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## BIG STRIKE THREATENED

### Wage Dispute is the Subject of a Conference Today in New York

### 82,000 MEN ARE INVOLVED

#### Unions of Railroad Trainmen and Conductors Hope to Force Arbitration, as Was Done by the Firemen Under the Erdman Act.

NEW YORK, July 8.—The wage dispute between the order of railway trainmen and the order of railway conductors on the one hand and 51 eastern railroads on the other took the form of a conference today, at which the union leaders were to announce the result of the strike vote recently taken among 82,000 men involved. It was conceded before the meeting that the vote would be overwhelmingly for a strike, but this does not necessarily mean that a walkout will follow, as the unions hope to force arbitration under the Erdman act, as was done by the firemen. To this proposal the roads strenuously objected, and it is not known what middle ground can be reached, unless Congress promptly amends the Erdman law increasing the board to six members. Both sides have endorsed such a bill as superior to the present board of three, which places the responsibility on the shoulders of the third or neutral member.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Later—Ninety-four per cent of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the order of railway conductors out of over 76,000 participating in the strike vote, in the wage dispute with 51 eastern railroads, are in favor of a strike. These figures were announced late today at a joint meeting of the union representatives and the committee of railroad managers.

## THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight, Fair and Warmer Wednesday.

JULY 8.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight, warmer in interior; Wednesday, fair and warmer; light to moderate variable winds.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED—For prompt delivery 8, 9, 10, 14 and 16 foot Hemlock logs. Will pay \$16 per thousand in the log at our mill. Holden & Martin. 52-1f

### For Sale

FOR SALE—Pair horses, price \$200, good workers. Charles Miner. 96-1f  
FOR SALE—Furniture and Ranges, new and second hand at J. B. Danton's. 97-1f  
FOR SALE—Carriage, one-horse sled, cultivator. O. B. Hughes, Adm. 105-1f  
FOR SALE—18 foot motor boat 4 1/2 h.p. engine. Benjamin Akley, 70 Elliot St. 102-112\*  
FOR SALE—Second-hand blue flame stove, 3 burner; half price; 10 Grove St. 108-109\*  
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## FIGHTING RENEWED IN COAL FIELDS

### Miners Who Refused to Strike Fired Upon — Sheriff Called Upon Governor for Advice.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 8.—Hostilities were renewed in the Cabin Creek coal fields yesterday.

According to reports received by Sheriff Bonner Hill last night, the shooting began when a number of miners came from the mouth of the mine. A strike was declared by the union on Cabin Creek two weeks ago, but according to Superintendent Henry Davis of the Cabin Creek Consolidated company's mine at Ohley, about 49 of the miners refused to obey the strike call and continued at work. When these men came out of the mine last evening they were fired upon. A male was killed and two miners are missing.

When the working miners scattered the attacking force came down from the mountainside and started a big motor down the incline. It ran into the body of the mine and was derailed. Deputy Sheriff Trowbridge arrived at Ohley late last night and reported to Sheriff Hill that the shots could still be heard.

Sheriff Hill called on Governor Hatfield for advice. "Notify the judges of the circuit and intermediate courts," said the governor, "after they have investigated the situation and if they find they are unable to cope with the situation, then I will be ready to act." Shooting was also reported at other points along Cabin Creek last night.

## LOSS UPWARD OF \$100,000

### Clark Biscuit Factory in North Adams Burned—Deputy Hoesley Stricken with a Shock.

NORTH ADAMS, July 8.—Grease trickling down a chimney flue into the boiler room of the H. W. Clark Biscuit factory last night started a fire that destroyed the factory and three tenements nearby, causing a loss of upwards of \$100,000. Several other houses were badly damaged.

The fire was discovered by the watchman of the plant, who attempted to fight it with the factory equipment. Finding the flames getting beyond his control, he turned in an alarm. In responding to the first alarm, Deputy Chief Hoesley E. Hoesley, driving a hose wagon, was stricken with an apoplectic shock, and fell to the ground. The horses ran away through a crowd of people and many narrowly escaped serious injury. The deputy chief was taken to the hospital in a critical condition. Lines of hose were carried across the Hoosac river to fight the flames.

