

the passengers on the two trains, on the Lehigh and Erie, which were ditched at William street, were brought into the station. Nobody was injured. Superintendent Brunn reports that the fire is still raging among the cars of merchandise in the yards at Cheektowaga, and says the sheriff seems powerless to interfere, though called on to protect the railroad property.

**BUFFALO, Aug. 14, 2 a. m.**—Word has just been received that a train of forty-two cars on the Erie road, filled with fine merchandise, a mile east of William street is now burning fiercely with no protection.

**BUFFALO, Aug. 15.**—The police commissioners today are busy swearing in special policemen on account of the railroad strike. The sheriff is also swearing in deputies outside the city limits at the yards. The sheriff will call on the military, only as a last resort. In the ruins of one of the cars burned last night, the police have found the remains of an empty kerosene can, showing the manner in which the fire was started by the incendiaries. The car department claims that the work of the men at the freight car department was much impeded by the cutting of the hose by unknown parties. Twelve lengths of hose were cut and rendered useless during the night.

It is estimated that from 100 to 200 cars were destroyed by incendiary fire. Everything was quiet in the yards up to noon. The reported strike will be likely to spread to the Erie yards at Hornellsville. Grand Master Sweeney emphatically condemns the acts of lawlessness, and states it was the work of irresponsible individuals, who could not be controlled, and not of the strikers.

**BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 15.**—This afternoon twenty or thirty striking switchmen boarded a freight train pulling into the city to set the brakes and stall the train. They pulled the coupling pins, throwing the pins and links into a stagnant pool, and disappeared. A new supply of pins and links were procured and the train proceeded, amid considerable excitement.

The only Lehigh Valley train that moved today was a coal train, which went out at 3:30 guarded by eight policemen. The Nickel Plate succeeded in moving thirty-five cars of live stock from the Lehigh to the Lake Shore tracks, but when the men learned of it this morning, they refused to make the cars up in the trains bound for New York. One hundred and seventy-three cars of live stock belonging to the Erie are standing on the West Shore tracks, which the men refused to handle. They were discharged in turn as they declined, and in consequence stood in hourly expectation of being ordered out by the union. In the Philadelphia & Reading yards not a car has moved since Saturday. A large force of men are expected tomorrow and an effort will be made to push the work.

The sheriff's posse which went to East Buffalo this afternoon was greeted with jeers by the assembled strikers. "Speci-als" who had been as brave as lions on the train and indulged in tall talk, felt their courage oozing away as soon as they landed, and finally in response to the appeals of the men, one after another, threw away their clubs or handed

them to the powerless sheriff, while at each conversion a cheer went up from the strikers, and soon all that remained of the sheriff's brave posse could be counted on the fingers of one hand. The sheriff bowed down to the inevitable, and came back to Buffalo to call out the militia.

There has been no disturbance up to 11 p. m. tonight at the Cheektowaga yards except the burning of one empty Lehigh freight car. At 8:30 p. m. the Seventh regiment and the Sixty-ninth regiment assembled at Armours ready to move at a moment's notice, though the amateurs do not much relish the idea of a repetition of the fight of 1877.

Reliable reports received from East Buffalo and Cheektowaga show that the Lehigh Valley road had lost seventy-two freight cars by the fire and the Erie fourteen. Railroad men profess to be utterly unable at present to fix the estimate of the loss.

They are acting very cautiously on this point, for the reason that a claim will be made against the city and county for damages and the amount of losses has not yet been figured up. It is known, however, that many of the cars were destroyed.

The Sixty-fifth regiment has just been sent to Cheektowaga to guard the Lehigh Valley and Erie yards the rest of the night.

The Seventy-fourth regiment has just been called out to protect the Central and West Shore property, it being feared that the switchmen on these roads may go out tonight.

**ELMIRA, N. Y., Aug. 15.**—Great excitement prevails at Waverly, N. Y., on account of the strike of the Lehigh switchmen. A collision between strikers and switchmen seemed inevitable this morning over an attempt to run an engine and caboose out of Erie, Pa., just across the line. Men surrounded the engine and refused to let them go. Sheriff Powell turned the switch himself but it was immediately turned back by the strikers. The switch was finally made, but the strikers pulled the coupling-pin between the engine and cars and made another delay. The sheriff tried to arrest some men but they were immediately rescued by their comrades. Superintendent Stephenson and the Sheriff mounted the pilot and could not keep the men away from the engine.

At noon the engine had gone about 200 yards and the

**STRIKERS WERE IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION.**

The altercations between the sheriff and posse had been conducted thus far without serious results. Sixty men were ordered to report to Superintendent Stephenson this morning to take the place of the strikers.

They reported, but refused to go to work.

A union meeting of trainmen was held this afternoon at Sayre and it was decided that trainmen would not do switchmen's work.

The turmoil has subsided, the Sheriff admitting his powerlessness, but more trouble is threatened when he undertakes to make the promised arrests with a larger force.

One of the strikers, Wm. Jones, was hurt in one of the melees with the Sheriff's force.

**BUFFALO, N. J., Aug. 16.**—There were no sensational developments in

the switchmen's strike during the night, and the situation has improved. With two excellent regiments of national guards in the field and the police reinforced by 200 specials, the feeling is much more reassuring than yesterday. The police claim to be able to handle the strike within the city limits.

**AUBURN, N. Y., Aug. 16.**—Captain Kirby, of the second company of the Wheeler Rifles, has received orders to hold his company ready to go to Buffalo at a moment's notice.

**SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 16.**—The forty-first company of the national guard is under orders to be ready at a moment's notice to go to Buffalo.

**BUFFALO, Aug. 16.**—There were no indications this morning of a strike on the Central. It is known that a committee of switchmen were sent to Superintendent Burrows of the Central, however, yesterday, for conference. Mr. Burrows was out on the road, but the statement of the men was forwarded him. A reply was received, but it gave the men no satisfaction.

Third Vice-President Walter Webb of New York Central is in the city, having been called here by the gravity of the situation and the possibility of the Great Four track road being affected. In conversation Mr. Webb said: "The strike has not extended to our road, and we are not aware that any of our men are anxious to join in the strike. The only danger we have felt is that our men might be forced from their posts by the other strikers. From what I learn I think the switchmen would have been driven from their posts last night had it not been for the calling out of the military. All we ask is protection from outside violence."

**THE BOND ELECTION.**

Yesterday's election, held for the purpose of bonding the county to the amount of \$300,000, was an exceedingly quiet one, comparatively little interest being taken. The city vote by precincts was as follows:

	For.	Against
First precinct.....	140	159
Second precinct.....	196	115
Third precinct.....	57	183
Fourth precinct.....	78	121
Fifth precinct.....	154	116
Total.....	625	694

The returns of the county precincts have not yet been opened nor officially canvassed. But from the city vote and the number of ballots cast against the proposition in the county precincts heard from it is safe to say that it has been defeated. The voting at the places named below was as follows:

	For.	Against.
Bingham.....	19	17
Sandy.....	19	106
Murray.....	25	92
Draper.....	5	97
Granite.....	8	29
Hunter.....	16	6
Sugar.....	32	42

The precincts to be heard from are: Big Cottonwood, Butler, Brighton, Bluff, East Mill Creek, Farmer's, Ft. Herriman, Granger, Little Cottonwood, Mill Creek, Mt. Dell, North Point, North Jordan, Pleasant Greer, River-ton, Silver, South Jordan, Union, West Jordan.