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DEMANDS OF MINERS.

Public interest for a time will be centered upon the conferences that have been held and are to be held during this month between representatives of the anthracite mining companies and their 180,000 employees in the coal fields. The present trade agreement between the parties in interest which grew out of the award of the coal strike commission of 1903, has been in continuous operation for six years in its essential features. No changes were made in its terms in the ferences of 1906 but several so-called concessions were made by the mining companies in 1909. It is a voluntary arrangement and expires on March 31. Settlement of the demands must be made prior to that time else a great coal strike similar to the strike of 1902 may be the outcome. This result, it is to be hoped, will be avoided because of the jeopardizing of the public welfare which will follow upon an industrial disturbance of such magnitude.

The demands of the miners, which were approved in a tri-district meeting representing all three fields of anthracite miners, are 10 in number. They ask for official recognition of the union; for an eight hour work day; the abolition of the contract system which gives to one miners more than two laborers; non interference from the mining company with the check weighman and check docking boss who determines the amount of coal a miner sends out of the mine; the payment by weight of coal mined; and the fixing of a basis of 2,210 lbs. a ton for determining wages.

The four remaining demands are of much greater importance and are likely to be the center of the controversy. Two of these are for an increase in wages averaging about 20 per cent, and two deal directly with a continuance of the present trade agreement relation between employers and employees. One demand seeks to have the board of conciliation, which was established in 1903, by the coal strike commission, abolished. The miners desire a different organization with wider powers for a "more convenient and uniform system of adjusting local differences." The other demand is for an agreement for one year, instead of three years as at present.

SPEED MANIACS AND GOOD SENSE
The way some people with good sense, ordinarily, jump into the high

speed when they are out for pleasure automobiling, is a puzzle to even a near auto-fan. With utter disregard for life, property and the comforts of others besides themselves, drivers of late have come to drive the paved thoroughfares at the rate of 40, 50 and 60 miles an hour—if their machines could travel that fast. The last-named speed gauge may be exaggerated a little but the fact remains that the driver is frequently reaching for that attainment—a mile a minute clip, and would if he could. That there are something like 5,600 people who have as much right to the pavement and have as much consideration for life and limb due them as the lone driver, they apparently ignore.

No one expects a machine to snailpace it along at 100 miles but when the speed limits are reached it has gone entirely beyond a joke, and just as sure as there are automobiles in La Grande there will be fatalities soon if the present mad driving isn't stopped.

Dr. W. G. McGee, soil expert, figures that the country can "support one person to every five-acre foot of water"—or one foot of water spread over five acres. He estimated the greatest possible population of the United States to be 1,000,000,000. If the population continues to increase at the present ratio of progress, we will arrive at Dr. McGee's figures in about three centuries. Then what are we going to do?

The first American newspaper in the Philippines had a fearful time trying to use Spanish type, which contains no "w's." The printers finally got around it by using two "v's" every time they wanted a "w."

Since pie is mentioned as a cause of nervousness in America. Obviously the only relief is a law requiring that each pie shall be accompanied by a table of contents.

The Chinese are discarding their ancient headgear and adopting modern hats. Next they'll be talking through 'em.

Long Island Sound has yielded a lobster weighing 27 pounds. Only Broadway can beat that.

Don't All Speak at Once.
At "the rascals in the country." We fired a random shot. To test the characteristics of the citizens we've got. The sequel "almost" proves the Country man to be a saint. For of all the teeming millions There was only one complaint.

If there are other husbandmen, Who feel themselves aggrieved At the random ammunition That their carcasses received, It would be an interesting Revelation:—to confess And have their names and residence Published in the press.
M. L. CARTER, Sandridge.

The Boston Nationals landed in Augusta, Ga., twenty-three strong after making the trip from New York in twentythree hours. A double dose of "jinks." Good night!

QUEER MARINE ANIMAL.

The "Portuguese Man-of-war" is a Veritable Fairy Ship.

The "Portuguese man-of-war" is held to be one of the most beautiful of all the so called pelagic animals and is a veritable fairy ship, with sail that can be elevated or lowered, that can throw out a dredge or haul it in—in short, one of the most attractive of all marine animals and at the same time one of the most dangerous.

This little animal has been called a "poem in satin," yet it conceals under its attractive exterior an armament that is capable of overpowering a foe of a thousand times its size. In fact, the physalia stands in the same relation to many other marine animals of its size as a well fitted torpedo submarine boat would to an old line of battle ship of the Constitution class.

If one but touch the purple tentacles a realizing sense of this power is at once experienced. The finger stings as if needles had been thrust into it, and when the tentacles are, placed upon a spot where the flesh is sensitive the pain can only be compared to that produced by melted lead or boiling oil.

One scientist nearly lost his life in an engagement with the little craft. The man had a habit of swimming on his side, an unfortunate habit in this case. Inasmuch as his view to the right was obstructed when one day he swam over the tentacles of a large "man-of-war." He was in about seven feet of water, and the contact immediately gave the swimmer such a shock that he almost lost the power of motion and sank.

As he struck bottom with his feet he pushed up and partially recovered himself—sufficiently at least to call for help. Some laborers at work near by sprang into the water and carried him ashore. By that time he could breathe only with extreme difficulty, this being the most serious symptom. The purple mass was scraped from the skin with knives and razors, but it seemed to have sunk into the flesh. For six or seven months afterward he could very readily have passed for a tattooed man, the entire middle and lower portion of his body being covered with the most fanciful tracings.—Harper's.

"Would Mean Widowhood.

The cook for a well known Seattle family left, and no other could be obtained, so the lady of the house did the cooking herself with such satisfactory results that after a month her husband gave her a beautiful set of snibies as a token of his appreciation of the good dinners he had enjoyed. Of course the neighbors soon heard of this, and when the cook left in another equally well known family the lady of that house said to her husband: "Well, the cook has gone, and I'm not going to bother to get another. I'm going to do the cooking myself, dearie. You heard what Mr. So-and-So gave his wife when she did the cooking?" And, putting her arms round his neck, she cooed, "What shall I get for my cooking?" "Woman," said her husband, pushing her away, "you will get a long black veil."—Saturday Evening Post.

Stage Illusions.

"You left the roses at Miss Tootie Limber's room?"
"Yes, sah."
"Did she say anything?"
"I didn't hear her say nuffin', sah. Her husband took de flowers."
"Her husband?"
"Yes, sah. Mistah Jim Sawyer, dat's his name. He said, 'Mo' flowahs!' An' then he turned roun' an' called out somefin' else."
"What did he say?"
"He said, 'It's a pity dese pinheaded ginks ain't got enough sense to see a bunch of dollars instead of all dese fool posies.'"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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- 25 Belt of leather, covered with fabric of same material as trousers; has patent buckle.

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