

JOIN IN STRIKE

Locomotive Works Men With Other Machinists.

THE EXISTING SITUATION.

Another Estimate of the Number That Are Out.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 21.—Seven hundred machinists, employees in the Brookings Locomotive works, struck today. All other departments of the shop are running.

Washington, May 21.—The storm centers of the general strike of the machinists throughout the country today are in the vicinity of Cincinnati and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that signed agreements was augmented today by about 100, which brings the aggregate making concessions to 1,000 during the past three or four days. Save in two instances the allied trades are not yet affected. President O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, this morning said: "Additions to be made to the list of strikers today and the number returning to work with terms granted about balance each other."

Washington, May 21.—Approximately 50,000 machinists throughout the country struck yesterday for a nine-hour day, a scale of wages equal to the present ten-hour per day scale, regulation of the apprenticeship system and the number that shall be employed in accordance with the number of journeymen machinists employed; agreements to arbitration of all disputes that may arise in the future; the right of the machinists to be represented by a committee, and agreements that there shall be absolutely no discrimination against machinists because of their membership in the union. Fifty thousand is the estimate of President O'Connell, of the National Association of Machinists, based on the telegraphic advices that have reached him from the various cities. Railroad machinists, as a rule, are not involved in the strike, though the men on several roads are out.

Statement of the Number Striking.
Following is a statement of the number of men out at important points, as reported at this writing: Hartford, Conn., 1,000; Ansonia and Derby, Conn., 500; Hamilton, O., 1,000; Buffalo, 1,200; Scranton, 2,500; Cincinnati, completely tied up and 3,000 men out; Connersville, Ind., 200; Palestine, Tex., 200; York, Pa., 300; East Orange, N. J., 300; Oswego, N. Y., 300; Norfolk, Va., all shops out, 500 men; San Francisco, 5,500.

Where the Employers Have Surrendered.
Telegraphic reports to O'Connell show the following as the number of firms which have signed the agreements: Kenosha, Wis., all; Milwaukee, Wis., 5; Wilmington, Del., 2; Toledo, O., 1; Aurora, N. Y., all; Ansonia, Conn., all; Denver, Colo., all; St. Louis, all; New Orleans, all; Danbury, Conn., all; Pittsburgh, Pa., 90 per cent.; Franklin, Pa., all; Youngstown, O., all; Cleveland, O., 15; Rochester, N. Y., 90 per cent.; Buffalo, 30 per cent.; Niagara Falls, all; Tonawanda, all; Trenton, N. J., 75 per cent.; Baltimore, 11; Philadelphia 25; New Haven, 8.

Gompers on the Contract.
President Gompers says the outlook presages ultimate victory, he added: "The statement made by some of the manufacturers that the machinists have broken the New York agreement with the National Metal Trades association not to strike cannot be substantiated. The agreement was for a nine-hour day, and it said nothing about wages. That does not necessarily imply that when they reduce the hours from nine and one-half to nine a day there shall be a corresponding reduction in wages. The machinists are not asking an increase in wages except that the diminution of hours is practically an increase."

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE RESISTING.
Queen City Men Decide to Close—Thousands Strike at Erie.

Cincinnati, May 21.—At the meeting late yesterday of the employing machinists they decided to close down their plants indefinitely as a result of the strike. A number of the larger firms declare that they have enough finished product on hand to tide them over a strike without inconvenience. At a meeting of the strikers Business Agent Schilling announced that the tie-up in Cincinnati is the most complete in the country. He said there were but 100 non-union machinists at work.

San Francisco, May 21.—Sixty-five hundred union machinists and other iron trade workmen affiliated with them quit work in this city yesterday. It is expected that 1,000 more men will join the strike as soon as they are ordered to do so by their respective national directors. Among the latter are the iron molders and the core makers. The other crafts affected include almost every branch of the iron shop-building and boiler-making trades.

Of the 4,000 men employed at the Union Iron works 3,700 went out. At the Irons Iron works 600 men quit. On the pay-roll of the Fulton Iron works there are about 600 names, and 500 of them left the shops.

