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BIG STEEL STRIKE.

Once More Efforts Are Afloat to Effect a Settlement.

Meanwhile the Contest is Being Waged With Vigor and Slightly Varying Fortune—Joliet Men Will go Out.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 15.—Once more there are efforts afoot to settle the steel strike, but their success is problematical. Neither side will admit that there has been a single step toward bringing about a reapproachment, or that there is an prospect of any exchange of peace proposals.

B. M. Caldwell, formerly a mill owner of Mingo Junction, is known to have conferred with the strike leaders with a view to sketching a basis of settlement. He is believed to be the mysterious man who conferred with President Shaffer for more than two hours at the strike headquarters today, although the latter said later that he had not seen Mr. Caldwell for months. Both sides vigorously denied that they had either made overtures or received proposals, but it is known positively that the plan is under consideration. Mr. Caldwell is acting independently and does not represent either the manufacturers or the men. No statement from him was obtainable, and no outline of the terms that have been considered can be had. It is believed here that under certain circumstances the contending sides could be brought together and a settlement effected.

President Shaffer in a significant statement made at noon today said that personally he was for peace, and that he was fighting only because he was on the defensive and forced to fight.

Meantime the contest between the two great interests is being waged with vigor and slightly varying fortune. The steel corporation seemed to be somewhat stronger at the lower union mill of the Carnegie Co. in this city, although the strikers are still working hard to cripple or close it. The corporation also added to the force at Wellaville, and announced that at last it had the plant running to its full capacity. It had been anticipated that the day would show some move on the part of the American Tin Plate Co. toward opening one or more of its plants with non-union men, but nothing was done, and there were no attempts at extensions in other directions. Three hundred men employed at the seamless tube plant at McKeesport, an auxiliary of the National Tube Co., threw down their tools and joined the strikers. It is said that they quit because they would not handle non-union made material.

During the day the strikers kept a close watch on the plants that are being operated with non-union men and also kept alert pickets around the Carnegie plants and the works that are completely closed down.

There were few developments, and except in the instances enumerated there have been no changes in the general situation. Good order was general.

President Shaffer and his assistants had a busy day at strike headquarters. They were on hand early and with a "dead line" that kept the third floor of the Bissell block clear of all intruders, went into conference with the man who is believed to be Mr. Caldwell, who has come into the breach with a peace plan. President Shaffer did not appear until shortly after noon, when he made the following statement to the newspaper men:

I will say officially the Amalgamated Association has submitted no proposition to the Steel Corporation, nor has the Steel Corporation offered any proposal directly to the Amalgamated Association. We have not heard from the corporation officially since our last conference. I will say, however, that certain men formerly connected with the Amalgamated Association are interfering in this matter and interfering with our fight. They had better keep out of it or they will get the worst of it. Personally, I wish the fight was settled, but now that we are forced into a fight and called upon to defend ourselves, we are fighting on successfully. I know of no plan for a settlement and can assure you that no representative of the Steel Corporation has been to these headquarters.

The statement in a morning paper that there is a movement to depose me and that we are not working in harmony, is a lie. It is more than false. "I have no reports from Mr. Tighe at Chicago. He went with full authority to act for himself. If the lodges do not come out, their charters will be taken. Brother Tighe knows my mind fully and he has the authority. Mr. Kelly of Milwaukee and Mr. Adams of Joliet are here, but I have not had time to talk to them. If closing down mills and winning men are successes, we are successful. Personally, I wish the strike was settled. I have no reports from the lower union mill, but our fight goes well. I cannot disclose our plans or tell you of our hidden strength, that will be shown when the men come out."

M. M. Garland is believed to be one of the number.

Later in the day Michael Kelley, representing the Amalgamated lodge of Milwaukee, and Samuel Adams of the Joliet lodge, were closeted with the advisory board. They made an extended statement as to the circumstances under which their organization failed to go out, and it is said that they promised that their men would go on strike if permitted to give the three months notice provided for in their contracts.

None of the participants in the discussion would talk when the meeting ended.

