



300,000 MINERS IN NINE STATES QUIT

Walkout Is Not Strike, Say Workmen.

INCREASE OF PAY DEMANDED

Operators Say Stores of Coal Will Prevent Famine.

ONE CAMP MAKES PEACE

Advance Asked for Is Granted in Brazil, Ind., Center of Block Coal Field—Joint Conferences to Be Held Next Week.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31.—Three hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas quit work at midnight pending settlement of a new wage scale, according to the estimate of President T. L. Lewis, of the miners' union.

Officers of the United Mine Workers of America declared the walkout was not a strike, but a suspension of work because no wage scale had been made to replace the old scale, which expired with March. The miners demand an increase of pay in some instances of 5 cents a ton and in other instances more, with certain changes in working conditions.

Large Supplies in Store.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there would be no coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been stored in anticipation of the walkout.

While the miners predict that the suspension will be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators say that the mines may be kept closed for a month or longer.

The first settlement came in an announcement from the center of the Indiana block coal field, where the demand for a 6-cent increase was granted. The conditions in the various states, reported to the National union headquarters, follow:

Illinois. 800 mines closed and 75,000 miners out; joint conference on wages called for Monday in Chicago; operators say men demand increase of 10 cents a ton; possibility of four months' shut-down; two months' supply of coal on hand; no immediate coal famine in Chicago.

Indiana.—Eighteen thousand miners out; conference arranged for Wednesday at Terre Haute.

Pennsylvania.—Forty thousand men ordered out; temporary scale expected by Saturday; settlement of the powder question to be held in absence.

Iowa Mines Ordered Closed.

Iowa—Every mine in Iowa ordered closed pending settlement of wage scale. Mines in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, comprising the Southwestern Interstate fields—Thirty-five thousand miners out; early settlement expected; miners assert they have \$300,000 to carry on the fight.

Ohio.—Miners expected to quit work at midnight; some leaders declare there will be suspension; Lewin steel plant will shut down and throw out 4000 workers because of coal shortage.

President Lewis, before leaving to visit the centers of the different mining fields, made a statement reviewing the situation in which he said:

"When the National executive board adjourned tonight we all felt the prospect was satisfactory for the miners. In many districts it is now only a question of the miners and operators sitting down together and talking over business.

"In Eastern Ohio, where we expected strong opposition, it is reported that in the contract we formulated at our meeting in Cincinnati.

"In Indiana and the Hooking district in Ohio we shall reach a settlement next week. There probably will be more difficulty in Western Pennsylvania and in Illinois, where the powder and shot fires wage questions are involved.

900 Illinois Miners Closed.

The cessation of work in Illinois affects 900 mines. Members of the operators' executive committee said that they would be closed at least 60 days perhaps four months. O. L. Garrison, president of the Big Muddy Coal & Iron Company, said that the operators were willing to grant an increase of wages, but would not pay the shot fires. Upon this point, it was predicted, negotiations would fail.

The miners, under the contract which expired tonight, earned \$3.50 to \$4 a day of eight hours. They demand an increase of 10 cents a ton. They also ask the operators to pay the expense of the shot-firing. The operators say if they grant the demands it will mean an increase in expenses of \$3,000,000 annually, which the public eventually must pay.

No immediate famine in coal is expected. The railroads and bit miners of coal in this section have supplies for two months.

Adolph B. F. Germer, secretary and treasurer of the miners' sixth sub-district of Illinois, this afternoon said several operators have signified their willingness to grant the union demands.

The Illinois miners have a fund on hand of \$11,000, according to Germer. The policy of the miners will be determined at a meeting at Springfield, he says, and it then will be decided whether

AUSTRIAN TORNADO BLOWS TRAIN OVER

FOUR DIE, 18 HURT WHEN TOPPLE.

Steamer Service Suspended, Trieste Harbor Swept—Vienna Suffers, Wires Down, Many Killed.

TRISTE, Austria, March 31.—The fiercest tornado in years, accompanied by a heavy snow, had an immense damage and loss of life in Southern Austria. A passenger train was blown off the rails near Augia, and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring 18.

Steamship service has been suspended and the inactivity of the new harbor. Several steamers of the Austrian Lloyd line dragged their anchors and narrowly escaped disaster.