WANT ANNEXATION.

Some of the Reasons Why They Oppose Real Independence for Cuba.

Havana, May 21.—A prominent native lawyer, referring to the report of the relations committee of the constitutional convention on the Platt amendment, said: "The majority report is not an acceptance of the Platt amendment, as it distinguishes intervention on different grounds." A person who is in close touch with the Spanish government made the following statement to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is a fact, to which the attention of all Americans should be called, that not only Spain, but Spanish residents in Cuba—both those who have retained their Spanish nationality by inscription and those who have become Cubans by not inscribing—are closely watching developments in this matter of the relations between the United States and Cuba."

"This is a question which seems to involve more than the Platt amendment merely. It seems to tend ultimately toward annexation. Spaniards here and in Spain favor annexation. Not only do they fear that any government by Cubans not controlled by the United States would endanger property and even life, but they also favor annexation because they believe it would restore the Spanish influence in politics, because with the annexation they would make with the former, autonomists, the conservative Cubans and the Americans who belong here—they would control the politics of the island by an overwhelming majority. This condition would meet with the approval of Spain, because in her commercial relations with Cuba she would be benefited by the preponderance of Spanish influence. Spain and her influence in South America, and is trying to maintain her influence in Cuba. The only solution of the problem is annexation. Spaniards will not become Cubans, but they are ready to become citizens of the United States."

All the Spaniards in Cuba and the conservative Cubans desire that the Platt amendment should not be accepted, hoping that in such an event the next congress will take a more antagonistic view of the relations between the United States and Cuba. Indeed, some of our most prominent Spaniards and Cubans have gone as far as to approach Governor General Wood to tell him that the most conservative and American solution of the present problem would be the rejection of the Platt amendment, and to urge that the United States should take special notice of the situation in Cuba, and that the desire for annexation has taken."

CANNOT REMOVE THE BODY.

Mother Refused Permission to Disinter the Body of Her Son.

Lincoln, Neb., May 21.—Bishop Boscum, of this diocese, has refused to allow the mother of Edward Cagney to remove her son's remains from the Roman Catholic cemetery in this city. The mother, Mrs. McEntee, of Plattsmouth, desired to exhumate the body, which has been buried ten years, to place it beside the remains of another son at Plattsmouth. The request was refused, and when agents of the mother persisted, threats of criminal prosecution were made.

In Roman Catholic ecclesiastical law the wish of a dying person is regarded as sacred. Cagney had expressed a desire to be buried in the Fitzgerald lot in the Lincoln Roman Catholic cemetery. The cemetery is held, according to church custom, in the name of the bishop as personal property. Bishop Bonacum holds that the wish of the dying man shall be respected. The courts will probably settle the matter.

Mother Kills Her Children.
St. Louis, Mich., May 21.—Mrs. Elmer Quimby, wife of a farmer living five miles south of this city, Sunday morning shot her two children—a boy aged 7 and a girl aged 9—large doses of morphine, and both children died early yesterday. Mrs. Quimby then took eighteen grains of the drug herself, but the dose was so heavy it acted as an emetic and she will recover. Family trouble is said to have induced the woman to commit the crime. She is under arrest on the charge of murder.

Got \$5 for His Pains.

Lansing, Mich., May 21.—The will of Lucien D. Wilson, of this city, has been sustained. It cuts off George Wilson, a son, with only \$5, while the three children will divide an estate worth \$40,000. Young Wilson was instrumental in commencing proceedings to have a guardian appointed for his father, but failed to establish his mental incompetency.

Shot Down in Cold Blood.

St. Paul, Minn., May 21.—In the presence of his 6-year-old son, Frank Greipel was shot down in cold blood by his brother-in-law, Henry Mingers. Three shots were fired, two bullets lodging near the heart and another entering the left temple. Greipel died almost instantly. The two men had quarreled.

Cumberland Presbyterians.

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Hotel Man Suicides.

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WOMAN'S CONFESSION

Solves the Question as to Who It Was That Killed James Seymour Ayres.

SAYS SHE HERSELF DID THE DEED.

