

CAUSE OF STRIKE ON RIO GRANDE

Statement Issued Settling Fourth
Shopmen's Grievances and Rea-
sons for Dissatisfaction.

PEACE WAS WANTED BADLY

But, Predicted Letter. Strike Was Inevitable With Railroad Officials Maintaining Stubborn Position.

The history of negotiations which preceded the calling of a strike of shopmen on the Rio Grande is contained in a letter written by the committee in Denver before the strike was called. It is the union's side of the question and is the first official statement of any length made by the men. As it contains the real causes of the strike from the strikers' viewpoint it is important. The vital paragraphs follow:

"Mr. McQueney, business agent for the machinists' union, and the committee arranged to meet Superintendent Purvis, and the first conference took place February 14. Nothing was accomplished. The committee met Mr. Purvis again on February 22. The following is a result of that conference:

PURVIS STIRRED WRATH.

"Mr. Purvis gave the committee to understand that hereafter there would be no contract on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, and he would have shop rules, and would make them himself. Also, he would start the men to work when he pleased, meaning by this that he would start them at 5, 6 or 8 o'clock—night men on the same basis; and that no overtime would be paid until 6 p. m. Overtime for Sundays and holidays to be discontinued for roundhouse men, and the minimum time for a call out from five hours to three hours, and that the pay of mechanics shall be based on what the men are worth, the officials to the judge. This was illustrated as follows:

"I'll pay the man 40 cents an hour if I think he is worth it; or 25 cents an hour if I don't think he is worth any more."

"Further than this, Mr. Purvis said that the company would not meet any committees or representatives in the future, but would meet the employees as individuals. In other words, he gave the committee to understand that he would handle his part of the business just as he saw fit regardless of the men."

TRIED FOR PLACE.

"These proposed conditions were unanimously rejected by the committee and a conference arranged with General Manager Ridgway. This meeting was held Feb. 28. Mr. Ridgway would not interfere with the action of Mr. Purvis, giving the committee to understand that all contracts with the General Manager would be abrogated March 1. No stone has been left unturned in an endeavor to bring about a peaceful settlement.

"Max Morris, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, was asked to use his influence to bring about a settlement, and to this end placed the matter before the state officials in Colorado, who the chairman of the state Republican central committee. These men waited upon Chas. Schlack, vice president, but nothing resulted from their efforts. Different trades comprising the boiler makers, blacksmiths and car men are co-operating with us in this matter; joint meetings have been held all over the system and the men are determined not to accept propositions as submitted by the Rio Grande system."

RULES WERE DISLIKED.

"The company has gone so far as to draw up a set of shop rules which it desires to put into effect, and has sent the respective foremen out among the men asking them individually to sign their names to the company's proposed rules. The men have unanimously rejected this proposition and have put up a solid front. The rules offered by the company were objectionable in every detail. Even the laborers refused to sign them."

OFFICIALS TO BLAME.

"Should this policy prove successful, it will mean the demoralization of these organizations, as well as our right to have a voice in regulating the conditions of employment, such as we have enjoyed during the past six years. The district executive board issued instructions to the Denver & Rio Grande representatives to notify the officials of said system that the men would remain in the hands of the company violating the existing agreement by discharging men for refusing to work Sundays or other overtime on straight time, or wages were reduced. This company has not complied with the existing agreement, as the agreement provides that the company or men desiring to change same shall furnish a written copy of the proposed changes and that the existing agreement shall remain in force until superseded by another. This company has not given a written notice of the proposed changes, and we, therefore, feel justified in taking the position outlined above."

"If there is to be a strike on the D. & R. G., it will be caused by the action of the officials of the above company, wantonly ignoring the provision of an agreement they have signed."

SAN DIEGO BUSY.

Railroads and Steamship Companies Grant Rates for Fleet Day There.

Special Correspondence.

San Diego, Cal., March 18.—It is announced that all the transportation companies have granted material reductions in rates to and from San Diego for the first American reception to the battleship fleet, which will be held when the fleet reaches this port on April 27. The demonstration will last throughout four days—possibly five. The transportation committee has received word from the Santa Fe railway, the Southern Pacific, and the Salt Lake railways, and from the Pacific Coast Steamship company and the California Development steaming company, that all these lines will grant a return-trip rate not to exceed one and one-third fare for the round trip, and possibly to be lower than that. The Captain Cresswell stated that he would have six of the largest launches in San Diego harbor brought down to San Diego while the battleships are here, and that these would supplement the

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The best is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the best because it does the most good. While it makes the blood pure, fresh and lively, it tones the stomach to better digestion, creates an appetite, stimulates the kidneys and liver, gives new brain, nerve and digestive strength.