## Special Notices

IDEAL FIRELESS COOKER sold by Frank R. Dye. Tel. 323-R. 58-1f  
FURS repaired and made. Hours 9 to 4. Mrs. E. E. Holmes, 27 Green St. Tel. 10. 27-1f  
SEWING Machine Needles and supplies for all makes of machines at J. B. Danton's, 16 Flat St.  
H. T. DOWLEY & CO., Painting and paperhanging, old furniture repaired and refinished. Tel. 323-X. 55-1f  
S. Zar, 78 Elliot, buys rags, metals, rubbers, papers; cash, trade. Best prices. Mail card; I will call. Tel. 209-W. 1-1f  
HIGHEST cash prices paid for rags, rubbers, metals, hides, skins and bones. Geo. Gaas, 22 Flat St. Tel. office 576-M.

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TO RENT—Tenement. Box 717. 96-1f  
TO RENT—Tenement. W. H. Fletcher. 108-1f  
TO RENT—Tenement 24 Prospect St. 105-110\*  
TO RENT—Rooms, 4 Canal St. The Palms. 106-1f  
TO RENT—Furnished rooms; 96 Elliot St. 107-110\*  
TO RENT—Room, gas and bath; 7 Harris place. 107-1f  
TO RENT—Five-room tenement. Inquire 6 Prospect St. 98-1f  
TO RENT—Furnished room, 5 Main St. Mrs. H. B. Willis. 108-1f  
TO RENT—Three-room tenement near Main St. Edgett & Co. 88-1f  
TO RENT—Good barn, 5 stalls. Inquire at 34 Clark St. or Tel. 192-M. 97-1f  
TO RENT—Rooms in Market block. Inquire at W. F. Richardson Co.'s. 69-1f  
TO RENT—Five-room tenement with bath; adults only. Mrs. Simonds, 53 High St. T-Th-8-112  
TO RENT—First class room for storage purposes. Insurance low. Holden & Martin. 52-1f  
TO RENT—Cottage at Spofford lake, fully equipped for a party of 8, through July and August. C. L. Cobb. 103-1f  
TO RENT—7-room cottage, furnished, including new stove and wood; water at pump; barn, 2 stalls at Sunset lake. N. H. White, 30 High St. 83-1f

## PITTSBURG STANDS STRAIN

### Little Outward Evidence of Crash in Banking Circles Yesterday

### SAVINGS BANK RUN NOT SERIOUS MATTER

#### All of the Institutions Were Controlled by the Kuhns, and No Unusual Scenes Were Observed About Other Banks of the City.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 8.—Financial Pittsburg showed little outward evidence today of yesterday's crash in banking circles, involving the failure of the First National bank of McKeesport, an allied institution, and the appointment of receivers for the American Water Works and Guarantee company, the largest concern of its kind in the country, and for the banking house of J. S. and W. S. Kuhn, incorporated. The run on the Pittsburg bank for savings, controlled by the Kuhns, who controlled also a majority of the stocks in the banks which suspended, continued, but no unusual scenes were observed about other banks in the city. The run on the savings banks is not expected to result seriously.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—John Skelton Williams, assistant secretary of the treasury, who represented Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in closing the Pittsburg bank, today declared that the institution had been "seriously mismanaged and the extent of its mismanagement would be determined by the department of justice." The entire capital and surplus of the First-Second bank of Pittsburg has probably been wiped out, but the bank officers have assured the government that the depositors will be paid in full, or nearly in full.

When a good man goes wrong the news is telegraphed all around; when a bad man turns good they hardly believe it next door.

Several Gangs of Men at Work to Change Grade as Part of Overpass and New Station Project.

The work on the prospective overpass and new station project is not all visible from Main street, although the destruction of the Brattleboro House and the Crosby elevator is easily seen. Far down Vernon street, which is to be reduced to a reasonable grade the entire length, a big steam shovel of the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation is at work. This is engaged in reducing the big bank between the two clusters of houses to whatever grade has been determined there. Another gang of men has about completed the job of reducing the five houses nearest the railroad station to kindling wood and carting it off.

