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BIG COAL STRIKE ALMOST CERTAIN IF IT COMES 600,000 WILL WALK OUT

OPERATORS AND MINERS HELD CONFERENCE TODAY REACHED NO AGREEMENT

All the Big Interests of the Country Have Men at the Conference to Report Conditions--Will Almost Equal Conditions in England if Strike Comes--Principal Dispute Is as to Price to Be Paid for Mining, and the Character of the Coal, Whether as It Comes From the Mine or After Screening.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—With the operators and miners of the bituminous mines adjourning at noon no nearer an agreement than when their conference began, the probability of a national coal strike appeared much nearer to day. All the big interests of the country have corps of men here daily, sending them reports of every step in the negotiations of the conference.

TWENTY-FIVE ARE BROUGHT OUT ALIVE

McCurran, Okla., March 21.—Fourteen miners were rescued alive this afternoon from the burning mine No. 2 of the San Bois Coal company, which was wrecked by a gas explosion. This brings the total of those removed alive up to 26, with 79 still entombed.

SAYS THE GOATS CLIMBED THE FENCE

William J. Ball has started suit in the circuit court against E. M. Croisan for \$1,000 damages sustained by reason of the damages alleged done to his peach trees by a herd of goats belonging to Croisan. The lands of the two parties join and it is alleged that Mr. Croisan's goats have been allowed by their owner to climb the fence and enter the lands of the plaintiff, peeling the trees and doing

great damage thereto in other ways. A judgment for \$1000 is asked and such other and further relief as shall seem meet and equitable.

SUGAR TRUST PUT SEGAL DOWN AND OUT

New York, March 21.—In the sugar trust trial today Judge Hand reversed himself and permitted the introduction as evidence of letters written by David Stetson, of Philadelphia to President Thomas, of the American Sugar Refining company. These letters showed that Thomas asked Stetson to get the facts as to the financial condition of August Segal. The government alleged that as the result of the information thus received, the heads of the trust conspired and got control of the Philadelphia refining company, also causing Segal's financial wreck.

MEXICAN BRIGANDS STRIPPED AMERICANS

Del Rio, Texas, March 21.—Stripped of their horses, cattle and all valuables by Mexican brigands, a party of Americans arrived here today. They say that the Mexicans, who carried a red flag with the word "Liberty" inscribed on it, warned them never to return to Mexico again.

To Re-Submit Recall.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 21.—The proposed attempt to re-incorporate in the Arizona constitution the recall of judges' provision occupied first place on the legislative program today and according to plans of leaders in both houses, a special election to determine the question will be called for July 3.

THE MASHER NOT CHOICE AS TO COLOR

San Francisco, March 21.—"All women just naturally seem to fall in love with me and I can't make them stop. How can I be blamed for it if they fall head over heels over each other in trying to land me?"

This was the novel defense put up here today by Raymond Higgins, cafe entertainer, charged with having betrayed Violet Levere, aged 19. The girl claims Higgins also pawned her jewelry and kept the money. He is held in \$10,000 bonds pending further investigation.

TAFT'S VOTE WILL WILL NOT EXCEED 2500

Fargo, N. D., March 21.—That the vote of President Taft in the state presidential preference primary will not exceed 2500 is shown in additional returns received here today. Indications today are that Senator La Follette's plurality over Roosevelt will be about 12,000, although many rural districts have not been heard from.

Love Caused It.

Seattle, March 21.—Because they could see no hope for their love affair, Mrs. Koki Marutani and Setagor Nakao, well known Japanese at Kent, Wash., are dead today, having entered into a death pact and taking strychnine simultaneously in the home of Mrs. Marutani. They are believed to have taken the poison late Tuesday afternoon.

SALEM TO HAVE ROAD TO COAST

Southern Pacific Puts Out Surveying Crew to Locate Line From Falls City to Some Point on the Coast.

IT WILL OPEN THE SILETZ

Several Preliminary Surveys Have Been Made on the Gerlinger Line, and the Present Survey Will Probably Select the Permanent Route—Only a Short Time Till the Vast Timber Resources of the Siletz Will Be Tributary to Salem.

HONOR MAN COMES BACK UNGUARDED

San Francisco, March 21.—John McMillan, the "honor man," who broke faith with Governor West, of Oregon, when he fled from the tuberculosis hospital at the Salem penitentiary, where he was stationed to do light work, without guard, and who surrendered himself here several days ago, because his conscience haunted him continually for breaking his word, will be sent back to the Salem penitentiary today on the steamer Bear. He will not be accompanied by a guard.

TEN SOCIETY GIRLS ARE KIDNAPED FROM ZACATICAS CITY BY REBELS

INGRAM IS EVIDENTLY UNBALANCED

A warrant was issued yesterday in Justice Webster's court charging Frank Ingram with assault with a dangerous weapon. The case arose over the skins and carcasses of dead animals which Ingram had shot and which were left near the cabin of George Wiggins. The men are engaged in cutting wood near Waconda in this county where the difficulty arose which resulted in the arrest of Ingram. One day while Ingram was away from his cabin, Wiggins took the carcasses away from where Ingram had deposited them near Ingram's cabin and removed them to a place where the odor would not be noticed. Upon Ingram's return he commanded Wiggins at the point of a pistol to return them, which he accordingly did. It was over this last incident that Wiggins swore out the warrant for his arrest.

