

FAVORS LABOR.

Report of the Strike Investigation Committee Made Public.

THE REMEDIES SUGGESTED.

Permanent Strike Commission With Power to Compel Obedience.

RECOGNIZE UNIONS BY LAW.

And Allow of Their Incorporation—Protection of Employees.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The United States government report on the great railway strike in connection with the Pullman trouble was made public today. The report, which is signed by the federal labor commissioner, Carroll D. Wright, and his fellow investigators, John D. Kernan, of New York, and Nicholas E. Worthington, of Illinois, is addressed to President Cleveland, and abounds in passages which will attract wide attention, particularly the portion referring to the "famous General Managers' association," the organization of high railway officials that encompassed the memorable defeat of the American Railway union.

The report says the capitalization of the twenty-four railroads directly represented in the General Managers' association was \$2,108,532,617. The number of employees was 221,097. The commission continues: "This voluntary incorporated association was formed in 1888. In its constitution the object of the association is stated to be 'the consideration of problems of management arising from the operation of railroads terminating or centering at Chicago.' It further provides that 'all funds raised shall be raised by assessments divided equally among the members.' There are no limitations as to 'consideration of problems' or 'funds,' except the will of the managers and the resources of the railroad corporations."

Until June, 1894, the association's possibilities as a strike fighter and wage arbitrator lay rather dormant. Its roads fixed a "Chicago scale" for switchmen, covering all lines at Chicago. In March, 1895, the switchmen demanded more pay from each road. The association concluded that they were paid enough—if anything, too much. The roads so informed the men. The Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association of North America wrote to Mr. St. John, as chairman, accusing him, as chairman of the General Managers' association, concluded his reply as follows:

"The association approves the course taken by your body, and believes that our switchmen are receiving due consideration."

"This seems to show," the report says, "that employees upon association roads are treated as under subjects to the general managers' association." In the report, after detailing the action of the association in establishing agencies and employing men, adds:

"This was the first time when men upon each line were brought sharply face to face with the fact that in questions as to wages, rates, etc., each line was supported by twenty-four combined railroads. This association likewise prepared for its use elaborate schedules of the wages paid to the men of its twenty-four members. The object of these schedules was to let each road know what other roads paid. Finding that the rates on other lines urged increase to correspond with wages paid elsewhere a committee of the association prepared and presented a uniform schedule for all membership roads. It was deemed wise not to act upon the report. It was distributed to members in November, 1893. This distribution alone enabled the report to be used with efficiency as an 'equalizer.' As the result, during 1893-1894, the rates on other lines were raised to correspond with the rates on the Pullman line."

"None of the Salaries of Officers, managers or superintendents were reduced. Reductions in these would not have been as severely felt, as has been shown good faith, would have relieved the harshness of the situation and would have evinced genuine sympathy toward the men."

"It is admitted that the association has great weight with outside lines, and this tends to establish one uniform scale of rates on all lines. The further step of admitting lines not running into Chicago to membership would certainly have the effect of compelling the same wage contentions against all employees thereon."

"The commission questions whether any legal authority, statutory or otherwise, can be found to justify some of the features of the association which have come to light in this investigation. If we regard its practical workings, rather than its professions as expressed in its constitution, the general managers' association has no more standing in law than the old Trunk Line pool. It cannot incorporate, because railroad charters do not authorize roads to form themselves into corporations or associations to fix rates for services and wages, nor to force their acceptance, nor to battle with strikers."

A Usurpation of Power not granted. If such an association is necessary from a purely economic standpoint, the right to form and maintain it must come from the state that granted its charter.

"In many countries are limited to the powers granted either directly or by clear inference. We do not think the present has been granted in either way in this case."

"The association is an illustration of the persistent and shrewdly devised legal contrivances—overreach their limitations and to usurp indirectly powers and rights not contemplated in their charters and not obtainable from the people or their legislators. The extension of this association, as above suggested, and the proposed legalization of 'pooling' would result in an aggregation of power and capital dangerous to the people and their liberties, as well as to employees and their rights. The question would then center as to whether shall control, the government or

the railroads; and the end would inevitably be government ownership. Unless ready for that result and all that it entails, the government must restrain corporations within the law and prevent them from forming unlawful and dangerous combinations. At least, so long as the government is unable to combine to fix wages and for their joint protection, it would be rank injustice to deny the right of all labor upon railroads to unite for similar protection.

