PLAN GIANT STRIKE

GOMPERS CONFERS WITH LEADERS ON SPREAD OF QUAKER CITY WAR.

STRIKE LEADERS JUBILANT

Newspaper Canvass of Philadelphia Mills and Shops Shows 100,000 Men and Women Have Quit Work —Riots Cease.

Chicago—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has been in the city since Saturday, is planning for the calling of a general strike of union employes in every large city in the country in sympathy with the Philadelphia car men, according to dispatches that reached Chicago from the eastern strike center.

All Monday morning Mr. Gompers and other labor leaders were in conference in his apartments in the Kensington hotel. Repeated efforts were made to see the labor chief, but he would receive only one caller, a reporter.

It was rumored in labor circles, however, that the subject of a nation-wide strike was under discussion in the conference.

Cleveland, Pittsburg, Omaha and San Francisco, it is said, will be the first cities to be given the general walkout order, if the plans are carried out. These were selected by the labor head because, in the Philadelphia company has large holdings in the railway systems of those cities.

Philadelphia.—The industries of this city are practically paralyzed because of the general strike that started Friday at midnight.

Disregarding the extravagant claims of the strike leaders, it was said that between 125,000 and 150,000 workers had left loom and bench, and directing, guiding, and in some cases, the police and Rapid Transit Company who declared that only 15,000 had quit, a leading newspaper of this city Monday made a mill to mill and shop to shop canvass and visited every affected part of the city.

Its report was "100,000 men and women have left the 10,000 mills, factories and workshops. More than that number, according to the talk of those already out, will be out by Monday."

The impartial investigators found that the number of strikers were divided about as follows:

Building trades, 30,000; leather trades (riveters, cutters, etc.), 20,000; textile trades, 12,000; unskilled workmen depending upon skilled textile unionists, 20,000, and miscellaneous, 5,000.

These figures may be taken as a least fairly accurate. Captains there were no less than 75,000 to 80,000 idle men upon the streets of the city. An automobile tour through all the Kensington and Richmond districts in the northeast section of the town proved that conservatively in that section alone there must have been 50,000 persons on the streets who would not have been there in a normal day.

Yet within there was less rioting than any day has witnessed since the beginning of the car men's strike. There was only one steable fight, and not very much damage was done in that.

The leaders of the strike professed to be jubilant over the fact that not only union but non-union workers turned out and behaved themselves.

Mayor Reyburn and the city council have refused to take any part in any scheme might bring about even an adjustment of the differences between the street car men and the company.

The "general sympathetic strike" will assume surprising proportions, although they made no attempt to tie up more than one wholesale out. The police and the officials of the Rapid Transit Company say that the general strike will turn out to be a fizzle and that in a couple of days at most only the driving motormen and conductors, but those who are striking in sympathy with them, will be begging to have their jobs back.

INDICTED BEEF MAN DISCHARGED

Frederick W. Cooper Answers Not Guilty to New Jersey Indictment.

New York.—The first personal appearance of one of the indicted packing company officials occurred when Frederick B. Cooper, a director and eastern agent of Swift & Co. of Chicago, came before Judge Blatchford, accompanied by his attorneys, and pleaded not guilty. The plea was accompanied by reservation of the privilege of withdrawal for the purpose of demurrer. Mr. Cooper's attorney said that his client appeared as an individual and not for Swift & Co. Judge Blatchford held his bail at $5,000.

Drowned in a Flood.

Milwaukee.—One child was drowned as the result of a flood which filled the basements in eight blocks near the southern city limits.

Bombs Thrown in Lisbon.

Lisbon.—Two bombs were hurled into a meeting of a party of clerical candidates were dining, and the explosion killed two of the diners and wounded seven others, including the priest who was presiding.

Banks in Checker Champion.

Toledo, O.—Newell W. Banks, of Detroit, aged 15, has defeated the championship of America and a $1,000 purse by drawing the final two games Monday of a match of 50 with Hugh Henderson of Pittsburg.

