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A BIG STRIKE NOW PENDING

Half a Million Machinists and Metal Workers Will be Affected

Employers Not Willing to Arbitrate Wage Question Except With Employees —12 1-2 Per Cent Increase Wanted

WASHINGTON.—A general strike, involving directly 150,000 machinists, and indirectly 500,000 men in the metal working trades, is expected to take place on May 20, unless some arrangement is effected in the meantime.

This is the statement made by President James O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, who has his headquarters in this city. The demands of the men, the refusal of which threatens to precipitate the strike, Mr. O'Connell said, are for a working day of nine hours and an increase of 12½ per cent. in wages, or, in other words, ten hours pay for nine hours work. The matter, he said, has been under consideration for some time, and every effort has been made by the machinists' association to avoid resorting to a strike, but such action, he says, is now necessary if the workmen hope to attain the end for which they are striving.

Some time ago, through the efforts of the International Association and the National Trades Association, the employers of about 25 per cent. of the men who would be affected by the strike made concessions by a general work day of nine hours, to become operative on May 20 of this year. The question of an increase of wages, however, or its equivalent, the granting of ten hours' pay for nine hours, remained unsettled.

Mr. O'Connell, however, says that the employers refused to arbitrate the question of wages nationally, but that they expressed a willingness that this matter would be settled by employers locally, each individual case to be treated as such. This method is unsatisfactory to the representatives of the machinists' association, who express the opinion that they would prolong indefinitely the settlement of the question. Upon his return to the city Mr. O'Connell promptly prepared the order for the strike, and it was sent out by mail today.

Mr. O'Connell says that about 200 firms, whose employes represent probably twenty per cent. of the 500,000 men who will be affected by the proposed strike, have signed agreements for the reduction in hours of labor and the increase of pay, so that the agitation on the subject already has benefited them materially.

For prudential reasons the executive committee has determined not, at this time, to apply the strike order to the railroads. Whether it will be done in the future will depend altogether on developments.

Wild Horses for the Army

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Hundreds of horses which have been running wild for past years on the plains between Lillooet and Cariboo and Okanagan are being captured for the British government, for service in South Africa. An imperial army officer is now at Kamloops buying them as fast as they come in. The horses are of good size, most of them being mustangs in-bred with domestic horses that have been lost by the ranchers at various times and joined the wild herds.

NEW YORK'S POSSIBILITIES

Empire City to Forge Ahead of London in Ten Years

NEW YORK.—There is a strong possibility that in ten years the United States can boast the largest city in the world. If New York continues to increase in population at the rate of the past ten years, for the coming ten, and London's percentage of gain continues the same, the metropolis of the new hemisphere will lead the cities of the world in population instead of that honor remaining in the British isle.

In composing the census returns ob-

tained last year, and this respectively of New York and London, the two stand thus:

	Pop at present census.	Inc. in Decade.
London	4,536,034	7.3
New York	3,437,202	37.8

If the two cities maintain their relative rate of increase in population during the next ten years, the population of the two cities can be estimated for 1911 to be:

New York	6,874,402
London	4,853,554

Eight Sheep Shearers Held Up

SALT LAKE, Utah.—A special to the Tribune from Evanston, Wyo., says that eight sheep shearers returning from Rock Springs were held up by two men in the railway yards and robbed of sums ranging from \$50 to \$100 each.

The shearers, who had recently been paid, were endeavoring to beat their way to their homes in Utah and Idaho in a box car. The two robbers, one carrying a lantern, the other a gun, climbed into the box car, coolly ordered the eight to hold up their hands and then searched them scientifically and thoroughly. This done, they locked the men in the car and escaped.

AMERICAN FINED BY THE RUSSIANS

A Citizen of St. Paul Has to Pay a Heavy Penalty

CHICAGO.—L. D. Horne, a naturalized American citizen and a member of a wholesale firm in St. Paul, has been forced by the Russian government, of which country he is a native, to pay a fine of 600 roubles amounting to \$350.

Mr. Horne received notice several months ago from Russia that the fine had been imposed because he did not serve his time in the Russian army. Through the American minister at St. Petersburg he arbitrated the matter, claiming exemption because of now being an American citizen.

He desired to go to Russia in person, but the American official informed him that it would be exceedingly difficult to secure his release from the arrest which would surely ensue as soon as he entered the Czar's domain. The Russian government attached the homestead of Mr. Horne's parents at Niesen, Northern Russia, to secure payment of the fine.

Mr. Horne's parents are aged and their only property is their home. To prevent them from being turned out Horne paid his fine.

Photographer Killed

ROSSLAND, B. C.—Edgar Petch, a young amateur photographer, was dashed to pieces while out in the mountains. He climbed on a projecting limb, hanging over a chasm, so that a companion could photograph him as he hung suspended.

In trying to return his strength became exhausted and he fell into the rocky chasm below. He was instantly killed.

A WEALTHY FARMER'S AWFUL DEED

Kills His Wife and Attempts to Murder Her Son

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—On a farm near here Merritt Chisholm killed his wife. As she was starting to church in a buggy with the two little daughters of Chism, her stepdaughter, a quarrel arose. Chism jumped into the buggy, and with a knife cut his wife's face and neck. He then threw her into the road, jumped upon her and stabbed her repeatedly.

Her son, Harry Freeland, aged 12, struck at Chism with a ball bat. Chism wrested the bat from the lad and struck his wife three times with it, smashing her skull and dashing her brains out. Then he tried again to stab the woman. Harvey caught the hand in which was the knife. Chism drew the knife through Harvey's hand, almost severing the fingers, and stabbed Harvey in the arm.

