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WITNESSES TELL STRIKE COMMISSION OF CONDITIONS AMONG MINERS

Took One Man Seven Years to Save Sixty Dollars and Another Three Years to Pay a Federal Debt—Tales of the Poor—Other News.

Scranton, Dec 6.—At the session of the strike commission today, Andrew Matthey, a Slavonian, who was employed by Cox & Bros & Co, was the first witness. He was the president of his local union, and was told by the company, he said, that if he quit the union he would be given a boss job. He refused, and that he was given such bad work that he gave up his job. He said he was the means of bringing 14 Slavonian families to this country at the instance of the breaker boss at the Cox mines. They were promised \$1.10 per day, but received but 65 to 80 cents a day.

When the witness was asked by Mr Darrow how many times he had seen the mine inspector in the mines, Commissioner Watson asked the purpose of the question. Mr Darrow said, that as a rule, the mine inspector is accompanied by the mine official, and therefore a miner is afraid to make a complaint in the presence of his boss. Mr Mitchell maintained that inspectors should be unaccompanied, and their attention not diverted from bad places in the mines.

John G Strenix, an Englishman, followed Matthey. He said he averaged about \$300 a year, and had worked in the mines for 30 years.

John Ferrari, an Austrian, formerly employed by the Cox company said he was only able to save \$10 in the last seven years.

Jackson Anshack, was an interesting witness. He said he received \$1.57 for a day of 12 hours and his assistant \$1.26. On every other Sunday, when he and his assistant shifted from day to night work, they were compelled to work 24 hours straight without relief. This statement caused a buzz throughout the court room, and every commissioner straightened up and became more interested. In answer to a question put by the commission, he said he was off one day every two weeks then working six days one week and eight days the next.

"Suppose you should fall asleep when you were on the long shift of 24 hours, what would happen?" asked Mr Darrow.

"Well," he replied, "if I slept long enough, the fans would stop would accumulate and if any explosion took place some men might be killed."

Rev James V Huesie, was the next witness. Drinking among the miners, he said was at a minimum during the strike. When asked to explain the general conditions as he found them, Father Huesie said that he had lived in the coal regions practically all his life.

"The conditions in that region he said, are deplorable." The miners were barely able to exist, I say this without any coloring, knowing that I am under oath. I realize that what I say is going to the American people, and I want to talk cautiously. I have been in their homes. They are not homes, but merely a habitation, a resting place. They are a frugal, conservative, reasonable and God-fearing people. We have eight Catholic churches in Hazelton, and they are crowded every Sunday with worshippers and this no doubt true of the churches whose faith is opposed to ours.

Father Huesie said that this was the condition before the strike, and that during their suspension the miners and their families were more pinched and that they barely existed. Families cannot be kept together," he said. "The boys are sent into the mines almost as soon as they are able to toddle about, and the girls are sent to the mills in the small towns in the vicinity, or drift to large cities. He related instances of poverty and said it took one man six years to pay off a funeral debt of \$200. In reply to further questioning, Father Huesie said that he had examined 50 or 60 miners and

found that only three of them were able to save any money. One was a Scotman, one an Austrian and the third inherited money.

Andrew Matthey who was on the stand at the morning session was recalled to give more information regarding the alleged importation of Slavonians to the Cox mines. He told how he had been paid to go to Hazelton and meet the "greenhorns" who had been shipped by his mother from Europe at the request of himself, who had been asked to do so by a forsmen at the Cox mines.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Mrs. James K. Abernathy, who suddenly dropped to sleep while reading a newspaper aloud to her husband, Friday morning, is still in a comatose state. The attending physician this afternoon again applied an electric battery, and for a moment the sleeper's eyes opened, she made a slight effort to sit up, then sighed and fell back asleep without having uttered a word.

Her breathing is deep and her heart action is pronounced good. The physician believes her condition is due to the cerebral hemorrhage, and thinks she should awaken of her own accord about next Thursday after a period of six days.

