

SLAVES TO DEBT

How Miners Are Kept Down by Operators.

IN ENDLESS DRUDGERY

No Sooner Out of Debt Than Driven In Again.

FATHER CURRAN'S OPINION

He Discusses Ethics of Nonunionism Frankly—Boys' Vain Effort to Work Out Father's Debts—MacVeagh Striving for Peace.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 6.—The miners, having finished their attack on the Cox mine, in the Hazleton region, today turned the attention of the coal strike commission to the colliers of the B. Markle Company, in the same locality. The witnesses for the miners scored what appeared to be telling points with regard to wages and other conditions prevailing in the mines of this independent company. The attorney for the company was not prepared to cross-examine the witnesses on all the things they testified to, and the commission has granted the company the privilege of recalling the witnesses to the stand for the purpose of cross-questioning them on the statements made today.

The principal witness called against the Markles was James Gallagher, who worked in the Markle mines for 39 years. He asserted that the wages were so low that he was always in debt to the company, and that in 17 years he only once received wages in money, and that was \$50. He further testified that he had to deal at the company's store, the only place where the miners could get credit, and that the prices were from 10 to 20 per cent higher than in other places. He said he had made large wages and wiped out his debt, but the company would then give him such bad work that he would immediately go into debt again. He was evicted from his house, and refused work, but he did not know why employment was not given him.

Sally of Irish Wit. The witness, who is about 30 years of age and a native of Ireland, kept the court constantly in good humor by his wit and sharp answers to thrusts by lawyers. He said a man is never called hurt in the mines until he is half killed. He was half killed twice, he said, which brought out the remark from Chairman Gray that, if he was twice half killed, then he was now dead. This caused much merriment, but it was turned into a roar of laughter when the wit replied that the first half was healed before the other half was injured.

Mr. Gallagher said he was evicted from his house, and that he was refused his position by the company. He did not know why the company should not take him back, unless it was because his son was the secretary of the local union. In answer to another question, he said prices at the company store were from 10 to 20 per cent higher than at other stores. He had made the high as \$70 a month, but that was eaten up in paying his debts to the company. When he was clear of debt, the company gave him a bad place to work, until he was again in debt.

The arbitration plan of the Markles was taken up in the examination, and Mr. Gallagher said that the arbitration agreement was attached to the lease for his house, and he had to sign it when he was signing such an agreement when he put his name to the lease.

The last witness was Frank Ray, a contract miner. He was explaining conditions in the mines with reference to the impure air, and was still on the stand when the commission, at 1 o'clock, adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday.

A 12-year-old boy was called to the stand, and gave testimony to show that he was working at the Markle mines to pay off the debt incurred by his father, who was killed in the mines 18 months ago. He received no pay, but was given due bills showing how much his mother owed the company. The due bills also showed that the debt his mother was incurring, such as house rent, etc., was growing faster than he could reduce it, as he was only getting 4 cents an hour.

Mea Who Break Strikes. The Rev. J. J. Curran, of Wilkesbarre, resumed the witness stand this morning. Harry Reynolds, one of the lawyers for the independent operators, after cross-examining Mr. Curran about the conditions of violence in the Wilkesbarre mines, and wages, asked the clergyman regarding the comparative intelligence of the children of the miners. Father Curran said they compared favorably with other children.

Referring to the nonunion men, Father Curran said most of the people of the coal region believed the miners should have better wages.

"If a so-called 'scab' takes the place of a man who is trying to get his rights, that so-called 'scab' is doing wrong and an injustice to the people of his community," said Father Curran. He admitted that most of the violence committed resulted from attempts of miners to resume work.

John O'Brien, attorney for the nonunion men, also cross-examined Father Curran. He read Governor Stone's proclamation, describing the violence and signs of terror that existed in the region during the strikes, and the clergyman said that some of the things stated in the proclamation did not exist. This concluded his examination.

The conditions prevailing at the Lehigh Valley Company mines will be taken up next. The miners have a large number of witnesses whom they desire to call, and there is at this time no indication when the hearings will be concluded. Some of the operators desire to place witnesses on the stand in their defense. Unless some agreement is reached on many of the points at issue, it is likely the hearings will be run into next month.

