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## A GREAT COMBINE OF LABOR.

Workers in All Branches of U.S. Steel Corporation to Merge.

Employees at the Ore Mines, on the Docks, in the Iron and Steel Mills, at the Blast Furnaces, or in the Coal Mines to Help One Another Against Capital Whenever It Is Necessary—C. P. R. Strike Progress.

Chicago, Ill., July 8.—The Chicago Record-Herald correspondent in Pittsburgh, Pa., sends his paper a despatch in which he says: "I predict a settlement in less than two weeks," said President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Saturday.

The announcement was scarcely out of his lips when word came to his headquarters that a great meeting of labor leaders will be held in Chicago during the coming week.

Then it was learned, although President Shaffer would not discuss the subject, that the real purpose of the meeting is to combine into one organization or combination all the employees of the United States Steel Corporation, whether they work at the ore mines, on the docks, in the iron and steel mills, at the blast furnaces or in the coal mines.

Labor to Meet Capital. This move, in the face of the strike now on in the Pittsburgh district, and which may involve all the steel, iron and tin workers of the United States Corporation, is taken to be highly significant. It is labor forming, marshalling itself, to meet a billion dollars of capital.

Nearly a score of powerful labor organizations have been invited to send representatives to Chicago, and to aid in the work of organizing the Steel Corporation labor.

An agreement is expected to be reached between the organizations whereby in the event of trouble one trade or craft can go to the assistance of the other. This is said to be impossible at the present time.

It is further proposed, if any alliance is formed, as those who are behind the movement hope will be the case, that all agreements regarding wages, hours of labor, etc., shall come into existence at the same time and expire on the same date, so that no one trade shall be handicapped from rendering assistance while the others are not.

Strengthened by Absorption. As if to offset this forming merger of labor the absorption of the National and American Steel Companies into the Carnegie Company took place on Saturday. They say this absorption strengthens the opposition in corporation circles here to union labor.

Union Men Win. Denver, Col., July 8.—A special to The Post from Telluride, Col., says the strike in the Snuggler Union mine is over. After a conference lasting three hours Saturday afternoon, an agreement was reached between Manager Collins and the union. It provides that the management will not discriminate against union men.

### THE C. P. R. STRIKE.

Encouraging Reports on Saturday Were Somewhat Depressed by the Sunday's Summary of Strike News.

Toronto, July 8.—Highly encouraging reports were received on Saturday by Chairman D. Wilkinson of the local committee of the Canadian Pacific striking trackmen on the situation of the struggle. That the men are undaunted by the reports sent out by the railway officials that "the strike has leaked out" is shown by letters sent in from the various divisions. The latest report received states that, from Toronto to Montreal, not one man has returned to work and that the strikers are standing together.

From Toronto to the West, the men admit that a number have gone back, but their action in returning has not injured the cause.

C. P. R. despatches received Sunday night state that special constables are being sworn in to protect the C. P. R. lines north of Lake Superior. It is alleged the company's property is being destroyed at the hands of the striking trackmen.

Several trackmen at Farnham, Que., have notified the superintendent that they will return to work this morning.

At Chapeau, Ont., a number of strikers boarded a C. P. R. train and endeavored to interfere with the workmen. They were arrested and fined by the magistrate.

Strikers of St. Henri and Point Du Lac, Que., have requested to be reinstated.

The third week of the strike, it is claimed, has ended in favor of the company. The Ontario, Eastern and Atlantic divisions have practically a full force at work. On the other divisions the company made considerable gains during the week.

Several applications for strike pay were made on Saturday afternoon by striking foremen, but without results. It was given out before the strike that the Trackmen's Association of the U. S. had a reserve fund of \$350,000, which would be available for the strikers on the C. P. R. and Maine Central, but, although applications have been made to Mr. Wilson and the Montreal committee, no satisfactory answers have been given.

ANTI-STRIKERS SUCCEED. Catholic Workers of this Defeat Strikers Organized by Socialists.

Lindsay, July 8.—Attention was called by The Sun some time ago to an interesting movement initiated by the Vatican for the formation of cadres of Catholic workmen, deliberately designed to fight Socialist workmen and all the places of

strikers when strikes were unjustly provoked.