The alternative is, he said, "that if blood, instead of serum, has congested in the brain, she may pass away while asleep. The principal symptoms is a swelling of the arachnoid, one of the three principal membranes of the brain. However I believe her chances for recovery are favorable."

Mrs. Abernathy is a believer in spiritualism, and many devotees of the cult gathered at her home, today and surrounded her bed, believing she is in a trance, and holding celestial communication, and eagerly watching for the conveyance of some sign from the spirit realm by the sleeper.

New York, Dec. 6.—The will of Mrs. Nellie Gorel, who was shot and killed in Paris, France, on November 19 last, was filed for probate in the surrogate's office here today.

It bears the date of December 11, 1901. Severin Mallet-Provost is named as executor.

By the terms of the will the testatrix bequeaths all her wedding apparel, jewelry, books, etc., to her aunt, Mrs. Heester "A" Dickinson, Alameda, Cal. The residue of the estate is left in trust to the executor of the will, and he is instructed to sell the testatrix's property in Mexico and convert the proceeds to personal property. The income of the trust is to go to Mrs. Dickinson and her husband as long as both or one of them live. At their death the principle is to be divided between the three brothers of the testatrix, Leslie Stogdill, Charles Stogdill and Edward N. Stogdill.

The petition sets forth that there is no real property belonging to the testatrix in this state, and that her personal property is worth not to exceed \$1,000.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 6.—Since November 17, when an earthquake shook up Southern Utah and as far north as Salt Lake, daily shocks have been felt in the extreme southern portion of the state. According to advices 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 schools have 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.

New York, Dec. 6.—A peculiar drowning is reported from Canarsie, Long Island. With \$300 in silver in his pockets, which he had saved for his wedding, Edward Porter was knocked from his sloop while returning to port and was drowned. Owing to the storm his crew could render no assistance, and weighted down by the coin, Porter, although a good swimmer, sank almost instantly.

KILLED HIS MAN

ONE GAMBLER SHOTS ANOTHER IN MARSHFIELD

The Murderer Shot His Victim Four Times and Soon Expired—Other News

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 7.—About 10 o'clock last evening, in a back room of the Clay Moore Saloon, "Doc" Engle, a gambler, shot Tom Barker, another gambler, so that he died a few minutes afterward. The story of eye-witnesses is substantially as follows:

Barker was dealing a game of stud poker in a back room of the saloon. Engle entered the saloon and stopped a moment at the bar, and it was noticed that he had been drinking heavily. He made the remark that he would go back and smoke a little, and passed into the back room. Going to the table where the game was in progress, he leaned over between two of the players and fired four or five shots in quick succession at Barker, who was still seated. He then ran out of the side door of the saloon, up the street to Broadway, and turned north. Barker rose from his chair and walked around the table, seating himself in another chair.

Dr. McCormack was summoned at once, but the man breathed his last a few moments after the doctor's arrival. Three shots had taken effect in his right arm near the shoulder and one in his right side, the latter causing his death.

Barker was a man about 60 years of age, and was quite well known on the bay, having spent considerable time here in the past. Engle was captured this morning about 5 o'clock by Night Marshal McCulloch, and as he was being taken to jail Engle said:

"It killed him I shall die happy."

Washington, Dec 6.—Thomas Brackett Reed, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, and for many years prominent in public life, died here tonight at 12 o'clock in his apartments in the Arlington. The immediate cause of his death was uremia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr Reed's condition early this morning. At 9-30 he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion in order to stimulate the kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper functions. At 5 o'clock this afternoon saline solution was again used, about three quarts of solution being used. The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient regained consciousness until 11 o'clock tonight when a complete coma came on.

At the bedside when he died were Mrs. Reed, Miss Katherine Reed, Dr. Gardner, McDonald, Bishop, and Goodnow.