Still Talk of Settlement. While settlement talk is still heard here, nothing of an authoritative nature has come to the surface. The belief is still prevalent that an agreement on some points will be arrived at before the commission is ready to make its award. President Mitchell will leave here to-

morrow night for New York to attend the regular meeting of the executive committee of the Civic Federation there, next Monday.

MACVEAGH SEES MORGAN.

Coal Operators' Lawyer on Hurdled Mission to New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Wayne MacVeagh, counsel for the Pennsylvania and Hillsdale coal companies before the arbitration commission, called on J. P. Morgan before leaving for Washington, today. He did not meet with the presidents of the coal roads at Mr. Morgan's office, and the purpose of his call was not made known.

STILL STRIVES FOR PEACE.

MacVeagh Says He Wants Agreement Approved by Commission. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Wayne MacVeagh arrived here tonight from New York. He said he would continue his efforts to bring about a complete understanding between the operators and the miners. At no time, he said, had an effort been made to settle the dispute outside the commission. What he had been and is now striving for, he declared, was to effect an agreement between the operators and miners which could be in-

REV. NORMAN HOWARD BARTLETT.



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corporated in the decision of the commission, and which would therefore, be binding on all parties to the controversy. Mr. MacVeagh said that he would not return to Scranton unless the interests of the companies represented by him demand his further presence.

REFORM IN MONEY LAW.

Absolute Parity of Metals and Elastic Currency Required. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 6.—"What further steps should be taken at this time for the betterment of our monetary system?" Mr. Hugh H. Hanna was asked today.

Mr. Hanna was chairman of the executive committee of 15 created by the National monetary conference, held at Indianapolis in 1897, and ever since he has been active in pressing the demands of financial reformers.

"First," he replied, "our gold standard law of 1890 should be strengthened by machinery for maintaining parity between gold and silver. The public mind is prepared for as perfect a gold standard as can be established. A law providing for the payment of gold in silver at the treasury on demand is the one remaining step necessary to secure absolute parity of all our moneys. Both the Overstreet bill and the Hill bill, introduced in the last session, make full and wise provision."

"Second, an element of elasticity in our National bank currency should be provided. A small step, equal in amount to say 10 per cent of the capital of the bank, is sufficient for demonstration of efficiency and safety. If its desirability is proved, gradual increase within a term of years, to say 20 per cent of the amount of the capital, with full and unquestioned provision for the redemption of notes of insolvent banks as afforded in the Lovings and other bills is the other step immediately necessary for the perfection of money."

"The general subject appears complex, and our people are, therefore, disinclined to study it. The principles are simple. The humblest citizen is interested in the perfection of money."

"Only the absolute assurance of parity will make a New York bill of exchange as acceptable in the commerce of the world as a bill of exchange on London. Assured parity of the metallic currencies and scientific provision for elastic bank currency without risk of redemption will not only strengthen the fiber of our domestic commercial interests, but will do more to make impossible the fall of products of American labor than any other one act of legislation."

"That the President, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Controller of the Currency should all so courageously at this time advocate such legislation indicates the growth of public opinion favorable to laws in the interest of all our people, without preference, the importance of which should arouse the business men of the country to the determined, timely support of the effort being made to secure Congressional action."

PROFITS ON UTILITIES.

English Cities Reduce Taxes by Municipal Ownership. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A municipal journal publishes exhaustive tables, says a London dispatch to the Tribune, showing that the estimated profits of various undertakings, such as gas, water, electric supplies and tramways, are equal in Liverpool, to a rate of 10 per cent per pound, and fall from that maximum to a single farthing at Halifax. The evidence is conclusive that local taxes would be higher in English towns if municipal trading were not a source of considerable prof-

ELKSTO HONOR DEAD

Annual Memorial Service to Be Held Today.

REV. N. B. BARTLETT TO SPEAK

Noted Minneapolis Clergyman Will Deliver the Address and D. Solis Cohen, of Portland, the Eulogy.

The annual memorial service of Portland Lodge of Elks will be held in the Marquam Grand Theater, beginning promptly at 1:30 this afternoon. The members of the lodge, including any vis-



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iting Elks that may be in the city, will assemble in the lodgeroom at 1:30 o'clock and from there march down in a body, seats being reserved for them in the parquet circle. The ushers will meet with Captain Charles E. McDonell at the Marquam Grand box office at 1:15 o'clock.

