

## ALL ANTHRACITE COAL MINES SUSPENDED PRELIMINARY TO BIG STRIKE

### FIRST BLOW AT OPERATORS BY UNIONISTS

Hundred and Sixty-eight Thousand Coal Miners Quit Work to Vote Upon Strike Following Failure of Conference—Ask 20 Percent Raise

Operators Consider a Compromise Proposition Made By Miners—Government May Interfere.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 29.—President Waite of the United Mine Workers today struck the first blow at the operators when he ordered an immediate suspension of all anthracite coal mining. Not a blow will be struck in a mine until the referendum has shown whether or not the men are prepared to go on strike.

White's order suspending all anthracite operations followed an apparently final failure of all negotiations between the operators and miners.

**Month for the Vote.**  
The miners' referendum will determine whether the suspension of operations will become a strike to enforce the demands of the anthracite miners, who number 168,000. It will require at least a month to take the vote.

The principal demand of the anthracite men is for a 20 per cent increase in wages.

The operators of the bituminous fields are considering a compromise proposition which the miners submitted to a joint conference before White's suspension of anthracite activities was ordered. An agreement is unexpected by both sides.

**Compromise Considered.**  
The compromise plan waives the demand for a seven hour day and a full day's pay for five hours work on Saturdays. It asks 5 cents a ton increase on screened lump instead of the original demand for 10 cents a ton on the run-of-mine basis. The wage demand is admitted today to equal 3 cents a ton on the run-of-mine basis. A proportionate increase is asked for day labor.

It is reported the Illinois operators have accepted such a compromise. Intervention by the United States to prevent a general strike throughout the bituminous and probably the anthracite coal regions of the country is reported today to be a probability.

### SAN FRANCISCO VOTES BONDS FOR CITY HALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 29.—By a vote of 11 to 1 San Francisco has decided to bond the city for \$8,800,000 to erect a new city hall and to purchase a site for a civic center. The total vote was 45,123 in favor of the bonds and 4025 against. The work on the new municipal center and buildings will be completed before the opening of the Panama fair in 1915.

### FORM LOCAL BRANCH I. W. W. IN THIS CITY

A Butcher Who Recently Published Socialist Paper Here, is Back of Movement to Unite Union Trade Crafts Into One Body.

Failure of Labor Unions to Thrive Leads to Step—Many Visiting Brethren Here Today.

A local branch of the Industrial Workers of the World is in the process of organization in this city. A Butcher, who published a socialist paper here during the recent campaign is active in the organization of the local. It is understood that he has secured between 75 and 100 prospective members.

It is reported that Butcher is drawing his recruits from the ranks of union labor in this city, the several crafts failing to maintain strict rules in regard to open shops and the like. By organizing the various trade crafts into one central organization, which will cover all trades and crafts Butcher believes that strength will be added to the cause of labor. So he proposes to draw all into a local branch of the I. W. W.

George H. Millar, socialist member of the city council stated today that the movement would in no way effect the present socialist local, an organization looking toward the ballot box only to correct what its members deem evils. He declined to discuss the I. W. W. movement to any extent, stating simply that he knew such a movement was under way, and that it was looking to the ranks of various labor unions to supply its members.

A large number of I. W. W.'s were in Medford Friday morning on their way south to San Francisco and to San Diego. Some 30 or 40 of them left a southbound freight train here early and later camped at the Crater Lake Junction, just north of the city. They were evidently well supplied with money for the man in charge of their commissary appeared in local shops and purchased food for the band's breakfast. He displayed plenty of money. The men kept to the railroad track on their way to their camp north of the city and made no disturbance of any kind.

### WESTERN UNION TO PENSION EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, March 29.—Announcement of a pension plan for the benefit of the 30,000 employees of the Western Union Telegraph company is made here today by President Theodore N. Vail. It is planned to operate the pensions under the graduated scale, governed by length of service, together with the amount of salary received. After 25 years service, an employee retired for disability will receive \$25 a month; after 35 years \$40 a month, and after 40 years \$50 a month.

### TOU VELLE TO BE CANDIDATE COUNTY JUDGE

Popular Orchardist, Who Resides Between Central Point and Medford, at Solicitation of Many Friends, Files for Democratic Nomination.

Well Qualified for Office, Having had Legal Training, been County Treasurer, Bank Cashier and Successful

Col. Frank L. Tou Velle, who resides on Ross lane, between Medford and Central Point, at the urgent solicitation of many friends, has consented to become a candidate for democratic nomination as county judge and Friday filed his petition with the county clerk. In it he pledges himself, if elected, "to reform all loose and careless methods of transacting public business, and to administer the affairs of Jackson county on strict and systematic business lines."

