

MINE LAW IGNORED

Colorado Authorities Find State's Regulations Not Observed.

Coroner's Jury on Primero Disaster Is Scored—Colorado Fuel & Iron Company on Rack.

Denver, March 24.—Characterizing the system employed by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in the operation of its mines in Southern Colorado as "open defiance of the law," State Labor Commissioner E. V. Brake, in his report on the Primero coal mine disaster in which 76 miners lost their lives January 31, calls upon Governor Shafroth to appoint a commission to make a rigid investigation of conditions in Las Animas and Huerfano counties, where the Colorado Fuel & Iron properties are located.

Mr. Brake finds the following conditions existed in the Primero mine previous to the explosion:

Insufficient sprinkling as provided by law; local gas explosions frequent; lack of sufficient timbers, houses in the camp of poor construction; no check weighmen for the benefit of the miners.

In the opening of his report Mr. Brake declares that the Colorado Fuel & Iron company employs inexperienced, non-English speaking miners, because they are "not familiar with wage conditions in this country and can be secured at a lower wage than English-speaking miners."

Mr. Brake also scores the coroner's jury which investigated the Primero disaster, declaring that the jury was "composed of employees of the company and returned a verdict without careful examination, exonerating the company from blame."

He states that he finds children employed in mines and washers of the company in violation of the state law.

MAILBAG WINS LONG FIGHT.

Uncle Sam Says Railroads Must Install New Device.

Chicago, March 24.—No more "bootings" for the long-abused mailbag. After more than a quarter of a century of experimenting the Postoffice department has adopted an automatic device for the delivery of mail pouches from rapidly moving trains. Within a short time notices will be served upon all of the roads transporting mails that from a certain date they will be required either to stop their trains when delivering pouches or to install the automatic device designed and manufactured by F. H. Burr, of Atlantic, Ia.

The Burr device won easily over nearly 100 other devices recently tested on the Rock Island road. Its record of performance through an entire year of service is said to have been perfect. More than 4,000 deliveries were made at a speed up to 70 miles an hour.

SIX ARE LOST WITH SHIP.

Schooner Arthur B. Founders Off Fraser River.

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—The 62-ton gasoline schooner Arthur B. bound from Tacoma for Nanaimo, B. C., with a cargo of gypsum, foundered off the Fraser river lightship last night during a storm and Captain McCranahan and a crew of five men perished.

The Arthur B. was built at Port Townsend in 1897 and was owned in Tacoma. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the sand heads a big sea was running. At 8 o'clock last night the Arthur B. called in at Stevenson and left shortly after. The lightkeeper, in charge of the lightship off the Fraser river, saw the vessel at 9:30 o'clock laboring heavily and while he was watching she foundered before his eyes and went down. The Arthur B. was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget sound and British Columbia ports.

Osborn Expects Cook Today.

New York, March 24.—Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America, and one of Cook's staunchest supporters, said tonight that Dr. Axtell was one of Dr. Cook's closest friends and the letter received by Axtell undoubtedly was reliable. Captain Osborn believes Cook will be in New York tomorrow. He said the letter referred to was in reply to one Dr. Axtell had sent to Mrs. Cook. Captain Osborn was unable, however, to give any definite information on which boat the doctor would arrive.

Morse, League Diligent.

New York, March 24.—At the headquarters of the Morse Petition league in New York it was said today that on or before April 15 the league will open branch offices in Newark, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Syracuse, Detroit, Cincinnati, Dayton and Washington. The object of the league is to obtain by May 1, 100,000 signatures to a petition for executive clemency for Charles W. Morse, the ex-banker, now serving a 15-year sentence.

Hero of Monitor Is Dead.

New York, March 24.—Rear Admiral John Entwistle, U. S. N., retired, died today at his home at Paterson, N. J., aged 73 years. Admiral Entwistle was in the boiler room of the Monitor during the famous engagement with the Merrimac in the Civil war.

COUNCILMEN AT \$50 EACH.

Regular Price for Pittsburg Grafter in Small Deals.

Pittsburg, March 23.—Nine more former members of the councils, before the district attorney today, confessed their guilt in accepting money for their votes while members of the municipal bodies and before Judge R. S. Fraser received the immunity bath of a suspended sentence.

When the grand jury adjourned for the day just before 5 o'clock, it had returned no indictments, although it had listened for hours to developments in the bribery scandal even more sensational than those brought out yesterday. Men admitted selling their honor for \$50 up.

John F. Klein was before the grand jury the greater part of the day and continued his narrative of councilmanic graft. Klein recounted some of his experiences in handing out the money to the councilmen.