It is reported that the U. S. Steel Corporation is negotiating for the absorption of the Republic Iron and Steel Co. There have, it is said, been a number of conferences between prominent stockholders in the two companies and the terms of purchase have been practically agreed upon.

Youngstown advices say that the officials of the American Steel Hoop Co. have asked the strikers to attend a meeting tomorrow, at which they propose to lay before them the terms offered at the manufacturers and strike leaders' conference. The Amalgamated officials are opposed to the meeting and will forbid the men to attend.

President George Powell of the International Tin Plate Workers Association, was in conference with the amalgamated officials today. It was stated that they discussed the report that the American Tin Plate Co. was to import block tin plates from Wales. President Powell declined to talk.

JOLIET, Ills., Aug. 15.—The four lodges of the Amalgamated Association employes of the Illinois Steel Co. at Joliet mills by a unanimous vote decided tonight to obey the strike order of President Shaffer. The conference was in session from 3 o'clock this afternoon until 9 o'clock tonight before the decision was reached. The steel mills were closed at noon to enable the members of the association to attend the meeting, which was called by National Assistant Secretary Tighe after his arrival here this morning. He was accompanied by Vice-President David of the fourth district. Both men presented the side of the association to the local members. It was argued that in order to secure the organization of the non-union workers it was essential that the west would have to join the strike movement. Mr. Tighe also appealed to the fealty of the men to the association. He urged them to be men and stand by their union. His remarks were received with enthusiasm and presaged the vote that followed. This action will close the entire steel plant here, throwing out of employment nearly 3,000 men. Fires will be drawn tonight.

The Joliet men had the same contract with the Illinois Steel Co. at the South Chicago workers who last night refused to listen to the arguments of Secretary Tighe. Mr. Tighe will leave for Milwaukee tonight.

C. P. R. TRACKMEN'S STRIKE.

MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—It was expected in some quarters that a settlement of the Canadian Pacific Trackmen's strike would be effected today. Tonight the company made a proposition to the strikers in response to the request. The proposition was not acceptable to the committee and the matter is again in statu quo.

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OTTAWA.

Corner Stone of Addition to Quebec Cartridge Factory,

Will Not be Laid by Duke of Cornwall—Department Far Behind With the Work—The Chinese Tariff—Meeting of the Dominion Educational Association.

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.—The proposition will have to be abandoned of having his royal highness lay the corner stone of the new buildings which were to be added to the government cartridge factory at Quebec for the manufacture of artillery ammunition. The plans for these buildings were approved months ago, but as yet no start has been made towards preparing the foundation for the structure, although it had been intended to have this branch of the factory in working order during the coming winter. To this end machinery was ordered in England for delivery during the month of September, and doubtless will be on hand in time. The delay is due to the public works department being over-crowded with work in this "growing time" of public expenditure.

The department of public works was advised today by telegraph that two Marconi instruments, imported from England for wireless telegraphy experiments in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, were being shipped on board the government cable steamer Tyrian, at Gaspe.

It is learned here, unofficially, that the long pending controversy over the Chinese tariff has been finally settled, and that the Chinese free list will include wheat and flour. While in the past China has not been a large importer of breadstuffs, with the exception of rice, it is regarded as quite possible that the removal of the duty and probable cheapening of flour owing to the large harvest of the present season, will stimulate the consumption and result in considerable imports from Canada by way of the Pacific coast.

The Dominion Educational Association opened its sessions here today. The various departments held sessions simultaneously. In the evening President McCabe of Ottawa gave an opening address, referring particularly to manual training and nature study as new features in education. The mayor of Ottawa welcomed the association. Responses were made by Hon. Boucher de la Bruere, superintendent of education of Quebec; D. J. Goggin, superintendent of the N. W. T.; Principal Scott, Toronto, Ont.; H. V. Bridges, M. A., of Fredericton; Principal Marshall, Halifax, and Mr. Gregg of England.

Many interesting papers were read. There is strong dissatisfaction at the present system of education, especially in Ontario.