CUDAHY'S WIFE TELLS STORY

RELATES HOW HER HUSBAND ASSAULTED LILLIS.

Millionaire, Becoming Suspicious of Banker, Sets a Trap Into Which Latter Walked.

Kansas City, Mo.—Jere S. Lillis, president of the Western Exchange bank, who was mutilated with a knife early Sunday morning when John P. Cudahy, son of the wealthy Omaha packer, came home and found him with his wife, Cudahy, was removed to his home. He will recover.

His wounds, while severe, are not dangerous, but he will be scarred for life.

Jack Cudahy, who was arrested by a police sergeant, walked into the home after Mrs. Cudahy had appealed for aid, was given a continuance and will be tried on a charge of disturbing the peace next Monday. He is under a $101 bond.

Mrs. Cudahy, in an interview, declared that she and Lillis had been astounded at her husband's arrival at the Baltimore hotel, which was a common affair for them. He had taken her home and she had asked him to come into the house. She said that they had gone into the library of the home, casually discussing common places, when her husband, accompanied by his secretary, Johann Moss, had appeared from practically nowhere. They attacked Mr. Lillis, beat him and stabbed him, and Mr. Cudahy, whom she declares is of a jealous nature, proceeded to carve him with a big bolster knife. Where he got the knife she did not know. She was afraid that he would murder Lillis, for whom she has a very sincere regard, and she called for a policeman. This is practically the story she told.

Bit by bit the story of betrayal, jealousy and revenge assumed tangible form. The story was told by wife of Cudahy's attorneys. Included in it is the narrative of an old suspicion which grew upon the husband until he set a trap.

Into this trap late Saturday night Jere Lillis walked. Then the husband and a trusted employe bound him with rope.

Arming himself with a carving knife Cudahy proceeded coolly to slash his victim from head to foot. Mrs. Cudahy looked on and mingled her pleadings with the groans of Lillis.

Just as the enraged husband was preparing to add a still more ghastly mutilation to his work of a policeman, in answer to Mrs. Cudahy's telephonic appeal, burst into the house and dragged him off.

Johann Moss, chauffeur, who aided Cudahy, has escaped and cannot be found.

EXPOSES BIG OLEO FRAUDS

Witness Links Representative Mosley's Friends and Dealers Who Are Under Indictment.

Chicago—Sensation after sensation broke out in the oleomargarine scandal Friday when the end of the disclosures consisted of a detailed account under oath by an employe of William Broadwell of the relations of William J. Moxley, inc. manufacturer of butterine, with the United States revenue department for coloring oleomargarine and selling the colored product without paying to the government the tax of ten cents a pound required by the federal statute.

William J. Moxley, head of the butterine manufacturing house, is congressman from the Sixth district.

The testimony implicating the Moxley house was given by William Ehrlich, who, for Samuel Dreibach, appeared before Judge Landis to plead guilty and receive sentence.

Ehrlich testified that the Moxley business concern sold to Broadwell the coloring compound, delivering it about seven o'clock at night, gave away with it the coloring matter in bottles, and Broadwell undertook to show how it, even to the point of telling them to cover up the holes of the stove pipe, so that no light could shine through, and also sold wrapper for one-pound butterine packages.

"Inspected and Passed by the Pure Food Department of the United States Government."

Witness also testified that Moxley's people delivered these wrappers after the evening closed.

CANNON DINES WITH TAFT

Speaker is Entertained at White House for First Time In Many Years.

Washington.—President Taft gave a dinner last night at the White house in honor of Speaker Cannon. Socially and politically the affair marked something of an epoch, for not before in many years has a president entertained in honor of the speaker of the house of representatives.

Speaker Cannon was never entertained at the White House with an exclusive dinner party given during all the seven years of President Roosevelt's occupancy, and the previous affair has been given in his honor by President Taft.

Guadeloupe Official Shot.

Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe.—P. M. Feuhry, acting-lieutenant of Guadeloupe, was shot and seriously wounded Monday while sitting on the veranda of his hotel. The assailant fired two shots and escaped.