"There was one fellow," he said, "who was a daisy—a regular Shylock for the dough. In the South Seventh street business I handed him \$81. He looked at me for a full minute and then yelled like a stuck pig for the extra 10 cents. You know \$81.10 was the standard price in that deal. Well, he got the 10 cents all right."

WITH BEEF PROBE, MEAT PRICE RISES.

Chicago, March 23.—Simultaneously with the grand jury's indictment against the so-called beef trust, cattle on the hoof at the stockyards advanced 15 cents per hundred pounds and some of the dressed meats have given a surprising exhibition of high jumping.

The sharpest advance was for mutton cuts, to the price of which was added 1 to 3 cents a pound. This increase brings mutton racks to 18½ cents a pound, legs and joints to 16 cents and cuts for stewing to 10½ cents.

The wholesale prices of beef, mutton and pork have increased 20 per cent within the last two weeks and the advance is to travel on to retail prices in the near future.

An average of 2 cents a pound more will be paid by patrons of the butcher shop on all meats and in at least one instance, sliced ham, the advance will be 5 cents. Mutton is now higher than for the last 20 years, selling at 30 cents for chops.

TAFT POINTS WAY TO PEACE.

Questions of National Honor Should Be Arbitrated, He Says.

New York, March 23.—The president of the United States spoke in the cause of world peace tonight before such a brilliant assemblage at the Hotel Astor that he described it as "superlative." He was the honor guest at a banquet of the Peace and Arbitration league and the principal speaker.

In the main, international peace was the keynote of every address, but no speaker advocated the immediate disarmament of nations. It was agreed armies and navies were necessary until a more Utopian universe shall have come about. On this point President Taft said:

"Because we are in favor of universal peace, and in favor of arbitration to secure it, we are not in favor of one country giving up that which we now use for the purpose of securing peace, or the withdrawal of our armament, our army or our navy."

Tremendous applause greeted his declaration, and he continued:

"I don't want to seem inconsistent in speaking so emphatically here in favor of peace by arbitration and in using every effort I can bring to bear on congress to have two more battleships this year. I am hopeful that we may continue with that policy until the Panama canal is constructed, so that then our naval force shall be doubled by the connection between the two coasts. Then we can stop and think whether we wish to go further."

"Perhaps by that time there will be adopted a means of reducing the armament, and when it comes I am sure we will not be the power to interfere with the general movement."

Pins are Weapons at Capital.

Washington, March 23.—Washington women can jab holdups and mashes with long hatpins all they want, according to Major Sylvester, superintendent of police. "We have in Washington 16,000 more women than men," said Major Sylvester in discussing the agitation against long hatpins. "Such a predominance of the gentler sex can have but one result. Numbers of women are obliged to go about the streets at night without escorts and women, assailed by marauders, have used hatpins with telling effect."

Canada-U. S. Tariff Fixed.

New York, March 23.—The United States and Canada have arrived at a definite agreement on the tariff question, according to an apparently authentic report tonight, the Tribune will say tomorrow. This information was obtained from a man close to President Taft, it is understood, but no official confirmation could be secured. It was said that the agreement would be promulgated and given out in detail within a few days.

Death List Reaches 47.

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 23.—The list of the dead in the wreck of the Rock Island "Twin City Express" has grown to 47, several passengers having died as the result of injuries. Those who died during the night were J. S. Goodenough, engineer of the second engine, and Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, of Cedar Rapids.

DOINGS OF OUR NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

Washington, March 26.—Arguments on behalf of the bill for the relief of the original settlers on the Siletz Indian reservation in Oregon were heard today by the house committee on public lands. Representative Hawley and A. W. Lafferty made strong pleas for the settlers.

Representative Hawley presented to the committee numerous affidavits of Siletz settlers, as well as petitions from the governor of Oregon and other state officials, in support of the pending bill.

Many of the insurgent Republicans of the house, who last Saturday voted to retain Speaker Cannon in the chair, are "hearing from home," according to reports in circulation about the capitol. These advices are said to be not at all reassuring.

Following closely upon this information comes statements from several that war against "Cannonism" is to go on to the detriment of Speaker Cannon, the election of his successor and the complete reformation of the rules of the house. The overthrow of the speaker and taking away from the speaker's office all power to influence legislation unduly are aimed at.

Some of the insurgents discussed these subjects freely today.

The senate irrigation committee today ordered a favorable report on a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to use his discretion about suspending water payments on the government irrigation projects when he is convinced that settlers, through no fault of their own, have been unable successfully to produce crops sufficient to enable them to make payments.

The bill is designed to meet individual cases where settlers experience hardship, due largely to bad climatic conditions.

