

NO CHICAGO PAPERS.

STEREOTYERS' STRIKE TIES UP THE BIG DAILIES.

Publishers Refuse to Accede to the Demands Made by the Men and No Papers Are Issued for Four Days—News in Brief.

OTY Without News.

None of the English papers were published in Chicago, owing to a strike among the stereotypers. The stereotypers demanded a reduction in the hours of labor and an increase in wages. It was refused to go to work. The following newspapers entirely suspended publication pending a settlement of the issue: Times-Herald, Record, Tribune, Chronicle, Inter Ocean, Evening Post, Daily News, Evening Journal and the Dispatch. A meeting of the publishers was held to arrange a plan of campaign and to provide for the resuming of publication as soon as possible. The publishers acted together. They received a large number of applications from stereotypers in other cities. An immediate influx of stereotypers began. The intense interest in the battle of Santiago rendered the situation a peculiar one, and this fact was undoubtedly seized upon by the operatives. Something like 200 employees were directly involved.

CIVIL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

Commissioners Consult with the President Concerning Change in Rules.

Commissioners Harlow and Brewer, of the civil service commission, had a long conference at the White House with the President, Attorney General Griggs and Secretary Bliss in regard to a number of proposed changes in the civil service rules. It is understood that the heads of a number of the executive departments had recommended the extension of the rules so as to include certain specified places in the service and that other places be exempted. No definite decision was reached on all of the questions involved, but it is expected that a conclusion will have been arrived at within a few days, when the President will issue an order covering the cases under discussion.

SURPLUS TO BE DIVIDED UP.

Eighteen Million Dollars to Be Distributed to Pullman Palace Car Stockholders.

The board of directors of the Pullman Palace Car Company has adopted resolution for quarterly dividends of \$2 per share payable on April 1st, and also a special dividend of \$20 per share. The board recommends that the surplus assets of the company to the extent of \$18,000,000 existing at the end of the current fiscal year should be distributed to the stockholders of the company, and that for such purpose the capital stock should be increased to the sum of \$54,000,000, and that increase on stock should be issued to shareholders at the ratio of one share for each two held by them.

National League Standing.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

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Cincinnati ... 34 New York ... 39

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Boston ... 38 25 Brooklyn ... 20 33

Baltimore ... 35 25 Washington ... 25 32

Chicago ... 37 28 Louisville ... 22 42

Pittsburg ... 33 30 St. Louis ... 22 45

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St. Paul ... 33 25 Omaha ... 21 35

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SHOT BY A ROBBER.

Station Agent at Sidney, Ohio, Is Per-
haps Fatally Injured.

The other morning at about 4 o'clock T. J. Kratzman, operator and night ticket agent of the Big Four Railroad at Sidney, Ohio, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a strange man, whose object was the robbery of the office. Kratzman was busy when the man entered the office and stopped him and ordered the Kansan man to give up the ticket. Kratzman's nerve. He refused, and, finding that the man was in earnest, he told him he would not open the safe, but would give him his watch. The robber came forward to secure the watch, when Kratzman grappled with him. In the struggle the stranger fired and shot Kratzman in the breast, the bullet entering his lung. The stranger escaped. Kratzman ran to a hotel, where he gave the alarm and fell unconscious from loss of blood.

DEFRAUD THE WHOLESALE*,

Government Detectives Discover a Band of Robbers.

United States secret service agents are on the track of a gang of men who are alleged to have systematically defrauded wholesale dealers throughout the country of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The first move was made when Adolph Blau was arrested in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the charge of using the mails for the purpose of defrauding a number of New England wholesale dealers. The publication of the details of the combination was to extin-
guish small merchants in business in that and other cities and to obtain by some subterfuge a rating for them. After buying stocks of goods on credit the cowboys would step in and sell them out on a judgment note.

AVENGE AFRICAN MASSACRES.

British Expedition Punishes Native Who Murdered Americans.

A mail steamer from Sierra Leone, which arrived at Liverpool, reports that the British expedition which was dispatched to Shearwater Island, Sierra Leone, to avenge African massacre, has arrived. The expedition was to extin-
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SPANISH AGENTS CAUGHT.

Found Prowling Near the Magazine at Portsmouth, N. H.

Two Spanishmen were arrested in the forenoon the other day, in the vicinity of the magazine. The men were first seen by a sentry in a clump of bushes on a hill, back of the marine barracks, and as soon as he challenged them they walked toward him and gave themselves up. The sentry gave no information about themselves. They were confined in the guardhouse.

Strong Combine in Whisky Trade.

