse at this place. The courthouse will be built according to the plans of Dodge & Doliver, architects, upon the site of the present courthouse. It has been so arranged that the new building will be erected without interfering with the use of the old structure.

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