VIENNA, March 31.—This city is suffering greatly from a heavy snow storm which has extended over a considerable part of the country. Several deaths and many accidents are reported. The tramway, telegraph and telephone services are practically at a standstill.

FRENCH AVIATION ACTIVE

Government Conducting Tests and Will Spend \$4,000,000.

PARIS, March 31.—General Brun, Minister of War, replying in the Senate today to criticism on the inactivity of the Department of Aeronautics, as compared with that department in Germany, said the statements regarding the aerial strength of the latter country had been exaggerated.

Germany, he said, had six units at the outside, France, while only three actually were in commission, had four others.

The respective merits of dirigible balloons and aeroplanes were receiving the most careful attention and he proposed to ask Parliament for \$4,000,000 in four installments, to be used for aeroplanes.

The Senate approved these statements and adopted a vote of confidence.

WOMAN ALLEGED POISONER

Queen Anne Hill, Seattle, Resident Believed Dogs' Enemy.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—That Mrs. L. T. Tilton, a resident of Queen Anne Hill, is responsible for the death by poison of nearly 50 valuable dogs is the opinion of Special Agent L. K. Church, of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, who conducted today an investigation and obtained evidence which points to Mrs. Tilton as the culprit.

Mrs. J. B. Dangler, according to Church, advanced the information that nearly a year ago Mrs. Tilton came to the neighborhood and obtained scraps of poisoned meat where the dogs could get it. Mrs. Tilton will be interrogated by the prosecutor.

NAT GOODWIN BUYS FARMS

860 San Jacinto Acres Secured, Actor to Retire Next Year.

SAN JACINTO, Cal., March 31.—(Special.)—Nat Goodwin, the actor, and A. F. Webster today bought the Gladysdale ranch for \$25,000. About 10 days ago Webster and Goodwin purchased the Zaber ranch of 600 acres adjoining the Gladysdale property. The two ranches give them 860 acres of the finest foothill and valley land in the state.

Goodwin says he will spend considerable time in San Jacinto during the coming summer, leaving in September for New York, where he will remain one year filling engagements for which he is already booked. This will be his last year on the stage, he says, and he plans then to make his home here.

TOBACCO WORKERS STRIKE

3000 Strikers Out in Louisville; 5000 Others May Quit.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—More than 3000 white and negro men, women and children, employed in the American Tobacco Company's stemmeries, struck today for higher wages.

Twice today the police were called to keep the strikers and their followers orderly as they marched from one factory to another. Ten arrests were made.

Nearly 5000 other employees threaten to strike in the plug tobacco and cigar departments.

UPSET LAMP KILLS BABE

Clothes Ignite, Child Burns to Death; Parents in Nearby Room.

MEDFORD, O., March 31.—(Special.)—News was received here today of the death of the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, of Franklin, O., Sunday night. The father and mother left the four children in a room and the youngest child upset a lamp. In an instant its clothes caught fire and before the parents could come to its rescue it was so severely burned that it failed to recover.

YOUNG EGYPT PROTESTS

Declares Colonel Roosevelt's Speech Offensive to Nation.

GENEVA, March 31.—The Young Egyptian Company has published a protest against Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Cairo, declaring that his remarks were offensive to the whole nation and were made only with the object of pleasing his official hosts.

WOMAN, LOST GEM, NEW MOODY CLEWS

Owner's Widow Collapses After Inquiry.

DOMESTIC INFELICITY HINTED

Diamond Missing, Detectives Connect It With Death.

CORONER'S TRIP SECRET

Official Leaves Chicago on Mysterious Mission—Brother of Poison Victim Active—Arsenic Purchase Traced—Maids Gone.

CHICAGO, March 31.—(Special.)—A mysterious trip of Coroner Peter Hoffman, the disappearance of a diamond owned by Alexander J. Moody, and a woman deepened the mystery surrounding the death of the prominent Chicago pie baker today.

Coroner Hoffman issued a statement early to the effect that he intended leaving Chicago toward the end of the week to make a personal investigation of a clew that had presented itself. At 12 o'clock today he locked the private door of his office, after refusing to take dinner with Deputy Coroner David R. Jones, and disappeared from his office. He had not returned at a late hour tonight.

Missing Gem in Case.

