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COAL MINING PROBLEM

Operators Will Not Recognize Union but Will Increase Wages

New York, March 7.—The sub-committee of anthracite operators, considering the demands of the miners, is not likely to end its work before the end of the week. It is understood the sub-committee is composed of railroad presidents, Baer and Wilcox, and has full power. Its action is problematical, but it is practically certain the operators will flatly reject the demand for full recognition of the union, and the demand for the institution of the "check off" system in the anthracite region. It is likely it will grant the demand for an increase of wages, and meet the increase with a higher price for coal.

They Want Wamly.

New York, March 7.—The Philharmonic society is negotiating to make a long contract with Wamly Sofnoff, head of the Moscow conservatory, to conduct the society for two or three years.

Bridges for Korea.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 7.—The American Bridge Company has received contracts from the Japanese government for 14,000 tons of structural steel for the construction of bridges in Manchuria and Korea.

Fired on the Crowd.

Madrid, Spain, March 7.—Four hundred unemployed laborers besieged the municipal building at Fraga. The police fired, killing four and wounding several.

SEATTLE HAS CLOSE ELECTION

Moore for Mayor Elected upon the Municipal Ownership Ticket

Seattle, March 7.—In the closest election ever held in Seattle, Moore, candidate for mayor on the municipal ownership ticket, won by 15 votes. A recount is threatened. Out of 13 councilmen 12 Republicans are probably elected.

Schwab Reported Dangerously Sick.

Chicago, March 7.—There are rumors on LaSalle street this morning of the illness of Charles M. Schwab, that his condition is alarming, and he is likely to die. At Gates' office it was announced that a telegram had been received from Gates denying the rumors.

New York, March 7.—Passenger Traffic Manager John Sebastian, of the Rock Island wired the officials of the road this afternoon that the latest report he had of Schwab he was very low, and was not expected to live through the night. No advice to the effect that Schwab is dead have been received here.

Denver, March 7.—Schwab is quite well, according to authentic reports here, and will reach Santa Rosa, New Mexico, tomorrow.

Tupeka, Kan., March 7.—According to the superintendent of the Rock Island, of this city, Schwab was much better when he left Santa Rosa, N. M., this afternoon.

LAST OF A GOOD SOLDIER

Washington, March 7.—The body of the late General Schofield was buried this afternoon with full military honors. The President and the highest governmental officials participated in the services.

AGAINST CHINESE COMING

Washington, March 7.—Nearly 400 petitions have been received by Representative Julius Kahn of California, foremost in the fight against the amending of the present Chinese exclusion laws, urging that everything possible be done to prevent any change in the existing laws. It's a proud day for the San Francisco actor when he fathered the bill when it was enacted into law some years ago, and thereby brought about his defeat at the next congressional election at the Golden Gate city. He was returned when the wisdom of the law became apparent to his constituents and now from all along the coast, in Oregon and Washington, as well as in California, come letters approving his course.

This is the reply he has sent to many of the labor organizations that have sent petitions to him:

"I am filing all of the petitions in the house of representatives as rapidly as they come. You may rest assured that we will do all we can to prevent any break in the existing exclusion law. For myself, I am more than glad that the petitions are coming in so rapidly. I look upon it as a personal vindication.

"The present exclusion law is the one that was enacted on April 29, 1902. That is the law which the people of California do not want repealed. It is the very law which Andrew Furuseth and Edward J. Livernash claimed was no exclusion law at all. It is the same law concerning which they attacked me so falsely and so bitterly. As I stated before these petitions are my vindication."

A Kidnaping Case.

New York, March 7.—Antonio Borsuffi, aged 14, son of a private Italian banker, who was reported as kidnaped and held for ransom of \$20,000, returned home this morning. Detectives are investigating the circumstances.

The boy said he had been given nothing to eat during his imprisonment. He said he escaped when his captors left the room.

Coal Operators Stand Pat.

Chicago, March 7.—Illinois coal operators held a meeting in this city today to consider the miners' demands. It is stated there was a unanimous agreement that no further concessions would be made.

Germany Is for Peace.

Berlin, March 7.—The foreign office states that conciliatory instructions have been sent to the German representatives at Algiers, which it is expected will facilitate an agreement.

Transport Not Hurt.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Manila, March 7.—The inter-island transport Ingalls, has been refloated, and is apparently undamaged. She went ashore March 4th, off Southern Luzon.

