

THE RAILROAD STRIKE.

War in Earnest—The Gould Roads to be Boycotted by the Eastern Assemblies.

St. Louis, April 21—It has transpired here that a scheme is on foot to boycott the Gould railroads through the Eastern manufacturers.

Large quantities of the articles made in the territory covered by the Gould system, and the plan is to notify all manufacturers to stop shipping their goods over those roads.

There is to be a meeting of District Assembly No 30, at Boston, this week to discuss this matter, and if the plan is decided upon and the manufacturers refuse to accede to the demands of the assembly, a strike will probably be ordered of the workers in the territory named.

A representative of this District Assembly has been in consultation with the General Executive and local committees here, and will report to the Boston meeting what he has learned of the situation here and in the Southwest.

It is also said that District Assembly No. 78, which includes the shoe and cotton workers in Maine New Hampshire and Massachusetts, will hold meetings immediately after the Boston Assembly, and it is thought possible that they will pursue the same course decided upon by that body.

Two sentinels patrolling the railroad yards in East St. Louis were fired upon before day light yesterday morning by some persons as yet unknown. Neither of them were hit. They returned the fire but proved as bad marksmen as their assailants, who escaped.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Grand Master Powderly and Messrs. Hayes and Turner, of the Knights of Labor, arrived in Washington yesterday morning and were at the capital at an early hour. Mr. Powderly repaired at once to the room of the appropriation committee, where he had a short chat with Mr. Randall. The select committee charged with the investigation of the western strikes has had much difficulty in securing a suitable room, but it is hoped that one can be secured in time to commence the examination of the representatives of the Knights of Labor this afternoon.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Yesterday engine 532, in charge of Engineer Weaver and Fireman Merkle, moved out of the round house into the yards. General Superintendent Wright and Yardmaster Jones and General Freight Agent Blodgett were on the engine. As the engine moved into the yards one of the strikers approached the engineer, who only shook his head in reply to the question put to him. The engine then proceeded south toward where the train which was attempted to be moved Monday was standing at Forty-fourth street. The cars which were standing there were surrounded by a crowd of strikers who removed the drawbar key, completely disabling the cars. The engine stopped north of Forty-third street and was backed on another train of cars standing on a strike. While the attempt was being made to reach the side track, coupling pins and other obstruction were put in

front of the wheels; these were removed by the police but just as the engine was crossing the switch between the engine and tender. The man was driven away and the engine was attached to the train. About this time the crowd at Forty-fourth street having succeeded in disabling the cars up there attempted to run the caboose which was attached to the train, which the conductor and brakemen were on to a side track. The brakemen and conductor rushed on to the platform and warned the crowd away. One of the men picked up a coupling pin and was about to throw it at the brakeman when the conductor drew a revolver. The crowd rushed at the brakeman and hustled him away and some one hit him on the head, knocking him senseless. At this time the crowd left the caboose and went up to Forty-fifth street, where two cars standing on the side track were removed down and derailed in front of the engine at Forty-third street. General Superintendent Wright gave up the attempt to move the train. The crowd gave a cheer, lifted the car on the track and moved it back to its former position, repaired several switches which had been broken and moved back in the round-house. Gov. Oglesby arrived here yesterday morning and has been holding a consultation with Sheriff Hanchett as to the situation on the Lake Shore road.

Gov. Oglesby has been in consultation all day with Sheriff Hanchett and the officials of the Lake Shore. The supervisor of Lake said that he was unable to afford the railroad any protection against the mob which had collected. It appears that the sheriff will be called upon to organize a posse as the next move before calling on the troops. The officials consulted appear to regard serious trouble imminent.

BROOM CORN.

Most people know in a general way that broom-corn has advanced in price a good deal of late, for they have found brooms surprisingly high at the family grocery store. I was talking with an intelligent manufacturer of brooms the other day, who gave me some rather astonishing information on this subject.

Broom-corn, which a year ago was worth \$50 per ton, is now worth anywhere from \$169 to \$219, and is better than gold even at these figures, for there is no telling how much higher it may go. The seed, which is ordinary worth \$2 50 a bushel, is now worth \$10 and can't be had in sufficient quantities even at that price. He told me that in Central Illinois they want to put out 1800 acres of broom corn this spring, and as yet have not been able to get seed enough for 600 acres. In this city alone a hundred broom factories have shut down, owing to the scarcity and high price of stock, and throughout the country thousands of factories have either closed entirely or are running in a very limited way.

The reason for this state of things is that a few years ago everybody got to raising broom-corn. The market was overstocked, prices went down so low that there was no profit in it, and a general disgust for the stuff ensued. Everybody quit as suddenly as everybody had begun, and last year only about a third of a crop was raised, and no attention was paid to saving the seed. Old stocks were soon exhausted, and when the speculators became aware of the scarcity of the article, broom-corn went up like a rocket. There is probably not seed enough in the country to put out more than a third of a crop this year, and the prospect is that the familiar 25-cent broom will remain at forty cents for some time to come, and that the farmers

who are lucky enough to have seed on hand will make a good thing out of their broom-corn crop this year. —Chicago Tribune.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The miners of the Mahoning Valley will make a general demand for an advance of wages within a short time.

The miners of the Poland Coal Company and those of the Port Royal Coal Company, in that vicinity, have already asked for an increase of 10 cents per ton from May 1.

The members of the Milers and Laborers' Amalgamated Association in Lozerne and Lackawanna counties, Pa., will hold an eight-hour demonstration at Wilkesbarre on April 24.

The crematory at Buffalo is in successful operation.

The war between Turkey and Greece is about to commence.

The convention of the Maine Republicans will be held at Lewiston on June 9.

The Bishop of Madril was shot by a man who had been dismissed from the priesthood. The Bishop is still alive.

NEW ORLEANS

Table with 2 columns: QUOTATIONS and prices for various goods like Middling, Low middling, Good ordinary, Ordinary.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

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ST. LOUIS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Lists flour, wheat, corn, oats, etc.

THE MARKETS.

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