

MINERWORKERS ON THE STAND

Testified That Markle Company Refused Employment

ON ACCOUNT OF THE UNION

And Had Evicted Them From Their Houses for Same Cause

ALLEGED TEN PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES MUCH IN DOUBT ON ACCOUNT OF RISE IN PRICE OF COMMODITIES AND RENT.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—Almost the entire time of today's session of the coal strike commission was taken by the mine workers presenting their side of the controversy with G. B. Markle, in the Hazelton region. The miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because they belonged to the union, had evicted them from their houses for the same cause, that the docking system was intolerable, that the question of the men getting 10 per cent increase in wages granted as a result of the 1926 strike is much in doubt, because the men do not know how the company is figuring it out; that the price of powder, which enters into the compu-

lation of the increase, has been raised, and that the size of the mine cars has been increased, but the wages have not.

Two Hungarian women told, on the stand, how the Markle Company deducted the house rent from the last wages of their husbands who were killed in the mines.

There was a flurry this afternoon when Lawyer Ira H. Burns, of Scranton, for the independent companies referred to the President of the United States as "Teddy" Roosevelt. The remark brought out an emphatic objection from Brigadier General Wilson and the general was sustained by Chairman Gray.

The commissioners today made another request upon the companies to present the figures as quickly as possible.

TO BE NAMED "EAGLE"

POPULAR BECAUSE OF ITS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND BROAD SUGGESTIVENESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—When the new cup yacht is launched from the Herz shop's shop in April, says the Herald, she will probably be christened the Eagle. The information upon which this statement is based is considered most reliable. The name will be popular because it is representative and national. It suggests strength, speed and fearlessness. It is a good sailing name and every American yachtsman with a dash of patriotism in his veins will shout his hardest when the Eagle, the new defender of America's cup, glides into the water.

Should the Eagle survive the trials for the selection of the cup defender and meet the approval of the committee on the challenge when they come together in Newport to name the boat that will represent the club in the international races, there should be no fear for the cup.

W. D. McGee left last night for Red Bluff, Cal., where he expects to spend the winter.

OBJECTED TO AMENDMENTS

Of the Committee on Immigration Bill

EDUCATION TEST CLAUSE

And Striking Out Section Prohibiting Sale of Liquor in Capitol

THE THREE DOLLAR PER HEAD TAX ON IMMIGRANT'S PRINCIPAL TOPIC FOR DEBATE—SENATE COMMITTEE AGREED ON REPORT OF HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate today adopted all the committee amendments to the Immigration Bill with the exception of the one prescribing an educational test and also the action of the committee in striking out the section prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within the Capitol Building and then laid aside the bill until tomorrow to pass a number of the unobjected Pension Bills.

The amendment fixing a three dollar per head tax on each immigrant coming into the United States furnished the principal topic for the debate.

Strike Commission Bill.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations today agreed to the report of the House resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission. The bill will be amended so as to provide that the officers of the Government serving on the Commission will not receive double compensation, but a provision will be made for their expenses.

CARACAS, Dec. 8.—The German gunboat Panther has arrived at La Guayra. The English cruiser Indefatigable has left Agua Dulce for Trinidad on a special mission.

MARSHFIELD SHOOTING

BITTER FEUD BETWEEN GAMBLERS RESULTS IN A DE-LIBERATE MURDER.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—About 10 o'clock Saturday night, in a back room of the Clay Moore saloon, "Doc" Engle, a gambler, shot "Tom" Barker, another gambler, so that he died a few minutes afterward. The story of eyewitnesses is substantially as follows:

Barker was dealing a game of stud poker in the back room of the saloon. Engle entered the saloon and stopped for a moment at the bar, and it was noticed that he had been drinking heavily. He made the remark that he would go back and smoke a little, and passed into the back room. Going to the table where the game was in progress, he tossed over between two of the players and fired four or five shots in quick succession at Barker, who was still seated. He then ran out of the door of the saloon, up the street to Broadway, and turned north. Barker arose from his chair and walked around the table, seating himself in another chair.