Did It to Save Her Honor and Then Fled from the Room by the Fire Escape.

Washington, May 21.—At last the mystery of the death of James Seymour Ayres is solved—solved by the confession of the woman who committed the murder, under circumstances, however, as told by her, that would have justified her in committing it and announcing it as soon as it was done. Mrs. Bonnie confessed to Major Sylvester, superintendent of police, yesterday afternoon. She has been under suspicion for several days. According to statements of witnesses at the coroner's inquest, she was a frequent visitor to Ayres' room. Mrs. Bonnie was a resident of the Kenmore hotel, where the murder was committed, and is the wife of a drummer for a Chicago drug house. She is about 35 years old.

Confession Was Entirely Voluntary.
Her confession was entirely voluntary. At a few minutes past 3 p. m. yesterday she telephoned for Major Sylvester, saying that she was coming to his office, and she appeared there a few minutes afterward. When she reached the office she said she had a statement which she wished to make, and she was immediately turned over to Detective Horne, who took her confession. She said that she was alone in Ayres' room with him when the killing took place, and that the shooting was the result of his own misconduct. She stated that Ayres had drawn the pistol upon her for the purpose of making her respond to an improper proposal which he had made to her.

Lured the Woman to His Room.

At the commencement of the affair, she said, Ayres had come to her room in the Kenmore hotel about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, and upon the pretense of being ill, had gained admission to her room. He complained of feeling as if he was going to have a chill, and asked her to give him some preventive. She had given him, she said, a medicine which she had in her room, and he had then referred to some differences which they had had in the past and asked her to come to his room, where they might quietly talk the matter over and come to an amicable understanding. She had agreed to go to the room, as he had requested, and he left her room, preceding her to his own.

DEVELOPMENT OF AYRES' PLOT.

Attempted Assault Failed—His Own Pistol Killed Him.

When Ayres called at her room he was entirely dressed, but when she entered his room, as per agreement, she found him standing behind the door undressed except as to his undershirt, and with a revolver in his hand. He then told her that he had enticed her to the room for his own purposes, and that if she did not submit to his wishes he would kill her. Mrs. Bonnie says that she immediately grasped the revolver, and in the struggle which ensued it was discharged three different times, striking him at each discharge, the last shot proving fatal. She says that the cries for help which Miss Minna heard were all from her, as were also the knocking which Miss Minna described.

Mrs. Bonnie says that after the shooting she passed through the window of Ayres' room to and down a fire-escape ladder, and entering the parlor window of the second floor, passed through the parlor and back up the stairway of the hotel to her own room on the fourth floor. She retired as an emetic and she will recover. Family trouble is said to have induced the woman to commit the crime. She is under arrest on the charge of murder.

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WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Presbyterians Express Themselves on Sunday Opening at the Pan-American.

Philadelphia, May 21.—Routine matters occupied the attention of the commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday. The annual reports of the eight church boards were



REV. DR. HENRY COLLIER MINTON.

submitted to the assembly, and three of them—ministerial relief, education and freedom, with the reports of their standing committees—were disposed of. During the afternoon session Moderator Minton announced the appointment of Robert P. Cairns, of Pittsburgh, as vice moderator. A resolution was adopted deprecating the action of the directors of the Pan-American exposition in opening the gates on Sunday, and earnestly urging the closing of the exposition on that day. The special committee on Sunday observance protested against the publication of Sunday newspapers and all uses of the Lord's day for business purposes or commercial interests. The conference was disappointed in the temperance committee's report.

PRESIDENT WATCHING CUBA

He and the Cabinet Satisfied With Developments So Far.

San Francisco, May 21.—The president and members of the cabinet are watching with interest the reports which the Cuban commission which visited Washington presented to the constitutional convention. Secretary Root has kept the president fully advised of the movements in Havana, and the president is in communication with leading senators upon the subject. The question of this government's acceptance of the action of the constitutional convention as "a substantial" compliance with the terms of the Platt amendment will, of course, not be formally raised until the constitutional convention acts upon reports submitted to it, but there is good reason to believe that the members of the cabinet here are satisfied with the developments.

