

SHAFFER'S SCHEME.

He Has a Plan to Bring the Steel Strike to a Close.

Just How This Is to Be Accomplished Is a Mystery—There Was No Attempt to Start the Mills Wednesday.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 22.—President Theodore J. Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, said Wednesday night that he has well defined plans for bringing the great strike to a close. This is to be done by bringing about such a crisis in the differences between the steel corporation and the Amalgamated association as will force a settlement. Just how all this is to be accomplished is a mystery, but it will not be by arbitration or litigation.

In answers to the questions about the numerous stories going the rounds of mediation or arbitration, Mr. Shaffer dismissed all by saying: "We have not heard from the other side; we have not placed anything before them and I know of nobody acting for either side or any side.

"We are not hunting for arbitration. Arbitration representing both sides might be worse than the strike itself. Two willing champions, one for either side, might have a worse fight in choosing a third party and in settling the differences than we in the continuation of the strike.

"I have told the other side that personally, I would consent for disinterested arbitration, in the hands of such public men as Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Potter and Seth Low, although, as I did not as an officer of the association, suggest such a move, I was willing to advise it."

There was no extension of the strike Wednesday, and the steel managers did not attempt to start any more mills. Late in the day, the fires were lighted in the Demmler tin plate works at McKeesport, but the machinery was not started and no attempt was made to operate the plant.

It is believed, however, that the move is preliminary to a start with non-union men. The managers of the company have been preparing for several days to reopen a number of their properties and it is thought that they have decided to act at once. Their Monessen plant is moving ahead uninterruptedly with full crews and their Crescent works at Cleveland has about half the machines in operation. There has been no break in the Carnegie group and the mills that have been started with non-union men since the strike began are going ahead with about the same force of men.

Seven strikers were arrested near the gates of the Pennsylvania Tube works in Soho. When the whistle blew at 5:30 a crowd of about 1,500 gathered to give a warm reception to any workers who might come from the mill. None came, but the crowd became noisy, and the large force of policemen on hand ran the leaders (all foreigners) into the mill and called for the patrol. American Federation officials offered bail for the prisoners who are charged with disorderly conduct, but the magistrate refused to accept it.

MRS. GOV. BECKHAM ILL.

Dr. A. H. Cartledge Expressed Himself as By No Means Hopeful of the Outcome.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 22.—At 8 o'clock Wednesday night the physicians attending Mrs. Beckham gave out the following bulletin: Mrs. Beckham is alarmingly ill; her temperature was 106½, pulse 130 at 1 p. m. Septicemia complicated with nephritis is the cause of her illness. Her condition shows a little improvement at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Beckham is fighting hard. Never once has she lost consciousness, or ceased to trying by smiles and jests to dispel the gloom caused by her illness. The members of her family arrived from Owensboro Wednesday night on a special train. Her mother has been with her all day. Dr. A. M. Cartledge expressed himself as by no means hopeful of the outcome. The physicians, however, put great dependence upon her strong vital and will power.

At midnight the doctors in attendance on Mrs. Beckham stated that her condition was more favorable than at any time during the day. Her temperature was 102¾, and her pulse 110.

Sir Thomas Lipton Arrives.

New York, Aug. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the Shamrock II, challenger for the America's cup, arrived in this city at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. He met with the most cordial American reception, indeed the steamship Teutonic, on which he was a passenger, received one continuous ovation from Sandy Hook to her docks.

After Skilled Glassblowers.

Brussels, Aug. 21.—American agents are busy in Belgium recruiting Belgian glassblowers for service in the United States. Japanese agents are also offering high wages to skilled glassblowers who are willing to go to Japan to introduce the industry there.

Mrs. Nettie S. Chapin Dead.

Marshalltown, Ia., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Nettie Sanford Chapin, a widely known Washington newspaper correspondent and for many years prominent in Iowa W. R. C. and W. C. T. U. circles, is dead, aged 74.

MET WITH SHOTGUNS.

Attempt to Serve Warrants on the Management of the Delmar Track Resticted.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—An attempt on the part of a posse of constables to serve warrants on the management of the Delmar track and the bookmakers doing business thereon, was frustrated Wednesday by Sheriff B. C. Hencken and his deputies, who repulsed the posse with shotguns. Warrants had been sworn out at St. Ferdinand township, near Kinlock Park, before Justice Baker, charging the defendants with keeping a common gambling house. Thirty-three warrants were drawn in all. These were placed in the hands of constables, nearly 40 being in the posse.