Washington, March 25.—Senator Heyburn today crossed swords with his colleague, Senator Borah, and with Senators Jones and Warren, over the bill permitting the secretary of the interior to sell water from government reservoirs and to co-operate with private interests in building storage and distributing works.

Senator Heyburn frankly announced his intention to filibuster and during the hour and 30 minutes he talked advanced no material objections to the bill, nor did he propose any amendments, further than to say he would not consent to having Idaho included within its provisions.

Ex-Governor Hoggatt, of Alaska, and Delegate Wickersham, of that territory, continued the verbal assaults on each other before the house committee on territories today over the question of what form of government congress should give Alaska. Delegate Wickersham questioned Mr. Hoggatt in an effort to show that the latter was friendly to the officers of the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate in Alaska.

Dalzell was elected chairman of the new committee on rules late today. The new rules committee of the house of representatives was constituted by the house today. The new committee is the result of the spectacular fight that occurred last week in the house, and which ended in the ousting of Cannon from the rules committee and gave the naming of the committee to the house instead of the speaker.

Senators Bourne and Chamberlain seek to exempt Oregon for the provision of the Warren irrigation bill, which would empower the secretary of the interior to dispose of surplus waters from reclamation projects, to systems operating under the Carey act.

They believe this would be inadvisable as to Oregon. The bill was before the senate today, but went over at 2 o'clock when the railroad bill came up.

Washington, March 24.—With scarcely the semblance of a struggle, the Democratic members of the house tonight nominated the following four minority members of the enlarged rules committee:

Champ Clark, of Missouri, 125 votes; Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, 102; Lincoln Dixon, of Indiana, 99; John J. Fitzgerald, of New York, 98.

The senate today increased the salary of the governor of Alaska from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

The senate military committee today reported favorably the bill authorizing the sale of the abandoned military reservation lands at Walla Walla to Whitman college at \$150 per acre. Under terms of the bill, an opportunity is given to Whitman college to acquire reservation with all improvements for the total price of \$91,000. In view of the fact that the government only recently erected a large building on this reservation at a cost of \$110,000 and in view of the fact that this building at a slight cost can be converted into school purposes, the committee would not consent to a sale at \$50 an acre, the price named in the original bill.

It is believed the college will buy at \$150 an acre.

The senate commerce committee today adopted an amendment increasing the appropriation for the Columbia river between Bridgeport and Kettle Falls from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The State of Washington has already expended \$50,000 on this project.

Children's Bureau Is Probable.

Washington, March 23.—Provision for a children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor is made in a bill, favorably reported yesterday from the committee on education and labor, by Senator Flint, of California. Questions pertaining to children, especially the questions of mortality, birth rate, physical degeneracy, delinquents and accidents and diseases of children are to come under its supervision. The chief is to receive \$4,000 a year.

The increased appropriation, it is believed, will complete the channel work now under way.

The Supreme court of the District of Columbia today overruled a motion of the interior department to dismiss 11 Siletz cases and sustained the motion by A. W. Lafferty, asking leave to file reapplication. The cases will now be heard on their merits.

Washington, March 23.—The senate commerce committee has favorably considered an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill for the purchase of the existing canal and locks around the Willamette falls, at Oregon City, or a purchase of the necessary lands and the construction of a new canal and locks, in the discretion of the secretary of war, to cost \$300,000, provided that no part of the appropriation be expended except for the acquisition of the necessary lands and rights-of-way and for such antecedent surveys and preliminary work as may be necessary in this connection until the state of Oregon shall appropriate a like amount.

Approval of the Broadway bridge, at Portland, was granted by the secretary of war today in accordance with yesterday's favorable report by the chief of engineers.

On the first ballot in the Republican caucus tonight, both Representatives Ellis and Hawley received several votes for membership on the committee on rules, but lacked the support given to a member of the California delegation, who ultimately was elected.

Neither Oregon member was an active candidate for the place, and both supported Smith, of California, who had the largest original vote given to any Pacific Coast man.

The border states Republicans held a caucus tonight and chose Joseph Holt Gaines, of Charleston, W. Va., as their candidate for membership on the rules committee of the house.

The conference was participated in by approximately 25 members from West Virginia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Maryland.

Washington, March 22.—The recent insurgent fight, the ousting of Gifford Pinchot and the unfinished administration legislative program, were dished up in the house today with tariff trimmings by Representative Palmer, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, as the first spicy concoction of the coming congressional campaign.

The shadow of the "big stick" was cast across the house chamber when Palmer referred to Roosevelt as the biggest insurgent of them all, and declared he was responsible for the present president, who was pledged to carry out the "Roosevelt policies."