The majority report is considered a virtual acceptance of the Platt amendment, and the minority report could, perhaps, be interpreted as a stronger protest, designed to meet the demands of local sentiment in Cuba and "save the face" of its authors.

Infatuated with the Village Belle.

Des Moines, Ia., May 21.—Infatuated with the village belle, a maiden of 25, Postmaster J. M. Harris, of Federal Iowa county, left his wife and family, locked up his office and took a Rock Island train to Denver with his locomotive. He is described as a handsome man of 35 years, weighing 200 pounds, while the young lady is described as a slender beauty. A prominent office inspector Stuart is looking into Harris' accounts.

New for a Sunday Lay.

West Superior, Wis., May 21.—General Manager Warren, of the Duluth-Superior Traction company, and twelve men working under his supervision, were arrested Sunday afternoon. They are charged with violating the city ordinance forbidding work on Sunday. The arrest is claimed to be the result of a controversy as to the East End line. The company proposes to single-track the line, and the citizens do not want this.

He Cut His Wife's Throat.

Oscoda, Ia., May 21.—Sunday Elmer Lane, in the door of the residence of his wife here, cut her throat, and then attempted to commit suicide. Mrs. Lane is in a critical condition. Lane may recover. The couple had had domestic troubles, and she had applied for a divorce.

Knuyloes' Wages Raised.

Burlington, Ia., May 21.—The wholesale saddlery manufacturing establishment of S. R. and I. C. McConnell has advanced its employees' wages 5 to 7 per cent. The advance was unasked and unexpected by the men. The C. B. and Q. switch engineers and firemen have received an increase of \$5 to \$8 per month.

Shot His Sweetheart's Father.

Metropolis, Ills., May 21.—Dennis Reed, an 18-year-old boy, shot and seriously wounded George Williams here Saturday night. Reed had called on Williams' daughter against the latter's orders. He stepped into the room, objected to the young man's presence in his house, and the shooting followed.

Joint High Commission to Meet.

Cittawa, Out., May 21.—In the house of commons yesterday Premier Laurier stated that he expected the joint high commission to meet this year.

Trimming Her Sails a Bit.

Nannie—Oh, dear, my face is so freckled! It's just awful!
Aunt Hannah—I wouldn't fret, Nannie. Of course the freckles are not very becoming, but, then, you know, they serve to cover up your features.—Boston Transcript.

"RATS" SAID THE IDLER

And He Thought He "Had 'Em" When He Looked into a Chicago Show Window.

RODENTS LOOT A JEWELRY STORE

According to the Latest News from the Windy City—Work Done Before a Big Crowd.

Chicago, May 21.—Rats carried off jewelry valued at over \$500 from the show windows of the Goodrich & Potter company, 202 State street, Sunday night. A big crowd watched the little creatures seize articles and tug and pull until they dragged them out of sight. Yesterday morning nearly all of the stuff stolen in the last six weeks was recovered, and the clerks of the jewelry firm, who have been watching each other with suspicious eyes, gave a sigh of relief. Several private detectives who also have been watching for the thieves were relieved from further duty by the firm. It was soon discovered that the rats had carried the jewelry away to nibble the nests from the tags which were attached to each article.

How the Trick Was Found Out.

It was luck which made the discovery of the thieves possible. The watchmen had guarded the store at night since the middle of April without getting a clue, and the clerks had been watching for weeks by the private detectives, but no trace of the missing jewelry was obtained. Then a man walking down State street Sunday glanced into the firm's show windows as he sauntered past. He saw a gold watch moving along as if it had legs. He looked closer and saw that a big rat had the ring of the watch in its teeth and that another rat was pulling it along by the tail. The pedestrian watched until the little animals and the timepiece disappeared into a dark corner.

Afraid He Had "Rats" Himself.

He was so surprised that he wanted to make sure the rats were not creatures of his own invention. He decided right away a hospital was the proper place for him if nobody else could see those rats. He hailed the next man who came along and told him what he had seen. The second man told the first that a doctor was the proper person for him to talk to. But while he was giving this friendly advice he saw a rat come into the lighted section of the window, seize a watch and scamper off with it. In five minutes there were half a hundred people crowding and pushing to get a look into the window. The rats didn't mind the watchers, but kept on working. If an article was too heavy for one rodent he would get a partner for one rodent, others would help him.

