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Labor Federation Charges the Employers' Association With Conspiracy.

Chicago, May 6.—A story that a dynamite bomb was hurled at a United States express wagon at West Vanburn and Desplaines streets last night was sent out from the Desplaines street police station to-day. The express company says that no bomb was thrown nor was the wagon damaged.

Sheriff Barrett to-day, after making a tour of the shipping district, said: "The serious troubles seem to be over. The strike situation is now well in the hands of the authorities, and I look for a continuation of quiet. I am glad employers are not going to engage any more negroes."

President Dodd, of the federation of labor, to-day denied the statement that the employers had already won the strike. "The unions have not touched at the edge of their resources yet," said he, "they know they have a big fight, and expect a long one. No surrender is thought of."

As a result of the action of four laborers, July 1,900 workmen have been thrown out of employment in the new plant of Sears, Roebuck & Company, at Kelson avenue and Taylor street, where a model co-operative industrial establishment covering a large area is being built at a cost of several million dollars. Work on the building is practically at a standstill. The officials of the unions to which the men belong are strongly

against the walk-out, and most of them will demand that the entire force return to work or face trial bonds. Warrants were sworn out for the four men accused of causing the trouble. One of them, John Duffy, has been arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. Ac- cording to the best information obtain- able four men for two days mingled with other laborers, ordering them to quit work. The reason assigned was that the well-diggers or cistern men were being paid, but 45 cents an hour, whereas it was said the price should be 50 cents. The management refused to pay the extra 5 cents, and the quartette is said to have urged a general walk-out of the present laborers, the other union workmen having to quit if necessary. The contract with the laborers is for 45 cents an hour, and not 50 cents, and the leaders of the strike are not author- ized by their union to call the meet- ing at Madison street. A caravan of coal wagons under the guard of a few deput- ies was blocked by a number of union teamsters. A general fight followed and the non-union men were assailed with stones and bottles. A riot call was sent in and the police arrested twelve men, who had been throwing stones at the wagons, and dispersed the crowd. No- body was seriously injured.

The other fight occurred at the power house of the Union Traction Company. A large force of negroes wheeling coal were attacked by strike sympathizers, who threw bricks when Gilbert, col- ored, was struck on the head and seriously injured. Officers made a few rushes into the crowd and restored quiet and order.

The mayor to-night expressed himself as confident that the serious part of the strike was over. The strike was extend- ed somewhat during the day by a walk-out of the employees of several whole- sale groceries. Forty men were called out in three establishments.

A strike of tugmen in sympathy with the teamsters began to-day and river traffic of the Levee, Coal Company and other concerns was interrupted. Numbers of the tugmen's union and li- censed tugmen's union refused to work on tugs doing lighterage work for the portcoasted places. The Levee Coal Company is the chief source of supply for the Union Traction Company, which controls over half the street car lines in the city.

Chicago, May 7.—After a strenuous week, during which street rioters were frequent and the calling of troops seemed imminent, and at the end of which charges were made against the strike officers of Chicago, the teamsters' strike rested to-day at the beginning of the third week with the employers appar- ently in the advantage. The teamsters now appear to be in a position where they must either yield or decide to extend the strike by calling out thousands of other workmen engaged in affiliated unions.

The Chicago Federation took no ac- tion to-day looking to an extension of the trouble. Resolutions charging the Employers' Association with conspiracy and asking that State Attorney Healey start an investigation of their business methods were passed.

Arrangements have been made by every business house involved in the trouble to double their force of non-union men to-morrow. To-night it was said that all preparations had been made to start out 1,000 wagons to-mor- row morning manned by non-union men. Each of these wagons will be guarded by deputy sheriffs or policemen, who have been instructed to use every means within their power to quiet the riot, but if this means proves unsuccessful to use their revolvers and to shoot to kill. The strikers and their friends during the last days have shown little inclination to clash with the deputy sheriffs or the policemen.

To-day the express companies made deliveries in all parts of the city, each of the wagons carried two armed guards and met with no opposition.

During the day several firms involved in the strike replenished their coal supply. The coal wagons were driven by non-union teamsters, but no violence was attempted. This was an agreeable

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(From Monday's Daily.) The house occupied by W. S. Ghod- win on Esquimalt was partially destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire is believed to have originated on the roof. The high wind which prevailed fanned the flames, so that the upper part of the building was in a very short time ablaze.