It was rumored in the office that he had procured a clew that would develop into an important piece of evidence. It is said that the trip of the coroner was decided upon after a trip made by Frank Moody, brother of the victim, Wednesday. It is thought that several Chicago detectives accompanied the coroner, but this could not be confirmed at the office.

It was learned today that the diamond owned by the dead man disappeared some time ago, and Chicago detectives are endeavoring to locate it in the hope of connecting its disappearance with that of the alleged poisoning of Moody on February 20 last.

Widow Mentions Woman.

Linked with other developments came the announcement that Mrs. Moody had collapsed at the secret investigation held at her home by the coroner, and had declared that her domestic life was unhappy and intimated that a woman had come between the couple.

The activity of Frank Moody in an effort to avenge the death of his brother was noticeable, and it is learned that he is working with Assistant Chief Schmetzler and Coroner Hoffman in an effort to locate the person who placed the arsenical substance in the hamburger steak which was eaten by Moody and which is said to have caused his death.

Poison Purchase Traced.

It was reported in the coroner's office that the purchase of a solution

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SPOKANE NEGROES FIGHT TABOO SIGNS

"COLORED TRADE NOT SOLICITED," OBNOXIOUS.

Men's Federated Clubs of Churches Start Crusade to Rout Placards—Boycott Planned.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—"Colored trade not solicited." To secure the removal of these signs, obnoxious to the negroes, from the business houses and pleasure resorts of Spokane, the Men's Federated Clubs of the negro churches have opened a crusade which was launched today by J. Harry Harris, an attorney.

Mayor Pratt may be asked to follow the position taken by the Chief Executive of Los Angeles, who banished all such signs from the city recently.

"The purpose of our club is to start a friendly crusade against the placing of these signs in stores, theaters, hotels and other places," said Attorney Harris in outlining its position.

"If the signs are removed, I shall advocate that all colored people remain away from these places where signs have been posted and the purpose of our crusade is not to try and secure admission to places where not wanted."

PLUCKY GIRL ON TRAMP

Miss Sears Starts to Walk 108 Miles in 55 Hours.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 31.—After covering the 30 miles between Burlingame and San Jose in eight and a half hours, Miss Eleanor Sears, a society girl who is walking from Burlingame to Delmonico on a wager, reached this city at 2:30 this afternoon and stopped for a rest. The day was hot and she showed some fatigue, but remained firm in her resolve to cover the 108 miles in 55 hours.

At 5 o'clock she resumed her journey, taking a brisk gallop, which quickly took her out of the city and along the Monterey road toward Gilroy, where she hopes to stop for the night. She reached Menlo Park, eight miles south of here, at 7 P. M. and Coyote, five miles further south, at 8:15.

ROUND-WORLD WALK IS AIM

Alaskan Will Go Afoot to Manchester, England, and Back.

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 31.—James Fish, aged 70, and a native of Manchester, Eng., will start on his trip to his birthplace tomorrow with the intention of covering all the land portions of his journey on foot. He will go by boat to Santa Cruz, Cal., where he will start his long walk across the continent, which will terminate at Boston.

After visiting in Manchester he will travel on foot across Europe, visit the Philippine Islands, and return to Alaska by way of the Pacific. He has been a resident of Valdez ten years.

JAP FLEET NOT FEARED

Tennessee Member Pleads for Only One Battleship a Year.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—"You can divide the American fleet by two and either half of it will be larger and more efficient in fighting capacity than the Japanese navy," declared Padgett of Tennessee today in addressing the House on the naval appropriation bill.

Padgett and Gregg of Texas favored the policy of building one battleship a year.

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AFTER 11 HOURS MOORE JURY RESTS

Deliberators Are Locked Up for Night.

DISAGREEMENT IS PREDICTED

Questions by Men on Panel Base Popular Forecast.

DEFENSE DOES NOT ARGUE

Maximum Penalty for Offense Is \$1000 Fine and Two Years' Imprisonment—Judge in Charge Defines Insolvency.

Evidently unable to agree after 11 hours' deliberation, the jury considering the case of Walter H. Moore, ex-president of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, was locked up at 10:45 o'clock last night.

Consideration of the evidence will be resumed this morning unless the jury is already certain of a deadlock and so reports to the court after breakfast.

Predictions of the outcome are various, that the jury will "hang" being the opinion of many who follow the trial from the beginning. A popular forecast in the corridors of the Courthouse yesterday was that the jury would stand 10 to 2 or 9 to 3 for conviction.

