

"Next Shot" Armstrong Finally Struck It, But It Did Him No Good

Whenever a bunch of prospectors in the Joplin district get talking about "grubstake" someone is pretty sure to tell a story about old "Next Shot" Armstrong. For Armstrong was the prize "grubstake" and unique character of the earlier days in the district, days when it was easy to get a "grubstake" if one were a prospector.

Neil Miller, former chief of police at Joplin and a veteran prospector, tells the story of Armstrong in this way: "Armstrong went to Galena while he was a young man and he prospected almost continually. He lived for years in a shack in the Short Creek bottom and was storekeeper in Galena and grubstake him. He would prospect until he would get so far ahead that he would grow ashamed of himself. Then he would go back to work at wages until he caught up again. At which time he would prospect and 'grubstake' some more.

As an operator, in the 20 years he prospected he made only one strike and never got to profit from it. He became known among the miners as a man with the good don't pick. To his associates he would say that he had been getting a little hard luck, but was going to hit one the next shot. That shot him the name "Next Shot" Armstrong. "He was an odd, peculiar character and his ways would seem to be their way to him and talk with him. He had had a brown quite gray and he wouldn't get it out once a year. He had a New York investor made a trip to see him. They were riding pretty good at the time. Armstrong had a party with him at the old Round Top valley show at Galena and they made up a purse of \$100 and gave it to the old man, telling him to use it for powder for the next shot. "Two days later the camp spread around the camp that old man Armstrong had at last made a strike. There was great excitement and a lot of prospectors and friends of the old man went out to congratulate him. He was not at his mine, but great chunks of rock fell all around. They finally found him in his shack. He was sitting on the floor, his hair and beard disheveled, a wild look in his eyes. And he was holding a big chunk of gold and ore in his hands and fondling it like a miser would his gold. The old man was stark crazy. "Grocers, grocers and others who had 'grubstaked' him took over the mine and made a fortune out of it. "Now the 'grubstake' has become a matter only of memory to the Joplin-Galena district. In the old days grocers and powder dealers would give prospectors credit until they made a 'strike' and were able to meet their obligations. But it is different now. The grocer wants his money every Saturday night so does the powder man. The 'grubstake' days are over.

IRISHMAN'S CLAIM

Complaint "E. Myle" That Country Is Overruled by England

LIMERICK, Ireland. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Irishman's claim to political independence is wholly sentimental, according to Alphonsus O'Mara, mayor of Limerick and one of its leading manufacturers. There is, he says, a more practical side to the question, the desire for economic independence and the opportunity for industrial advancement which the Irishman feels he has never at gain could be permitted to make his own laws, deal authoritatively

with his own problems. "Material advantage has come out of every movement of the Irish for freedom, but the main grievance remains," said Mr. O'Mara. "The one point is we are heavily overtaxed. This year England is making a profit of twenty millions out of us. That is she is taxing us thirty-five millions and giving us a government which costs her no more than fifteen millions. These figures are not ours but hers. We have England's word for it. "Ireland has improved its position in the past years, but we have not advanced industrially. We can't take it and we lack confidence because England and England's statements have told us that we are not fit to govern ourselves, that we lack the essentials which make for the development of the mass and therefore of the individual. Our farming population, absorbing this sentiment through off-iteration, have withheld their money when it was needed by Irish enterprise. They have deposited it in banks, you know it, and the money has been loaned

to Englishmen for the development of English industry. "Limerick some 75 years ago had a prosperous mercantile marine. Now the Shannon bears not on its bosom a single ship that can call Limerick its home port. "And we had a fine textile industry, with more textile workers in Ireland than there were then in England, but that has gone the way of the ship. "We have here the finest river in the world for shipbuilding. We could line the shores of the Shannon with busy shipyards and workshops. But the people who would take the initiative have not the money, and because we are not yet capable of self-government, the people who have the money will not lend it to those who could use it. "The world is passing through an industrial crisis. Every nation—America, England, France and even Germany, is making preparations for world trade. But Ireland has not allowed to take any industrial step that would help her people here at home. Why, the British govern-

ment once refused me a passport when I wanted to go to America to place the natural advantages of Limerick before your investors and shipowners. So here we are, high and dry, with the ocean of prosperity all around us. "We could only take the steps necessary to develop this country if we were assured Ireland would be allowed to make its own laws and provide its own government for in any other way could we get American investors any guarantee that England would not tax their investments out of existence. "I don't have a great deal of faith in what the rest of the world is going to do for us unless we do something for ourselves. We have stated our principles, and at the present moment a government of the people of Ireland is in office in Dublin. Of course the government can't have any real power until England withdraws her army of occupation and that can only be brought about by pressure from the people of Ireland."

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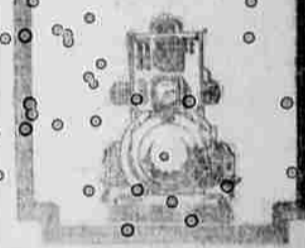
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