A party of soldiers from the barracks quickly rushed to the scene. By well organized efforts they removed the fire by extinguishing the flames. A line of hose from the fifteen grounds and began the work of extinguishing the blaze. Hose was also laid from Bullen's shipyard, and the men from the Victoria fire department got to the fire under control. The fire department answered the call from Victoria West, and although the upper part of the house was affame they unitedly succeeded in quenching the flames and saving the lower story of the house. The roof and the top story has been almost totally destroyed.

The house is owned by Mrs. Tharke, but was recently been occupied by Mr. Goodwin.

The fire department was kept busy to- day. A fire at McRae's, near Cedar Hill, was extinguished by the Victoria fire de- partment. A fire at the Esquimalt engine P. C. Macgregor, from Yates street sta- tion, was broken.

W. SLOAN AT OTTAWA. Events Refer to the Member for Comox-Atlin.

The last number of A. J. Maguire's Review, published at Ottawa, contains a portrait of W. Sloan, M. P. for Comox-Atlin, in the place of honor on the front cover. Speaking of Mr. Sloan editorially, the following appears: "He was born in the county of Elgin, about 38 years ago. They elect none but Liberals to parliament in British Columbia now. Mr. Sloan is one of the presiding magistrates among the squires who inhabit Room 94 in the House of Commons. There are a number of sons and other Scotch in that room, for it is known that Mr. Sloan is the son of Scotch parents. Room 94 was created, as it were, by a group of Western members this session, and was named 'The room of the Sons of the West.' Particular atten- tion has been paid to the Scotch members, and the locals will be found to be especially strong in that regard."

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Game Will Be Played at Oak Bay—Victoria Wins at Cricket—Clover Point Shoot.

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As for the remainder of the line-up the personnel of the infield speaks for itself. Little else is so sure and reli- able, at first base; Ford, quick as a flash, at second; Downing, the star of the aggregation, at short stop; and Howlett, one of the best of his class, covering the infield. Little else is so sure and reli- able, at first base; Ford, quick as a flash, at second; Downing, the star of the aggregation, at short stop; and Howlett, one of the best of his class, covering the infield. Little else is so sure and reli- able, at first base; Ford, quick as a flash, at second; Downing, the star of the aggregation, at short stop; and Howlett, one of the best of his class, covering the infield.

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struggle to win from the visitors. The final team must not be defeated in its initial match, no matter whether it is only an exhibition game. A victory at the out- set would have a stimulating effect and might so enthrone some doubtful veterans as to result in their putting aside all hesita- tions and entering the arena with the vim required to carry the twelve through with credit. Stanley Peele is uncertain, but there isn't the slightest doubt that he would turn out if last year's conditions were reversed. The only real bowler one of the finest defence men in British Colum- bia. It is announced that he has given an emphatic reply to all overtures, to the effect that he intends to retire from lacrosse. This is particularly unfortunate at the present time. Had Mr. Dewar postponed his retirement for a season or two it would have been more opportune. There are a large number of splendid intermediates de- veloping who will be ready for senior ranks in two years at the outside, and the present experts should be willing to carry on the team in the meantime.

THE RING.

BRITT THE WINNER.

James Britt, of California, and Jabez Pavilion, San Francisco, Friday night to settle the international lightweight cham- pionship, and at the end of the twelfth round the former was declared the winner. At the conclusion of the preliminaries, the principals for the in- ternational fight entered the ring. Britt went to his corner, closely followed by Pavilion. Announcer Jordan then intro- duced to the spectators "Young Corbett" and Eddie Hanlon. The latter delivered a speech, in response to a demand from the crowd, and he was cheered. A tele- gram was read at the ringside from "Evan Sullivan," challenging the winner of to-night's contest. Telegrams chal- lenging the winner were also read from Joe Gans and Abe Attell. The an- nouncement of Gans's challenge was the signal for a volley of jeers and hooting from the audience.

White's reception was flattering. Britt was cordially greeted when he was in- troduced as the "lightweight champion of the world." Then the crowd called for Nelson. When this index fifth ap- peared and announced that he would meet the winner with a side bet to be made of \$10,000 each, the