Decapitated by an Engine.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Charles Pitze, foreman of a railroad in Wolcott, N. Y., committed suicide Monday by lying on the track as a freight train was approaching. His head was severed from the body.

ON THE FAIR GROUNDS

You have my best wishes in all your grand efforts to help your fellowmen.—ROCKEFELLER TO CARNEGIE.

Many thanks, fellow worker in the task of distributing surplus wealth for the good of others.—CARNEGIE TO ROCKEFELLER.

60 PERISH IN A MINE BLAST

EXPLOSION OF POWDER BLOWS MINERS TO FRAGMENTS.

Crash Occurs in 1,100-Foot Level. Men Caught in Trap—100 Are Seriously Injured.

Juneau, Alaska.—By the explosion of a powder magazine in the Treadwell mine Thursday, 60 miners, caught like rats in a trap, at the 1,100-foot level, with no possible chance of escape, were blown to fragments and 100 others were seriously injured, many of whom it is feared may die.

The bodies of the dead were blown into unrecognizable masses of human flesh. The scene when a rescuing party descended to the level, was indescribable. The dead were lying around, piled one on the top of the other and the groans and cries of some of the injured were heartrending.

It is believed that more of the injured will succumb to their injuries. There is a deplorable lack of medical aid and in the company hospitals, which are crowded to the limit, the mangled miners are suffering for want of proper attention.

The cause of the accident is not known at this time. It is believed, however, that the explosion is the result of a miner's lamp coming in contact with the power magazine. Not a man in the portion of the mine where the explosion occurred escaped injury.

The scenes about the mouth of the mine were pitiful. The families of the miners are gathered about the entrance to the shaft and as the bodies are carried from the levels trap, there is a wild rush to get near enough to make an effort at identification.

So badly are the bodies torn and mangled that the only possible means of identification in most cases has been by the clothing of property found in the pockets.

EX-SENATOR T. C. PLATT DEAD

Succumbs to Bright's Disease, Aged 78 Years, at His Home in Albany.

New York.—Former United States Senator Thomas C. Platt died Sunday at his home in this city at the age of 78 years.

His long life ended as a slender cord snapped in a trap in twain.

By reason of their regular visits to their father's home, it became a habit that the end was near, his three sons, Frank, Edward and Harry, and Mrs. Frank Platt, were at his bedside in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Abels, with both the senator has made his home for the past four years. Dr. Paul Gutenbridge, the family physician, and his wife and Mrs. Abels were present.

Senator Platt had rallied from a stroke which had kept him in bed early in the afternoon and was chatting on topics of the news when the doctor arrived and Mrs. Platt joked the physician about the coming time when his services would not be needed.

Propped up in bed he took part in the small talk of those present for 15 minutes after the arrival of the physician. Then a tremor passed through his frame and by the time Dr. Gutenbridge reached the side of his patient Senator Platt was dead.

Postal Bill Passes Senate.

Washington.—Without a dissenting Republican vote, and with Senator Chamberlain, Democrat, voting with the majority, the senate Saturday passed President Taft's postal savings bank bill. The vote upon the measure was 50 to 22.

Kerens Gives $250,000 to Newsboys.

St. Louis.—A gift of $250,000 from R. C. Kerens, recently appointed ambassador to Austria-Hungary, to Father Dunne's newsboys' home was announced Saturday. The money will be used in buying a farm as a summer home for the boys.

Gen. Wood Is Recovered.

Baltimore, Md.—Brig. Gen. Leonard Wood, who underwent two operations at a hospital here some weeks ago for injuries received in a railroad wreck, is reported to be doing nicely.

STRIKE IS ON WANE

LARGE GROUPS OF SYMPATHETIC STRIKERS GO BACK TO WORK.

END OF WALKOUT IN SIGHT

Defections in Strikers Ranks So Serious Leaders Appeal to Employers and Other National Officials for Organizers.

Philadelphia.—It looks much like the beginning of the end of the general sympathetic strike, called in aid of the street car employes who have been out for more than two weeks.