"It should be noted that until the railroads set the example a general union of railroads could not have been attempted. The unions had not gone beyond enlistment of men under different systems in separate trade organizations. These

Neutralized and Checked Each Other to some extent, and have no such scope or capacity for evil as is possible under the unionized system. The union was inaugurated by the railroads and followed by the American Railway union. The refusal of the company to recognize and deal with such a combination of labor as the American Railway union seems arrogant and absurd before the law, its assumptions, and its past and obviously contemplated future actions.

Taking up the subject of the Pullman Palace Car company, the report says: "This is a corporation organized in 1867, with a capital of \$1,000,000. It has grown until its present paid-up capital is \$2,000,000. The company has employed for over twenty years to pay 2 per cent quarterly dividends, and in addition to pay a surplus of nearly \$1,000,000."

Speaking of the town of Pullman, of which the report states the company is owner and manager, the commission says: "The principal church and parsonage are very attractive structures, but often are not occupied, because the Pullman company is unwilling to pay to obtain the gospel privileges thereby secured. In the Arcade is a tasteful library of books, carefully selected and cared for by the company. Three dollars per year is charged for its use, and the company is unwilling to pay to obtain the privilege of using the same. The company is unwilling to pay to obtain the privilege of using the same. The company is unwilling to pay to obtain the privilege of using the same."

Witness for the Company. We have no evidence that the doctor has ever abused his confidential relation with the Pullman company. The system is admirably conceived from a business standpoint to secure speedy settlement of claims for damages upon persons injured by the Pullman system and its growth, when the depression of 1893 came, morally calling for mutual concessions as to wages, rents, etc., we find that the Pullman company, and upon the other a multitude of employees of comparatively excellent character and skill, who are engaged in the Pullman system, interested responsibility in the town, its business, tenements or surroundings. The company is unwilling to pay to obtain the privilege of using the same."

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ST. CLOUD, Nov. 12.—The remains of the late Albert Bernard Loeckner, O. S. B., who died at Stillwater, reached the abbey at St. John's yesterday morning, and are now lying in state. Solemn requiem services were held in the different Catholic churches of this city this morning. The funeral will be held at St. John's on Wednesday morning.

GRANTED A DIVORCE. ST. CLOUD, Nov. 12.—Judge F. M. Crosby has granted an absolute divorce to Margaret Uppenhove, of Hampton, from her husband, Morris Uppenhove, upon the grounds of desertion. Plaintiff is thirty-four years of age, and defendant is thirty-four. They were married in Prescott, Wis., May 15, 1889, the plaintiff's maiden name being Margaret Braun.

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE. ST. CLOUD, Nov. 12.—The trial of the Kent murder case was begun today. Frank M. Nye, district attorney of Hennepin county, Minnesota, is assisting the prosecution. The panel was composed of Judge C. J. G. and two jurors only obtained. The defendant is charged with murdering his wife, who was Miss Lavinia of Minneapolis. He is wanted at Medina, O., for working a bank.

NORTHWESTERN PEOPLE AT THE CAPITAL. ST. CLOUD, Nov. 12.—J. B. Power, E. W. Ladd, Fargo, are at the Ebbitt, and C. J. G. Judge, Minneapolis, is at the Riggs.

WENT SUDDENLY INSANE. ST. CLOUD, Nov. 12.—John Kopp, a sewing machine agent of this city, became violently insane on Saturday Feb. 18 next. The case sent to Perry county is the same case tried in this county last year, resulting in a hung jury.

SHOT BY HIS PALMS. Sensational Tragedy Winds Up a Sensational Bank Robbery. SALINA, Kan., Nov. 12.—Three masked men attempted to hold up the bank at Salina, Kan., forty miles west of here, on today, and one of their number met death in an unusually tragic manner. He was shot by the cashier of the bank, John Calfee, and when in a dying condition was perforated with bullets by his own comrades, to save themselves from exposure. They were finely mounted and heavily armed. Their masked faces and flying steeds attracted everybody's attention, but they wasted no time in getting to work. They pulled their horses up with a jerk in front of the bank, and while one robber remained seated, holding the bridles of the other two horses, guarding the entrance to the bank, his two companions entered. A citizen who was transacting business at the bank, and who had just received over \$17,000 in pensions that he was not entitled to.

SENTENCED AN EMBEZZLER. OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 12.—A special to the Bee from Nelich, Neb., says: Barrett Scott, the defaulting treasurer of Holt county, who stole \$100,000, was sentenced to the penitentiary today for five years.

FARMERS QUARREL FATALLY. SALEM, Ind., Nov. 12.—Ambrose Wilcox, a prominent