

THE STRIKE AT THE GERMANIA SMELTER

Some of the Men are at Work Under the Agreement Made a Week From Yesterday.

Two Furnaces Running With About Sixty-five Men in Each Shift—
Two of the Furnaces Rendered Inoperative and Men are at Work Cleaning Them Out—Strikers are Very Peaceable and Do Not Appear to Want Any Trouble to Occur—They are Firm in Their Determination to Secure the Increase of Pay That They Have Requested—Hopes for Early Settlement.

"Now run! Get out of here!"

Peter Stromness, one of the Germania smelter strikers at Murray will swear that Deputy Sheriff Dowse used these words to him and at the same time drew a revolver.

"I won't run!" answered the striker, and then the officer held the revolver up to the man's face and added a kick to the admonition. This is the statement of Peter Stromness, and he says he is willing to make oath as to its truthfulness.

Mr. Dowse denies that he has drawn any weapon at any time during the discharge of his duties at the smelter during the present difficulty, so the public must be its own judge as to the truthfulness of the statement of the Germania strikers.

All the strikers are willing to take the word of their companion and are very much aggrieved at the officer for what they say was an action entirely needless for and unnecessary because the men gave no provocation for the assault.

Previous to the meeting today a group of the men were talking over the matter outside of the home of Mr. Charles Case, a bright young man, who by common consent, seems to have been selected as their leader in the hour of difficulty. "Why, we were much surprised," said one of the men, "at the action of Mr. Dowse and his attitude towards the men at all times during this trouble. He commenced at us in a threatening way and has kept it up ever since. It looks to us as if the company is making it interesting for the men, otherwise he would not be so persistent against us."

Another very disagreeable man connected with this affair is Dan Pheasant, general foreman, who has charge of the shift. If any one of the men attempts to talk with him, even for information, he threatens him with arrest and even orders the officers to put the man in charge without the slightest word of explanation except curses.

"Although different men are Lewis Powell, foreman, and Arthur Short, his assistant. They are reasonable and we can get along with them nicely."

At the meeting today the strikers held to the same position, and the men who desired to do so could work out the seven days which they agreed to work pending an answer from the operating committee in Denver.

"We want to place ourselves right and then we will have something to stand upon," said Mr. Olsen. "We agreed to wait seven days and we will do so. Our cause is a just one and we do not hesitate to make our demands, because we know that the company will be forced to yield for two months past. Our meeting today was for the purpose of bringing the men into some sort of organization, as we have had no officers heretofore. It is our intention to flow out of this action to be pursued after next Wednesday, provided that by that time our wants are denied."

WHAT THEY WANT.

The strikers demand an increase in pay of 45 cents per day. The wages paid at present and those asked are as follows: The first column showing the present scale per day and the second the desired prices.

Yardmen	\$1.40	\$1.75
Limebreakers, swamper, wheelers and car men ..	1.50	1.85
Trappers	1.90	2.25
Firemen	2.40	2.75

These are the most important places in which the changes are asked, there being other laborers who are paid various amounts. At the copper works these are the wages.

Skinner	\$2.00	\$2.35
Hoppers	1.65	2.01
Boiler Hangers	1.50	1.85

THE FORCE.

There have been at work at the smelter about five hundred men altogether and these are all except by the number of the men who have been sent out at 400, but 500 is nearer the number.

AT WORK TODAY.

Today there were at work about sixty-five men on the day shift, and it is probable that during each of the other three shifts about the same number of men will be at work, making near 200 men in all.

FURNACES FROZEN.

On the day shift of the strike two of the furnaces were struck by a freeze; but as they cooled off to the point at which they are now, the men have been able to clean them out and have them running again. The two furnaces which were rendered inoperative will remain so until an agreement with the company is reached, and possibly even after that time, although the strikers' proposition is scarcely probable. The shutting down of a furnace entails a loss to the company of hundreds of dollars per day, and this loss is likely to be avoided upon the first opportunity.

REPAIRING DAMAGE.

Today there were men engaged in cleaning out the bottom of one of the furnaces preparatory to a resumption of work when the strike shall have been settled. The two furnaces which were rendered inoperative will remain so until an agreement with the company is reached, and possibly even after that time, although the strikers' proposition is scarcely probable. The shutting down of a furnace entails a loss to the company of hundreds of dollars per day, and this loss is likely to be avoided upon the first opportunity.

DOES NOT PAY.

"The smelter people, during this week of partial inactivity," said one of the

PLAN FOR PUERTO RICAN BILL.

House to Concur in Senate Amendments and Save Delay.

CAUCUS TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Republicans Expect the Tariff Measure to Pass the House by a Substantial Majority.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, April 5.—The Republican managers of the House have substantially agreed upon a program relative to the Puerto Rico tariff bill.

They have canvassed the situation and have decided to hold a caucus or conference tonight at 8 o'clock at which the managers will present their plan. This plan is to concur in the Senate amendment and thus avoid all the delays and problems involved in an attempt to amend the Senate provisions. The managers will advocate the adoption of a rule which will allow two days for the discussion of this proposition and then bring it to a vote.

A very prominent Republican of the House who has canvassed the situation says the proposition will carry by a substantial majority—larger than that by which the original bill passed the House.

