

THE MAY DAY STRIKES.

The expected and predicted general revolt of labor against prosperity and favorable conditions, which was to have taken the form of a general strike on May Day, did not materialize. A few local and relatively unimportant strikes were begun yesterday, but nothing like a general movement was noticeable, and it is evident that the prophets who have made much of the imminent "revolution" were endeavoring to create an enthusiasm for profitless self-sacrifice which did not and does not exist. The most serious interruption of industry was in the case of the subway laborers in this city. This was in part a strike and in part a lock-out, and is not expected to last beyond the present week. If the men have any substantial grievances they will be corrected; if on reflection they conclude that they have none they will probably be ready to resume work on Monday morning. An excuse for a "day off" at this season does not need to be a very good one to serve its purpose as well as a better.

In the railroad lightering interest the menace of trouble was averted by an agreement to settle all differences by arbitration. In the shipbuilding trades conciliatory agreements have been reached and an equally good spirit has obtained and made for peace in a number of the trades in which trouble was threatened.