Premier Roblin arrived from Winnipeg to meet the premier and discuss Manitoba's demand for the control of the school lands fund.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—The Dominion Educational Association elected the following officers tonight:

President, D. J. Coggin, N. W. T.; vice-president, Hon. Boucher de la Buere, Quebec; Hon. Richard Harcourt, Ontario; A. H. MacKay, LL.D., Nova Scotia; J. R. Inch, LL.D., New Brunswick; Alex. Anderson, LL.D., P. E. Island; Hon. A. Campbell, Manitoba; Hon. F. W. Oliain, N. W. T.; Alex. Robinson, British Columbia.

The directors from the east are Dr. Hay, St. John; Dr. Hall, Truro; Prof. Robertson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The next meeting will be held in Winnipeg in July, 1903.

Mrs. Patterson, Truro, was appointed vice-president of the kindergarten section.

After the evening address Prof. Robertson of the department of agriculture suggested the formation of a committee to test new departures in rural districts such as experimental school short courses, consolidated schools, and continued schools, and hinted at government aid in the near future. The association appointed a committee to report.

J. S. Larke, Canadian agent in Australia, reporting on trade with New South Wales for the past year, says that with the exception of flour, trade in other Canadian articles was 50 per cent. greater than in any previous year. In the preceding year the colony imported from the United States $404,220 value of flour and from Canada $136,460. In the year just closed the imports from the states were $57,380 and from Canada $83,575. He does not anticipate a revival of the new duty unless Australia experiences another drought.

The Canadian Pacific has offered to equip their three Empress steamers with the Marconi system if the government will establish the wireless telegraph signal system near Victoria, B. C.

SOUTHERN FLOODS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 15.—The storm which has been sweeping the gulf coast from Pensacola and moving westward during the past two days, has prostrated telegraph and telephone wires. The greatest fears have been entertained for the safety of the people living at Port Eads, which is the mouth of Mississippi river, and for the ships that started for sea just before the storm began.

The Picayune reached a man who left Port Eads at 2 o'clock Wednesday. This man describes the storm which swept that section as a regular tidal wave. The house of a man named Cobden, half a mile above the quarantine station, was swept away and the 15 members of the family, including nine children, were drowned.

The government boat General Reese is believed to have been lost.

The steamboat Buras was driven ashore near the lighthouse and later it was reported that she had sunk. Her crew were said to have been saved. The tugboat Velasco, with two barges, is believed to have gone down. If this is true, twenty more people have been drowned.

Much damage has been done at Shellback, a settlement on Lake Borgne. All the buildings there have been swept away and there are reports of loss of life among the fishermen. At Milneburg the steamer Neptune tied up to a pier head, pounded herself to pieces and sank.

A coal fleet of 24 barges belonging to the Monongahela Coal Co. was anchored at a coal port. Six of them, with an aggregate capacity of 60,000 tons of coal, sank. The tow boat Henry Marx, belonging to the Interstate Transportation Co., pounded a hole in her bottom at Graetna this morning and sank.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 15.—The tropical storm which has been raging along the Gulf coast for two days has tonight completely isolated Mobile, Ala., from the outside world. It is known that considerable damage has been done along the water front in Mobile, but whether there has been loss of life or not is mere conjecture. At half-past four this afternoon the Western Union office in Mobile was abandoned, the water at that time being three feet deep in the operating room.

Two hours later communication was had for a few minutes with Mobile. The Associated Press operator there had made his way to the operating room in a boat. He took up his position on top of the switchboard, several feet above the flooded office and detaching the Associated press wire from its place in the board, sent this message:

"Am on top of the switchboard here with a linesman. The water is over four feet deep in the room, and is still rising. The wind is blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and we look for worse things tonight."

The water at 3 p. m. was reported as high as in the great flood of 1893.

It is feared there has been some loss of life on the islands in Mississippi sound just outside of the bar below Fort Morgan. These islands, which are inhabited by French fishermen, rise only 4 or 5 feet above the water under ordinary stages and were the scene of great loss of life in 1893. Twenty miles of Louisville and Nashville track through the Tensas swamp west of Mobile is reported under water. All trains have been abandoned.

FAST STEAMSHIP LINE.