It is now announced by the Vatican that the scheme has met with phenomenal success. In Rome there is a branch with 2,000 members. The local branch has 1,800 members, Florence branch, 1,400; the Milan branch, 1,000, while there are strong branches in other places. Strikes organized in Genoa and other towns have been completely defeated by the action of Catholic workmen, and the extremists have become greatly alarmed.

### BOER INHUMANITY.

Terrible Mail Advices From Vlakfontein About Their Inhuman Atrocities Which Were Censored—A Vigorous Protest.

London, July 8.—The Daily Mail gives sensational prominence this morning to the mail advices from Vlakfontein, which attribute to the Boers' inhuman atrocities that the censor would not allow to be described by cable.

"A couple of Boers," says The Daily Mail's correspondent, "were armed with Martinis, walking around among the dead and dying. Some they turned over to see if they were dead. If it were otherwise, then one or the other of the Boers shot them as you would shoot an ox. I saw four killed in this way. One youngster pleaded for his life. 'I heard him say: 'Oh, Christ, don't!' and then bang went the rifle. That is what happened." The Daily Mail protests vigorously against the suppression by the censor of such details.

British Lose 18 Men.

London, July 8.—Lord Kitchener telegraphs the War Office under yesterday's date, from Pretoria, that a train from Pietersburg was wrecked by the Boers yesterday, north of Na-boonspruit. A lieutenant and nine men of the Gordon Highlanders were killed, besides one artilleryman, one engineer, one fireman, a guard and four natives.

Belgium Britain's Friend.

Brussels, July 8.—In replying to an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies the other day a representative of the Government expressed Belgium's absolute friendship for Great Britain. It is understood that the Government is determined to suppress all demonstrations hostile to Great Britain.

### DEADLOCK IN CHINA.

Leading Cause, Is That Committee Have Taken to Much Power.

Pekin, July 8.—The minister of one of the great powers told the representative of the Associated Press to-day that a leading cause for the present deadlock was the fact that the various committees had taken to themselves too much authority in dealing with the Chinese, and had made certain promises dependent upon conditions which other ministers afterwards found it impossible to accept. Another factor of considerable importance, he said, was the commercial factor involving the right of each government to make its own treaties with China, and the application of the most-favored-nation clause. In his opinion, the first difficulty can be overcome shortly, but the commercial issue must be eliminated or it is likely to prove a definite stumbling block.

Three Struck, One Killed. Ridgeway, Ont., July 8.—The heavy electric storm which passed over this section Friday evening did a vast amount of damage to property and caused the death of one person. The unfortunate man was William Benner. He was struck by lightning and instantly killed. His son was knocked down by the same flash and injured. He will, however, recover. Mrs. Weaver, who lives about a mile north of this village, was struck and has been paralyzed since.

Struck by Lightning. Chatham, July 8.—Saturday evening Ernest Bailey of Kingsville was standing at the hall entrance to the Merrill House while the electrical storm was in full swing, when suddenly he was struck on the left cheek by a bolt of lightning. Mr. Bailey was so stunned he fell prostrate, but soon recovered himself and regained his feet. Mr. Bailey put in a bad night and felt very much shaken up.

An Armor Plate Trust. New York, July 8.—The plan to combine the Cramp Shipbuilding Works and the Bethlehem Steel Company of this country, the latter a manufacturer of armor plate and guns, with the Vickers, Sons & Maxims' shipbuilding and gunmaking establishment of England, it was reported on Saturday, has been practically accomplished at last. Only the final steps remain to be taken.

Suit For Bigamy. Winnipeg, July 8.—Suit for bigamy has been entered by Miss Annie Pearce of Warton, Ont., at Rat Portage, Ont. She charges that her former husband, Alexander Henry Davidson, was married to Elizabeth McGregor, formerly wife of Sproule, hotelkeeper at a small village near Warton. At Port Arthur Davidson and his first wife had a mutual separation two years ago.

Killed His Little Brother. Berlin, Ont., July 8.—A fatal shooting accident occurred near here Saturday morning. A farmer by name of Henry Jones and his wife came into town to attend Saturday market, leaving among others, their young sons, 5 and 11 years, at home. The elder of the two found a loaded shot gun, kept for shooting ground hogs, and, while playing with it, shot the child dead.

An Ex-Chancellor Dead. Berlin, July 8.—Prince Von Hohenlohe, formerly German Imperial Chancellor, died at Ragatz, Switzerland, Monday evening.