Tuesday there was a decided drift away from the ranks of the strikers and back to the jobs that were thrown up with such a flourish last Saturday. As has been pointed out, the three most strongly unionized trades here are building, clothing and textile. They carried away from their mills and operations most of the 100,000 "sympathy strikers," but in that number also were many miscellaneous trades, various textile mills, minimum, foundrymen, teamsters and the like.

The leaders began to see that if such large groups that it looked almost as though panic were spreading through the ranks of the 100,000 All these back to the job men told their shopmates that they returned because they couldn't see any use in the situation. They couldn't understand, they said, why the general strike could possibly help the conditions of it is were joined by 200,000 workers.

Samuel Murphy, head of the tri-umvirate of general strike leaders, became alarmed as they heard of the defections in the ranks of their allies. They went into a conference at their headquarters and afterwards filed the most desperate telegram, it seems, by fifty messages. These messages, it is believed, were appeals to the various national labor organizations—including several to Samuel Gompers—asking for the help of organizers and the most eloquent orators that labor can command.

The idea of this is to "back up" the falterers who may be inclined to follow in the footsteps of the backsliders. Gompers himself, and about a score of organizers and orators, will be on the job Wednesday.

One hundred out of the 6,000 striking trolleymen also returned to their jobs. Superintendent of the Rapid Transit Company ran 50 more cars than it did the day previous, its officials claim, which brought the total pickets say only 415 cars. Each car still has its pickets, it is admitted.

There was no rioting. Only a few car windows were broken by stones, police say.

On Friday afternoon there will be held a mass meeting under the auspices of the Business Men's association, at which will be represented all the business, fraternal and religious organizations of the city. It is to make a final appeal for arbitration, but it is generally believed that it will all former appeals. The end of the week will probably see the end of the strike.

ASQUITHS TO SEEK DIVORCE

Difficulties Arise Between British Premier and Wife Since Separation is Reported.

London.—The report that Prime Minister Herbert Asquith and his beautiful wife are to seek divorce is being discussed here under the heading a favorite conversational topic in London society.

Rumors of the news of an actual break came as a surprise to many, it has been generally believed Mr. Asquith did not live happily together.

It is now almost certain that Asquith will resign premiership of the Liberal party and retire as prime minister. He will be made a peer by King Edward. Other cabinet changes are to be also made, it is understood, and the cabinet is reorganized in a manner to be carried out and find a scope for his ability in other—hands.

Lord Rosebery, the premier greatly offended King Edward by appearance. Rosebery was not invited to lunch and, but not wisely, he came to ask a pledge from the king that he would not appoint the government's hand in the matter of abolishing the veto in the house of lords.

"I will give you a pledge," said the king tartly, "but I advise you, sir to take one."

The very fact that Asquith is to be made a peer is likely to delay the legislation for a separation. Mr. Asquith is entirely too ambitious to lose this opportunity of becoming a nobleman. She is said to be all ready to leave for the continent to seek a judicial separation, but will probably wait for the 15th.

Many things contribute to the domestic unhappiness of the premier. They have brought matters to such an acute stage that no sooner does the government arrive at Balmoral than he wire packs her trunks and leaves for the country.

STRIKE IS ON WANE

Attack Car with Dynamite.

Duluth, N. Y.—A railroad 100 nonunion men who were coming to take the place of strikers in the mill of the International Nickel Company was attacked Tuesday with dynamite and forced to return to Duluth. Revolver shots were exchanged and Conductor John Bartholomew was mobbed and injured.

Jake Shaefer is Dead.

Denver Colo.—Jake Schaefer, the billiard expert, died here Tuesday of tuberculosis, after a long illness.

STATE HAPPENINGS

Bloomington.—Formal announcement was made by attorneys for Richard Ewalt that it had been decided to proceed against Michael Ewalt McNamara and dispossess him of forfeiture of every piece of property given to her by her husband, Richard Ewalt, the closing years of his life. A list of her holdings secured since she first met Col. Ewalt has been compiled and, besides the farm in DeWitt county, for which she claims to recover was recently filed, she has bought realty in Fort Dodge, Ia., and Kansas City, the total value of which is estimated to be $75,000. Attorneys declare they have sufficient evidence to prove undue influence and they assert they will recover everything given to the favored grandniece excepting cash.