According to the committee on arrangements the programme this year will be of unusual merit, and the indications are that the house will be crowded to the doors long before the hour set for the opening. These services are always beautiful and impressive.

The memorial address will be delivered by Rev. Norman Howard Bartlett, of Minneapolis, a speaker of National reputation. Mr. Bartlett having been heard upon the lecture platform in all of the principal cities of the country. Mr. Bartlett has for some time past been engaged in educational work at the State University of Minnesota and Hamline University, in the same state. Those who have heard him pronounce him one of the most eloquent speakers in the country. The eulogy will be delivered by D. Solis Cohen, who is at his best upon an occasion of this kind.

The music, both orchestral and vocal, will be of an exceptionally high order, being confined to the best composers, and will be in entire harmony with the service. The Marquam Grand orchestra will furnish the orchestral numbers, under the direction of Frank M. Griffin, who will also give a violin solo. The vocal numbers will be contributed by Mrs. Fletcher



PORT OF PORTLAND DRYDOCK IS BUILDING AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The above photograph is of the foundations of two of the five pontoons which will compose the Port of Portland drydock, now being built in this city. In the construction of these foundations for 400,000 feet of lumber have been used. Contractor Wakefield has been greatly delayed in the work owing to his inability to get lumber from the structure. He has made arrangements, however, by which he hopes to secure enough to keep the work moving from this time on. The piling for the ways have been driven, and will be ready to slide the pontoons into the water by the time of their completion.

Linn, Mrs. Max M. Shillock, Mrs. T. J. Flavin and Miss Agnes Watt.

The formal decorations will be elaborate and beautiful, and the stage will present a pretty picture. Governor Geer and family and Governor-elect Chamberlain and family will occupy boxes.

The programme in detail follows: March—"Tannhauser" Wagner. Marquam Grand Orchestra. Opening ritualistic exercises.

Portland Lodge, No. 142, B. F. O. E. Roll-call of "Our Assent Brothers." Secretary of lodge Soprano solo—"Lone Star" Mrs. Fletcher Linn. Opening Elks' Ode. Audience requested to join.

(Air—"Auld Lang Syne.") Great Ruler of the Universe, All-seeing and benign. Look down upon Grand Elks our work, And be all glory thine! Oh, hear our prayers for our honored dead, While bearing in our mind, The memories drawn on each heart For Auld Lang Syne.

Prayer. "Respectfully" Chaplain of lodge Response—"Lone Star" Mrs. Fletcher Linn. Soprano solo—"Aye Marie" L. Cserubini. Memorial address. Rev. N. B. Bartlett, Minneapolis Lodge, No. 4.

Brother Norman Howard Bartlett, Minneapolis Lodge, No. 4. (a) "Tramplers" Sullivan Schumann Marquam Grand Orchestra. Contralto solo—"Ambrose Thought" Mrs. Shillock. Eulogy. P. Solis Cohen Vocal trio—"Forget Me Not" Rotoli Mrs. Linn, Miss Watt, Mrs. Shillock. Closing ritualistic exercises. "Fantasia" (from Mendelssohn's "Song Without Words") Mendelssohn. "Doxology" By the lodge (Audience will please rise and join.) Benediction. Brother Bartlett

NEW CURE FOR TUMORS Inject Boiling Water With Syringe, Says New York Doctor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—After tests covering two years, a physician in this city has announced a new method for treating tumors. It is by the use of boiling water. He uses a syringe with a metal cylinder and adjustable piston with needles of varying size. Using the ordinary aseptic precautions water is taken directly from a caudron and injected into the substance of the tumor. The water must be at a temperature of from 193 to 212 degrees Fahrenheit, or even higher.

The water, he says, should be hot enough to coagulate the blood and the albuminoids of the tissues immediately, but it should not be forced in so extremely hot and under such pressure as to scald and produce a necrosis of the skin. During the treatment the patient is put under the influence of narcotics.

PEACE WITH THE MOROS

Perhaps Meets Friendly Reception and No War is Likely.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The War Department has received the following cablegram from General Davis, commanding the Department of the Philippines, dated Manila, December 5: "Captain John J. Pershing has crossed the lake with boats borrowed from the Moros, and is returning by the same route. Met with friendly reception everywhere. Present passive policy of armed strength, executed by wise commanders, would make further fighting unnecessary. No danger of Moro war. Reports as to their strength greatly overstated. Captain Pershing located Spanish gunboats; will investigate raising."