## CANADA MUST BE INITIATOR

Mr. Chamberlain's Cards on Closer Colonial Alliance.

He Has Not Yet Made It Clear That He Is a Creative Statesman, and Canadian Ministers Are Not Convinced That Time Has Come to Make the Move—Can Be Worked Out Deliberately, But Not Prematurely.

New York, July 8.—I. N. Ford, calling to The Tribune from London, says: "The old whist player's rule—when in doubt play trumps—applies to the great game of politics; but few English statesmen know instinctively what is the trump card. Mr. Chamberlain does, for he is constantly bringing in the supreme issue of heartier co-operation and closer alliance between the Mother Country and the groups of self-governing colonies throughout the Empire. He is responsible for the proposed change of title for the Sovereign, so as to include every section of the world-wide Empire, and he is conferring cautiously with the Canadian Ministers now in London, and seeking to induce them to take the initiative in suggesting a plan by which the colonies can have representation in an Imperial council of some kind. Initiative From Canada.

Probably he holds himself too persistently in the background, and says too much about the risks of premature action. The colonies cannot be dragged into an Imperial council, and the initiative must come from them, and inevitably from Canada; but constructive statesmanship is needed at the centre, and Mr. Chamberlain, while a great debater and administrator, has not yet made it clear that he has genius of the creative order. The Canadian Ministers are not yet convinced that the time has come for making arrangements for a closer union with the Mother State. They have taken the cue from Mr. Chamberlain, and repeat the warning that nothing must be done prematurely and that Canada is satisfied with her present relations to the Imperial Government.

Not an Impossible Problem.

"Is Imperial Federation an impossible problem, like squaring the circle?" was the question which I put yesterday to one of the Canadian Ministers who had been contending that well enough should be left alone. "No," he answered promptly. "It is not an impossible problem; it is one that can be worked out deliberately in the course of time, but not prematurely."

The Canadian Ministers are impressed with the fact the Sir Wilfrid Laurier on two occasions had taken the initiative in proposing practical measures in the direction of Imperial Federation on both the legislative and the business side, and that his suggestion has been met in a half-hearted way.

Engineer Held to His Engine.

Norton, N. B., July 8.—Saturday morning the people of this small village were startled to hear of another terrible accident on the Central Railway. This time the accident occurred at Wassbrook, about 16 miles from Chipman. The train was in charge of Conductor Skillen, with Will Nodwell as driver. They were running at the rate of about 10 miles an hour, when rounding a curve about three miles this side of Cumberland Bay, when the engine plunged through the bridge over Wassbrook. The bridge had taken fire, and had been burned in the night. Nodwell remained at his post, and went down with the engine. He was buried in the coal, but was got out in about 10 minutes. He was terribly scalded and burned and had received severe bodily injuries. He lived about five hours in great agony, remaining conscious till the last. The rest of the train men and passengers escaped with little shaking up.

Sunday Their Busy Day.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 8.—The Christian Endeavorers made Sunday a busy day. From morning until evening and during almost every hour of the day there were services in some part of the city. The day opened with three meetings of one hour each, held in three of the largest of the city churches. The afternoon was devoted to three simultaneous evangelists meetings in the music hall auditorium. It is estimated by the local committee that there were at least ten thousand visiting Endeavorers in the city and many more are expected to arrive to-day.

British Imports Increase.

London, July 8.—The Board of Trade returns for the month of June, which were issued Saturday, show that there was a decrease in imports of £305,269 and a decrease in exports of £245,091. For the six months ending June 30, the returns showed an increase in imports of \$6,349,791 and a decrease in exports of £5,580,366. The coal exports decreased a million tons.

Wants a Bigger Price.

Montreal, July 8.—In connection with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's visit to Quebec it is said by a correspondent of Le Journal that he did not sign the deed of the Plains of Abraham. The promise to sell, signed by Mr. Tanquay, the proprietor of Marchmont, for \$80,000, expired on June 30, and, it is said, he now wants a larger price.

Hundreds Poisoned.

Ardmore, I. T., July 8.—Several hundred persons were poisoned at Ada yesterday by drinking lemonade. Three children are reported dead and many seriously ill.

Trial Re-opens To-Day.

Winnipeg, July 8.—The Lisgar election protest trial reopened at Manitoba to-day before Chief Justice Killam and Minister of Justice Dugas.

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