Suit Is Dismissed.

New York, March 7.—The suit of Sarah Madders, for \$50,000 for breach of promise against Peter Duryea, was dismissed today on application of the defendant.

Boise, Idaho, March 7.—Attorneys Hawley, for the prosecution, and Miller, for the defense, were the only passengers for Caldwell this morning. There are no developments in the Steunenberg murder case. It is believed all indictments have been returned. No reason is given for not taking the prisoners into court to plead unless the prosecution plans to not serve the warrants until after the hearing of the habeas corpus proceedings by the supreme court Friday. The grand jury is investigating the condition of the accounts of Cassia county officials.

HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Fresno, Cal., March 7.—Thirty-five young draught horses burned to death in a fire which destroyed the stable at the Fresno City Hay Market, at 4 o'clock this morning. Two employees barely escaped with their lives by jumping. Three hundred tons of hay were destroyed. The loss is \$15,000.

WILL SELL COAL

Washington, March 7.—The house today passed a bill authorizing Taft to sell from the military stores at Fort Davis, Alaska, such amount of coal as is necessary to relieve suffering.

Another Commission Without Power.

Washington, March 7.—The President today sent a message to congress saying he had signed the Tillman-Gillespie resolution demanding an inquiry into railroad discriminations and monopolies of coal and oil. He said he hesitated because the resolution, as passed, achieved little or nothing. He asks additional legislation, providing money, to carry on the investigation and to provide for the compulsion of witnesses to attend and answer questions, and to state definitely what the commission may do, and how far it may go. He urges also the possible incompatibility of such investigation and criminal proceedings.

WHEAT PROSPECTS GOOD.

Cereal Shows as Well as Wheat Last Year in Lane County.

(Daily Eugene Register.)

Farmers coming into town state that there is every evidence throughout the county that there will be as much wheat, if not more, harvested next fall as last. Wheat reached the top price last September when Lane county farmers were paid 70 cents a bushel and farmers who held their grain for a higher price lost money, as many of them are disposing of their supply now at 69 cents. But the amount of wheat that is raised in this section now is not near so much as a few years back. Hop production has taken the place of raising wheat.

Other grains and farm products are being planted in the same proportion this year as last and the farmers look for a prosperous year. They state that the present year would have been prosperous if they had not been held up for taxes, which are considered very high. On account of the tax collecting season approaching a good many of the farmers are disposing of their grain so that taxes will not have to be paid on that.

M. M. Gillespie, a prominent farmer living near the junction of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers was in town yesterday and in reply to a question as to the prospects for a good year with the farmers said: "Out in my part of the county the country looks much the same as it did last season at this time. There are several good stands of fall wheat that are looking good. I recently took a short trip over towards Irving and the stands of wheat in that section are looking fine and the entire country as far as I observed point towards a good season for the farmer."

New Joint Candidate.

R. N. Donnelly, of Richmond, has filed for joint representative from the Sherman-Gilliam-Wheeler district. He will vote for the candidate for United States senator receiving the most Republican votes.

Precinct Committeeman.

E. C. Denry, from Sublimity, has filed. E. A. M. Case, of Butteville, has withdrawn.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 7.—Wheat, 75% @ 77%; corn, 45% @ 43%; oats, 30% @ 30.

DUBOIS FIRES A BLAST

Tells Wall Street Shark Some Plain Truth in Few Words

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Washington, March 7.—Senator Dubois, of Idaho, has received a letter from Fred W. Perry, of New York, protesting against the senator's views against the Philippine tariff. Perry is a member of the stock exchange, and an investment broker. Dubois answered him by saying: "I notice you belong to a gambling joint in New York, and I imagine you know nothing, and care nothing about the producers of this country, so long as you can join in robbing them."

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS

So Says J. Ogden Armour to Uncle Samuel's Special Examiner

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Chicago, March 7.—T. M. Robertson, special examiner in the bureau of corporations, testified in the parkers' case this morning that J. Ogden Armour refused to disclose the affairs of Armour & Company, because he did not believe it any of the government's business, as they incorporated for convenience, and merely for private family business.

Naval Service Cripples.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—The navy department has begun to hear from the commandants of navy yards, who have just received instructions from Washington to reduce all expenses in the way of maintenance, and to discharge many of the employees, to bring the cost of operation and production of property within the limited amount required by the refusal of congress to provide the urgent deficiency appropriation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Rear-Admiral Coghlan, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, says: "The effect of the reduction of funds seriously cripples the service; the balance is insufficient to carry on maintenance work in an efficient manner."