Rat Loot for One Night.

When the manager of the store was notified of what was going on he came down town and found that several rings, four watches and half a dozen charms and brooches were gone from the show window. Yesterday morning workmen began to tear up the floor under the show windows. There were a great many rats, and several when the first board came up. Below it, in a corner made by a beam and the floor joists, was a nest of rats, several little rats that didn't have their eyes open, and a lot of jewelry. Further search revealed more of the missing property.

A Fine Old Government Clock.

It is a fine old clock which stands in the senate lobby fronting the main entrance to the senate chamber. For almost a century it has been ticking away, night and day, and now it is as good as ever.

The old clock is about eight feet high, and its frame is solid mahogany. Its face is about a foot and a half in diameter, and the name of Thomas Voight, Philadelphia, shows by whom and where it was made. It used to stand in the old senate chamber, now the supreme court room, where Webster and Clay and Benton and all the famous men of the past debated great questions. If the clock could only talk, it could tell many tales of dramatic interest.

Upon the mahogany case is carved a large shield, with stars to represent the states. When the clock was built, there were only 17 states in the Union.—Washington Post.

A Queen Who Married Her Brothers.

At 17 years of age Cleopatra was married to her half brother, Ptolemy, Dionysius, who was then 13. This was because of the will of his father, who left him the throne on condition of the marriage with his sister. They reigned jointly until Cleopatra became dissatisfied with her brother's attempt to gain sole power. She plotted against him, and, obtaining the aid of Julius Caesar, she brought about Ptolemy's death. Thereupon she married another brother, a boy of 11, whom she later poisoned, assuming sole power 43 B. C. With her death (30 B. C.) ended the dynasty of Ptolemy in Egypt.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Sword.

There is only one sword factory in the United States, a Massachusetts concern, and that one has ample capacity for supplying the domestic demand for swords. The saber lost its efficiency as a cavalry weapon as far back as the war of the rebellion, and the increased range of rifles has made the sword equally obsolete as an implement of actual combat. It is about as dangerous now as a bandmaster's baton and serves much the same purpose.—New York Tribune.

IN MEMORY OF THE HEROINE.

Great Viaduct Named in Honor of Brave Kate Shelly.

Ogden, Ia., May 21.—Thousands of people in central Iowa assembled Sunday on the banks of the Des Moines river between Boone and Ogden, Ia., to cheer the first train as it thundered over the longest and highest double-track viaduct in the world, a structure just completed by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company, representing an expenditure of \$1,000,000. The viaduct is popularly called the "Kate Shelly" viaduct, christened so in commemoration of an act of heroism on the part of Miss Kate Shelly, of Moingona, Ia., who, at the peril of her life, crept across the broken girders on the Des Moines river railroad bridge at Moingona during a midnight storm that swept the principal supports of the structure from their foundation, and saved the flying Omaha special, with its load of human freight, from destruction.

As a reward for her service the Northwestern road erected a comfortable new home on the Shelly farm at Moingona, presenting it to Miss Shelly. It is from this incident that the new viaduct spanning the Des Moines river between Boone and Ogden derives its name.

NOT THAT A. V. FREEMAN

Must Have Been Some Other Man Who Committed This Suicide.

New York, May 21.—William Standfield, a boatman, found a bottle drifting with the tide near the quarantine station. It contained a card of "A. V. Freeman, Menominee, Mich., District Manager Raber & Watson, Ties, Poles and Posts, Chicago, Ills." On the reverse side was written in lead pencil: "God knows I had no choice. Did not come from Michigan with this intention. They say drowning is painful."

Marquette, Wis., May 21.—A. V. Freeman, of Menominee, was seen Sunday night and is alive and well. He cannot account for the finding of a note in a floating bottle indicating his suicide. The first name on the card is Raber & Watson, of Chicago. He has not been in the east for some time.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

Korea has leased to Japan 450 acres at Ma-San-Pho, which land Russia desired.