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Sarsaparilla—For those who prefer medicine in tablet form, Hood's Sarsaparilla is now put up in chocolate tablets called Sarsaparilla. It is the same as the liquid form, but is more convenient to carry, and is more palatable. It is sold by druggists or sent by mail, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. J. F. Lee, 50 Gould Street, Stoneham, Mass., says: "In 25 years experience I have never known Hood's Sarsaparilla to fail, for spring humors and as a general blood purifier; it cures scrofula, eczema, has no equal as a general spring medicine. It gives me genuine satisfaction to say this."

San Diego launches in carrying visitors to and from the battleships.

April 27, is given as the probable date of the fleet's arrival, but the day is not positively fixed. It may be a little earlier or a little later than that.

Upon their arrival here the officers and the men of the fleet will get the first notice of a welcome that will ring throughout the entire west. Port of Spain, Rio, Punta Arenas and Callao have set a mark for hospitality difficult to surpass, but the return to native shores will be marked by the most elaborate receptions and demonstrations the enthusiastic residents of the city can devise.

HARRIMAN OFFICIALS HERE.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance of Harriman lines, and A. H. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific, left this city this morning for the coast. W. H. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, spent some time with them last evening.

TRIP TO THE COAST.

Just what his trip to the coast means is not known. J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, was here a few days ago enroute to Chicago after an extended trip over the Harriman lines and the frequency of the visits of the big men is beginning to be noticeable. However, nothing is let out as to what is on tap.

'BULL' IN RAILROAD SHOP.

A clerk in the Oregon Short Line's auditing department failed to put in an appearance at his desk yesterday so his chief promptly ordered the pay-roll sheet with the entry, "Discharged for quitting." Some one in the office saw the entry and the laugh passed around the room. When the "bull" was shown the chief, himself, he smiled calmly and pointed to a calendar on the wall. The boys realizing it was the 17th of March, saw their chief had the drop on them but the "Irish bull," as ludicrous mistakes are known, became none the less funny.

CENTRAL'S DIVIDEND SMALLER.

New York, March 18.—The directors of the New York Central railroad today declared a quarterly dividend of 14 per cent. This is a reduction of 4 per cent as compared with the quarterly dividend of three months ago.

BANCROFT GOES WEST.

W. H. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, has gone west on a tour of inspection of the Harriman lines.

TOWER ON SECOND SOUTH.

A watchman's tower is being built at the corner of Third West and Second South streets, as a half dozen. S. L. and Salt Lake Route tracks cross Second South on Third West. Trains are passing over the street almost constantly, and as traffic along Second South is heavy, lots of protection is necessary. The tower will be ready for use shortly as the frame-work is nearing completion rapidly.

WHEN TO GIVE TRANSFER

Official Statement Regarding Perplexing Rule Is Given by Utah Light and Railway Company.

In an official statement given out by the Utah Light & Railway company, the perplexing transfer rule is fully explained, and, according to the explanations, a passenger may forget to ask for a transfer at the psychological moment of the passing of the nickel to the conductor and may still receive it, if the said passenger is not yet "out of reach" of the conductor. How the length of reach is determined, is not stated, nor is the exact extent of the economic advantage thus given the long armed man over the short armed man, figured out. The transfer rule in detail as given out by the company are as follows, an explanation accompanying them is that they have not been changed since first written:

Conductors issuing transfers will punch the arriving time at transfer points.

If five minutes after the hour punch even hour.

If more than five minutes after the

BREAKFAST WITHOUT COFFEE

might seem a hardship to some, but when the harm done by caffeine—the drug in coffee—is considered, its absence should be counted a good thing.

Another "good thing" is

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the health-beverage, made from wheat, skillfully roasted to bring out the delightful flavor and the food-elements of the grain.

In making Postum the vital phosphates, placed by Nature up under the bran-coat of the wheat, are carefully retained for rebuilding worn-out brain and nerve cells.