D. SOLIS COHEN



Who will deliver the Elks' Eulogy.

was the guest of Archbishop Christie for the night, and on Saturday, accompanied by the archbishop, President Quinlan and a number of prominent clergymen and laymen of Portland, made his first official visit to the university. The university band, under the direction of Professor Garvin, discoursed lively music as the guests arrived, while the students assembled in a body in front of the main building and gave Dr. Zahm a most enthusiastic reception.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the visitors and students filed into the dining-room, where a grand banquet was prepared. During the banquet the college orchestra, under the direction of Professor Calloury, presented a full repertoire of choice and popular music. The dining-room was tastefully decorated with United States flags, with which the college colors, purple and white, were artistically blended. Chrysanthemums, violets and carnations served as table decorations. A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums was presented by Mrs. Muldoon, of Portland. Dr. Zahm occupied the place of honor at the left of the archbishop during the banquet.

At 2 o'clock Father Quinlan, after welcoming the distinguished visitor, introduced Mr. McNamee, a prominent student, as toastmaster. Mr. McNamee accepted the honor in a neatly-put speech. He introduced Mr. Daniel Carmody, of South Bend, Wash., who responded to the toast, "Our Guest." Mr. Carmody was followed by Rev. Father Marr, who paid

enthusiastic applause. Dr. Zahm said that Oregon and Portland surprised him, but the growth of Columbia surpassed his most sanguine expectations. He remarked that he had not the slightest doubt that Columbia's future was secure, and that it is only a question of time when she will become the leading institution of the Pacific Coast. He promised that next year a new building would be erected to accommodate 100 more students, and said that an architect was now drawing up plans for a well-equipped library. These promises were warmly greeted by the students.

Those present at the banquet included, besides those already mentioned: Rev. Fathers Cretell, Hillebrand, Brossart, Black, Curley, Gibney, Reidhaar, Messrs. Richard Wilson, Major Murphy, Hon. Henry McGill, Colonel Dunne, General Burke, James Cook, Roy Gillette. It is expected that Father Zahm will be a guest of the University for four or five days. He intended to remain much longer, but a cablegram from the superior-general of the order summons him to Paris at once.

GET IN ON GROUND FLOOR

Russo-American Merchant Advises Reciprocity With Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Enoch Ellery, a wealthy merchant of Russia, who 35 years ago, left his home in the fishing town of Gloucester to engage in business with a native merchant in a Siberian town, at the mouth of the Amoor River, is in this city. He now maintains storehouses in Vladivostok and along the Amoor River, at different points upon Lake Balkal and the Trans-Siberian Railroad at Moscow, St. Petersburg and in Hamburg. He declares the Russian trade demands everything American, from a steel twin-screw steamer to an American shoe.

WELCOME DR. ZAHM

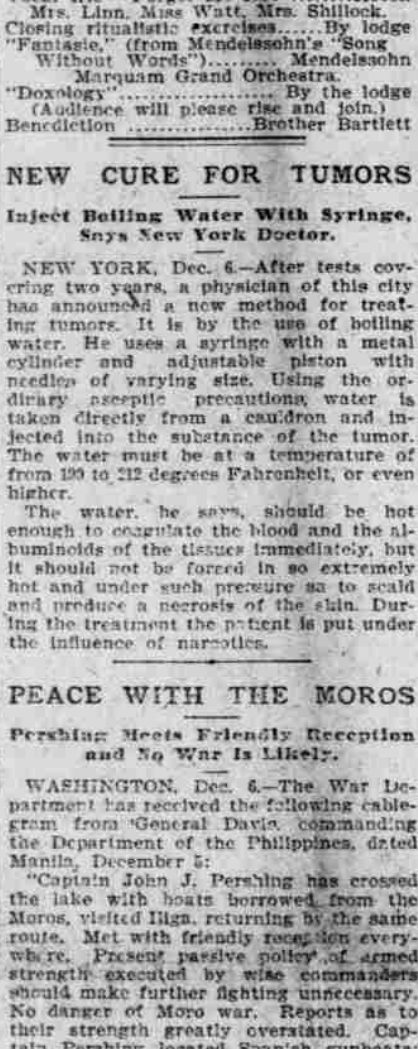
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a strong tribute to His Grace, the archbishop. Father O'Reilly, of the Sentinel, told of many interesting things about the founding of Columbia. Mr. Williams Sherry followed with some neat compliments to the faculty. Rev. Father Carroll then responded to "The Students." Professor O'Hara gave a response to the toast "Notre Dame," in which he made some interesting remarks about the up-to-date spirit of his alma mater. Mr. John M. Geerin, one of Portland's most prominent lawyers, was most eloquent in his response to the toast, "The West." Monsignor Blanchet, vicar-general of the archdiocese, paid a tribute to the progressive clergy.

