

300,000 GOAL MINERS QUIT WORK

Not a Strike, Merely a Suspension Pending Arrangement of New Scale

LITTLE PROBABILITY OF COAL SHORTAGE

Miners Predict a Prompt Signing of Wage Scale—Operators Maintain Mines will be Kept Closed from Sixty Days to Four Months—News of First Victory for Men Comes from Brazil, Ind.

Three hundred thousand organized miners in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas quit work last Thursday night. The miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the walk-out was not a strike, but merely a suspension of work pending an arrangement between themselves and the operators of a wage scale for another year, the old scale having expired with the month of March.

The men demand an increase of pay in some instances of five cents a ton and in other instances more, and certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there will be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been secured in anticipation of the walk-out.

While the miners predicted the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained the mines might be kept closed for a month or sixty days or longer.

The conditions in the various states were as follows:

Conditions in Several States.
 Illinois nine hundred mines closed and 75,000 miners quit work at 5 p. m.; a joint conference was called for Monday in Chicago operators say men demand increase of ten cents a ton, which would mean an annual increase in expenses in Illinois of \$14,000,000; a possibility of a four months' shutdown; two months' supply of coal on hand; no immediate coal famine to Chicago industries.

Indiana—13,000 miners ordered to quit at midnight; conference arranged for next Wednesday at Terre Haute; miners say shutdown will be short lived.

Pennsylvania—Approximately 40,000 men ordered to quit at midnight; temporary scale allowing a five cent run-down to be in effect until the new scale is reached by Saturday; settlement of the powder question to be held in abeyance.

Iowa—Every mine in Iowa ordered closed pending settlement of the wage scale.

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas—Companies in the southwestern interstate fields, 35,000 miners quit; early settlement hoped for, but miners assert they have fund of \$400,000 to draw on.

Ohio—all miners ordered to quit; state leader declaring it is not a strike, but merely suspension; at Lorain, Ohio, one steel plant shut down and three out of work 4,000 workmen, the managers announcing a shortage of coal.

The first victory by the men was contained in an announcement from Brazil, Ind., the center of the Indiana block coal district, where it was announced the men's demand for a five cent increase would be granted.

NEWS FROM MINING CENTER.
 Favorable Report to Miners from Indianapolis.
 Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—News of the bituminous coal miner's first victory in their struggle for an increase of wages was received late today by the national officers of the United Mine Workers from Brazil, the center of the Indiana block coal district. At the close of a secret conference.

NEW HAVEN TROLLEYMEN ACCEPT WAGE SCALE.
 Old Rate was 21-2 Cents Per Hour—New Rate 26 to 27.
 New Haven, Conn., March 31.—The members of the local trolley men's union tonight voted to accept the wage increase offered by the Connecticut company. The old rate was 21-2 cents an hour and the new rate from 26 to 27 cents. The number of hours to constitute a day's work was not definitely settled though it is expected that the men will accept the proposition made by the company.

NO LIQUOR DEALERS IN ROYAL ARCANUM.
 Appellate Division of Supreme Court Sustains Supreme Council.
 New York, March 31.—The appellate division of the supreme court today sustained the ruling of the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum prohibiting members enjoying benefit funds if engaged in the retail liquor business or in the selling of intoxicating liquors as a salesman.

Grieved Over Death of Mother, Boy Shot Himself.
 Brockton, Mass., March 31.—Believing that his mother's constant care for him during a two year illness had hastened her death by apoplexy Wednesday, Frederick B. Hill, 13 years old, son of Samuel W. Hill, today killed himself by shooting at his home in North Easton. The boy was just recovering from an attack of nervous prostration when his mother died. His father and son will be buried together.

Strike Situation at Philadelphia Unchanged.
 Philadelphia, March 31.—Upon the arrival here today of John Mitchell, the labor leader, several conferences were held with a view of the adjustment of the strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. At a late hour tonight, however, leaders of the street carmen and officials of the Rapid Transit company united in declaring the situation unchanged.

President Taft Finds General Bell Resting Easily.
 Washington, March 31.—President Taft today called on General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, to inquire about the condition of the officer, who was injured in an automobile accident some days ago. The president found General Bell resting easily and well on the road to recovery.