To Cross the Ocean in Four and a Half Days.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The house of lords took an unusual step this morning in suspending the sessional order, with the object of passing on its second reading the bill granting special powers to build a pier and other works at Berehaven, in Bantry Bay, Ireland, in connection with the proposed fast steamship line from Berehaven to the United States, by which it is hoped the voyage will be accomplished in four and one-half days. The bill had already passed the house of commons.

Lord James, of Hereford, remarked that such great public interests were concerned that the government desired to pass the bill at the present session.

Lord James of Hereford (who is chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), added that the promoters desired to contract harbor works, with the object of inaugurating a line of steamers to the United States. The steamers will be built in Great Britain and will accomplish the voyage in four and a half days. The assent of the admiralty officials who are constructing naval works at Berehaven, had been given the building of the proposed works on the foreshore.

The harbor bill is the work of an Irish electric railroad company, promoted by S. G. Fraser, an engineer of London. The designs appear in their initial stages. No date has yet been announced for the beginning of the work. It is understood that some American capital has been guaranteed in connection with the steamship service. It is understood that the enterprise includes an express line across Southern Ireland and a channel ferry connecting directly with the Great Western railroad for London. The cost of the Berehaven harbor works and the railway connection will be £900,000.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES CHOSEN

PICTOU, Aug. 15.—A representative convention of the liberal conservative party of Pictou county was held in Pictou today. The candidates unanimously nominated by the delegates to contest the county at the coming local election were: C. E. Tanner, M. P. P., Wm. Cameron, ex-M. P. P., and E. Munro of Westville. Messrs. Tanner and Cameron accepted the nomination, but as Mr. Munro is at present in Cape Breton word has not yet been received from him. It is very likely he will accept. In the afternoon a public meeting was held in George street hall. Addresses were delivered by A. C. Bell, M. P., Messrs. Tannner, Cameron and others.

EDWARD HOOPER ACQUITTED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 15.—Edward Hooper, whom the naval authorities arrested on a charge of wrongfully obtaining goods from the dockyard at Bermuda, was today acquitted. No prosecutor appeared.

GRANTED ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

SANDUSKY, O., Aug. 15.—This afternoon Mrs. Clara White Newberry, daughter of Ambassador Andrew White, was granted absolute divorce from Prof. Spencer B. Newberry, who failed to contest.

SOUTH AFRICA.

MAGERSFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Aug. 13.—Commandant Pretorius, who was recently shot through the eyes, is dead.

It is the summer of our discontent when the felt hat is felt hot.

THE ACADIAN FEAST.

Celebration of L'Assomption Thursday, a Splendid Success.

Large and Representative Gathering—Presentation of Mr. Bean's Celebrated Painting—A Red Letter Day for Memramcook.

MONCTON, Aug. 14.—The celebration of the Assomption, the Acadian National Feast, at Memromcook tomorrow, will be of special interest on account of the presentation of the historical tableau of "Le Disperson des Acadiens." This picture is the work of M. Beau, the distinguished Canadian artist, and was shown at Paris in 1900, when it won the highest commendation and the award of the international jury. It is 12 feet by 8, and will occupy a prominent place in the college buildings at St. Joseph's. The picture has been secured through the joint efforts of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Quebec and the Societe de L'Assomption of the Acadian population in the maritime provinces, each paying one-half the cost, $1,000, or $500 for each. The programme for the day at St. Joseph's is as follows:

At 10 a. m., service and sermon by Rev. P. C. Gauthier.

Dinner at college and refreshments on the grounds.

Exposition of the tableau.

Amusements, etc.

At 3 p. m., speeches by Joseph Perreault, Hon. Judge Landry, F. L. Beique, Hon. C. H. Labillois, A. H. Comeau, Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, Fred LaForest, M. P. P., O. M. Melanson, M. P. P., Dr. L. N. Bourque, G. Des-Roches, Jos O. Arseneau, N. Landry and others.

5.30, supper.

7.30, grand concert in the Memorial Lefebvre Hall, and presentation of tableau by L. O. David of Montreal, in the name of the Canadiens, and by Dr. L. J. Belliveau of Shediac, in the name of the Acadians.

Speeches by Hon. J. I. Tarte, F. D. Monk and A. D. Richard.