NEEDS OF ALASKA

"Should Be Studied on the Ground."

MOVES FOR COMMITTEE

Fifteen Members to Visit the Territory.

REPORT TO NEXT CONGRESS

Washington Members Also Ask Appropriation of \$300,000 for Immediate Surveys, That Settlers May Get Title.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Jones, of Washington, believes that the surest way of getting intelligent and needed legislation for Alaska is to educate Congress to the needs of the territory. In line of this policy, he today introduced a resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee of 15 members of the next House to visit Alaska during the coming Summer and make a report to Congress next December as to the condition of the people and such legislation as is needed to develop its resources and secure its permanent settlement.

The proposed committee is to consist of five members from the public lands committee, five from the committee on territories, and five from the committee on revision of the laws of the House, three members from each committee to be Republicans. The expenses of the committee are to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Representative Jones today introduced a bill appropriating \$300,000 for making surveys in Alaska. He says such an appropriation is necessary, as contracts cannot now be made in Alaska for even the maximum Government rate, and if surveys are to be made in the near future the Secretary of Interior must have funds with which to let contracts at higher than the Government rate. An argument to be made in favor of the bill is that no homestead can be made in Alaska until surveys are made, and inasmuch as the House committee is opposed to a donation act as affording temporary relief, permanent settlement must be deferred until this appropriation and dependent surveys are made.

FOR BENEFIT OF IDAHO.

Bill for Sale of Fort Hall Land—Proposed Irrigation Survey.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Senators Dubois and Hettfield called on the Secretary of the Interior today and urged that the department draft a bill which can be introduced in the present session looking to the disposal of the remainder of the Fort Hall lands within the five-mile limit of Pocatello which were not sold last Summer because they were held at \$10 an acre. The Secretary promised to have a new bill drafted which will permit of their sale at a more reasonable figure, possibly leaving the price to a department representative, who will conduct the sales.

The Idaho Senators today called on Hydrographer Newell, of the Geological Survey, to urge the early undertaking of Government irrigation in their state. While they made no specific recommendations, they expressed a preference for the Goose Creek project in Cassia County, and the Mountain Home project in Elmore County. Mr. Newell assured them that early investigations would be made of the irritable land in the state, as well as of the available water supply.

A CONFIRM STATE'S TITLE.

Bill to Secure to Washington Lieu Selections of School Land.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Jones today called up and secured the passage of his bill confirming the title of the State of Washington to lands that were selected by the State of Washington in lieu of sections 16 and 36, when these sections prior to the grant to the state under the school land law were settled or developed.

EARTHQUAKE EVERY DAY

Shaking of Southern Utah Attributed to Revival of Volcano.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 6.—Since November 17, when an earthquake shook up Southern Utah and as far as Salt Lake, daily shocks have been felt in the extreme southeastern portion of the state. According to advice received from Pine Valley, a hamlet in the mountains of Washington County, not a day has passed since that date that at least one earthquake shock has not been felt, and serious alarm is being felt for the safety of the place. Every chimney in the town has been badly cracked or completely tumbled over. At Pinto, the shocks have been so severe that the public school has been abandoned for several days.

About 15 miles south are five or six old craters, and the continuance of the earthquake shocks has strengthened the belief that there has been a fresh outbreak of volcanic activity in the mountains of that region.

Memorial to Mrs. Louis Agassiz.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Announcement has been made by the alumnae of Radcliffe College that they have succeeded in raising \$100,000 for a new building for the college, says a Tribune dispatch from Cambridge, Mass. The new building will be a memorial to the widow of Professor Louis Agassiz, who made her life work the founding and sustaining of the college.

Burglars Rob a Country Bank.

WHITEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Burglars entered the Whiteville Savings Bank here early today and secured \$200 and escaped on a handcar.