Chicago.—Cub bears and pumas will be among the animals to be shown at the International forest, fish and game exhibition which takes place at the international theater from March 19 to April 1. Manager Richard E. Fogg received a telegram from Luray, Va., in which the sender stated that he has a number of cub bears, with which a collection of animals to be exhibited by Edward Eaton of Wolf, Wyo., will include a cub puma. He will also show several antelope and deer. Mr. Eaton, it is understood, will be represented at the exposition, several nestle and parcelers coming from the former country and a number of bears from the dominion.

Bloomington.—An explosion at the Colfax water plant caused damage estimated at $500 and will delay the commencement of pumping over of the plant to the municipality. The Leader iron works of Decatur, which was placed in the plant, touches to the place, had completed the plant so far as work on the building was concerned, but a few more details remained to be completed. Frank Peters of Decatur was burned about the hands, which he had thrust when he lowered a lighted lantern into the well, where gas had accumulated.

Chicago—Irrespective of party affiliations, regardless of politics or life, there are thousands in Chicago who are mourning the passing away of Daniel H. Hogan, the famous dictatic Heart disease and other complications caused death. Many of Mr. Hogan's friends and acquaintances knew that he was ill danger nearly, so that one and all were prepared for the news of his death. Mr. Healy left Chicago on a train carrier for Mexico shortly after Christmas days. He went first to El Paso, Tex., and later to Los Angeles.

Chicago.—The suggestion that the name of State street be changed to Roosevelt street has evoked such rig ...ing from the city council committee, along that street that Alderman Otto J. Norvak, who suggested it, has changed his plan and suggests that Michigan avenue be changed to Roosevelt drive in honor of the colonel. Alderman Michael Kenna has modified this suggestion by proposing that the name of Twelfth street be changed to that of the former president.

Chicago.—The annual dog show of the Chicago Kennel club will be held in the Coliseum, April 1 to 6. The following judges have been appointed: H D Riley of Stafford Pa., Marsh Barnard of Indianapolis, Ind., Ira Ball of Chicago, John A Toole of Fort Wayne, Ind. and James Mortimer of Toronto. This show promises to be an elaborate affair attended by many persons from all parts of the country who are interested in canines.

Kankakee.—Peter Changnon, a Kankakee bricklayer, was recovering for chicken for his dinner with a 22-caliber rifle. The fowl escaped to cornfield under the fence. Returning to the house, Changnon with grew the cartridge and put it in a gasoline stove to dry. Unknown to anently he filled a large pipe with tobacco and the cartridge. When the fire reached the cartridge it set off the explosion cutting Changnon's face.

Tiffin.—Four trainmen killed and five are reported injured as a result of the Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 3 running between Cincinnati and St. Louis, colliding with the rear end of an extra train Sunday morning. The rear end of the passenger train were crushed to pieces. Names of the passengers are reported injured.

Sterling—The sum of $2,000,000 will be given as loan to Whiteside county on farm mortgages and in real estate deals, being the annual first of the Illinois Farmers' Mortgage Interest.

Paton.—Isabel Pryor, the oldest pioneer of this city, having resided here more than fifty years, died at the home of her nephew, Dr. Ira Mead of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

Pontiac Explosion of gasoline in Porter's tailor shop in Dwight caused a fire destroying that establishment, together with Graham's drug store and new amusement hall.

Kewanee.—Seventy bushels of corn were left in the fields by land tenants who moved to other farms in the county last fall. Weather conditions since November have prevented husking. Spring plowing and corn picking will be carried on simultaneously in Henry and adjoining counties for the first time in 30 years, which means an unusually late crop.

Bloomington — George Pritsen, a farmer of El Paso, was killed while walking on the railroad near that place. Pritsen was deaf and dumb.