

TO SETTLE FUNERAL STRIKE.

COMMITTEE OF EMPLOYERS AND MEN REACH AGREEMENT.

Police Called at Striker's Funeral: One group of strikers took to a night during which they tried to force the strikers' funerals on the line.

Subcommittee from the Funeral Coach Owners' Association and from the Funeral Employers' Union met last night in the Grand Hotel to see if an agreement might be reached whereby the funeral strike could be ended.

The two committees came to an agreement by which the strikers should receive in the future \$1 a week with eleven hours off out of the twenty-four. In case a driver had to work for twenty-four hours at a stretch it was agreed that he should have the following twenty-four hours off with pay.

This agreement was taken to Murphy's Hall, Fortieth street and Eighth avenue, where the union members were in session. The seats agreed on by the subcommittee suited them and it was accepted by a unanimous vote.

A hitch, however, came when the agreement was submitted to the main body of the Coach Owners' Association. There were some who did not favor the agreement. At an early hour this morning the strikers had not yet signed the agreement, but the general impression around their headquarters was that they would.

The protection of the police was necessary at the funeral of Alvin Bell of 18 East Eighth street, Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Grant and Garfield. The funeral, which took place in the afternoon, was held up by the pickets of Local 462, the branch of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which is on strike. The funeral was a very large one as Mr. Bell, who had been a member of the New York Assembly for nine years, was connected with the Tax Department of the city, and a civil war veteran, had a large circle of friends. Among those at the funeral services, which took place at the house, were a number of city officials.

In line at the funeral were eight coaches, a hearse and an undertaker's wagon. The hearse was driven by its owner and two of the coaches were private ones. Just as the funeral was about to start a walking delegate came to the house and had a talk with the drivers of the six undertaker's carriages, the result being that they drove off, leaving the hearse and the two private carriages.

Undertaker Ashmead of Eighty-second street and Third avenue, who had charge, applied at the East 128th street station for police protection, and Biogiole Policemen McGrath and Hinkle accompanied the hearse to the Central Bridge, 155th street and Seventh avenue. A crowd of strikers followed the funeral to the bridge and policemen from The Bronx escorted it to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Frank Belsky of Seventy-third street and First avenue, a member of the Funeral Coach Owners' Association, managed to get a funeral carried through without trouble. It appears that P. S. Belsky, secretary of the union, had instructed the strike pickets not to interfere with the hearse when it contained the body in the casket. The funeral was that of Margaret Slesak of 332 East Seventy-third street.

Word was sent to the headquarters of the strikers at Murphy Hall, Fortieth street and Eighth avenue, that this funeral was going to take place and a committee of the strikers was on hand. The hearse was driven by a union man and there were four coaches.

Joseph Tauber, a lively stable keeper of 445 East Seventy-fourth street, drove the first coach. The second coach was driven by Joseph Trapini of Ruggiero & Trapini, stable owners. The third was driven by Belsky himself and the last coach was driven by Belsky's son Charles. The casket was in the hearse before the committee appeared, and the funeral was made in Calvary Cemetery without any interference by the strikers.

The body of Mrs. Minnie Robinson of 470 Tenth avenue was taken to the Lutheran Cemetery on Long Island in a large automobile. S. Simon, an undertaker at 278 Tenth avenue, had charge of the funeral. Thirty mourners sat in the automobile, which was of the kind generally used by eight seating parties. They sat in inclosed tiers and the body was in the back of the floor of the car where it could not be seen by the strikers. The clergyman who officiated at the funeral services was one of the passengers.

The automobiles were taken over the East River by the Twenty-third street ferry, and then proceeded to the cemetery.

E. J. Kavanagh of 131 West Thirty-seventh street, who had hired porters to convey a casket to the Grand Central station on Friday for interment in Calvary Cemetery, said yesterday that he had no funeral on hand at present.

In many cases undertakers' wagons were used, the mourners following in a line in a surrey, so as to avoid attracting attention. E. F. Wokal, an undertaker of 345 East Seventy-third street, who signed an agreement with the drivers individually, tore up the agreement yesterday after a consultation with other members of the Coach Owners' Association. He has in charge to-day the funeral of Thomas Ristead, 451 East Eighth street, but said that the strike was settled he would not take the body to the cemetery in his wagon.

CHICAGO MONEY MARKET.

Demand for the Interior Appraised—Funds From San Francisco.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The local money market has reflected only slightly the easier conditions which developed in the East this week. Rates have remained rather firmly at 6 per cent., but the banks have loaned funds to some of their best customers as low as 5½ per cent. It appears to be the feeling that the market will work easier during the next thirty days, although few in banking circles believe rates will go below 5 per cent. at any time between this and July.

For the present the great demand for money from the interior seems to have been appeased, and the return of funds from San Francisco has been moderate in evidence during the last few days. One bank received nearly \$1,000,000 from that source and others smaller amounts. Many of the banks are receiving notes running for rather long periods to secure San Francisco loans.

The currency supply here is the smallest in years, and deposits are much lower than they were a month ago, some of the banks showing decreases of \$5,000,000 or \$4,000,000.

FATAL DUEL AT EXCURSION.

Old Enemies Begin Shooting on Night—One Is Dead, One Dying.

HORSTON, Tex., May 12.—Frank Martin and E. O. Hatchett who gave each other notice two weeks ago that a fight to the death would result on their first meeting, met an excursion of several hundred Woodmen of the World at Bay City this morning.

Both drew revolvers, a fusillade of bullets followed and both men fell. Hatchett struggled to his feet and Martin got on one knee and took deliberate aim for a final shot at his enemy, but the weapon was knocked from his hand by a policeman who rushed in.

Both men were shot through the body and Martin died an hour later. Hatchett is dying to-night. It was remarkable that no one was hit by the stray bullets, as they went in all directions among the crowd.

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