Chism then fled across the field and tried to drown himself in a well. The water was not deep enough, and he climbed out and went to the house of a son, where he tried to kill himself with a revolver. The son prevented this, and took Chism to Bloomington, where he gave himself up to the sheriff. Chism is 49 years of age and one of the wealthiest farmers in the country.

CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Charles H. Eastman, the Harvard Instructor, Found Not Guilty

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—After a long and dramatic trial, Charles H. Eastman, the Harvard instructor, was acquitted of the charge of murdering his brother-in-law, Richard Grogan, Jr., while at target practice on July 4 last.

The jury, after listening for nearly three weeks to a mass of testimony, followed by two days of argument, debated five hours and a half before reaching a verdict. When the verdict was announced there was a demonstration among the 150 spectators which the court officers were unable to suppress for some minutes.

The young man's father, who has stood loyally by his side through the long strain and who has spared no expense in lawyers and experts to clear his son of the charge, was the first to press his hand as he stepped from the prisoner's cage.

Before the jury left their seats, Eastman went over and shook hands with each one, and then passed out into the anteroom, where he was greeted by his relatives and friends.

Women Executed

VIENNA.—A dispatch to the Abenblatt, from Constantinople, announces the wholesale shooting of revolutionary Macedonians, including women. Twenty-four persons were executed at Monastir, fourteen at Beyra, eighteen at Lating, eighteen at Seres and twenty-nine at Uskub.

The Duke's Debts

LONDON, May 11.—It is announced that Eugene Zimmerman has offered the creditors of the Duke of Manchester, his son-in-law, 10 shillings in the pound, but that a faction of the creditors is determined to exact a full settlement.

Exciting Day for Carrie

WICHITA, Kan.—Mrs. Carrie Nation arrived here Saturday night, after an exciting day at Harper. There was a circus in town and she organized a raid on saloons, but was arrested before she could do any smashing. She was released on promising that she would take the next train out of town, which she did.

Rapid Transit Accident

NEW YORK.—One man was probably fatally, and two others slightly, hurt in an accident Saturday at the loop of the Rapid Transit tunnel in City Hall Park. The man fatally hurt is Thomas Lyons, a rigger. He suffered a fracture at the base of the skull.

Suffrage for Norwegian Women

CHRISTIANA, Norway.—The lower house of the Norwegian parliament adopted, by a vote of 48 to 36, a bill introducing universal communal male suffrage, and by 68 to 17 votes adopted a bill providing communal suffrage for women paying taxes on an income of at least 300 crowns.

Great Strike Threatening

CHICAGO.—Eight hundred members of the Machinists' union decided to demand of the National Metal Manufacturers' association an increase of 12½ per cent. on the existing scale of wages. The new scale is to become effective on May 20, on which date the law of the machinists making nine hours a day's work will go into operation throughout the country.

The decision reached affects 3500 men in and around Chicago. There is no likelihood of a strike because of an agreement of the men with the bosses which makes arbitration compulsory.

MINES AND MINING

COPPER CONDITIONS.

During the first quarter of 1901 the copper market has ruled very steady at 17c for lake and 16½c for electrolytic. During that period the exports of sulphate of copper reached 11,866 tons as compared with 10,045 tons the same period of 1900. During April 2687 tons of foreign copper were imported and 22,852 tons of ore were imported, while 773 tons of copper and 957 tons of ore were re-exported.

Regarding the metal situation an

official of the United Metals Selling company makes the following statement:

"The current month has been an exceptionally good one so far as the copper business is concerned. Exports show a material increase. In fact they have been larger than in any corresponding month for years past.

"I do not expect any material change in the price of silver. It will remain strong with an upward tendency, for some time. The fact that the silver production of the country is now in the hands of a single corporation indicates that it will ultimately reach a higher level."

STRIKE IN GILSON.

The latest news regarding the big strike in the Mollie Gibson comes from Aspen. It is reported that the find was made at the tenth level. Assays give from 150 to 600 ounces in silver. It is the biggest strike of ore ever uncovered in the history of the camp. It is now known the ore chute runs clear to the surface, a distance of 1000 feet. The stock is steadily going up and everyone in Aspen is greatly elated. The Mollie Gibson has produced over \$3,000,000, but three years ago the big ore chute was lost. The company has been prospecting with a diamond drill and has struck either the original ore body or an offshoot of the big vein.

HIGHLAND BOY DIVIDED.

Those who are interested in the Highland Boy Mine have received favorable advance reports regarding the property. This statement shows that the Utah Consolidated Gold Mines, limited, covering operations of the English and American companies up to December 31, indicates that the balance sheet of the Highland Boy Gold Mining Company shows a balance to profit and loss account of \$882,779, inclusive of \$628,294 brought forward from June 30, 1900. On April 15, 1901, the Highland Boy Gold Mining company paid its first dividend on the stock, amounting to \$400,000. The directors of the Utah Consolidated, as already announced, declared an interim dividend of 5s per share, payable to all holders of shares of record April 29.

What is Ovaritis?

A dull, throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with an occasional shooting pain, indicates inflammation.

On examination it will be found that the region of pain shows some swelling. This is the first stage of ovaritis, inflammation of the ovary. If the roof of your house leaks, my sister, you have it fixed at once; why not pay the same respect to your own body?

You need not, you ought not to let yourself go, when one of your own sex



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holds out the helping hand to you, and will advise you without money and without price. Mrs. Pinkham's laboratory is at Lynn, Mass. Write a letter there telling all your symptoms and get the benefit of the greatest experience in treating female ills.

"I was suffering to such an extent from ovarian trouble that my physician thought an operation would be necessary.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound having been recommended to me, I decided to try it. After using several bottles I found that I was cured. My entire system was toned up, and I suffered no more with my ovaries."—MRS. ANNA ASTON TROY, Mo.