At 2 o'clock the posse set out for Delmar. Word was conveyed to the track and the sheriff and his deputies, armed with repeating shotguns, stood themselves near the gate. At the approach of the posse, the sheriff walked into the betting ring and placed all the bookmakers and the management of the track under arrest on a charge of violating the breeders' law. Betting was immediately suspended at all the books.

When the posse approached, the sheriff ordered its members to keep out of the track.

The sheriff had but seven deputies, but these were all armed and the posse withdrew, seeing that attempts to force an entrance might be met with loss of life. Constable Linhard remained outside after his posse had departed, and was allowed to enter the grounds. He was unable to serve his warrants on the sheriff's prisoners, however, discovering that he had left the documents in the care of a member of the posse. When he withdrew Sheriff Hencken released his prisoners and betting proceeded as usual.

C. A. Tilles gave bond Wednesday morning before Judge Clark for the 32 bookmakers for whom warrants were issued in the city Tuesday, while President Adler signed Mr. Tilles' bond. The bonds provided for their appearance at any time before Judge Clark. Their trials will occur early in September.

As a sequel to Wednesday's trouble at Delmar Park, Joseph Graham was shot and probably fatally wounded at 11 o'clock Wednesday night by a party of men headed by John Williams. Graham acted as deputy sheriff at the track Wednesday and the men who attacked him were members of Constable Linhard's posse which failed in its attempt to raid the track.

FRANCE AND TURKEY.

Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Countries Broken by the French Minister.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The foreign office says that M. Constans, French ambassador to Turkey, has broken personally with the sultan, but will give the port a last chance before officially suspending relations between the two countries. France does not wish war, but if the sultan persists in his refusal to settle French demands, a French fleet may be sent to seize an Ottoman port and retain the customs fees until the amount demanded is covered.

London, Aug. 22.—The morning papers Thursday, commenting upon the Franco-Turkey situation, consider that the action of M. Constans was fully justified. They do not anticipate any serious occurrences, believing that the sultan will ultimately yield.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Matin Thursday morning announces that the French second-class cruiser Cassard started for Turkish waters Wednesday and that a naval division is ready to follow.

NICARAGUA AT PEACE.

No Truth in the Report That Gen. Alban and Others Organized an Expedition Against Her.

Mangua, Nicaragua, Aug. 22.—(Via Galveston)—Nothing is known here that would justify the report, circulated in the United States, that Gen. Alban, governor of Panama, Manuel Calderon and others had organized an expedition against Nicaragua and that information regarding the movement had reached President Zelaya.

Nicaragua is in a state of profound peace and President Zelaya is taking a vacation in Granada.

THE MURDERER ESCAPED.

Bill Miller Shot and Killed a Woman and Her Daughter and Mortally Wounded Her Son.

Albany, Ga., Aug. 22.—Bill Miller, a Negro, shot and killed a Negro woman and her daughter and mortally wounded her son on a plantation five miles from Newton, Ga. Miller attempted to persuade the woman's daughter to leave with him and upon her refusal, attempted to kill her family. Miller escaped.

Short Term Bonds.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The secretary of the treasury Wednesday purchased \$1,000,000 short term four per cent. bonds deliverable on the 27th inst. at the price for that day, \$113.237; also \$15,000 fours deliverable Wednesday at \$113.252.

Col. Pettit Badly Injured.

Barron, Wis., Aug. 22.—Col. Pettit, the well-known horseman, while trying to head a runaway team Wednesday, was run over and an arm and leg were broken. He is in a very critical condition.

DROWNED IN A TUNNEL.

Five Laborers Strangled to Death in Hole No. 3 of the Cleveland Water Crib.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 22.—Five more unfortunate crib laborers were strangled in death hole No. 3, as the result of an explosion at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Two others were blown out of the shaft, and 25 more spent the night in a vain attempt to get help from shore. This makes 15 lives that Cleveland's water tunnel has claimed within a week.

At 8 o'clock there came a muffled roar from below, followed by another, louder and sharper. The horror-stricken men on top saw parts of the great steel shaft rise out of the lake and heard the water rush in. They heard the screams of comrades down below, quickly smothered into faint, inarticulate gurgles by the irresistible torrent of water.

A moment later they found two of the men who had been in the middle lock lying unconscious on the crib. They had been blown straight out of the shaft and were, by some strange freak of Providence, almost uninjured.

The steady rush of water into the awful pit below told too plainly the fearful death that was the fate of those poor chaps left below.

Rough signals were improvised to attract help from the city, and the whistles, used in calling the workmen in and out, shrieked all night in vain. Not until Wednesday morning was the signal answered when Manager Brogan, of the Great Lakes Towing Co., sent out the city officials and Dr. Lucas, on one of his tugs at 8 a. m.

