

night. Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh have already gone out despite the fact that

**THEIR TERMS WERE ACCOEDED TO.** At this hour the firemen are housing the engines in the round house and all hands are idle in the yards. There is no disturbance but every trainman seems to be determined on his course of action. The strikers say this does not measure the possible extent of the strike. The strike was ordered by the Switchmen's union and is the result of trouble on the Erie and Lehigh roads.

An enormous amount of traffic will be tied up by the strike as it will, no doubt, involve the West Shore and Lake Shore roads and perhaps all the lines in Buffalo. Delaware Lackawanna and Western switchmen will probably not remain long at work handling freight from the lines named.

The strike is extending and may be far reaching in its consequence and disastrous to the business community.

Plenty of troops will be massed here by daylight this morning.

One switchman said the switchmen on the West Shore road would go out tonight. Those on the other roads will be sure to follow in due time. The Lake Shore men will go out if asked to handle freight from any of the tied up roads.

Manley C. Greene, justice of the supreme court at Buffalo, impressed by the gravity of the situation among the striking switchmen, has ordered out the entire fourth brigade of the State militia, consisting of 2000 men, in separate companies, and one battery of artillery.

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 16.**—This morning at 3 o'clock an attack was made on the stockade at Oliver Springs by miners. Two of the three guards were killed and several miners killed and wounded. This afternoon several companies of militia from Chattanooga were sent to Oliver Springs. They reached there safely, but no news can be had as the rioters cut the wires.

This afternoon a hundred miners, armed with Winchesters

**TOOK POSSESSION OF A TRAIN** on the Knoxville & Ohio road at Coal Creek en route to Canton, where they hoped to be able to increase the reinforcements, but they were too late. The issue is a grave one, for the miners threaten to wreck any train carrying militia.

Tonight the through mail trains could not go forward, and it is believed the United States authorities will interfere. At 10 o'clock tonight sixty-three soldiers left on a special train for the scene of the disturbance. It is difficult tonight to get details, and all sorts of rumors are afloat. Tonight eighty-two miners, all heavily armed, boarded a passenger train at Cow Creek, placed pistols at the heads of the conductor and firemen and made them carry them back to Clinton where the coaches were detached and the passengers left terrified. The miners then hitched on two coal cars and forced the engineer to take them to Oliver Springs. They refused to pay their fare and simply had their own way by outlawry.

At 11 p. m. the wires are up by a roundabout route and news is just be-

gining to come, but slowly. It is now known that the battle was renewed shortly after the Knoxville troops reached the stockade, but the result is unknown. The Chattanooga militia will have to march overland from Harrison to Oliver Springs, a distance of eighteen miles, as the Waldenridge road is planted with dynamite.

A special to the Times at midnight says the stockade at Oliver Springs is still surrounded by a mob wild over the killing of their leader, William G. Brummet of Rockwood, and the wounding of another man.

The militia company from Knoxville reached the village, but it is not known whether they got to the stockade.

No fights have occurred since morning, but the miners are massed near the stockade and swear they will take it tonight.

An authentic bulletin received by the Journal at midnight says the report that a second battle occurred at Oliver Springs is a canard, but reinforcements of miners are arriving, and a battle is expected before morning, before Colonel Woolford's and the Chattanooga militia can reach the stockade, five miles from Oliver Springs.

**CHICAGO, Aug. 17.**—During a conference in the Switchmen's Union National headquarters last night, at which all the grand officers were present except Grand Master Sweeney, who is in Buffalo, a telegram was received from Sweeney to the effect that the Erie lines and Western New York and Pennsylvania system, two of the great railway systems involved in the switchmen's strike, had acceded to the strikers' demand, leaving only the Lehigh Valley road to fight.

**BUFFALO, Aug. 17.**—The situation this morning in the great railroad strike is not encouraging. The New York Central switchmen having joined the strikers makes it much more formidable. The Central yards are under picket guard. It is feared the strike will spread to other Vanderbilt lines, Lake Shore, Michigan Central and West Shore. Under order from General Doyle, the entire Fourth United States brigade of the State militia will be concentrated here today. All will be needed as the strike covers several miles of territory.

The State board of arbitration here will make strenuous efforts with both parties for a settlement.

Superintendent Vorhees of the New York Central, said to an Associated Press representative this morning, that there was a hundred and fifty men of that line out. They profess to demand shorter hours which the company refused to grant, but they were actually trying to get ten per cent. increase in the pay. This also the company would not grant, as the men were already receiving more than any other men performing a like service on the roads in the State. He added, there has been no delay in the trains and things are in a good shape, because there is no perishable freight in the yards. If given protection by the authorities they would have no difficulty in supplying the strikers' places.

Florence Donovan and Wm. Purrell of the State board of arbitration are in

the city and will attempt a conciliation between the railway officials and the men.

The day shift of the West Shore switchmen worked about an hour this morning and then dropped everything where it stood. Their demands are similar to the Central men. The night shift, without doubt, will refuse to work tonight.

General Manager Halestead, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western has issued imperative orders that no freight will be received from any of the tied-up roads. The fast freight lines are probably the greatest sufferers by the strike. Thousands of dollars' worth of perishable goods are standing on the side tracks and nothing can be done towards forwarding them.

**BUFFALO, Aug. 17.**—Master Workman Sweeney said this afternoon that the switchmen were not only not to blame for the acts of disorder, but they did not sanction them in any way. Mr. Sweeney said there was a rumor going about that the company had cars set on fire Sunday morning to enlist sympathy and put the switchmen in the hole, and that the burned cars were condemned, and were set on grass-growing sidings and left there to rot. Mr. Sweeney said they considered the militia as friends, but the presence was unnecessary, as the organization was peaceful.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT WEBB

of the Central said this evening that they intended to run the road and move all trains as usual without employing Pinkertons, but were looking to the State to protect the men.

Although the troops are more comfortable than yesterday, they are complaining bitterly because the railroads do not send passenger coaches out for shelter.

#### GENERAL DOYLE AND STAFF

were very much occupied all day placing the arriving troops. The picket lines extend about twenty-five miles tonight. Some 2000 men are on the ground under arms.

The strike on the Central increased the work of the military, as its property has to be guarded.

#### A STRONG GUARD

keeps Queen street closed from the Lackawanna trestle north. Today all through the Lehigh Valley yards and Buffalo Creek yards, down to the island and around to the lake shore, everything is almost dead. The companies did not attempt to move any of the long line of cars filling the switching and sidetracks.

The strikers kept quiet and there is no trouble of any kind. The Lehigh people would not attempt to work because they said there was not enough protection on the ground. Although there has been no trouble they know that if work was attempted trouble would ensue.

The Lehigh expects men to go to work tomorrow in the switchmen's places.

#### TROUBLE IS THREATENED

at the Erie elevator, which was glutted with grain. Six boats had been used and an attempt made to run down a string of empty cars, but the strikers interfered. Two companies of soldiers were ordered out, but when they arrived the attempts of the strikers were given up and nothing was done.