There will be the usual sports and amusements on the grounds, and the College and Shediac bands will furnish music. In order that visitors may return home the same night, trains will leave College Bridge at 10.30 for Moncton, Shediac and east, and at midnight for Sackville, Amherst, etc. The usual excursion rates will be granted by the railways on presentation of certificates.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 15.—There was a large gathering, between 2,000 and 3,000, at Memramcook today in celebration of L'Assomption feast of Acadians. Messrs. Tarte, Monk and J. O. Perreault of Quebec arrived on the maritime express in the morning and were met by a committee consisting of Judge Landry, Dr. Belliveau, Rev. A. D. Cormier, Dr. Gaudet and two hundred people. In the morning mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's church by Rev. F. X. Cormier, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. C. Gauthier, professor of philosophy at St. Dunstan's college, Charlottetown. In the afternoon there were socials on the college campus and addresses in front of Lefebvre hall by Judge Landry, Hon. O. J. Leblanc, M. P. for Kent, Father Belliveau, Grand Digue; Mr. Turgeon, M. P. for Gloucester; J. O. Arsenault, P. E. Island; H. A. Powell, exM. P., Westmorland; Father Michaud, Buctouche; Father O'Neill, St. Joseph's, and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., St. John.

In the evening the formal presentation of M. Beau's picture, The Deportation of Acadians, took place in Lefebvre Memorial hall, which was crowded to the doors. Among those present were Messrs. Tarte, Monk, Perreault, Emmerson, M. P.; Turgeon, M. P.; J. D. Hazen, M. P. P.; Urbian Johnson, M. P. P., Kent; O. M. Melansono, M. P. P., Westmorland; Senator Poirier, Judge Landry, Dr. Belliveau, O. J. LeBlanc, M.P., Kent; W.F. Humphrey, M. P. P., Westmorland; Fathers Hebert, St. Paul; F. X. Cormier, F. Michaud, Buctouche; P. H. Belliveau, Grand Digue; D. Legere, Fox Creek; A. Robichaud, St. Anne, Langlan's and Cormier's college. Judge Landry presided over the formal presentation of the picture made by Mr. Perreault on behalf of St. Jean the Baptiste Society, Quebec, and L. J. Belliveau, M. D., of Shediac, on behalf of the French-Acadians, in eloquent speeches. Rev. Father Roy, superior of St. Joseph's College, and Mr. Beau, the artist, made acknowledgments in suitable terms, after which Messrs. Tarte, Emmerson, Monk, Father Doucett and W. F. Humphrey, M. P. P., addressed the audience.

The college buildings and grounds were gaily decorated, and the celebration of L'Assomption this year was one of the red letter days in the history of Memramcook.

WILL RESIST REDUCTION.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Aug. 15.—The determination of the textile workers in the Fall River print cloth mills to strike if the attempt to cut wages about 15 per cent is made, was voiced tonight at the textile council, session held in Textile hall. The sentiment of the council was crystallized in a motion passed to recommend to each organization affiliated to resist an attempt to reduce wages, as the proposition now is "unbusinesslike and unjustifiable" in the present condition of the cotton manufacturing industry.

The council has no power to order action, as it is purely an advisory body, but its suggestions have great weight with the unions. It also suggests lines of action.

The central labor union tonight resolved that in the event of the operatives resisting the proposed reduction of wages by a strike, that we recommend that our respective organizations affiliated with the central labor union give them all the power and financial support possible to aid them in successfully resisting the uncalled for reduction of 15 per cent of their already small wages.

FILIPINO LEADERS SURRENDER.

MANILA, August 15.—Second Lieut. Walter S. Grant, of the Sixth Cavalry, while scouting with a detachment near Taal, Batangas province, has made what the military authorities consider to be the most important capture since Aguinaldo was made prisoner. Grant captured Colonel Wart in Cabrera, his adjutant and six other insurgents. He had been growing in power for some time. He controlled all the insurgents in Southern Batangas, and also those westward of the city.

Col. Pangagan, a captain and twenty men with twenty-six rifles and considerable ammunition have surrendered to Lieut. Smith, of the 20th Infantry, near Luzon. They formed a portion of general Malvar's command. After taking the oath of allegiance they were released.