"I will assist in building good roads, build up the county's credit, labor for its every material interest along progressive and economical lines," he continues. "I will favor no locality at the expense of any other and I will safeguard all of your material interests conscientiously and to the best of my ability."

Col. Tou Velle is a native of Celina, Ohio, is still in the sunny side of 40, standing 6 feet 2 in his stockings and weighing 220 pounds. He is very popular and well qualified for the office. He served as treasurer of Merced county, Ohio, for two terms, retiring to become cashier of the Citizens Banking company of Celina. On a vacation seven years ago he stopped off to visit relatives in the Rogue river valley, and was so charmed with it that he purchased an orchard and has since resided here.

Col. Tou Velle is known as a careful, conservative and successful business man. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati law school, when Judge, now President, Taft presided as dean and Judson Harmon, now governor of Ohio, was lecturer, and was admitted to bar by the Ohio supreme court in 1899. He has owned and improved many orchards in various sections of the valley, and still has large interests near Phoenix and north of Central Point, as well as the pear orchard upon which he resides. He is also extensively interested in mines.

### Drink Causes Crime

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Crazed by drink Fred S. Noel, aged 35, today attacked his wife, Marie, 28, with a razor, inflicting serious wounds. Believing the woman dead, Noel killed himself. Mrs. Noel probably will recover.

### Financier Hangs Self

NEW YORK, March 29.—Despondent over the heavy money losses and ill health, Max Freeman, until recently a leading factor in a number of the most important stock companies on the Pacific coast, hanged himself today in the Hotel Granoble here. He was 50 years of age.

### VIRGINIA OUTLAWS ELUDE PURSUERS IN MOUNTAIN FASTNESSES.



LEFT TO RIGHT, DETECTIVES D. O. BALDWIN AND F. L. FELTS. The Allen band of Virginia outlaws continue to elude their pursuers in the Blue Ridge Mountain fastnesses. Since the court house tragedy at Hillsville a sturdy posse has kept up a continued search, but so far without avail. Two of the leaders in the search are Detectives D. O. Baldwin and F. L. Felts, who feel confident that they will eventually run down the desperadoes.

### RIFLES SENT TO AMERICANS FOR DEFENSE

United States Sends Ammunition and Weapons to Capital City—Anti-Foreign Sentiment Growing Rapidly and All Foreigners in Danger.

Rebels Daily Becoming Stronger and Collapse of Government Probable in Near Future.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Communications received here today from Mexico City confirm the rumors current for several days that the regime of President Francisco I. Madero is tottering. It is declared that the revolution is almost sure of triumph in the near future, including the taking of Mexico City.

The rebels have already issued a proclamation that Madero will be shot if captured, and it is reported that he is preparing to flee from his stricken country. Should the president leave the capital with his troops, carnage, rapine and plunder, in which the foreign residents will sustain heavy property losses and possibly their lives, are expected to follow.

**Rifles Sent Americans.**  
The state department announced officially today that 1,000 rifles and supply revolvers, and a quantity of ammunition was shipped yesterday aboard a Ward liner going from New York to Vera Cruz. The munitions are consigned to United States Ambassador Henry L. Wilson, at Mexico City. Wilson plans to distribute the arms and ammunition among the Americans in the Mexican capital, so that they may properly defend themselves in case of trouble.

It is reported that the action is taken as a result of dispatches of the most important nature which have been received from Ambassador Wilson.

Anti-foreign sentiment is growing to dangerously aggressive proportions in the Mexican capital and violence is being prevented only by the presence of the government troops. If these soldiers leave with President Madero, anarchy is certain to follow, it is declared.

**Preparing for Defense.**  
One million rounds of smokeless cartridges have been shipped to Ambassador Wilson by a Ward liner which will reach Vera Cruz on Friday next. The Americans living in Mexico City will be permitted to buy rifles and revolvers, and if they cannot afford to buy them, the weapons will be loaned.

Although a presidential order has been issued forbidding the shipment of arms from the United States into any American country involved in civil turmoil, President Taft has issued a special dispensation in this case, to make the shipment legal and meet the gravity of the situation.

Reports to the state department state that the advance of the rebel general Orozco to Torreon has been checked by the federals, who have burned a number of bridges in his line of march.

**Stole Trick Milk Can**  
SACRAMENTO, March 29.—C. A. Nelson indicted in Multnomah county, Oregon, for the theft of a "trick milk can," valued at \$300, was extradited from Woodland today by Governor Johnson.