Postum builds up what coffee tears down, and

"There's a Reason"

W. MELVIN RICH CALLED

Promising Young Salt Lake Business Man Succumbs to Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A promising young business man of this city, died last evening, of cerebro-spinal meningitis at the L. D. S. hospital, when death called W. Melvin Rich, manager of the Daynes Music company, and brother-in-law of Royal W. Daynes. The deceased was only 22 years old, and was ill but one week. He was visiting the ranch of his brother, John Y. Rich, at Garland, when taken suddenly sick with cramps. The sufferer was brought back to Salt Lake, and cared for at the J. Street residence of his sister, Mrs. Daynes, where it was thought pneumonia poisoning was the cause of trouble. But later the true nature of the disease was ascertained, and the patient removed to the hospital. Mr. Rich was born at Grantsville, April 12, 1885. His father was the late John T. Rich, a banker at Brigham City. Young Rich was educated at the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute, and at 18 took a mission to England where he became president of the Leeds conference. Two years ago, Mr. Rich became connected with the Daynes-Romney Music company, and was made manager of the Daynes Music company six months ago. His parents are dead, but he leaves five sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. John W. Taylor, Farmington; Mrs. Ada R. Collette, New York City; Mrs. W. H. Booth, Mrs. R. W. Daynes and Miss Vera Rich, all of this city; John Y. Rich, rancher at Garland; Homer J. Rich, vice president of the Farmers and Merchants' bank at Provo.

The funeral will be held from the Twenty-first ward chapel at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with burial in the city cemetery. Two hours prior to the funeral the body may be viewed by friends at Mrs. Booth's residence, 615 First avenue.

DEATH OF MRS. KELSON.

Aged and Respected Resident of Eleventh Ward Answers Summons.

Mrs. Mary N. Kelson of 818 east Second South street, who came to Salt Lake 45 years ago by ox-train over the plains, died yesterday afternoon, of general debility, aged 75. She was born in Stoumber, Wiltshire, England, where she joined the Church in 1849. In 1891, she married John H. Kelson, who brought her to this country in the same year. They were members of Captain Orten Heigh's company which reached Salt Lake after many hardships in 1862. Mrs. Kelson was for 23 years a member of the Relief Society of the Eleventh ward, where she was also a block teacher, never missing a visitation in the 23 years of her service. The surviving children are John G. Kelson, Albert H. Kelson and Miss Ella Kelson of Salt Lake and Walter E. Kelson of Bountiful.

The funeral will be held from the Eleventh ward meetinghouse tomorrow at 2 o'clock. The body may be viewed at the family residence from noon until 1:30.

REEVES WOMAN IN COURT

Mother Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of Strangling Her Infant.

In Judge Diehl's court this morning, Gertrude Reeves, the colored woman charged with murder in the first degree, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The case is set for preliminary hearing March 26.

The woman is charged with a most atrocious crime. It is alleged that she strangled to death a baby only a few hours old. The woman had been separated from her husband, who is a waiter at the Knutsford hotel, for several months. About two weeks ago the child was born and Dr. T. C. Gibson was summoned. Ten or 12 hours later the infant was found dead. The physician refused to sign the death certificate and upon an investigation being made by County Physician Caldwell it was discovered that the baby had apparently been choked to death. Marks were found on the throat. An autopsy was held under the direction of Justice Dan T. Smith and then a warrant was issued for the arrest of the Reeves woman, charging her with murder in the first degree. She is now in the county jail.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—"The Gingerbread Man," which might have been made as a running mate to "The Land of Nod," drew a fair sized audience last night and sent it away full of merriment over the grotesque entertainment provided. It is essentially a show for the youngsters, as the cast of characters is made up of Mr. Fudge, Wonderful Wise, Simple Simon, Santa Claus, Jack Horner, Margery Daw, and others, which recall the famous old types of Mother Goose days. But there is so much that is diverting, the costumes are so pretty, the scenic effects so good, and the humor so humorous and so infectious, that grown-up people who are seeking an evening's hilarity and who are not over critical, will find a good deal to enjoy in the bill.

The first mention should go to Mr. Rice, whose Gingerbread Man was full of originality and fun. The principal singer was Mr. Major, the black-art man, who sang the numbers in good fashion. Mr. Show is also a strong laugh producer, and he and Mr. McElhern, as the Queen, who was amusing at times, kept the laughter going at a rapid rate. Miss Day as the Bon Bon princess did some good soprano singing, but she needs to be kept singing. Miss Kellogg as Jack Horner made a striking appearance, and did some of her vocal work well. Miss Nellie Nice as Margery was dainty and clever throughout, while Miss Jacobs made a hit in the big scenic effect where the girl is kneeling in the crescent moon and is wafted across the stage. The chorus worked hard, but the voices are not on the dollar and a half order.