The fire boat Clevelander also went out.

Crib No. 3 is the permanent intake crib. Its position is altogether different from that of the temporary cribs. Far below the water line at crib No. 3 several intake pipes pierce the solid concrete which forms the sides of the crib. Through these intakes, when the tunnel is finished, the water will enter it. The inner openings of the intake run into the well in which the shaft has been built. These openings were protected by heavy casing. The explosion destroyed this casing, and the water of the lake poured in.

The shaft can not be pumped out until the outer openings of the intake are closed. To do this it may be necessary to build a coffer dam around the crib, a work of weeks, before the bodies can be recovered.

As to the cause of the explosion, the most plausible theory yet advanced, is that, in lowering a heavy steel rib to the bottom of the shaft, an electric light wire was cut, causing a spark which ignited the gas in the tunnel.

Mayor Johnson has sent to Milwaukee for a civil engineer to come and take charge of further work on the construction of the tunnel.

Judge Dellenbaugh, of the common pleas court, has summoned the grand jury to meet Thursday to inquire into the disaster and place the responsibility.

ADMITTED HIS GUILT.

Luke Hough Hanged Near Wadesboro, N. C., by Enraged Citizens For Criminal Assault.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 22.—Luke Hough, a Negro, was hanged near Wadesboro, N. C. Wednesday night by a crowd of enraged citizens. His body was then riddled with bullets. His crime was criminal assault on Miss Lena Keith. He slipped upon his victim while she slept and broke a chair over her head and then tried to cut her throat. The Negro admitted his guilt.

The Keiths are prominent people and as soon as the crime became known the entire community started in the search. The Negro was found within a few hours after the crime.

WIND AND RAIN STORM.

Buildings Blown Down, Two People Killed and Many Injured at Andarko, O. T.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 22.—A heavy wind and rain storm swept through Andarko about 8 p. m. All the larger buildings in process of construction were blown down, and a large number of tents and smaller houses. Two persons were killed and many injured. The full extent of the damage will not be known for some hours.

Crescues and The Abbot.

Boston, Aug. 22.—Crescues and The Abbot will meet at Charter Oak park, Hartford, Wednesday, September 4. The match was made at Readville. The contract calls for a three in five race with a \$7,000 purse, \$5,000 to the winner and \$2,000 to the loser.

Minister Conger in Peking.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The state department received a dispatch Wednesday from Minister Conger announcing his arrival at Peking.

National Tennis Champion.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 22.—W. A. Larned is now national tennis champion, due to his victory Wednesday over Beals Wright in the final round at Newport by the score of 6-2; 6-8; 6-4; 6-4, and the default of Whitman in the challenge round.

Jack Winters Gets 15 Years.

Martinez, Cal., Aug. 22.—Jack Winters, the man who got away with \$320,000 in gold bullion from the Selby smelting works, and afterward confessed, was sentenced to 15 years at Folsom.

IN A LIVING TOMB.

Two Victims of the Cleveland Water Crib Horror Rescued From a Horrible Death.

Cleveland, Aug. 20.—Adam Kest and Joseph Eugine, two of a dozen or more workmen who were trapped in the water works tunnel 200 feet below the surface of Lake Erie by the burning of crib No. 2 last Wednesday morning, were rescued from their horrible position late Monday afternoon and are now lying semi-conscious at Huron Street hospital, where, with careful nursing, the physicians say, they will soon recover their former strength, and probably be none the worse for their experience.

Shut off from the upper world, the men knew nothing of the catastrophe that killed so many of their comrades and imprisoned them.

When their signal for help, tapped on the air pipe, was at last answered from the crib, Kest and Eugine were preparing to eat raw mule meat.

At the hospital Monday night Eugine and Kest related some of their experiences. They said that they did not know that there had been a fire, and they could not account for their plight, unless some accident had happened which would soon be repaired. As the time passed by, however, and hours lengthened into days, the men were beginning to fear that they were doomed to death either by starvation, suffocation or drowning. Their tapping on the pipe to attract possible attention was done with little hope of its being heard, but fortune favored them, and their presence was realized when a number of men, who were at work repairing the burned crib, heard the faint noise away down underground and immediately set out to rescue the unfortunates.

"We gave up more than once," said Kest. "We lost track of time. I did not know whether it was six days or three. The gas must have made us sleepy. We slept a lot I know. We did not know whether it was day or night down there.

"We tried to get out several times. Each time the gas drove us back. At last we decided that it was get out or die, and we made a try, tapping on the pipe as we went along."