Dr. McCormack was summoned at once; but the man had breathed his last a few moments before the doctor's arrival. Three shots had taken effect in his right arm near the shoulder, and one in his right side, the latter causing his death.

Barker was a man about 60 years of age, and was quite well known on the Bay, having spent considerable time here in the past. Engle was captured this morning about 5 o'clock by Night Marshal McColloch, and as he was being taken to jail Engle said:

"If I killed him I shall die happy."

FRISCO MARKET STRONGER

ON ACCOUNT OF ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The local wheat market was greatly strengthened today by posting on 'Change of the official report of the stocks of flour and grain remaining in California on December 1, 1926. Including the flour reduced to wheat, the stock of wheat in the state December 1 amounted only to about 321,000 tons against about 621,000 tons at the same time last year, and it was figured by the authorities on the exchange that the wheat crop of this year has been something less than 600,000 tons.

This showing put fresh vigor into the bull interest for it is apparent that the present stocks of wheat will barely suffice for the home needs and the export requirements before another crop can be gathered, and prices, both for speculative options and spot lots, had a sharp advance.

In the cash market the large exporters raised their bids to \$1.35 per cent for No. 1 shipping, and \$1.25 for choice 'Club.

Great Industrial Meeting.

New York, Dec. 8.—The first annual meeting of the industrial department of the National Civic Federation which convened today in the rooms of the Board of Trade, was attended by nearly 200 representatives of the great corporations and labor organizations and distinguished citizens interested in the solution of the questions concerning the relations of capital and labor.

SITUATION IN CARACAS

British and German Legations Are Closed

MINISTERS BOARD VESSELS

The Demands Are Received in Surprise by the Foreign Ministers

MINISTERS LEFT WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE GOVERNMENT TO AVOID HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION—ACTION UNPRECEDENTED AND REGARDED AS A BLUFF.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 8.—British Minister W. H. D. Haggins, and German Charge d'Affaires Von Pflugheim-Baltazzi left Caracas this afternoon for La Guayra, where Minister Haggins went on board the British cruiser Retribution and Herr Von Pflugheim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vinetta. Both the British and German legations have been closed.

Yesterday afternoon the British Minister and the German Charge d'Affaires deposited at the private residence of Foreign Minister Lopez Barralet their separate demands, the British being for a settlement of the claims and other matters arising out of the last revolution and the German demand being for a settlement of the interest on German loans and other claims.

The demands are without any specification as to the time given for an answer, but they are in the form of an ultimatum. The Ministers left Caracas without previously notifying the Venezuelan Government, perhaps in order to avoid any hostile demonstration.

The handing in of the demand of such a nature at the private residence of the Minister, forgetting all diplomatic rules, is believed in some quarters to be without precedent. The actual situation is incomprehensible here.

Up to this morning no one appeared to know anything about the Anglo-German projected demonstration. The Foreign Minister said he considered the menace on the part of Germany to be inadmissible, and that any threat would be only "Ballon D'Essai," as for England, said the Minister, she had no grounds for aggression.

The Government has made no military preparations at La Guayra. The Venezuelan citizens considered the threat of the demonstration as a bluff.

JEFF AND FITZ TODAY

BOTH IN FINE CONDITION AND A LIVELY SKIRMISH IS ANTICIPATED.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—The boxing exhibition between James J. Jeffries, heavyweight champion of the world, and Robert Fitzsimmons, the most noted pugilist, which takes place at the Exposition Building Tuesday evening, promises to pack the house, as all local lovers of the manly art are anxious to see the big fellows mix things up. The preliminary events will be the best ever seen in the club rooms and promise to surpass many of the main events. Swanson, the "busy Swede," and young Kenny will appear in a four round mix-up. This will be followed by a ten round bout between Freeman, the husky Oregon City youth, and young Murray. Both the boys have been training faithfully, and are in first class condition, and will put up a fast go. Both are anxious, as the winner has been promised a go with the winner of the Swanson-Kenny bout, Larry Gleason, the well known Chicago lightweight, and the "Kirby Kid," arrived from the Sound, where they have been putting the finishing touches on their condition. Both are in fine fettle and an interesting mix-up will be the result.