Mr Reed's mind was in such a state during the day that he did not realize the seriousness of his condition. He was cheerful and conversed with those about his bed. When it became apparent that he would not survive his illness, the wife and daughter were summoned and they remained constantly at his bedside until the distinguished patient breathed his last. With only faint hope of saving his life, oxygen was administered throughout the day.

It was stated tonight that Mr Reed had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time. It reached the acute stage today, and this furnished cause for additional alarm. Mr Reed passed away peacefully and without pain. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Atlanta, Ga Dec 6.—A special to the Constitution from Bisbee, Ariz, says: Colonel Koesterlitzki, commanding the International Boundary Rides, of Sonora, Mexico, has received a letter giving an account of the tragic death of California Dan Ryan, chief of scouts, under General Lois Torris of Torin, November 23.

Ryan and George W Wilson were sent out on a scout. They were surprised and taken prisoners by the Yaquis, tried by a council of war, and "California Dan" was condemned to death. Wilson being acquitted. In the presence of Wilson, the Yaquis with dull saws

cut off the feet of "California Dan" just above the ankles. After this they unbound him, and told him to go back to duty at Torris. By goading him they compelled him to walk beyond their entrenchments only to fall dead in a bush 100 yards beyond their stronghold.

The next morning the Yaquis took the body of "California Dan" and suspended it from a limb of a tree growing by the road. (Wilson was then released and told to bury the body.)

Tepeka, Kan., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher, returned to the city yesterday, and this morning made a tour of these saloons of the city preparatory to beginning another smashing tour, as she expressed it.

She was forcibly ejected from several drug stores, and one of the most prominent hotels in the city. Some saloons let her walk in, and as she was closely watched she attempted smashing. A crowd of men followed her, and other druggists and saloonkeepers closed their doors in her face.

The crowd following grew so large that the police arrested Mrs. Nation on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was given a small fine in the Justice Court this morning.

Mex. Nations announces that she will repeat her old-time exploits in this city before long.

Pointe-a-Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, Dec. 5.—Professor LaCroix, who was sent out by the French Government to investigate the volcanic situation in Martinique, and who has established his headquarters at Bondes St Denis, near Mount Pelee, reports that the volcano has been in dangerous activity during the past week. There have been several eruptions and ashes have been blown out, but have fallen out over the regions already devastated and evacuated. During the night rumblings have been heard, and the central cone appears incandescent. It is frequently and reforms in different shapes. The smoke rising from the Crater is sometimes three kilometers high.

Vessels are advised not to approach the coast. According to the latest news, however, Mount Pelee is quiet.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt is now making the tentative arrangements for his trip to the Pacific Coast next Spring. According to the present allotment of time, he will be in Oregon during May and will visit Portland after passing through the Willamette Valley from California. He plans to go west over the Southern route going north through Oregon to the Puget Sound cities and thence to Spokane.

Spokane, Dec. 6.—Gustaf Anderson is guilty of manslaughter for the shooting of Edward Fagerstone in this city last July. This is the verdict returned by the jury, after being out all night. The penalty for manslaughter is imprisonment for one to 20 years, with a fine of \$5,000.

Anderson shot Fagerstone in the latter's saloon while in a drunken frenzy, claiming Mrs. Anderson had been hidden by the saloon man. The defense claimed he had been crazed by a blow on the head received in a drunken fight a few days before. Anderson carries out the insanity theory, appearing to know nothing of the murder, and denying that he shot Fagerstone, though his lawyers admit that fact.

Engene, Dec. 7.—Frank S. Ingram, of Albany, who was shot while Tracy and Merrill were making their escape from the penitentiary, and who lost his leg as a result, and has since been pardoned by the governor, has been in Eugene since yesterday noon circulating a petition for aid from the legislature. The petition asks for a small appropriation to aid the ex-convict in establishing a small business whereby he may be able to make for himself a living income. It is being quite numerously signed, although most of the signers feel that the petition will have little effect on the legislature. Ingram had first canvassed Albany, and has the signatures of many of the men of prominence in that city.

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