According to the story of these men the first intimation Eugine and Kest had of the fatal Wednesday morning, which saw the crib burned, was the shutting off of the lights. The two men were working far in advance of the gaug, and when the latter made their rush for safety Kest and Eugine were sitting down behind the air lock waiting for the lights to be turned on again. They did not hear the shouts and cries of their fellow prisoners.

A HEAVY LOSS.

The Immense Plant of the American Cigar Co., at Richmond, Va., Destroyed by Fire.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 20.—Fire destroyed what is locally known as the J. Wright Co. plant of the American Cigar Co. here Monday. There were about 400,000 pounds of leaf tobacco in the building owned by the American Cigar Co., and this, with the machinery it is estimated, was worth \$115,000.

The building, an immense structure covering 19,200 square feet, was owned by the Continental Tobacco Co. It was five stories high, built entirely of brick. A conservative estimate of its value is given as \$60,000. It was completely destroyed. The total loss is placed at about \$200,000; insurance \$112,000.

RUSSIAN BARK NEPTUNE.

It Is Feared the Vessel Was Lost in the Recent Storm—Wreckage Picked Up.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 20.—It is feared that the Russian bark Neptune, Capt. Zattkoff, which sailed from here August 10 for Montevideo, was lost in the recent storm. The foundation for this fear is the fact that pieces of the stern of a vessel with the name "Neptune" were picked up Monday on the outer beach of Santa Rosa Island, several miles out. Wm. Idmixon, ex-pilot, of this city, was a passenger on the Neptune.

One Man Killed and 16 Injured.

Junction City, Kan., Aug. 20.—One man was killed outright and 16 others injured, some perhaps fatally, while at target practice a half mile north of here Monday by the premature explosion of a projectile being loaded into a seven-inch gun. The men were stationed at Fort Riley, near here. The men belonged to Siege Battery O, and were under command of Capt. Vandusen.

Shot by a Girl.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 20.—Miss Ola Neff, 18 years old, daughter of Hotel Proprietor Neff, of Rural Retreat, Monday shot J. J. Woxelbaum, a Macon, Ga., produce buyer, in the left breast with a 28-caliber rifle ball, because, she alleges, he accosted her on the street. The wound is not serious.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Monday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$178,176,280; gold, \$102,777,021.

Chinese Court in No Hurry.

Peking, Aug. 20.—Emperor Kwang Hsu has issued a decree postponing the return of the court to Peking until September 6, because of reports by the provincial authorities that the roads are impassable.



THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

English Expert Says Its Advantages Over Horses Are Too Great to Be Ignored Longer.

Hon. Charles Rolls, one of the foremost automobilists in England, recently delivered a lecture in London concerning the advantage of the motor car over horses. The principal advantages, he explained, were less wear and tear upon the roads, better steering, more room for traffic, owing to the small amount of space the motor car occupies, and cheaper transportation. A ton of goods can be transported in England for 40 miles for less than \$1.50. He also anticipated that the more universal utilization of motor vehicles would result in an improvement of the breed of horses, since several horses would be relieved from traction for which they were neither suited nor intended by nature. For military purposes the motor car was vastly superior in the transport department. This fact was shown in the present war in South Africa. There was one machine plying between Commando Nek and Pretoria, a distance of about 26 miles, which accomplished the work for \$18 that had previous to its introduction cost \$1,200, and also did the same amount of work that 960 team oxen could perform, and did not require replacing every six weeks, as was the case with animals. The introduction of motors for transport purposes in war would be much more economical, as this instance proves, besides obviating a tremendous amount of awful suffering on the part of dumb animals.

THE BIGGEST BICYCLE.

It Is a Unique Piece of Machinery, Constructed Especially for Exhibition Purposes.

Karl Jatho, the famous German trick bicycle rider, has invented a new bicycle upon which he and his sister have already given a number of performances in public. The gigantic machine has two wheels, of which the drive wheel has a diameter of about 8½ feet, while the other, which is in front, is of ordinary size. The framework of the large bicycle is so arranged that it supports two seats, one



UNIQUE MONSTER BICYCLE.

on each side of the drive wheel. The latter is turned by a double system of driving gear worked by pedals on each side of the large wheel. Each rider is supplied with a steering rod with handle bars, which work in sympathy with one another. At every revolution the drive wheel covers a distance of about 25 feet. The tire of the drive wheel, which is the largest in the world, was made to order.

Rome Is Automobile Mad.