AGENT COMMITS SUICIDE

ALBANY MAN TAKES HIS LIFE DURING A MELANCHOLY SPELL.

John Turner, the O. C. & E. agent at Albany, shot and killed himself at his home in that city yesterday about 1.30 p. m.

The particulars of the tragedy could not be learned last night, further than that the shooting was either accidental or done with suicidal intent. A brother of the unfortunate man, R. R. Turner, of Perrydale, was seen at the train for last night as he took the train for Albany. He said he had received a message from his daughter, who was stopping with the family of the dead man in Albany, conveying the sad intelligence of his brother's death, and he took a train and at once drove to Salem, where he arrived just in time to catch the train which leaves here for the south about 6:20 p. m. The killing, he said, was a deep mystery so far as he knew, as his brother was in good health and he could assign not the slightest reason for suicide.

The fatal wound was inflicted in the left temple with a .38-caliber revolver, and death was no doubt instantaneous. The deed is generally believed to have been the result of an attack of melancholia.

Men are nearer God than the angels, as the sons are closer than the servants.

THE ILLIHEE BOWLERS

PREPARING FOR A MATCH GAME WITH MULTNOMAH TEAM NEXT SATURDAY.

A bowling contest was held at the Illihee Club last night, between twelve of the bowlers of the club, made up of the following teams:

Minto Team—A. A. Jessup, R. Cartwright, C. D. Gabrielson, C. S. Moore, D. C. Minto, B. O. Schucking; total number pins, four games, 876.

Hatch Team—H. E. Hatch, R. H. Coshaw, J. F. Hughes, J. J. Murphy, D. H. James, W. P. McNary; total number of pins, 867.

Each team won two games, the Minto team winning out by nine pins. Dr. Cartwright made the highest score, with a total number of pins of 117, an average of 45 2/3.

The Multnomah Club of Portland will bowl a match game with the Illihee Club, Saturday night next, and the following eight men from the Illihee Club have been selected for practice until Saturday, when six will be selected for the team to bowl with the Multnomah Club:

Cartwright, Hatch, McNary, Minto, Jessup, Hughes, Hoyt, Gabrielson.

FOR PARDON OF SHEETS

WALLOWA COUNTY PEOPLE ASK FOR RELEASE OF AN ERRING BROTHER.

Gov. T. T. Geer receives from one to three petitions for executive clemency every day, and yesterday was no exception to this rule. A petition was received from Joseph, Wallowa county, signed by sixty-four people, and endorsed by District Attorney Samuel White and Judge Robert Eakin, the trial judge, asking for the pardon of Jake Sheets, sent to the Penitentiary in 1901, on the charge of arson, he having, while intoxicated and an inmate of the Joseph city jail, set fire to that structure. The petitioners assert that the young man, who is a sufferer from spinal meningitis, has been sufficiently punished, that his parents are aged and need his help, and that the well being of society will not be injured by his release.

MOTION OVERRULED

BACKHAUS-BUELLS CASE CONTINUED OVER TO FEBRUARY TERM FOR TRIAL.

In the case of A. F. Backhaus vs. F. W. Buells, et al., Judge Geo. H. Burnett yesterday overruled the defendant's motion for judgment on pleadings. The plaintiff's motion to postpone cause, sustained, and cause continued to next regular term, which convenes in February.

This is an action brought to recover the sum of \$2300, the alleged value of certain hops that plaintiff claims were contracted by him at 12 cents per pound, and the delivery of which was refused by the defendant, and also the further sum of \$1500 as damages. Defendant contended that the question of the validity of the alleged contract having been passed on by the same court, that such fact served as a bar to the further hearing of the case. In passing on this question, the court held that there are other questions involved in the case, and that it should have a trial before a jury.