Senator Piles today secured adoption of the amendments to the river and harbor bill as follows:

Increasing the appropriation for the Snake river from \$7,500 to \$25,000; increasing the appropriation for the inner Grays harbor and Chehalis river from \$15,000 to \$32,000; authorizing a survey of Dabo bay, on Hoods canal.

On Piles' motion the senate committee also accepted the house proposition appropriating \$150,000 to start work on the canal connecting Lake Washington with Puget Sound, the limit of the cost being fixed at \$2,475,000.

The committee struck from the bill the clause providing for developing water power at the locks on this canal.

Conferees on the Indian appropriation reached an agreement today by striking out all the senate amendments for the payment of claims of various kinds, which amounted to a million or more dollars.

Washington, March 21.—The senate today passed the Bourne bill amending the enlarged homestead act so that lands in Oregon, not in excess of 2,000,000 acres, that do not have upon them sufficient water supply for domestic purposes as would make continuous residence upon them possible, may be subject to entry and patent without the necessity of residence, and that the cultivation, instead of residence, shall be required for patent.

This bill stands absolutely no chance of passing the house of representatives for the house public lands committee today went on record against identical similar legislation applicable to Idaho, only two members of the committee being in favor of non-resident homesteaders. The committee favorably reported the bill extending the provisions of the dry farm homestead act to Idaho but voted down the clause identical with the Bourne bill. In view of the overwhelming sentiment in the committee against it, the Oregon bill cannot be reported.

The house passed through its first day of business following the great eruption of last week with remarkable quietude. Tonight when adjournment came, there was an air of calmness and amity that, to the observer of events last week was almost unbelievable. Peace appeared near, notwithstanding that less than ten days distant is the election of a new committee on rules with all its embarrassing complications.

Hahn May Be Member of Committee. Washington, March 24.—The Pacific coast members of the new rules committee of the house will probably be Kahn of California. There was some talk of Humphrey of Washington, but the only one seriously considered is Kahn. The insurgents have definitely decided that they will not demand representation. The regulars are disposed to grant them one member. The Democrats will probably be Clark, Fitzgerald, Slayden and Hammond.

AMERICA'S TIMBER MINER.

One in New Jersey in Operation More Than One Hundred Years.

The wood mines of upper Tonkin, China, are not any more curious than a wood mine that has been in operation in New Jersey for more than 100 years. This mine is at Dennistown, in the swampy region of south New Jersey, and yields cedar such as grows nowhere on this continent today. The fallen and submerged forest is believed to be prehistoric. Logs have been mined from it more than six feet in diameter.

These ancient cedars have a delicate flesh-colored wood, and if it is a tree that was alive when it fell, the same pungent flavor when cut as pervades our common red cedar. The dead trunks are odorless. The logs lie in heaps or layers, and it has not been determined yet how many layers there are below the top stratum the miners uncover.

When these prehistoric cedars were first discovered and for 80 years afterward they afforded remunerative and constant employment to many persons who mined the logs, and today they are a source of considerable income to those who continue to raise the logs. The cedars are cut up into shingles and staves and made into pails and tubs and other wooden vessels. The great endurance of the wood is noted in shingles made from it a century ago and which are as sound today as when they were first put in use.

Near the Delaware river, eight miles west of Dennistown, cedars of the same variety have been found at a depth of 12 feet. At Cape May, on the Atlantic coast, 20 miles east, in drilling an artesian well an alluvial deposit similar to the Dennistown swamp was found at the depth of 90 feet and the drill entered a cedar log and bored into it more than six feet before its diameter was entirely pierced. This tree was alive when it fell, no telling how many thousands of years ago.

FASHION HINTS



A striking model for an embroidered handkerchief linen, has a pointed, over-skirt effect, cap sleeves and a most attractive waist that is "vesty" in design. The lower part of the skirt is laid in pleats.

IN CHICAGO.

Every 6 minutes a child is born. Every 7 minutes there is a funeral. Every 2 days some one is murdered. Every 13 minutes a couple gets married.

Every 10 minutes an immigrant arrives. Every 3 minutes some one is arrested.

Every 42 minutes a new business firm starts up.

Every 48 minutes a ship leaves the harbor.

Every 8½ hours some couple is divorced.

Every 10 hours some one commits suicide.

Every 7 hours some one fails in business.

Every 1¼ hours some one is killed by accident.

Every 8 hours an attempt to kill some one is made.

At the museum at Innsbruck, in Austria, there has been for a number of years a piece of pottery in the form of a basin, which experts were unable to locate as to age. It has now been determined that it was made in the twelfth century, and the great bowl is remarkable more for the design which it bears on the inner side than for its age. It shows Alexander the Great riding in an airship, which is propelled by griffins. Alexander stands holding with a great rod food over the heads of the griffins.

