

MESSENGER BOYS ON A STRIKE.

Telegraph Companies Have Hard Time To Deliver Messages.

Cincinnati, July 24.--The strike of messenger boys, which started Saturday, became serious tonight. Two boys were stabbed, several hit by missiles and many slugged with clubs. Most of the violence was done by roustabouts. The street urchins congregated about the Western Union and Postal offices tonight, about a thousand at each place. When any new boys or men went out with messages a gang pursued them with epithets, clubs and stones. When these working messengers took street cars, the pursuing mob stoned the cars, and some innocent people were hurt, none seriously. The police charged on the mobs repeatedly and scattered them, but the disturbers would soon rally again.

The companies today refused to recognize the newly formed union, and at a meeting tonight the boys voted to continue the strike. At this meeting the newsboys and some tobacco strippers promised to join them tomorrow. The boys will start petitions among the business men tomorrow.