

# ASQUITH TRIES TO AVERT STRIKE

### Over 600,000 Mine Workers Are Planning to Go Out and Already Coal Famine is Felt Throughout the United States.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Premier Asquith met the coal operators and representatives of the miners here today in an effort to avert a threatened strike of 600,000 mine workers throughout the United Kingdom. The men want the minimum wage plan of payment and while the owners are willing to grant this scale in abnormal places, they have flatly refused to consider the minimum wage scale a general thing.

If the scale is carried into effect at least 200,000 people besides miners will be thrown out of employment. Big iron works, believing that the strike is sure to come, already have served notice on their employees that their services will not be needed after February 29, when the coal miners are scheduled to quit work.

In all big trade centers the price of coal is soaring and is already beyond the reach of the poorer class.

## BLUE LEDGE SMELTER RUMOR GAINS CREDENCE

The rumor to the effect that the Blue Ledge mine was to erect a smelter, probably in or near Medford, and that they are to build a steam road for the transportation of their ores, which was current in this city January 23, when it was learned that the company had received a patent to twenty-four claims, has been confirmed to a degree by news dispatches from Washington.

In the course of the article Hon. W. C. Hawley states that he has been given to understand that the above-mentioned action will be carried out in the near future and that the mine will employ about 1500 men regularly.

This statement from Washington comes in a way of a confirmation of the opinion of the mining men and others of this city who have been interested in the matter. However, as yet there has been no definite statement from Robert S. Towne of New York City, owner of the property, and this is being considered in connection with the report.

Some of those who know conditions best are of the opinion that the statement, while not coming directly from Towne, is given with his knowledge, and therefore authentic.

## GIRL CLAIMS SHE IS DAUGHTER OF MILLIONAIRE

DENVER, Col., Feb. 22.—That her real name is Reine Axelheimer and that she is the daughter of a millionaire living in Rochester, N. Y., is the claim made here today by Miss Essie May Foster. Miss Foster says she will be aided by her father to obtain the \$100,000 estate of the late Mrs. Hannah Foster, with whom the girl lived nearly all her life, and whom she thought until recently was her real mother.

Miss Foster says she was kidnapped when only a few months old and taken from her father's home in Rochester.

## Rebels Defeated

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Feb. 22.—Reports received here today are that the federals, commanded by Emilio Madero, brother to President Francisco I. Madero, defeated the rebels at San Pedro, near Torreon.

## TELLS HOW SHUSTER LEFT TEHRAN



Persia is described as one of the most delightful places of residence in the world by Mr. Edward Bell, First Secretary of the American Legation at Teheran. He left that city January 11 in company with Mr. Morgan Shuster and has just returned to this country.

He will return to Teheran in a month. He said he was anxious to correct a report that Mr. Shuster left Teheran under escort of a troop of cavalry, whose captain was ordered to see him across the Persian frontier.

"Mr. Shuster and I left the city unattended in an automobile."

# Mutt and Jeff at the Medford Tonight



## BELIEVES THAT WOMAN WAS SHOT BY ACCIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—After a thorough investigation the police here are satisfied today that Mrs. Elise Rhoe, sister-in-law of Assemblyman Nathan Coghlan, who was fatally shot in the attorney's room, met her death through accident.

A second search of the apartment in which the tragedy occurred showed that the bullet which caused Mrs. Rhoe's death passed through her skull and lodged in the ceiling in direct line with a small dent made in the brickwork about the fireplace where the revolver fell as the woman picked it up to examine it. This accounts for the absence of powder marks, which at first led the police to believe that Mrs. Rhoe met death in other than accidental manner.

## SHOOTING AFFAIR LEADS TO RECONCILIATION

SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—Reconciliation with his wife, from whom he has been divorced, was the result of a shooting affair yesterday, in which Levi C. Lane, a contractor, was wounded by John Perovich, a laborer. When Mrs. Lane heard of the shooting she rushed to the hospital and is staying by the bedside of her former husband. It is stated today that the couple have forgotten their cause of separation and have decided to remarry as soon as Lane recovers.

## To Transfer Wireless Force.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 22.—Word was received that the Mare Island wireless force will be transferred to Alaska May 1. It will practically rebuild several northern plants and daylight service between San Francisco and Alaska will be established. Lieutenant H. E. Dodd will be in command of the party, which will be absent about four months.

## Observe Washington's Birthday

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was fittingly observed here today, a regatta on Lake Merritt, the third day's program of the international aviation meet now being held at the aviation field, a band concert at Lakeside park by Paul Steindorff's band and athletic contests of various kinds in the playgrounds of the city.

## Jealous, Kills Rival

NANAIMO, B. C., Feb. 22.—Crazed by spurned affections, a Japanese named Hiddah fired four shots at his rival and wounded pretty 17-year-old Kiko Mowoida in the head. Later he returned to the scene of the crime and was arrested. It is likely both victims will die.

## Casper Drops From Sight.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 22.—That "Sir Harry Westwood Cooper," known here as "Dr. Abraham," was in Montreal with his bride, Miss Anna Milbrath, last Monday, February 19, is the information that comes to the local authorities through a telegram sent from Gary, Ind., by Ben Milbrath to the Milbrath home in this city.