Automobiles in Rome has assumed the condition of a veritable craze, although the way it is carried on in the Italian city makes it appear that there is no sport quite so dangerous to life and limb. It makes the onlookers' blood run cold to see a motor car go whizzing by in a little street so narrow that there is no sidewalk, or passing the opening of a side street full of cabs and bicycles, with no more apparent caution than if in the open country. There have been several bad accidents, but they have no appreciable effect on either driver or the public. The post office has taken up the self-propelled vehicles and will use them for the carriage of letters—that is, to convey the postman to distant points, and in this way it is expected that the delivery will be much more expeditious. An additional impetus was given to the craze by the recent visit to Rome of about 50 motor cars on their way south. To the great joy of the local manufacturers, all bore witness to the fact that the Italian vehicles are the strongest and most satisfactory for long trips, being light, durable and comfortable.

Autos in Wheat Fields.

In the immense California wheat fields the modern steam automobiles have cheapened the cost of harvesting wheat so that the grain can be raised there at less actual cost than in the Argentine republic, where farm labor may be hired for only a fraction of a dollar per day. These large autos of the California wheat fields are of 50 horse-power and are provided with driving wheels 60 inches in diameter. They are made to do the plowing, planting and harvesting at the proper season. In the spring they drag across the immense wheat fields 16 ten-inch plows, four six-foot harrows and a press drill for planting the seed wheat. In this way one such machine performs the triple work of plowing, harrowing and planting all in one operation.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

He Likes Bicycles and Other European and American Inventions of Every Description.

The sultan of Morocco, Abdul Aziz, whose embassy to King Edward recently reached London, is a young man, and in spite of the seclusion in which he has been brought up, is well informed, as information goes, in his part of the world. He has no education of the western kind, but according to a writer in the London Daily Mail, is exceedingly interested in London, and would give anything he possesses to be able to spend a short time in the world's metropolis.

He is exceedingly fond of western toys, and has a bicycle which he rides easily and from which he ap-



THE SULTAN AND HIS WHEEL.

pears to derive great pleasure. His latest hobby is photography, and he has learned to focus properly, to judge distance and even develop and print.

The cinematograph has found its way to the far-off Moorish court. Nothing that Europe or America has since invented has given the sultan more pleasure than the cinematograph. He has had films of nearly every pageant and principal event that has taken place since the process was discovered revealed before him, and has gone into ecstasies of delight over them. The pictures of the late queen's diamond jubilee procession interested him perhaps more keenly than anything else. At those he is never tired of looking.

It is these things more than anything else that have aroused in him a passionate desire to visit London. He longs to get away from the dull monotony of his court and to see the wonders of the western world. But he knows that under the present regime it is impossible. His preference for articles of American and English manufacture is marked, and his ideas along this line are said to have caused great uneasiness among the French, who insist on trying to gain his favor.

SAILS ON BICYCLES.

A South African Sport Which Has Been Introduced Into England with Great Success.

Sails have been used on boats since time immemorial. They have been used on wagons by parties crossing great stretches of open country, they have been used by skaters, and a terrific rate of speed thus secured, but it has remained for two men in Africa to use sails on their bicycles. The man who first tried this combination is T. G. Smith, a citizen of Bloemfontein. He first used a very small sail, which he fastened to his bicycle by means of a strip of wood projecting in front of the handle bars. This he found to be satisfactory, and he strengthened the support by projecting the lines of his bicycle frame until they met at an acute angle a foot or more in front of the machine, between the handle bar and the front wheel. The base of this angle was formed by the short front strip of the frame into which the handle bar fits. At the point of the angle where the two projections joined he placed his sail, a short mast supporting the small balloon sail.

When Mr. Smith had proved the practicability and charm of bicycle sailing his friends and neighbors took it up and enlarged upon his idea, making their sails to suit their fancy and convenience. So popular had this form of sport become just before the outbreak of the English-Boer war that the sailors were known as the Free State navy and every day found them out in squadrons maneuvering in elaborate arrays.

It is now announced that the sport will be taken up in England, where bicycling is the rage, and there is no reason why American boys and girls should not find it good fun. A small sail should be used by the beginner, as there is danger that the machine may become uncontrollable with too expansive a canvas.

Where to Carry a Camera.

The best method of carrying a camera is a never failing source of debate among wheelmen who like to take photographs while on their summer tours. Almost every part of the bicycle where a camera can be placed has been recommended. A careful study of the question by the entire membership of a large photographic society resulted in the unanimous opinion that there is but one place to carry a kodak on a wheel, and that is on the rear fork of the machine directly under the saddle; the proper place for the tripod being along the upper tube of the frame. Many attempts have been made to carry the camera on the head of the machine or attached to the handle bars. This has two serious disadvantages—the vibration is the greatest at this point, and too much of a load carried on the head throws the bicycle out of balance and causes difficulty in steering.