

CIRCULATION
Average for February 5671.
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 37,679.

Capital Journal

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Saturday
rain. Fresh northeasterly winds.

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1922 PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

HALF MILLION MINERS AWAIT ZERO HOUR

COURT ORDER NOT TO HALT MINE STRIKE

Decree Extending Present Wage Agreement in Kansas Fields Futile Says John L. Lewis

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—The Kansas industrial court order extending the present wage agreement between operators and miners in Kansas for 30 days will not stop the suspension of work by union miners at midnight tonight according to John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America.

Pennsylvania Men Ready

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 31.—Before midnight some 45,000 miners and other workers in and around the mines of the western Pennsylvania bituminous district and approximately 43,000 in the central Pennsylvania field will have cleaned up their tasks, taken out their tools and completed every preparation for the strike which will become effective at midnight.

250 Miners Bolt

Cumberland, Md., March 31.—James Strachan, superintendent of the Emmons Mining company at Bayard, W. Va., last night announced that the employees, about 250 in number, had met and formed a union.

AMERICA READY TO PUT TREATIES INTO OPERATION

Washington, March 31.—The readiness of the United States to exchange ratifications of the arms conference treaties, final approval to which was given yesterday by the senate, is expressed in notes going forward today from the state department to the eight nations which participated in the Washington conference.

LOBBYISTS HIRED BY PROHI FORCES

Washington, Mar. 31.—Charges that "paid lobbyists of the Anti-Saloon League" were working among senators in behalf of the bill to create 19 more federal judges were made in the senate today by Senator Shields, democrat, Tennessee, in opposing a revision of the bill authorizing assignment of justices to different states. The bill was taken up again today by the senate.

Wood's Son to Marry

Manila, March 31.—The marriage of Miss Katherine Thompson, daughter of the late Gen. Wood, and Lieutenant Osborn Wood, son of Governor General Wood, will take place here next Sunday, it was announced yesterday.

Harry Was Sport Is Now Out \$400 Whose Money Is It?

Male and female members of the jury, the court reporter and the judge himself, figuratively turned somersaults in Judge Kelley's court room this morning, in an effort to reach the truth of the issue in the suit between Harry Matocian against Paul George and C. P. Parseghian which were dreadfully beclouded by Armenian dialect.

Four hundred dollars of "body's money—just what the jury has not decided—is at stake. Harry says it is his. His bosom friend, Parseghian, says it ain't—that it belongs to Paul George.

Court Must Decide If Boy Is Son of One or Both of Dead Sisters

Chicago, March 31.—The death of Rosa and Josefa Blazek, the "Slamese twins," has left the Cook county probate court with a legal problem which apparently is unprecedented. In disposing of the \$100,000 estate of the twins, the court must decide if 11-year-old Franz is the son of one or both of the twins.

DRUNK FINED \$10 THEN DISMISSED

Perhaps it was fortunate for H. E. Reed, a transient, that the sun was shining this morning and that Police Judge Earl Race was in a staid mood. Reed, charged with being drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty.

INHERITANCE AT STAKE

If they were one personality the son will inherit the entire fortune which was accumulated by the twins during their exhibition tours of the world. If they were two distinct personalities, Rosa being the mother and Josefa the aunt, only Rosa's half of the estate would go to the lad, while Josefa's closest relatives would be entitled to her half.

POST MORTEM OPPOSED

So far a postmortem has been opposed by the brother, Frank Blazek, who is in the city.

MINTO WON'T RUN FOR POLICE CHIEF

Frank Minto, well known as a Salem man and former inspector in the Salem police department, will not be a candidate for the office of chief of police here, he announced yesterday afternoon. Mr. Minto's decision will come as a surprise to hundreds of friends who had counted on him to enter the race.

LINDSEY PLEADS GUILTY

New York, March 31.—Alfred E. Lindsey, former stock broker, accused of swindling wealthy society women and others out of nearly one million dollars, today pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with the larceny of \$13,000 from Mrs. W. H. Arnold. Sentence was postponed.

King Signs Measure Making Ireland Free

London, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—The Irish Free State bill became law today when King George gave his assent to the measure. The house of lords decided not to insist upon amendments it had adopted, and an adjustment was reached between the two houses of parliament.

GIRL ADMITS THREATENING SUIT IN NOTE

Olivia Stone Confesses To Writing Letter To Man She Is Accused of Murdering; Weeps Often

New York, March 31.—Halting her testimony frequently to weep, Miss Olivia M. P. Stone admitted today at her trial for the murder of Ellis Guy Kinkaid, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, authorship of a threatening letter to Kinkaid which she denied yesterday she had written.

SOUND BUSINESS RULES TO APPLY TO BONUS LOANS

In response to the dissatisfaction among applicants regarding the policy of the veteran state aid commission in granting loans to ex-service men, a statement was issued this morning by the members after the matter had been brought to their attention by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary.

STOKES' CHARGES DENIED BY LYDIG

New York, March 31.—Philip Lydig today denied the allegation made by W. E. Stokes, millionaire hotel man, in a letter to Mrs. Philip Lydig, to the effect that he (Mr. Lydig) had been intimate with Mrs. Helen Elwell Elwood Stokes. Mr. Lydig is in Europe and the statement was issued through his attorney here.