Similar conditions are reported from other yards and stations everywhere. From Pensacola it is stated that the money at the disposal of the navy yard will not suffice for the operation of the electric plant alone for six months, to say nothing of doing other work devolving upon those in charge of protecting public property. In addition, it is reported, that the station is left without the means of protection against an outbreak of yellow fever in the spring and summer, and this is a feature which has more than local effect. There is no way out of the difficulty. Congress has made no provision for meeting the deficiency, and there is nothing to do but cut down the expenses and make the available funds go as far as they may. Whatever cost may result from this form of economy will have to be borne later.

ANYTHING GOES IN IDAHO.

An Idaho Mother Baffles the Medical Authorities.

Last week we reported the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Bash in this city and this week we have to amend it and report the birth of twins, the boy being born on Monday, January 29, and the girl on Thursday night, February 1. Both children are doing nicely and while the mother has been dangerously ill, we are glad to announce her as now out of danger. This is the most curious case we have ever heard of and one but seldom met with in medical circles. These children were born four days apart and the birthday of one falls in January and the other in February and yet in a way they may be called twins.—Cottonwood Chronicle.

SCOTT MAKES A KICK

Thinks the Courts Could fix Rate but the Commission Could not

Washington, March 7.—Senator Scott, of West Virginia, in the senate this afternoon, spoke, declaring he was opposed to giving the interstate commerce commission power to fix a contested rate without a provision in the act for a broad general court review. He took the position that rate regulation was a form of government ownership. He said he recognized the demand for rate regulation, but would have it restricted.

Serious for the Independents.

Topeka, Kan., March 7.—The action of the railroads entering this state, in deciding to discontinue transporting crude oil at the rates named in the maximum freight rate law enacted by the state legislature a year ago, has caused consternation among the independent refiners of this state. The railroads declare that the rates named in the law are discriminative and confiscatory, and that they would lose money should they transport oil at those figures.

The maximum freight rate law was one of four enacted by the Kansas legislature during the height of the anti-Standard Oil Company crusade a year ago, and has been the most servicable of the four. It cut the freight rates on oil squarely in two and enabled the independent producers to find a market for their low grade or fuel oil. It also enabled the independent refiners to market their product on a parity with the Standard Oil Company in Kansas. Both the state refinery law and the act making oil pipe lines common carriers have already been declared unconstitutional. The independent producers and refiners will now make a determined effort to obtain from the supreme court a decision confirming the validity of the rate law. Feeling among independent producers here is strong, and there is a prevalent belief that the oil trust influence is behind the action of the railroads.

Fish Commissioners Meet.

The monthly meeting of the state fish commission was held Tuesday afternoon, and Fish Warden H. O. Van Dusen presented his report for February.

Among the arrests and prosecutions were those of R. B. Campbell, foreman of the Astoria Box Company's sawmill at Astoria, for allowing sawdust to be dumped into the Columbia river.

Otto Grinde and C. Smith for having small sturgeon in their possession. Under pleas of guilty each was fined \$20 and costs, which were paid.

H. Morgan for having received and shipped two small sturgeon to the Portland Fish Company, February 8th.

The McKenzie river hatchery station turned out the last salmon fry February 25th, after which time the station closed for the season, 1,773, 791 fry of the early chinook variety were raised and liberated in the vicinity of the station.

At the Yaquina hatchery 7,850,000 eggs were collected, of these 6,180,000 were silverside eggs and 1,661,000 were Chinook eggs. It is the intention to collect 1,000,000 steelhead eggs, 1,500,000 eggs of the silverside variety will be turned into Drift creek, a tributary of the Alsea.

Bids have been called for the building of a new hatchery for the South Coos river. The building is to be a one-story frame structure, 55x104 with an 8-foot ceiling, and will be equipped with 150 hatching troughs.

District No. 1—
Fines and penalties \$ 26.70
Sale of fish seized 4.00
Licenses issued 747.50
District No. 2—
Licenses issued 85.00
Total \$863.20
Disbursements \$855.72

Problematical.
"Miss Kookoo, if I should call some evening next week might I hope to find you at home?"
"Why that would—would depend on whether or not I knew what evening you were coming, Mr. Thixbull."—Chicago Tribune.

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