### AGED WOMAN FALLS FOOT AND BREAKS HER HIP

Mrs. A. Kelleher, aged 70, who weighs in the neighborhood of 250 pounds, slipped on a step at the rear entrance to her home at 1019 South Oakdale this morning, and although she fell less than a foot she fractured her left hip and left arm. Owing to her age the chances for her recovery are slight. She was taken at once to the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mrs. Kelleher has been a resident of Medford for some time, and has a large circle of friends. How she came to lose her balance is not known. She fell from the first step and her cries brought assistance.

### ALLEN BANDIT IS CAPTURED BY POSSE AFTER LONG CHASE

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 29.—Starved into submission, Claude Swanson Allen, one of the bandits for whom a posse has been hunting through the mountainous districts of this vicinity for two weeks past, is a captive here today, having surrendered suddenly in front of the posse from a thicket and pointed his two revolvers toward the sky in token of surrender.

The capture gives the detectives renewed hope for the capture of the three remaining fugitives, Sidna Allen, his nephew Friel Allen and Wesley Edwards. Claude Allen denies any knowledge of their whereabouts. The posse predicted that the three remaining bandits of the Allen gang will be captured this afternoon. Nearly all telephone lines in the mountains have been cut.

### LA FOLLETTE TO COME TO OREGON FROM NEBRASKA

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Details of his proposed tour of Washington, Oregon and California in the interest of his campaign for the republican presidential nomination were given to the United Press here today by Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. If the present plans will be carried out La Follette will go to Nebraska next week and spend five days in touring the state. From Nebraska he plans to go to Oregon, spending a week in speech-making there, and after a trip through Washington state will tour California.

Senator La Follette today was pleased with the political situation. He announced this afternoon that for the present he would center the fire of his campaign on Nebraska and the Pacific coast states. Later, he announced, he may tour the states of the middle west and New England.

### ROOSEVELT WINS IN ADA COUNTY, IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, March 29.—Complete reports today show that the Roosevelt republicans won at the Ada county republican primary and the thirty-one delegates from that county to the Idaho state convention are expected to swing the state into the Roosevelt column.

### ORDER TROOPS AT ABERDEEN

SEATTLE, March 29.—That the situation in the Grays Harbor cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam is becoming grave, is evidenced by the preparations being made here to send out upon call, a battalion of National Guards. Adjutant General Fred Llewellyn and Colonel W. M. Inglis visited these cities yesterday, and believe that the guards may be called at any time. Upon returning here yesterday they held a conference with company officers, and cautioned them against unnecessary conflict in case they were called.

### Forged to Be Attractive

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—Charged with forgery to secure money to make herself attractive in the eyes of the man she loved, Mrs. Frank Haley, former Sunday school teacher and bride of a day, is under arrest today. The police say the girl, who was Miss Leeta Smith, confessed to passing two worthless checks on business houses. Her arrest followed the publication of her marriage license in the daily papers.

### GREAT CROWDS CHEER TEDDY

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, March 29.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was warmly greeted upon his arrival here today by 2000 persons who had gathered at the railroad station. From the platform of his private car the former president spoke to the gathering, pleading that the government be taken from the control of "big business" and restored to the people.

WATERLOO, Iowa, March 29.—More than 1000 persons heard Colonel Roosevelt speak at Vinton. The former president was engaged in denouncing the political bosses as the train pulled out of the station. Alexander Revell, one of Colonel Roosevelt's staunchest supporters, predicted that President Taft would never be nominated on the first ballot and this fact, he declared, would result in the nomination going to Roosevelt.

### PROGRESS OR STAGNATION?

THE issue before the people of Jackson county in the coming primaries is the simple one of progress or stagnation. The most important office in the county is that of county judge—and the personality of the individual elected will largely determine whether the county will go forwards or backwards. The coming few years should be busy ones of preparation and progress. Jackson county cannot afford to sit idle. We must push ahead, be ready for the era of development that the Panama canal and the Panama exposition will inaugurate. We can only judge the future by the past. We must nominate candidates whose past is an index to continued progress. Between Merriek and Dunn, progressive citizens must choose the former. Dunn's record as judge shows plainly enough that his whole idea of efficiency consists in economy—in squeezing the feathers off copper cents. Action, not inaction, improvement, not stagnation, progress and development, a dollar's value for every dollar spent, must be the order of the day. The Lord helps them that help themselves,—and Jackson county cannot help itself by electing a reactionary like George W. Dunn as county judge.

### EVERY BODY'S DOIN' IT!

Doing what? Registering so as to vote at the primaries April 19. Any justice of the peace, any notary public or any deputy county clerk can register you. You can register in Medford at Postal Telegraph office, or at Mail Tribune office. Do It at Once—It's Important.