The Standard Distilling and Distributing Company has completed its organization in the states of New Jersey and will commence business there. The concerns purchased represent the entire distilling and distributing business of this country not controlled by the American Spirits Manufacturing Company. That company and the new company will act in entire harmony. The capitalization of the new company is \$24,000,000. The Standard has the control of the different plants and barrels with it is controlled by the new organization, work great economies and consequent savings in the conduct and operation of the business. The fact that Levy Mayer, who is general counsel of the American Spirits Manufacturing Company, has also been elected general counsel of the new company, indicates that there will be no discord or friction between the concerns. The makeup of the board of directors of the new company shows a tremendously strong financial backing. On the boards are represented the Standard Oil interests in the person of Mr. Page, Mr. Whitney's son-in-law. Another director is Mr. F. O. Matthiessen, who is the vice-president of the American Bank and Trust of America, and trust and also of the glucose trust. Elkins and Wagner and other Philadelphia interests have their representatives on the board in the person of Mr. Dick.

New Submarine Torpedo.

R. Lee Fitzhugh, late of Lexington, Ky., whose home is now in Baltimore, Md., has invented a new submarine torpedo device for which he has applied for a patent. The plans and specifications have been submitted to experts and the machine has been pronounced a wonder. Prof. Paul Anderson of the mechanical department of Kentucky State College has examined it and the inventors the people who propose to invest in the machine, and says it is of perfect mechanism. It is a thirteen-foot torpedo, which is to be sunk into the water and can be sent a distance of eight miles to whatever object desired, being controlled by electrical attachments. The inventor also claims that it is to be used to locate sunken mines in harbors and to transport messages to and from ships through the water. A practical demonstration has been made with a model one-fourth the proposed size. Fitzhugh spent several years in the United States navy and was for years at an expert in the Inventors' Association at Washington.

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Hang Himself in a Cell.

Edward Dearth, a private of Company B, Sixth Illinois volunteers, was drowned at Washington while bathing in the Potowmack river.

Bad News from Klondike.

A special from Juneau, Alaska, says, "J. M. Thompson, for fourteen years a grain buyer for P. D. Armour of Chicago,

POETS OF THE DAY

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

The Chicago platform forced to the front in this country a question which can never be forced into the background until it is settled. That is, whether the control of the currency, and of trade depending on it, shall be exercised by the people or by corporations, by the Government under Just laws, or by alien plutocracy in all alliance with our trusts and syndicates. No single question in politics can be of more fundamental importance than this, but the issues raised by the platform itself are far broader, deeper and stronger than any question of the control of the currency can be. The platform is a stand for popular government, for civil rights, for home rule, for true Americanism and all it represents, against coercive government and all it means. Shall we maintain the government of the fathers of the Constitutional Union of Washington and Jefferson, or, rejecting Russia and England? The plutocracy of London and Wall street, against whose domination in America the Chicago platform was adopted in protest, is the determined foe of democracy and of republican institutions. To re-
cede from the platform would be to surrender the future of America to the enemies of American liberty and sovereignty. Democrats will never do it. They are ready to do for this new declaration of Americanism all that we have done. Let it be known that the Americans of 1776 did give validity to the Declaration of Independence.

No Confidence in the Gold Standard.

There should be no compromise made by Democrats which will place a gold advocate on a Democratic ticket. Approval of the gold standard is the main doctrine of the Republican party and it is not good politics, nor is it good sense, for Democrats to help elect Republicans as assistant Republicans. They have no right to ask a true Democrat for his vote. They have no claim upon the suffrage of the Democratic party. If they want office they should ask it of their allies, the Republicans, and not the party they deserted in the time of need. Loyalty to silver is the test of Democracy. On the issue as to a currency based on gold and silver and a currency based on the money of the constitution the campaign of 1896 was fought. Over six and a half million votes were cast by Democrats in favor of bimetallism. As the Democrats fought in 1896 so will they fight in 1898. Only Democrats should be named on Democratic tickets, and men who defended the gold standard are not Democrats. Let there be no mistake about that. Keep gold Democrats off the ballot.

Pursuing an Elusive Shadow.

We are preparing to give the world an illustration of Aesop's fable. We have already discovered the shadow of imperialism and with the instincts of the dog we are preparing to drop the substance of free government and plunge into the water after the shadow of empire. Once this nation becomes intoxicated with the ambition of Alexander we will not stop while there are other countries to conquer, unless the allied armies of the world meet at some Waterloo. The Republican party is squarely committed to an Anglo-American alliance. It is that just where we want that party. Let it ever favor an alliance with England and we will fight it horse, foot and artillery in November.

Hanna's Friends.

"A man who charges the government three prices for something he doesn't want must have must have," says the Baltimore American, "can hardly expect to have his name put down on the list of American patriots." Perhaps not, but he will not be lone some, all the same. There are nearly as many of him probably on the pay roll as there are of him probably on the army roll. —Charles L. Hanna.

LOOKING INTO A CANNON.

View Through the Muzzle of a 13 Inch Gun Which Is Forty Feet Long.

Did you ever look into the muzzle of a seventy-two-ton cannon? If not, here is your opportunity. Of course, the picture here shown can give no

more detail