Still another is working on the removal of horses and dump carts of such dirt as is on top of the Vernon street ledge near the top of the hill and another is preparing a place for a blacksmith shop near the two big buildings which are to furnish steam for the drills when once the work of drilling and blasting the ledge is started.

## CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT.

### Havana Official Mortally Wounded in Fight on the Street.

HAVANA, July 8.—Gen. Armando Riva, chief of the national police, was shot and mortally wounded during a pistol fight last evening in the most crowded portion of the Prado.

Gen. Ernesto Asbert, governor of the Havana province, Senator Vidal Morales and Rep. Arias were involved in the fighting, which was the outcome of a raid made by Gen. Riva Saturday night on the Asbert club. On that occasion a large number of members were caught gambling. They were arrested and sentenced to a heavy fine.

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## PROCEEDINGS POSTPONED.

### Southern New England Railroad Case Will Come Up Tuesday.

BOSTON, July 8.—Receivership proceedings against the Southern New England railroad, instituted by John Marsh, railroad construction contractor, today were postponed until Tuesday, when arguments on the defendant corporation's demurrer will be heard in the supreme court. The postponement was granted at the request of the attorney for the railroad.

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### Suicide in North Adams of James Curley, Young Athlete.

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A regular communication of Columbian lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M., will be held at Masonic temple on Tuesday evening, July 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

## OVERGRAZED RANGES CAN BE RESTORED

### Valuable Demonstration by Department of Agriculture—Intelligent Supervision the Remedy.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The improved condition of the national forest range after regulated grazing is pointed out to by experts of the department of agriculture as a demonstration that areas which have been severely damaged through overstocking by sheep and cattle can be brought back to their former carrying power through a system of sufficiently intelligent use.

When the government took charge of the livestock ranges within the national forests some of them were so badly overgrazed and otherwise injured from reckless handling of the stock that their grazing value appeared to have been almost entirely destroyed. Many of these ranges, however, have been restored to their former carrying power by the department of agriculture. One of the areas was at that time estimated to be capable of carrying only 3,000 head of cattle. Now, through conservative management and judicious distribution of the cattle over the ranges, and improvements in water conditions, the carrying capacity of the range has been increased until, in the present grazing season, nearly 8,000 head of cattle are using this particular area, and forest officers feel that a few hundred head more can be safely grazed there without injury.

An example of this improvement is cited in the Nebo national forest in Utah. In 1908, when that forest was created, the ranges within the forest boundaries were found to be badly overgrazed and trampled because there was a lack of any control or supervision over the areas. One of the areas was at that time estimated to be capable of carrying only 3,000 head of cattle. Now, through conservative management and judicious distribution of the cattle over the ranges, and improvements in water conditions, the carrying capacity of the range has been increased until, in the present grazing season, nearly 8,000 head of cattle are using this particular area, and forest officers feel that a few hundred head more can be safely grazed there without injury.

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## TALK WITH WOMAN COST BLANCHARD \$5

### Money Later Recovered by Deputy Sheriff Miller—Guilford Man Victim of Gypsy Band.

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Mr. Blanchard, who is an elderly man, lost no time in notifying Deputy Sheriff George P. Miller of his loss and the deputy and Mr. Blanchard started hot foot on the trail of the robbers. When they were overtaken one of the men of the party, the leader of the band, listened to the claims of the deputy and promptly handed over a five and the two parties separated, both satisfied.

## ANDREW RENNÉ DROWNED.

### Greenfield Young Man Evidently Seized With Cramps.

GREENFIELD, July 8.—Andrew Renner, aged 21, a native of Germany, was drowned in the Connecticut river near Poets Seat Sunday evening. Renner, who was employed by the Rogers, Lunt & Bowdoin company, had been on a vacation of two weeks, and, after passing a week in New York with a brother, came with his brother, to his rooms at 101 Federal street. Yesterday the two young men took a camera and went to Poets Seat for the afternoon and later went in swimming. Crossing the river, Andrew Renner was evidently seized with cramps and went down. The brother was unable to save him from drowning, but recovered the body. Young Renner is survived by one brother and a sister and his partners, who are in Germany.