King Edward intends to visit Ireland as soon as possible.

Dangerous derelicts in the Atlantic are reported by recently arrived steamers.

Robert Gibbs, formerly of Chicago, was asphyxiated by gas in New York. Judge Baker's decision at Chicago upholding the blacklist was denounced by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

M. Revel will be made French governor general of Algeria.

Admiral Giequet, formerly French minister of marine, is dead. Eight persons were hurt in a collision between a wagon and an electric car at Chicago.

The Colorado supreme court has decided that the city of Leadville owns the mineral rights under streets and alleys.

Three cases of smallpox have been reported among Porto Ricans on the island of Porto Rico.

The president has promised to talk to the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth infantry regiments, now at San Francisco from Manila.

General MacArthur has celebrated at Manila the surrender of the insurgent generals, Kinsac and Lacuna, by releasing 1,000 Filipino prisoners.

General Mexico, the insurgent chief on the island of Leyte, P. I., has surrendered with twenty men.

The national supreme court has decided that bottles and corks used in the manufacture of beer for export must pay duty.

Bruires.

For an ordinary bruise such as results from an ill directed hammer or from a door shutting on one's finger use a mild astringent of some sort, such as witch hazel or vinegar. Keep the bruise constantly wet until the pain ceases, using a bandage of old muslin for wrapping. If the pain is very intense, laudanum may be added. After the pain has ceased and only discoloration and swelling remain to tell the tale it is a good plan to apply a stimulating liniment. This induces an extra flow of fresh blood to the spot. In the case of a severe bruise the supply of blood to the injured part must be lessened by elevating it above the heart and applying cold water or even ice.

Of course when the bruise, or contusion rather, is of such moment house remedies should be indulged in only while waiting for a doctor, a truth that necessarily applies to all the various emergencies that arise. In cases of severe burns physicians are often hampered by the home remedies that cover the burns and hide the real extent of the injury.

A Good Memory.

A bad memory in most cases might be more properly described as one rusting from sheer want of use. The fact is our brain cells are always "ready to oblige," but we do not give them sufficient encouragement in their well meant efforts. Naturally the individual may cultivate a memory for certain details more readily than for others, but the general basis of all recollective acts is the same, and there is no department of human mental activity in which the motto that "practice makes perfect" holds more truly than in the science of mnemonics. The view may be expressed, indeed, that we never forget anything presented to our brain cells. When we say we have forgotten, we really mean that we cannot find the mental photographic negative whence we can print off a positive reproduction.—London Chronicle.

MONEY MISSING

Package Containing \$8,000 Disappears From the Mail.

SENT FROM KANSAS CITY

Postal Clerk Under Suspicion—Consigned to Great Bend, Kas.

Kansas City, May 21.—A package containing \$8,000 in currency consigned by registered mail by the National Bank of Commerce to a bank in Great Bend, Kas., has disappeared. Detectives are working on the theory it was stolen by a postal clerk.

Attempt to Blow up Bank.

Cambridge, Mass., May 21.—What the police believe to be a daring attempt to rob the Cambridge National bank of this city by the use of dynamite in broad daylight, was revealed this morning by an explosion in the bank which blew out the side of the office and damaged other parts of the building. Cashier Roaf sustained a bad wound on the head. If the explosion was part of the plot to rob the bank the plan failed, for nothing of value was taken from the place.

FINE COLLEGE BUILDING

IS DULY DEDICATED.

Urbana, Ill., May 21.—A notable assemblage of agriculturists today joined with the students and faculty of the University of Illinois in dedicating the new college of agriculture in this city. The building is of brick, has two acres of floor space, and is credited as being the largest and best equipped building of its character in the world.

PRESBYTERIANS

PROPOSE AMENDMENT.

Philadelphia, May 21.—Consideration of church board reports continued at today's session of the Presbyterian assembly. The report of the committee on home missions claimed numerous recommendations, one of the most important being an earnest commendation of the proposed anti-polygamy amendment to the constitution of the United States.