Professor Agassiz's Body Sent to Boston.
 New York, March 31.—Professor Agassiz's body was brought ashore and sent to Boston tonight. The funeral will be held from Appleton chapel, Cambridge, Sunday afternoon.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Bombay, March 31.—Twenty-five women and children were burned to death in a fire that today destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhilwara, in the district of Rajputana.

London, March 31.—The Rev. Harry Drew, rector of Hawarden since 1904, died today. He was curate of Hawarden 188-93 and served as first warden of the prison at Hove and an alms house, founded by Mr. Gladstone for the promotion of sacred study.

London, March 31.—Myra Kelly (Mrs. Alan MacNaughton), the American educator and author, died yesterday at Torquay, where she had been stopping with her husband. Mrs. MacNaughton had been in ill health for a long time. Her American address was 62 Chester Village, Orange Mountains, New Jersey.

CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN POSTOFFICE ROBBERY

O. B. Tate Attempted to Commit Suicide—Robbers Put Up at Tate Residence.

Baltimore, Md., March 31.—O. B. Tate of Richmond, Va., attempted to commit suicide by drinking carbolic acid last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Moorehead, in southwest Baltimore. He probably will recover.

Tate was visited last afternoon by Postoffice Inspector Hooten and local detectives and was placed under arrest after Hooten had rigidly questioned him concerning the Richmond postoffice robbery.

Tate denied any connection with the affair, declaring that he left Richmond about 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Finally, under the fire of cross questioning, he broke down and refused to answer further questions.

According to Major Hooten, Tate admitted that he had been under arrest charged with the robbery. He said he boarded with the men in Richmond and that they were well supplied with trunks.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—The latest clue followed by the police in pursuit of thieves who planned to commit a postoffice here is sub lead direct to the residence of O. B. Tate on South Sycamore street. A stranger engaged a room at the Tate home last Monday evening about 9 o'clock, looked over the premises, selected his room with care and secluded himself in it. Later a wagon arrived bearing a trunk heavily loaded with wooden boxes and a large valise. The stranger had these placed in the room. Some time during the night the lodger vanished. He has not returned since.

At 8 o'clock the next morning a wagon driven by a negro reached the house. In it sat a thin man who wore eyeglasses. The stranger produced a roll of bills, paid the rent of the room, looked at his watch and said to the negro: "Do you think you can make it? You have only thirty minutes."

He referred to the train about leaving Richmond for the north.

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Details of Tempest Brought by Steamer Tamha Maru.

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Fierce Tornado In Austria

IMMENSE DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE RESULTS.

TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACK

Four Perkins Killed and 18 Injured—Steamships in Harbor of Trieste Drag Anchors—Snow With Gale.

Trieste, Austria, March 31.—The fierce tornado in years, accompanied by a heavy snow, has caused immense damage and loss of life in southern Austria.

Train Down Embankment.
 A passenger train was blown off the rails near Altopiano and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring eighteen.

Shipping Threatened.
 Steamship navigation has been suspended and great damage done in the harbor. Several steamers of the Austrian Lloyd line dragged their anchors, and narrowly escaped destruction.

Several Deaths at Vienna.
 Vienna, March 31.—This city is suffering greatly from a heavy snowstorm which has extended over a considerable part of the country. Several deaths are reported, and the tramways, telegraph and telephone services are nearly at a standstill.

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Condensed Telegrams

Card Oak, Aged 22 years, of Cleveland, O., died after fasting for forty-five days.

The Boycott Against Butter which has been raised in price is spreading in Germany.

Joseph Blink, of Sharon, Va., died from a heart, the first victim of the warm weather.

Suburban Electric Car motormen of Pittsburgh are carrying repeating rifles to prevent holdups.

It Was Again Reported by way of Aden, Arabia, that King Menelik of Abyssinia was dead.

Rev. W. B. Kedahlo Speare, a missionary, was killed in the fighting of Cape Palmas, Liberia.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain voted to accept the terms of the South Wales operators.

Ten Chicago Chinamen were indicted for frugging and mistreating Mary Mulshar, aged eighteen years.