BARRATT TO BE REAPPOINTED

W. B. Barratt of Heppner will be reappointed as a member of the state highway commission at the expiration of his present term tonight, according to an announcement by Governor Olcott this morning. Barratt was named as a member of the commission to succeed the late E. E. Kiddle of Island City about a year ago.

ESPEE NOT TO BLAME FOR HANSEN'S DEATH

The Southern Pacific Railway company was absolved from blame for the accident in which Otto Hansen, Salem business man, lost his life Wednesday, at a hearing held here yesterday. On the board of inquiry were C. W. Martyn, F. E. Stewart, W. Hampton, D. M. McLaughlin, H. O. White and J. Baumgartner.

TWO MORE CHILDREN VICTIMS OF MALADY

Portland, Ore., March 31.—Two more children died last night and adult died today from effects of septic sore throat which has been epidemic in a district served by a dairy which the health bureau has taken charge of. This brings total deaths here from the disease to six, five of them children.

Bandit Shot

New York, March 31.—One bandit was shot down and three others captured today in a pistol battle with eight detectives at 41st street and Park avenue.

Strike Scheduled to Open At Midnight; Both Sides Confident of Final Result

(By The Associated Press)
Suspension of work by the nation's 500,000 union coal miners is scheduled for tonight with the mine owners confident of ultimate victory in the fight over wages and working conditions, the miners equally as optimistic, with the exception of the Illinois branch, and the larger industries of the country generally prepared to withstand a complete cessation of coal production for periods ranging from 60 to 120 days.

Chicago Banker Ends Life; Jumps In River

Chicago, March 31.—W. T. Fenton, vice-president of the National bank of the Republic, left his desk to go to lunch at the usual hour today and a few minutes later committed suicide by jumping into the Chicago river. Officials of the bank said they could give no motive for the act.

Coal Reserve Large

The shut down begins with the largest supplies of coal on hand in most districts since the armistice. Hopes that last minute intervention by the government might avert the suspension of work ended with an announcement from Secretary of Labor Davis that the government had not changed its original handoff policy. Briefly the miners' demands are that present basic wages be retained in soft coal fields and that anthracite tonnage workers receive a twenty per cent increase or 21 a day on anthracite day workers.

20 States Involved

The following table compiled by miners' officials shows the number of men expected to stop work in the principal states to be affected: Illinois, 95,000; Indiana, 80,000; Ohio, 40,000; Iowa, 16,000; Pennsylvania bituminous 105,000; anthracite 110,000; West Virginia, 30,000; Alabama, 4,500; Arkansas, 2,000; Colorado, 5,000; Kansas, 10,000; Kentucky, 15,000; Maryland, 1,500; Michigan, 1,500; Missouri, 7,500; Montana, 4,000; Oklahoma, 7,000; Tennessee, 4,200; Texas 2,400; Washington, 52,000; and Wyoming 7,800.

WITNESS FAILS TO TELL SAME STORY

San Francisco, Cal., March 31.—Mrs. Virginia Warren, a trained nurse, testifying for the defense in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle manslaughter trial, was unable to give a definition on the witness stand today of the word "physiology" although she was successful in defining "maternal medicine."

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE DESTROYS BOHAMAI RESORT

Miami, Fla., March 31.—The 300-room Bohamai hotel at Nassau, in the Bohamai island, was destroyed today in a fire which for a time threatened the destruction of most of the city, according to radio messages received here. The conflagration was controlled, however, after it had caused damage running into millions of dollars.

HANDS OFF TO BE FEDERAL POLICY

Washington, March 31.—Federal intervention in industrial conflicts like the coal strike impending tomorrow, it was declared on highest authority today at the White House, must necessarily be based on the existence of public emergency, and that emergency affecting the public does not appear to exist at present in the situation.

MINERS WORK LAST SHIFTS BEFORE CALL

First of Strikers Quit Posts and Everything In Shape for Walkout at Midnight

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—The last day of work under present wage contracts was completed today by the country's half million union coal miners. Officially their suspension of work was set to begin at midnight but virtually it was to start six hours before.

PIERCE READY TO CARRY STANDARD FOR DEMOCRATS

Portland, Or., March 31.—Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Union county, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. Senator Pierce telegraphed Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic state chairman, to this effect yesterday.

Blame Operators

"We are ready for a fight, forced on us by the operators," declared Mr. Lewis. "We have sought in every honorable way to get new contracts but the operators have persistently refused to deal with us."

Blame Operators

The only union men expected to continue producing coal are five thousand workers in southwestern Kentucky, whose contract with the operators does not expire until April 1, 1923. In addition, forces of union men will be left in the mines to protect the property from damage.

Blame Operators

The anthracite districts of Pennsylvania, which are half unionized, are expected to be shut out of the market.

Blame Operators

In the legislature Senator Pierce was the father of the state market road bill, a law designed to build roads for farmers, and several times he tried to have a state income tax law enacted. He is a member of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Blame Operators

In the campaign four years ago Senator Pierce was the democratic candidate against Governor Withycombs and "because he had had his chance" the senator was loath to become a candidate this time until the exigencies of the occasion appeared to demand it.

Blame Operators

According to the message sent by Dr. Smith, Senator Pierce will stand for reduction of taxes and an equalization of the burdens of state government. His complete platform will be issued later.

Blame Operators

Senator Pierce is a wheat grower and stockman.