TO ABOLISH GIRL TRAFFIC.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The President today sent to the Senate a general international agreement in the shape of a treaty for the suppression of the traffic in girls for illegitimate purposes.

Legal Rank, Statesman Job Office.

ULTIMATUMS PRESENTED

By Great Britain and Germany to the

GOVERNMENT VENEZUELA

Demanding an Immediate and Satisfactory Settlement of Their Claims

A REASONABLE TIME HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR COSTRO'S GOVERNMENT TO SATISFY ALL CLAIMS UNDER THE PENALTY OF SEIZURE OF CUSTOMS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and Germany have presented their ultimatum to Venezuela, which will be followed by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period.

The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states, with regard to the limit, "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan Government of all our representatives specify in their claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's Government in connection therewith."

The foreign office says: "There is not the slightest desire to coerce Venezuela, and if any answer had been made to our repeated protests and demands no such action as now taken would have been proceeded with. It was the persistent and insulting disregard to all the representative agents, which compelled us to move. It is now too late in the day for anything but purely diplomatic arrangements for the satisfaction of our injuries."

"When the fleets have assembled there is scarcely any time to deal with bankers and a financial settlement, which should have been suggested long ago, and would have been welcomed by both Germany and ourselves. However, any bona fide proposition will receive careful attention. The reconstruction in commercial affairs is always better than the liquidation and if the reconstruction of the Venezuelan finances can be accomplished to the satisfaction of our diplomatic claims and individual losses, both Germany and Great Britain will have achieved their ends."

CHANGING RURAL DELIVERY BOXES.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 8.—The rural free delivery patrons are changing their boxes for new ones, which were approved by the Postoffice Department. The ones at present in use did not come up to the requirements, but were allowed for a time. They must now be discarded and new boxes take their places, if the rural free delivery is still desired. The patrons were at first loath to give up to the conviction of changing, but it will be but a short time until all or nearly all at least will be supplied with new boxes.

THEY'RE ALL READY FOR YOU..

HOLIDAY GOODS

DOLLS, GAMES, BOOKS, FANCY STATIONERY, TOILET CASES, WORK BOXES, ALBUMS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, PHOTO CASES, SHAVING SETS, PERFUMERY, EMBROIDERY SQUARES, STAMPED LINENS, TABLE LINENS, RIBBONS, LACE CURTAINS, FANCY SHAWLS, STAND COVERS,

And all kinds of fancy trinkets suitable for presents

Our Extremely Low Prices apply to Holiday Goods as well as to all regular lines.



Don't forget the practical presents. Give your friend a new Overcoat, a pair of Shoes a new Suit. They will appreciate the spirit of the gift and will find the article useful.

Everything in the Store Marked at Bed Rock Cash Prices.

Salem's Cheapest One-Price Cash Store.

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Unparalleled Sale of Dress Goods

Every piece of Dress Goods in the stock will be on sale this week at lower prices than ever before. Space will not permit us to mention all the good things, but the following will give you an idea of what we are doing:

- Fackinay or Snow Flax Suitings in black and blue, regular \$1.75 values, special... \$1.28
- Cravenette Suitings in gray and green mixed colors, extra good values for \$2.25 special... \$1.68
- Armaure Suitings in brown, red, tan and navy, regular \$1.25 values, sale price... 89c
- Chalkline Suitings in delf blue and red, regular \$1.35 values, special this week... \$1.05
- Prunella Waistings in pink, gray, tan and red, regular 75c qualities, sale price... 58c
- French Flannels for waistings, in pink, blue, navy and red, worth 50c special... 39c

We are better able to serve you with good values in this department than ever before. Our sales-force is now at its best, several new, experienced clerks have been added for the holiday trade.