The Arrival of William H. and Noah Marker makes 35 bankers in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

An Earthquake Shock in Java or Japan is indicated by a number of seismographs in the United States.

The Senate Confirmed the nominations of the five men who are to constitute the new customs court of appeal.

Democrats in the House threaten to denounce the failure of Representative Gaines to report the publicity campaign bill.

One Thousand Corporations failed to make returns to the internal revenue bureau under the tariff provision imposing an income tax.

President Taft Has Accepted an invitation to attend the launching of the new dreadnought Florida, at the New York navy yard, on May 12.

Speaker Cannon Appointed a committee to investigate charges reflecting on his house membership in connection with ship subsidy legislation.

Representative Sims Introduced a resolution in the house prohibiting the election of any senator or special committee of the house by a secret ballot in caucus.

President Taft Referred to the civil service commission the question whether chief deputy United States marshals are included within the operations of the civil service law.

Ferdinand von Stumm, Third secretary of the German embassy, and Miss Constance Hoyt, daughter of Counselor Hoyt, of the state department, were married at the residence of President Taft attended the wedding.

NEW YORK HARBOR PILOTS ON STRIKE.

Should a Tie-up of Traffic Result, Food Markets Would Suffer.

New York, April 1.—A white light swung at midnight from the roof of the Battery Park building, on the southern tip of the island of Manhattan, and two blasts—one long and one short—from the whistle of a chartered tug, notified the masters and pilots of New York harbor that a strike of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots is on this morning against four trunk lines, and one manufacturing company operating in the harbor.

On acknowledging the signal from aloft, the tug immediately left to notify the men at their various stations that negotiations had failed and that the resignations they had sent in previously became immediately effective.

About 150 pilots, as many masters, and half that number of tugs are involved in the walk-out. In addition to the tugs and masters employed by Arbutnot Brothers' sugar refinery, which owns a small fleet of tugs of its own, have also walked out. Four hundred cooks, firemen and deckhands, less certain of their ground, discussed the situation and one that would immediately make itself felt in the food markets.

The four railroads affected are the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Lehigh Valley. The New York Central, the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Erie reached private understandings the terms of which are not given out, late this afternoon.

PINCHOT IN COPENHAGEN.

Refuses to Say Whether He is Seeking Roosevelt on His Own Initiative.

Copenhagen, March 31.—Gifford Pinchot, the former chief forester of the United States, arrived here tonight. He is a guest at the British legation, where he is visiting his sister, Lady Johnstone, wife of Sir Alan Johnstone, the British minister to Denmark.

Mr. Pinchot, when seen soon after his arrival, refused to discuss politics, but he informed the correspondent that he intended to study Danish agriculture, especially the co-operative system, and the Danish forest administration. He admitted that he expects to meet Colonel Roosevelt here in Copenhagen or London, but he was silent when questioned whether he had been summoned to a conference with the ex-president or was seeking a meeting with Colonel Roosevelt on his own initiative, to discuss with him the forestry questions.

OBITUARY.

T. B. Taylor.
 Washington, March 31.—T. B. Taylor, who had served continuously in the court of claims ever since its organization in 1855 first as messenger, upon the recommendation of Jefferson Davis, then a United States senator, and ex-president or was seeking a meeting with Colonel Roosevelt on his own initiative, to discuss with him the forestry questions.

Requisition for J. Ogden Armour.
 New York, March 31.—Requisition papers for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, who was recently indicted by the Hudson county, N. J., grand jury, for conspiracy in controlling the price of meat products, was filed with Governor Fort at Trenton, N. J., today by Prosecutor Garven of Jersey City.

Wanton Murder At Springfield

MASKED BURGLAR SHOT SCREAMING GIRL.

ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN WOUNDED

Intruder Appeared While Party Was Solving Picture Puzzle—Victim Was Guest for the Night.

Springfield, Mass., March 31.—Miss Martha B. Blackstone, 25 Elliott street, daughter of C. J. Blackstone, was murdered by a masked burglar in the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow, Route 111, at eight o'clock this evening. Miss Harriet Dow, daughter of the house, was shot in the head and removed to Springfield hospital in a dying condition. The murderer escaped.

