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Will Strike Monday. WHEELING, W. Va., April 19.—The third conference of the miners and operators of the third district of subdivision No. 5, relative to the scale for the present year, adjourned tonight without reaching an agreement. As a result, 1500 miners in Jessop and Belmont Counties, Ohio, and a portion of Harrison County, West Virginia, will strike Monday.

Strike at Pottsville. POTTSVILLE, April 19.—Six hundred mine employes struck today at the Raven Run, Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron Company's colliery, on account of the discharge of two leader bosses, dismissed, it is alleged, because they are members of the United Mineworkers.

Testimony Not Available. LANING, Mich., April 19.—Prosecutor Tuttle, of the Ingham County Circuit Court, has asked the court to nolle prosequi in cases against William A. French, ex-State Land Commissioner; Edgar G. Adams, of Grand Rapids, ex-Speaker of the House, and Charles H. Pratt, ex-agent for a school book supply firm, who were indicted for bribery a year ago by the grand jury. He asserts that, after consulting with counsel, he doubts the tube plant, that the cases cannot be made out against the indicted men because certain testimony available at the time the indictments were returned cannot now be had.

Suicide With Dynamite. MILTON, Cal., April 18.—John H. Gorham, foreman of the Union copper mine, last night shot and killed George B. McCarthy, a prominent young man of Copeland, and then blew himself to pieces with giant powder. Both men were attentive to the same woman, and jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy. Gorham placed some dynamite in a box, affixed a fuse and detonator, and sitting down, calmly awaited the explosion.

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READY FOR LAUNCHING.

Shamrock II Will Be Placed in the Water Today.

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The most important point disclosed in the experimenting was that the anxiety generally displayed to find down the forward lines an underbody to enable those parts to cut easily through the water while the yacht was under way. It was found that moderate fullness forward was an advantage rather than a drawback, and that the first thing desirable was a clean, sweet run aft. To attain this the hull of Shamrock II has been carried well forward, with full lines under water and full deck lines in the forward bay. The bow, instead of being flattened on the side, is carried round in a perfect spoon. The keel is stepped forward of the usual place, and the beam is carried well into the overhang. The free board is cut down to about two-thirds of the height of the hull above the waterline. These are the most striking characteristics. The under-water body is simply an adaptation of the same idea to suit the different conditions. The turn of the bilge favors the Columbia rather than Shamrock I, and the fin is shorter and shallower than that of the last challenger.

Over all the new boat is longer than both the challenger and defender of 1899, being 133 feet. Her water line length is right up to within a few inches of the allowable limit of 140 feet. In beam she is practically the same as the last challenger, but her draught has been cut down with a free hand, and is something less than 19 feet. Her sail area is more by 200 square feet than Columbia's, and close up to the amount of cloth shown on the first Shamrock. The stepping forward of the mast has averted the chief fault found with the last challenger, the immense size of the fore triangle. In this respect, the new challenger comes out less than either of the boats, her exact measurements being 71 feet from mast to bowsprit end.

Big Electric Plant. HELENA, Mont., April 19.—The Missouri River Power Company, which owns a dam and power plant at Canyon Ferry, and which is now constructing a pole line to the city of Helena, has been across the Missouri River at Stubbins' Ferry, five miles below the plant now in operation. The new dam and plant will have a capacity of 10,000 and will develop 10,000 horsepower, with a total capacity of 100,000 horsepower. The company has contracts for power from the Amalgamated Copper Company and other big concerns operating in Butte.

Russian Girl Who Tried to Assassinate a French Senator. PARIS, April 19.—Great interest was taken here in the trial of Vera Gelo, the Russian girl student who was charged with trying to assassinate Professor Emile Deschanel, the aged Senator, and father of the President of the Chamber of Deputies, January 19. She was acquitted today. The interest in the case was heightened by the fact that Zeline, the Russian girl friend of Vera Gelo, who intervened between the latter and Professor Deschanel at the time and received a bullet in her chest, died in the hospital after lingering some time in agony. Professor Deschanel frequently visited the wounded girl at the hospital, and daily sent her bouquets of flowers up to the time of her death. A strange feature of the case was Vera Gelo's obstinate silence as to the nature of the outrage she claims was inflicted on her at Geneva by a man she thought was Professor Deschanel.

German Copyright Bill. BERLIN, April 19.—The copyright bill, which passed its second reading in the Reichstag today, prolongs authors' rights on dramatic and musical productions from 30 to 50 years. The measure especially protects composers in the public performance of their musical works.

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Will Strike Monday. WHEELING, W. Va., April 19.—The third conference of the miners and operators of the third district of subdivision No. 5, relative to the scale for the present year, adjourned tonight without reaching an agreement. As a result, 1500 miners in Jessop and Belmont Counties, Ohio, and a portion of Harrison County, West Virginia, will strike Monday.

Strike at Pottsville. POTTSVILLE, April 19.—Six hundred mine employes struck today at the Raven Run, Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron Company's colliery, on account of the discharge of two leader bosses, dismissed, it is alleged, because they are members of the United Mineworkers.

Testimony Not Available. LANING, Mich., April 19.—Prosecutor Tuttle, of the Ingham County Circuit Court, has asked the court to nolle prosequi in cases against William A. French, ex-State Land Commissioner; Edgar G. Adams, of Grand Rapids, ex-Speaker of the House, and Charles H. Pratt, ex-agent for a school book supply firm, who were indicted for bribery a year ago by the grand jury. He asserts that, after consulting with counsel, he doubts the tube plant, that the cases cannot be made out against the indicted men because certain testimony available at the time the indictments were returned cannot now be had.

Suicide With Dynamite. MILTON, Cal., April 18.—John H. Gorham, foreman of the Union copper mine, last night shot and killed George B. McCarthy, a prominent young man of Copeland, and then blew himself to pieces with giant powder. Both men were attentive to the same woman, and jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy. Gorham placed some dynamite in a box, affixed a fuse and detonator, and sitting down, calmly awaited the explosion.