Altruism.

Wife—You disappoint me dreadfully. You won't do a thing to help the church.

Husband—What's the matter? Don't I stay home every Sunday so some one else may have my seat?—Harper's Bazar.

Iceboats have long been in use, and now a German inventor has patented a simple sail vehicle, which makes fair progress over good roads.



"How would you like to take part in a cantata?" "I'd jump at the chance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Artist—It's a good thing to hunger for fame. Model—Yes, for if you don't get the fame you're sure to get the hunger!

Bill—Did you ever try my doctor? Jill—Oh, yes; don't you remember when I was sick for such a long time?—Yonkers Statesman.

"Can you tell me how I can keep a maid?" "Madame, you are in the wrong place. The embalmer's is next door."—Buffalo Express.

"I can recommend this horse, sir," said a dealer, "as a strong, sound animal." "It must be," agreed the customer, "to have attained its present age!"

"Lottie, what would you do if you work up some night and found a burglar in your room?" "If he was hunting for money I'd get up and help him hunt."—Life.

Father—You are marrying my daughter for love, you say? But she got 80,000 marks dowry. Suitor—Well, that can't be avoided, can it?—Fliegende Blätter.

"Impatience," said Uncle Eben, "is generally de feelin' you has when you wants somebody else to hurry an' make up foh de time you's been wastin'."—Washington Star.

Father—What! You want to marry my daughter? Why, sir, you can't support her. I can hardly do it myself. Suitor (blankly)—Can't we chip in together?

Gentleman (hiring valet)—Then I understand you to have some knowledge of barbering. You've cut hair, off and on? Applicant—Off sir, but never on.—Boston Standard.

"He lives on the fat of the land," said a man to a friend, indicating a passer-by in the street. "What business is he in?" "He's the proprietor of an anti-fat remedy!"

"Why, Henry! How does it happen that you can't spell even the simplest words?" "I can't spell 'em if they ain't in our spellin' book, can I?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Here's a remarkable gold coin I want to show you, old man." "Eh? This is an ordinary half-eagle. What's remarkable about it?" "It belongs to me."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Hutton—We are organizing a piano club, Mr. Flatleigh. Will you join us? Flatleigh—With pleasure, Mrs. Hutton. What pianist do you propose to club first?—Tit-Bits.

Knicker—What's Smith's idea of himself? Bocker—He doesn't think anybody else can do a thing he can do, and he doesn't think anybody else can do a thing he can't do.—Puck.

The father—Did mamma punish you to-day, Tommie? The boy—Yes, sir. "What did she do?" "Made me stay in the house while she was taking her singing lesson."—Yonkers Statesman.

Wigwag—What, roses! Don't you know a girl never marries the fellow who sends her flowers? Oldbach—Sure I do. That's why I always try to keep on the safe side.—Philadelphia Record.

Sufferer—Doctor, don't you think that a change to a warmer climate would do me good? Specialist—Good gracious, man! That's just what I am trying to save you from!—New York Times.

Tommie was about to have a children's party. "Mother," he said thoughtfully, "it won't look well for me to be stuffing myself when those other children are here. How will it be if I eat my share before they come?"

"So when Bella rejected Jack, he sent immediately and proposed to me?" "Yes; but that wasn't the end of it. What do you think? He gave Maud an order on Bella for the engagement ring."—Boston Transcript.

"Did you ever have appendicitis?" said the insurance man. "Well," answered the skeptic, "I was operated on. But I never felt sure whether it was a case of appendicitis or a case of professional curiosity."—Washington Star.

"Some men are so queer." "And you are going to tell me of one particularly queer one." "Yes. It's Mr. Barberton. His wife used to beg him for nickels and dimes, and now he's cheerfully paying her a hundred a week for alimony."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I hope you will be interested in yonder gentleman," said the hostess. "I have assigned him to take you out to dinner." "I shall be," responded the lady addressed. "That gentleman was formerly my husband and he's behind with his alimony."—Washington (D. C.) Herald.

Woggs—You seem to be very proud of your youngest son. He must be a very remarkable youth. Boggs—He is. Judging from the papers. I think he is the only 12-year-old boy in the country who hasn't invented a perfect wireless telegraph, sub-marine boat, or aeroplane.—Puck.

"You will admit that doctors sometimes make mistakes, won't you?" "Oh, yes, the same as lawyers," was the cool reply. "And doctors' mistakes are buried six feet underground," was the lawyer's triumphant reply. "Yes," he replied, "and the lawyer's mistakes often swing in the air."—Philadelphia Ledger.