The police have no description of the man except the name Mrs. Dow and her daughter, Miss Nancy, were able to give. The police say that in a general way the crime resembles those of the man who terrorized the city last fall. The description given by the frightened women is:

Description of Murderer.
 The man was about five feet ten inches; wore dark clothes and a black cloaked hat; had a dark cloth about the lower part of the face, about 21 or 22 years old.

The murder was a most wanton one. Mrs. Dow, her two daughters and Miss Blackstone, who was a guest for the night, were seated in the living room of the home about a small table, solving a picture puzzle.

The first intimation they had of an intruder was a demand for money from the dining room, just in the rear. They looked up to see a masked man framed in the dark doorway, threatening them with a revolver. Mrs. Dow retained her composure and replied: "We have no money," but Miss Blackstone in fright jumped to her feet and ran screaming into a reception room to the right of the living room. The burglar said: "If you want to be killed, keep on screaming," and fired as she spoke, the bullet entering Miss Blackstone's left breast. Death was instantaneous. The murderer, hardly pausing to see his victim fall, turned his revolver on the group, shooting Miss Harriet Dow in the head.

The murderer then ran to the front door, leaped over the piazza railing and disappeared. The police have no clue as to the identity of the murderer.

Theory of Police.
 The four women were alone in the house and the murderer must have possessed this knowledge. The theory of the police is that the man entered the house while the family was at dinner and concealed himself in a closet of the room he entered until he thought the time was right. Mrs. Dow distinctly remembers having locked all the windows and doors about seven o'clock and the police found all the locks turned and windows fastened. Marks were found on the side of the house under a sheltered window that lead to the belief that he entered in this manner. Footprints plainly visible in the soft earth, after his escape, showed that he ran as an athlete runs, on the balls of his feet.

The women are certain that but two shots were fired, and a much battered bit of lead, which may have been the bullet that wounded Miss Dow, was picked up by an officer. A bullet hole that cannot be accounted for was found in the wall. The shot that killed Miss Blackstone must have been fired at very close range, for the breast was powder burned.

Both Miss Blackstone and Miss Dow were teachers in the public school. Miss Blackstone was 39 years old and Miss Dow about 30.

\$25,469,670 COMMON STOCK To Be Sold by Western Maryland Road for Construction of New Link.

Baltimore, March 31.—At a special meeting and press today the stockholders of the Western Maryland railroad ratified the action of the board of directors in authorizing the sale at \$50 a share of the \$25,469,670 unissued common stock of the company. The proceeds will be used for the construction of the extension from Cumberland, Md., to New Haven, 200 miles, which will connect Western Maryland with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, a subsidiary of the New York Central.

One effect of this arrangement will be to make Baltimore a terminal of the middle west division of the Vanderbilt system.

President Bush estimates that the new link will be ready for operation in about eighteen months.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEFEATED In Annual Fight in Lower Branch of Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston, March 31.—The advocates of woman suffrage lost their annual fight in the lower branch of the legislature today by a vote that varied but little from that of last year.

The question came up on the substitution of the bill striking out the word "male" from the constitutional provision regarding voting for the adverse report of a committee. The debate consumed the greater part of the sessions and the galleries were packed. The vote was 47 to 148, with five yeas, compared with last year's vote of 45 to 150, with eleven yeas. The total membership of the house is 240.

Taft May Attend National Farmers' Reunion.

Washington, March 31.—President Taft will attend the congress of the National Farmers' union in St. Louis the first week in May if he can arrange his engagements to allow him to do so. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture also is going. The secretary with Speaker Cannon and President C. S. Barrett of the Farmers' union took lunch with the president at the White House today. Speaker Cannon said he was sure congress could not have adjourned in time to permit him to attend the congress.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Genoa, March 29: Europa, from New York.
 At Leghorn, March 27: Perugia, from New York.
 At Genoa, March 31: Celtic, from New York.
 At Bremen, March 31: Darmstadt, from New York.

Head of Quaker Community Succumbs Sabbath Day Lake, Me.

Sabbath Day Lake, Me., March 31.—Sister Aurelia G. Mac, head of the Shaker community here, died last night, aged 80. Sister Aurelia was the author of several books and many poems.