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It is easy to feel optimistic as long as things are coming your way.

## 47 SENATORS PLEDGE VOTES

### The Two Senators from Louisiana Refused to Give Promise

### MAJORITY OF ONE ASSURED FOR TARIFF

#### And in Addition There is the Vote of the Vice-President to Fall Back Upon in an Emergency—Resolution Not Absolutely Binding.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Forty-seven Democratic senators stood up in the party caucus one by one late yesterday and declared their intention to vote for the Underwood-Simmons tariff revision bill as finally approved by the caucus a few minutes previously. Two senators, Ransdell and Thornton, of Louisiana, said they would not make such promise because of the proposal to place sugar on the free list in 1916. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and Culberson of Texas were absent, but both are known to be in favor of the bill.

This gives the Democrats 49 votes for the bill or a majority of one with the vote of the vice-president to fall back on in an emergency. An absolute binding resolution was not adopted, the poll by individuals being substituted, and that poll was not only on the ground of personal promise and was not made binding. A resolution was adopted, however, declaring the Underwood-Simmons bill a party measure and urging its unadvised support without amendment unless such should be submitted by the committee. Senator Newlands of Nevada cast the only vote against this resolution, but Senators Shafroth of Colorado, Ransdell and Thornton did not vote.

The resolution was as follows: Resolved: That the tariff bill agreed to by this conference in its amended form is declared to be a party measure and we urge its unadvised support as a duty by Democratic senators without amendment. Drafted, however, that the conference or the entire satisfaction may, after reference or otherwise, propose amendments to the bill.

Senator Kern, chairman of the caucus, and Chairman Simmons of the committee, who have fought hard for the measure, and other administration leaders expressed entire satisfaction over the outcome and declared their confidence that enough votes were personally pledged to assure the passage of the measure with free wool and free sugar included.

It became at once apparent when the caucus convened that a resolution which would bind members absolutely to the bill without amendment was distasteful to many senators. The resolution, therefore, was modified and presented in the form of a party declaration.

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It is well to aim high, but be sure your gun is loaded.—Life.

## MINISTERS JOINED IN FIELD SPORTS

### Wildly Enthusiastic Meet at Young Woman's Conference—Eight Delegations Were in Costume.

(Special to The Reformer.)

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., July 8.—The 600 delegates to the young women's Northfield conference went wild yesterday when the leaders, including six ministers, appeared at the annual field meet in costume and later entered into an obstacle race. W. R. Moody, the chairman of the conference, wore a huge Uncle Sam's head and was decked from head to foot with the colors of the delegations. Rev. Charles A. Alpertson of Brooklyn was labeled Mrs. Spankhurts of Trafalgar square, Rev. J. Stuart Holden of London was plastered with Dobbs school purple and white banners.

Others in costume were Rev. Mr. Sherwood and Conrad of Keene, N. H., Rev. Francis S. Downs of Baltimore in a pink silk kimono with a nurse's cap and a long fern hanging down behind, E. M. Poteat, the organist, and Prof. F. L. Duly of Northfield.

In the leaders' race their feet were tied together, and thus hampered they ran 15 yards, set up chairs and changed their shoes to the wrong foot, then carried barrels ten yards. Rev. F. S. Downs won with ease, thanks to long jumps. Rev. Mr. Sherwood coming second and Professor Duley third. The meet was won by Dobbs with 15 points, Music hall second with 13, and Farmington school third with 12. Eight delegations were entered in the meet and all appeared in costume. Dobbs school wore purple belts and hats with their name spelled out in huge letters on the backs of the delegates. Farmington wore yellow hats and belts. The Ridge delegates were wrapped in the stars and stripes. New York wore blue and yellow and had a huge mastiff for mascot. The summary follows:

Three-legged race—Won by Dobbs, Louise Davis and Helen Chapin.  
Obstacle race—Won by Dobbs, B. Totten.  
Sack race—Won by Music hall, Miss Bacon.  
Suit case race—Won by Northfield.  
Hurdle race—Won by Dobbs, Dorothy Adams.  
Horse race—Won by Farmington, Margaret Colgate and Lady Dummell.  
Relay race—Won by Music hall, F. Elkinton, E. K. South, A. Abbott, M. Scattergood.