Captain Policarpio, a lieutenant and five men from the Sixth Company of Malvar's command also surrendered to Col. Baldwin, refusing at the same time payment for their rifles and revolvers, and saying that they surrendered for peace and not for money.

THE TURF KING.

Cresceus Again Proves His Claim to the Title.

Defeated the Abbott Thursday at Brighton Beach Before Nearly Half a Hundred Thousand People.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The trotting interests of the empire city have not received such a boom in a quarter of a century as was developed today at the Brighton Beach track, when under the direction of the New York Trotting Association the champion stallion and champion gelding, Cresceus and The Abbot, came together for a purse of $12,000; The Abbot with his record of 2.05 1-4 of last season and Cresceus with his mark of 2.02 1-4 made at Columbus. There was a larger crowd present than ever seen on any track. It was estimated that fully 45,000 people were present. The weather was perfect and the track like velvet, though probably a second slow. Several times during the afternoon both horses put in some preliminary work. It was about 3.30 o'clock when the drivers, Ketcham and Geers, appeared before the grand stand and obtained their positions for a start by the flip of a coin. Ketcham secured the pole. The wind had died down to a dead calm. Each was driven up and down the stretch for a warming up, and when they reached the starter Cresceus was slightly in the lead and they were called back. The next time down, however, they were nose and nose and skipping along like birds. Then Cresceus rushed to the front and had a lead of a length which he held to the quarter in :30 3-4. This lead The Abbot had slightly reduced at the half in 1.01 1-4, and he was very close second at the three-quarter pole in 1.32 1-4. Coming down the stretch it was a battle royal, with The Abbot very close up, but Cresceus, with his bull dog grip, kept on, with nostrils extended, and just managed to beat his opponent by a half length in 2.03 1-4, the world's trotting record in a race. The announcement created tumultuous applause. After about half an hour the two were started again under the same conditions. They were sent away beautifully, but The Abbot had not traveled a hundred yards before he made a disastrous break, and before he could recover his gait Cresceus was in front. The Abbot, once settled, made a grand effort to overtake his opponent, but the son of Robert McGregor kept on, passing the quarter in :31 3-4 seconds, the half in 1.02 1-2, the three-quarters in 1.35, and came rushing home the last quarter in :31 1-4 seconds, doing the mile in 2.06 1-4 with The Abbot back of the flag. As the race was best three in five, Ketcham consented that Cresceus go another heat. This he did shortly before 5 o'clock, accompanied by a runner for the first half, where he was joined by another runner, and he did the mile in 2.05, the quarter in :30 1-2 the half in 1.01 1-2 and the three-quarters in 1.34.

This was The Abbot's first race of the season, as he has been sick. His best mile since his recovery was in the vicinity of 2.09.

The betting before the race was $100 to $30 on Cresceus, many followers of The Abbot and of his driver, Geers, taking the little end at one to two on and near these figures.

Grand special race, trotting; purse $12,000.

Cresceus, ch. s., by Robert McGregor—Mabel, by Mambrino Howard (Ketcham).....1 1

The Abbot, b. g., by Chimes—Nettie King, by Mambrino King (Geers).....2 ds

Time—First heat: Quarter, :30 3-4; half, 1.01 1-4; three-quarters, 1.32 1-4; mile, 2.03 1-4.

Time—Second heat: Quarter, :31 3-4; half, 1.02 1-2; three-quarters, 1.35; mile, 2.06 1-4.

Special heat with running mates—Cresceus, ch. s. (Ketcham), :30 1-2; 1.01 1-2; 1.34; 2.05.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—It is stated tonight that the owner of Cresceus received $7,000 of the $12,000 purse, while the owner of The Abbot received $5,000.

JAMAICAN SUGAR FACTORIES.

KINGSTON, Ja., Aug. 15.—The government has decided, with the sanction of the imperial authorities, to further the establishment of several large central sugar factories, by guaranteeing the interest on the investment for a certain number of years. An expert to advise the Jamaican government is coming from England. On his arrival a conference with the planters will be held. Opinions are divided as to whether American or British machinery is the best.