Since Monday no further trace of him has been received.

## TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 22.—The

worst snow storm of the year is raging today all over Ontario. Trains are four to ten hours late and all street car traffic here is tied up.

## BEST TREES IN WORLD GROW IN THE WEST

Throughout the Pacific slope and Rocky mountain regions grow the largest and most valuable coniferous tree species of the world, the pines, the spruces, the Douglas fir, the balsam fir, the hemlocks, the cedars and the Sequoias (redwoods). Each one of these has at least one insect enemy which has killed trees in the past and is actually doing so today.

In a paper recently prepared and read by a government expert on forest tree insects and diseases it was found that in a national forest where there was no evidence of destructive fires for the last 20 years the standing and fallen dead yellow pine that had died within that period and which had heretofore been considered as a natural and inevitable forest condition, represented in board feet nearly half as much timber as was then living. The sugar pine and Douglas fir represented one-fourth as much dead as was then living. Every dead tree examined in this estimate showed evidence that it had been killed by insects.

An irreparable loss was caused from an aesthetic point of view in 1904 and 1905 by the death, through the attack of the mountain pine beetle, of the three giant sugar pines on the trail from Yawona to Glacier Point and the Yosemite valley. The veteran sugar pine known as "Uncle Tom," along the road entering the park, was also killed by this beetle.

The fact that it is plainly shown that this waste of natural resources can be prevented must interest not only the officials of our national and state parks and forests but every owner of timber large and small.

## Bribery Cases Stir Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Lorimer and Stephenson cases occupied the entire time of the senate today. Senator Heyburn, who wrote a majority of the opinion exonerating Stephenson, drew a hot-reply from Senator Bristow when he announced his intention to press the Stephenson case for continuous consideration until disposed of. Bristow declared if Heyburn thought he could drive the matter along he would find he was mistaken.

"There may be some reasons why he does not want the details of this case exposed, but they will be presented," Lorimer's case came up during the discussion and Senator Crawford wanted to know when the senate might expect a report. Chairman Dillingham of the investigating committee was unable to give any satisfaction.

## Postal Clerks to Meet

TACOMA, Wn., Feb. 22.—Fully 150 mail officials, postal clerks and letter carriers left today for Everett to attend the annual convention of the Washington Letter Carriers' association. George Sweeney will be backed by the Tacoma delegates for president of the organization.

## St. Louis in Crime Throes.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 22.—St. Louis today was in the throes of a lawbreaking carnival. The police seemed unable to repress a wave of daring crimes which swept the city. One of the startling outrages was the howling of a theatre safe after two employes had been bound to seats where they could watch the safe-cracking.

# WILL REBUILD BURNED AREA

### Houston Loss Is Placed at \$6,000,000 While the Insurance Will Not Exceed 40 Per Cent of the Whole—Structures Will Be Much Better.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 22.—Although the ruins of Houston's most devastating fire are still hot, the work of clearing away the debris started in earnest today for the purpose of rebuilding the burned area at once. The cotton plants destroyed also will be rebuilt, the contracts in several instances already having been let.

A conservative estimate today places the losses at \$6,000,000, while the insurance will not exceed 40 per cent.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Southern Pacific NORTH BOUND		
No.		Due.
20	Portland passenger	8:04 a. m.
24	Valley motor car	10:21 a. m.
32	Valley motor car	4:48 p. m.
16	Oregon Express	5:24 p. m.
14	Portland Express	5:49 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND		
23	Valley motor car	8:45 a. m.
15	California Express	10:35 a. m.
31	Valley motor car	2:24 p. m.
13	San Francisco Express	3:32 p. m.
19	Ashland Local	11:22 p. m.

## Pacific and Eastern LEAVE

No.		Due.
2	Passenger	8:14 a. m.
4	Passenger	3:45 p. m.

## ARRIVE

No.		Medford.
1	Passenger	10:20 a. m.

## Rogue River Valley R. R. LEAVE

No.		Medford.
1	Motor	8:05 a. m.
3	Train	11:00 a. m.
7	Train	6:00 p. m.
9	Motor	8:50 p. m.
5	Train	3:00 p. m.

## All Trains Stopped

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 22.—All schedules were abandoned on the railroads entering Springfield and the railroad service is almost at a standstill as a result of the blizzard.

# BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The Baptist Young People's Union met in the social hall of the Baptist church Wednesday evening and a delightful time was enjoyed by the 90-odd members in attendance.

A burlesque college meet was put on in which the colleges represented were "Punkin' Center," "Punkard" and "Spagette." All of these partook in an international track meet, Punkin' center coming out first.

H. DeArmond was awarded first prize for being the smartest man on earth and Geo. Hawkins for being the dullest.

The committee in charge were the

# STOVELL CASE GOES OVER UNTIL SATURDAY

BERT STOVELL, arrested Wednesday charged with an assault by Mrs. Effie Jones, was released on his own recognizance Wednesday evening by Justice Taylor, to appear for trial at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mrs. Jones, the complaining witness, is said to have desisted.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 22.—Unqualified approval was given President Taft's administration by a large representation of his followers from all parts of Wisconsin at a banquet here tonight.

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