## MANSION DESTROYED BY SUFFRAGETTES

### Set Fire to the Country Residence of Sir William Lever, at Rivington, England, Today.

LONDON, July 8.—An arson squad of militant suffragettes set fire to and caused the destruction of the country residence of Sir William H. Lever, founder of Port Sunlight and chairman of the Liverpool school of tropical medicine, early today. The mansion, which was known as the bungalow, was situated at Rivington, near Norwich, Lancashire. It was not occupied by the family, but contained valuable painting and other precious objects, all of which were consumed by the flames. The message left by the incendiaries stated that if Sir William had been as loyal to the suffragettes as Lancashire was to the king, the fire would not have happened.

## MORE THAN MILE OF CLOTH AN HOUR

### Port Dummer Mills Has 200 to 225 Persons on Payroll—Close to 600 Looms Are Running.

The Port Dummer Mills are now running about 75 per cent of normal production. They have on their payroll from 200 to 225 persons who are steadily employed, but they are still lacking 50 to 75 persons needed to run their full equipment.

They are running very close to 600 looms, which turn out about 18,000 yards of cloth a day, or a little more than a mile of cloth an hour. The concern uses about 550 kilowatts of power, which is bought entirely from the Connecticut River Power company.

## VERMONT RADCLIFFE CLUB.

### Annual Meeting at House of Miss Fletcher in Proctorsville.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Radcliffe Club was held recently at the home of Miss Fanny B. Fletcher in Proctorsville. Plans for the future work of the club were discussed and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Pres., Mrs. William Burroughs, Middlebury; vice pres., Miss Fanny B. Fletcher, Proctorsville; treas., Mrs. Louis J. Hathaway, Montpelier; sec., Mrs. Fred E. Gleason, Montpelier; ex. com., the president (ex-officio), Miss Julia Farwell, Wells River, Miss Rebecca Wright, Montpelier.

## AUTO TOOK WHEELS OFF.

### Collision of Buggy and Car Near Entrance to Valley Fair Grounds.

Arthur Butterfield, who has been employed as a fireman for Edward Squires at Marlboro, was driving a horse attached to a new buggy from the Larrow livery near the entrance to the Valley fair grounds Sunday evening, when he was run into by an automobile driven, he says, by John Warren Hamilton, which was traveling at a high rate of speed and carrying no lights. The collision took off both wheels on one side of the buggy and threw out Mr. Butterfield, but he managed to prevent his horse from running away.

The employees of the Greenfield Tap & Die corporation will hold their second annual outing Saturday, July 26, at Island Park. The factories to be represented are the Wells Bros. company, Wiley & Russell and the A. J. Smart Manufacturing company. The Greenfield Military band has been engaged, and there will be a program of sporting events similar to the outing of last year, which took place on the same grounds.

## MAY AVERT BIG STRIKE

### Adjustment of Difficulty in Boston Expected This Afternoon

### PLANS SUBMITTED ARE APPROVED

#### It is Believed That the Arrangement Proposed Will Be Satisfactory to Both Sides—Third Arbitrator Bone of Contention.

BOSTON, July 8.—A belief that the strike of the street railway employees would be averted was expressed by Willard Howland, chairman of the state board of arbitration and conciliation, at the conclusion of the hearing before the board today, at which representatives of the carmen's union and the company were present. Chairman Howland said the board expected an adjustment of the difficulty before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Chamber of Commerce conference committee, which has been working on the situation since yesterday morning, had previously submitted plans to both sides, which, it was hoped, would prove satisfactory. Details of the proposition are withheld, but it is believed they had to do with the selection of a third arbitrator to consider the union demand for increased wages.

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A wedding party was disturbed by the crying of a baby belonging to one of the young guests. One of the young ladies present remarked to the bridesmaid: "What a nuisance babies are at a wedding!" "I should say so," returned the latter, and added, without very full consideration: "When I sent out the invitations to my wedding I shall have printed in the corner, 'no babies expected.'"