The engagement closes this afternoon and evening.

The advance sale is now going on at the Theater for "Painting the Town," which occurs tomorrow night, and "The Bondman," which opens Friday.

Orpheum—"The big headliner of this week, the Pishant Troupe, is alone worth the price of admission, and is carrying the bill to success."

Grand—"The Lorch company in "The King of the Plum Ring" continues to draw well here and will run out the week."

Lyric—"The Zinn company is drawing heavily in its musical comedy entitled "A Japanese Courtship." The bill will be changed Saturday afternoon."

OLD LANDMARK GONE.

An old landmark has just been removed in the demolition of the large, two-story house, 233 South West Temple street. This

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The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

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house was built 50 years ago, by Mrs. Elizabeth Cain, and its last owners, Mrs. E. T. Crisman. It was occupied for many years by William Nelson, managing editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, but used latterly for general lodging purposes. On its site, Mrs. Crisman will erect two 17x30 foot store apartments, to cost \$3,000. Thus the old landmarks are steadily removed.

GLASS HIS SPECIALTY.

Drunken Man With a Mania for Kicking Windows.

An individual giving the name of M. A. Dunbar started out last night to get drunk. He succeeded and is now sleeping on the effects of bad whisky, in the "drunkhouse" at the city jail.

After consuming a great deal of poison Dunbar got into a playful mood and thought it great sport to smash about the town smashing windows. He is now in the town smashing windows.

KEITH-O'BRIEN'S

Announcement of the Formal opening of our enlarged store will shortly be made.

In the mean time beautiful new spring merchandise is being shown. Considerable interest centers to the enlarged millinery section now located in spacious quarters on the second floor.

The display of new millinery, especially in expensive headwear, is occasioning considerable quiet enthusiasm among shoppers.

Also located on the second floor; ladie's suits, wraps, skirts, shirt waists, boys' and girls' wear, carpets etc.

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\$6.75 YOUNG GIRL'S COATS \$4.95

All-wool plain materials, loose box back, coat collar effect, turn-back cuffs; colors, brown, navy blue, red; ages from 10 years up to 18.

An All-Wool Jacket, \$5.95

This is an extra special; comes in the Venetian Covert Cloth, in the tight-semi or loose-fitting back, tan colored only, sizes from 32 to 42, ages from 14 to 18 years.

\$20.00 TAILORED SUITS \$14.95

These beautiful suits at the price offered is a magnificent suit. The purchase was a special favor extended the house; it embraces a noteworthy collection of plain and fancy materials, all handsomely trimmed and embellished in the season's most newest styles. A great many stunning effects in the collection for young girls.

COL. SCOTT CRITICALLY ILL.

At Holy Cross Hospital Following an Operation for Appendicitis.

Col. Walter Scott of the Fifteenth infantry is critically ill at the Holy Cross hospital as the result of an operation for appendicitis. Col. Scott was born in Arkansas, Feb. 14, 1859, and was appointed from civil life in California to be second lieutenant in the Twenty-fifth Infantry, Oct. 31, 1874. He became a captain in the same regiment, February, 1891; was made a major in the Fourth infantry in 1899, lieutenant colonel of the Eighteenth infantry four years later, and became the regimental commander of the Fifteenth two and a half years ago. Col. Scott would retire for age in four years. He is one of the most popular officers in the army, and though but a comparative stranger in Salt Lake, for the short time he has been here he has made many warm friends.

HIS NAME IS LACEY.

Desperado Captured at Murray Will Have to Face Federal Court.

The desperado captured in Murray has been identified as Jack Lacey and a complaint, charging him with attempting to blow up a U. S. post-office has been filed by the U. S. district attorney. Lacey was captured after a running fight between deputy sheriffs and the three would-be robbers, Tracey being considered one of the trio. When caught, a fuse and caps were found in his pocket and a revolver in his pockets showed signs of having just been emptied.

ART ROOM FITTED UP.

An art room has been fitted up at the rear of the Chamber of Commerce for the display of the recent acquisition of stuffed birds from the Desert Museum, and of the fine paintings belonging to the state. The apartment is suitably illuminated by incandescent lamps, and when the exhibits are all in position, the feature will prove a valuable one, especially for school children who have become regular visitors at the room.