The managers agreed that the plan to substitute the House bill providing for a civil government for Puerto Rico for the Senate provision would be bad policy as there was really little difference about the meeting, and the Senate provision had the advantage of having been thoroughly discussed in the Senate and perfected there.

DID NOT MEET.

A Misunderstanding as to the Place, Cause.

The annual meeting of the Utah Stock Growers' association which was called for 2 p. m. today in the Legislative Chamber at the city and county building, failed to materialize owing to a misunderstanding among the stock men. Part of the members understood that the meeting was to be held at the Grand Army hall on Second South, and the majority of the city and county building knew nothing about the meeting, and the stock men who were present at the meeting understood that no such meeting was to be held.

President White and a few others showed up at the appointed hour, but as no one else came they retired without doing anything. It is unfortunate that the misunderstanding arose as there were quite a number of stock men from the outside present in the city to attend. The announcement of the meeting will be made at some future time.

STATE'S FINANCES.

The statement of the state treasurer for the month ending March 31, 1900, shows a balance on hand of \$25,327.54. The disbursements for the month were \$61,123.82. The following is a detailed statement taken from the report:

State of March—	
March deposits	\$29,717.47
Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1900 ..	\$25,327.54
Disbursements—	
State warrants redeemed	\$7,593.82
Reservoir lands fund	750.00
Refugee school	750.00
Agricultural college fund	1,890.00
Balance on hand	\$23,806.45
Balances in the various funds—	
State district school fund	\$4,617.34
General fund	\$2,374.89
State school fund	\$5,617.29
Other fund	65.92
Trust funds on deposit	110.25
Balance on hand	\$23,806.45

WOOL-GROWERS TO MEET.

Will Hold Session in City and County Building Tomorrow.

The vice presidents of the Utah Wool Growers' association met in the office of E. H. Callister on West Temple street today, to arrange a little business for the regular meeting that will be held in the joint building tomorrow. Those present expressed themselves as being hopeful of the outlook for the sheep, the only great drawback to the sheep in the southern part of the State will sustain in the extreme dryness of the country, and if conditions such as exist there favor the sheep, a hardship will not only be worked on the sheep but every living thing as well.

The officers expressed the conviction that the meeting tomorrow will result in material benefit to the wool growers.

LATE LOCAL NEWS

Today was pay day at the city offices, and a large number of the city's wards were made happy.

The State board of land commissioners met in regular session this morning. All the business transacted was of a routine character, the signing of bills, etc. This business will occupy the board throughout the day. Tomorrow there will be several important matters taken up.

Capt. Donovan, formerly of the police force in this city, writes from Dawson City under date of February 1st, enclosing a remittance for the "News" and wishing the paper a happy new year.

In response to the general request the "News" will print in its next Saturday issue a list of all the authorities of the Church. The list will comprise a full page of the "News" and will be corrected and revised up to date by the proper authorities.

City advertisers have poured in their orders for space in the special edition of the "News" for Saturday to such an extent that the paper has had to be enlarged to a thirty-two page issue.

CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.

April 5, 1900.	
Clearings	\$411,996.30
Same day last year	\$252,280.57

ORE AND BULLION REPORTS.

MCCORMICK & CO.

Mineral bullion	\$3,670
Silver and lead ores	6,800

WHEAT & MILLING.

Bullion	\$5,250
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BRITISH SORTIE FROM MAFKING

Col. Plumer Assails the Boers at Ramathlabama.

BOTH ATTACKS REPULSED

Staff Officer Cecil Captured Supposed Not to be Lord Edward.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

London, April 5, 1:15 p. m.—A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marques says: Sharp fighting occurred April 2 in the neighborhood of Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie while Gen. Plumer's cavalry attacked the Boers at Ramathlabama.

Both attacks were repulsed.

Twenty of Col. Plumer's men were found dead on the field and six others were made prisoners.

The federal losses were small.

IS THIS LORD CECIL?

Pretoria, Tuesday, April 3.—In the fight of Ramathlabama, March 31, the following were taken prisoners: Captains Crew, Duncan-Robinson, and McLaren (Crew and Duncan-Robinson have now died). Staff Officers Cecil and Granville, and nine officers, of whom six were wounded. The prisoners all belonging to Col. Plumer's Rhodesian force.

Thaba N'Chu is not in possession of the federal.

Forty-one British subjects were escorted across the border this morning.

London, April 5.—It is thought the officer named Cecil captured at Ramathlabama is not Lord Salisbury's son Lord Cecil. The dispatch says he belonged to Col. Plumer's force, and if the Boers had captured the premier's son they would assuredly herald the fact.

PLUMER'S DARING MARCH.

Gaborone, Bechuanaland, Wednesday, March 28.—Col. Plumer, with a force of British mounted infantry, started on a daring march Sunday, March 25, with the object of threatening the Boer lines of communication. After two rapid marches through Transvaal territory they arrived at Dawn, March 27, within twelve miles of Zwerst, and distinctly heard the bombardment of Mafeking. Having reconnoitered the country with the view of future operations without signs of alarm, the British force, which was accompanied by a detachment of the Natal Mounted Infantry, started on a daring march Sunday, March 25, with the object of threatening the Boer lines of communication. After two rapid marches through Transvaal territory they arrived at Dawn, March 27, within twelve miles of Zwerst, and distinctly heard the bombardment of Mafeking. 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