Disagreement Signs Seen.

As early in the afternoon as 5 o'clock indications were manifest that a disagreement was imminent. Bailiff Stewart was called to the door of the juryroom at this hour by one of the dozen, who asked that his wife be notified that he did not expect to be home that night. Later Juror Pettit asked to have canceled by phone an engagement which he had made for late in the evening.

By 8 o'clock nearly all the jurors had telephoned their homes through the bailiff informing their families that there was no hope of their sleeping under their own roofs last night. Between 6 and 7 o'clock they dined. Then they returned to thrash out points over which there was a difference of opinion.

Bets on Result Made.

Several small bets were noted as having been made among court spectators as to the outcome of the case. One wager was made early in the day that the jury would bring in a verdict of not guilty. Several bet that if the jury did not disagree it would acquit and odds were taken at 2 to 1 that an acquittal would not be brought in.

The closing scenes of the trial brought out a large crowd. That Attorney McGinn and Fulton did not address the jury was a disappointment to many of the spectators who had come to the courtroom solely to hear the spellbinders.

It had been supposed that the entire morning and part of the afternoon would be given over to oratory and that the case would not go to the jury until late in the day. But the jury retired and

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FAMILY BEREAVED THRICE IN MONTH

MARCH PROVES UNFORTUNATE TO LOS ANGELES HOME.

Deaths of Sister in Spokane, Sister in New Jersey and Father-in-Law at Residence, Remarkable.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 31.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. Theodore Peterson at Spokane, Wash., yesterday, news of which was telegraphed to her brother, Joseph J. Joos, of 421 Gladys avenue, in this city, adds another to a remarkable series of bereavements which have befallen the family within the last month, three deaths having occurred during that period.

On March 3, Joos received news of the loss of his sister, Mrs. Anna Dellmer, of Jersey City, and only a few hours later he found his father-in-law, Arthur F. Webster, dead at his home. Mrs. Dellmer died a few days before she was to leave with her four children for this city to visit Mr. Joos and his family.

The death of Mrs. Dellmer was due to heart trouble and that of Mr. Webster to apoplexy. He was 74 years old and had just arrived from the East.

BIG LINER GOES ON ROCKS

Steamer Pericles Driven Ashore, but All on Board Escape.

PERTH, West Australia, March 31.—The big British liner Pericles was wrecked six miles south of Cape Leeuwin, the southwest point of Australia, today. The passengers and crew took to the small boats and all were landed safely. Soon after being abandoned the steamer disappeared beneath the waters.

The Pericles was a new boat, having been built at Belfast in 1906, and was owned by G. Thompson & Co., limited, of London. She registered 8888 tons net. The Pericles struck a rock in a fierce gale. The captain turned her to the shore, but the steamer had only covered a few miles when she was wrecked. The passengers embarked hurriedly, many only partly clothed. In spite of the gale all reached the lighthouses and were landed safely, but lost all their possessions. A vessel started tonight to transfer the passengers to Fremantle.

SEIFERT GIRL SENT AWAY

Companion in Elopement Kept Ignorant of Trip to Germany.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 31.—Gertrude Seifert, whose sensational elopement with Thomas Potensan, aged 17, Tuesday, startled San Diego, was removed from the custody of the matron at 3 o'clock this morning by her father and mother, placed on a train without having a chance to communicate with her boy, and returned to New York City and Germany for an indefinite stay. Thomas Potensan, kept in ignorance by the matron, at noon today had not learned of the move.

WARRANT OUT FOR ARMOUR

New Jersey Seeks Extradition of Chicago Packer.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Requisition papers for the extradition of J. Orden Armour, of Chicago, who was recently indicted by the Hudson County (New Jersey) grand jury for conspiracy in controlling the prices of meat products, were filed with Governor Fort at Trenton today by Prosecutor Garvon, of Jersey City.

SNOW DEEP IN MICHIGAN

Fall of 18 Inches Reported, and Sault St. Marie Is Chilled.

DETROIT, March 31.—Eighteen inches of snow is reported at Tower, 80 miles north of Alpena.

At Sault St. Marie the mercury fell 21 degrees last night.

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"GOSH! THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN HIGH PRICES."

The FARMER'S SHARE.