Constable John Lewis went to the cabin last evening to arrest Ingram and he seemed at first willing to submit to arrest but very suddenly seized a revolver and held Lewis at bay. Another man by the name of Howard was there and Lewis ordered Howard to disarm him, which he did and then Ingram was again submissive, but at an unguarded moment he took up a double-barreled shotgun and pointed it at the constable, when Howard again disarmed the accused man. While on the way to Salem Ingram made an unsuccessful attempt to escape by jumping out of the conveyance and crawling under a house. Lewis got him again by grabbing his leg as he went under the building. Ingram was at last landed in Salem, where he was lodged in the county jail. His case came up for hearing before the justice of the peace this morning, where he waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500.

AMERICANS FLEEING FROM MEXICO

San Diego, Cal., March 21.—American refugees arriving here today on the steamer Benito Juarez, from Mexico, report that Americans are deserting the west coast as fast as possible. They say that there are no Americans in the vicinity of Mazatlan and other Mexican cities, and that they are fleeing for safety to the United States.

BILL TO REDUCE DUTY ON WOOL

Washington, March 21.—Congressman Underwood introduced in the house today a bill reducing the duty on wool, which is identical with the measure vetoed by President Taft. The committee on ways and means endorsed the Underwood bill this morning.

A Night Prowler.

Grass Valley, Cal., March 21.—A venturesome owl flew against the power wires near here. Grass Valley and Nevada City spent a night in total darkness before the cause of the trouble was discovered.

One on the Horse.

Portland, Ore., March 21.—The cost of living recently killed a Portland horse. The animal heard a Front street commission dealer says apples were \$3 a box, and fell dead.

CARRIED INTO MOUNTAINS PARENTS RAISING MONEY TO PAY RANSOM DEMANDED

Five Hundred Rurales Revolt in Mexico City, But Are Subdued After 31 Escaped--Ring Leaders Will Be Shot at Sun Rise Tomorrow--Mexico City Is Enlisting Troops and Is Preparing to Make a Desperate Resistance in Case the Rebels Attack It--Kidnaping of Girls Stirs Citizens' Wrath Against the Rebels.

Mexico City, March 21.—Ten of the most beautiful society girls of Zacatecas City have been kidnaped by rebel soldiers and carried into the mountains, according to dispatches received here today. Armed forces pursued the kidnapers but were unable to overtake the soldiers with their captives. Parents of the girls today are collecting funds with which to ransom them. The Mexico City council today has appointed a committee in each ward of the city to organize fighting men to resist the expected attack of the rebels. The recruits have been provided with arms and are being drilled daily.

FOUR NON-COMBATANTS KILLED BY A BOMB

London, March 21.—Four persons were killed and 20 wounded, all non-combatants, in the town of Zaneur, near Tripoli, by a bomb dropped from an Italian dirigible balloon, according to dispatches received from a correspondent with the Turkish army. Heavy rifle fire from the Turkish infantry put the dirigible to rout.

HOT LITTLE FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, March 21.—Fanned by a heavy wind, fire which started in the western section of the city today destroyed half a dozen cottages, causing estimated damage of \$25,000. Occupants of the dwellings barely had time to get to the street, losing all their household effects.

ACCUSED ACCUSES ACCUSER

FRANK BAURWAERTS, ARRESTED ON STATEMENT OF PUTNAM FOR MURDERING TWO WOMEN, SAYS PUTNAM IS THE MURDERER.

Riverside, Cal., March 21.—Maintaining his innocence of the murder of Mrs. Harriet Guyot and Miss Julia Francois, Frank Baurwaerts, held on suspicion, today declared that M. D. C. Putnam is the real murderer. It was on information furnished by Putnam that Baurwaerts was arrested.

Putnam asserted that Baurwaerts, who is a Belgian, killed the women at a desert camp 30 miles from Iris, a station on the Southern Pacific railway, and buried the bodies. Sheriff Wilson and Coroner Conklin, accompanied by Putnam, are en route today to the scene of the alleged crimes. A close watch is being maintained over Baurwaerts in the county jail here, because the officers fear he will try to escape. According to his jailers the prisoners at times appears irrational.

Baby Cart Caused It.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 21.—Although he daily directs the courses of thousands of vehicles, Traffic Officer R. M. Green fell a victim to a baby carriage. To avoid being struck by a hurrying mother, he stepped in front of an automobile. He's in the hospital.

Could Not Qualify.

Oakland, Cal., March 21.—Clad in picturesque silk pajamas, Ralph Harris leaped from bed in confusion when a comely woman and three detectives burst into his room. She was looking for a fugitive spouse, but Harris could not qualify.

He Is for Papa.

San Francisco, March 21.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has joined the Roosevelt club here. He is for papa.

