

UNITED MINE WORKERS RESUME SECRET CONFERENCE THIS MORNING

INFLUENCE BEING USED TO PREVENT STRIKE AS IT IS SURE TO BE A LONG STRUGGLE.

MITCHELL HAS INFLUENCE

Executive Committee Resolve That All Questions Be Submitted to an Impartial Board of Arbitration—Believed That a Means for Settling the Questions Involved Without a Strike Has Been Reached.

(By Associated Press.)
Scranton, Pa., May 8.—The executive committee of three districts of the anthracite coal fields, representing all of the members of the United Mine workers in that territory, resumed its secret conference this morning. Strong influences are at work among the miners to prevent a strike as it is realized that a tie-up at this date means a long struggle and the consequent paralyzing of business interests.

President Mitchell wields the same influence over the miners that he has hitherto exercised, and it is conceded that the question of strike or no strike depends almost entirely on his final decision.

At 11:30 the executive committee took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

President Mitchell issued the following statement: "The executive committee of the anthracite miners, have resolved that all questions between themselves and the anthracite coal operators be submitted to an impartial board of arbitration, such board to be selected by the Industrial branch of the National Civic Federation. This proposition has been submitted to the operators by wire.

The statement was issued by President Mitchell after he had been in communication by long distance telephone with unknown persons. He also received numerous telegrams.

During the recess the president says the committee are awaiting replies to the proposition embodied in his statement.

It is believed that a means for settling the questions involved without resorting to a strike has been arrived at.

WHEN SUE FLITTED

SHERIFF FUREY GREW FURIOUS AND SAID THINGS TO GUARDS.

ONCE HAD ROBBED AN ARTIST

Colored Woman Whose Checkered Career Frees Her From the Trammels of Moral Fear of the Law.

Susie Hunn has skipped. Susie broke jail at 11 o'clock last night and ran away. Susie is a clever "valler gal." She slipped her tether in the middle of the night and left Jailer Williams lamenting at the county jail.

The male prisoners in the jail had plans to break jail a day or so ago, but they fell down. Not so Susie. Her plan worked like a charm, and today she was frisking in the meads of the "bad lands" where the shadows fall thickest.

Susie was sent up to the county jail about ten days ago to serve three months. Some man who visited her place in the wretched hours came away loser, told the police, and Judge Boyle tried Susie on a charge of vagrancy and convicted her without loosening a button. He assigned her a three-months limit, and a policeman escorted her up to the jail.

Susie was indignant and insurrectionary. All the way up to the courthouse her language made the policeman shiver.

As she reached the stone steps, the few words she dropped curled the leaves on Farmer Dobson's new trees in the courtyard and sent a sickly look of fear creeping over the face of nature.

Secured a Key.

"Freedom!" she ejaculated, with a red-hot gasp, and last night she took an emancipation dose. With the aid of a common key, passed to her on a plate by Nellie Rogers, she opened the wooden outer door of the women's department of the county jail while Jailer Williams' back was turned, and fled silently into the night.

While the jailer was talking with other women in the jail, Susie Hunn unlocked the wooden door and escaped.

The officers are looking for her, and it is thought she will be captured and returned to her cell within a few days. Susie is the colored woman who dug up the tiling in the woman's department of the county jail a few months ago and made a hole through the floor into the coal room. After she made the hole she either did not have time to escape before it was discovered or she lacked the nerve to drop into the black gulf below.

Sheriff Furey was in a fury today over Susie's sneak, and when the black girl is returned to the warder grim she will be rigged out in an Oregon boot and spiked to the floor.

The episode at the jail is not the greatest of Susie's offenses. Once she robbed an artist at the city jail.

No Cause for Alarm.

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 8.—Andrew Carnegie, who sailed from New York, April 30, on the steamer St. Louis, arrived here today and promptly proceeded to console Great Britain on the ship subsidy question by saying there was no cause for alarm.

BE VEGETARIANS

MEAT COMBINE FORCES PEOPLE TO RADISHES AND SPUDS.

ARE ORGANIZING LEAGUES

Lynn Electricians Start Movement to Head Off High Beef Prices—Dan McDonald's Anti-Meat Scheme Finds Ready Indorsement.

Mary had a little lamb,
With mint sauce on the side,
When Mary saw the meat combine,
It shocked her so she cried.

Mary isn't eating meat;
She has a better plan;
She vows it's ladylike to be
A vegetarian!

"We'll all be vegetarians just like Mary," said Dan McDonald, president of the Western Labor Union, when he was told this morning that his plan of advocating an anti-beef league in Montana was attracting considerable attention.

Dispatches yesterday contained news of several such leagues being formed throughout the country, one in particular in Lynn, Mass., which has been formed by the employees of the General Electric company there, and in which 3,500 consumers are represented.

Bring Back Old Price.

It is believed by many that the mere rumors of the organizations of such leagues are having a marked effect upon the price of meat, and that if the dealers realize the power which lies in the hands of the people in this matter they will be glad to get back to their old prices and be good.

It was learned today on reliable authority that there is much more truth than humor in the talk of organizing a vegetarian association among the labor people, and that if the combine does not come to terms within a week there is likely to be a movement that will extend throughout the country, and take in not only the people of the labor world, but every man who wants to see deals of this nature done away with.

"An opportunity of dealing with such cases seldom presents itself, and it is believed that the people will not fail to take advantage of it," said Mr. McDonald today.

Will Be Vegetarians.

"The meat dealers showed poor judgment in raising prices at this time," said a Butte vegetarian this morning; "for there will soon be plenty of fresh vegetables on the market, and if the people only once begin a vegetable diet the dealers in meat will feel the loss forever, for it would make many a convert to vegetarianism, and convince many others that they had not been eating half enough vegetables.

"It is estimated that there are several thousand dollars worth of meat eaten in Butte alone every day, and as the cattlemen of the state are compelled to ship a large quantity of their beef to the Eastern market for 4 or 5 cents a pound, it may be seen that they do not reap the profit on this enormous consumption.

PLUMBERS AT WAR

REGISTER COMPLAINT WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

DEMANDS FOR UNION WORK

Committee Asks That Work Be Destroyed and Done Over Again by Organized Labor—Building Council to Consider the Question.

Committees from the Buildings and Trades council locked horns with the county commissioners this morning over the question of who should be employed to lay the waterpipe to the new county hospital and pest house.

A committee from the council and the plumbers and master plumbers appeared before the board and demanded that 800 feet of pipe already laid to the hospital by laborers who are engaged in digging the ditch, be taken up, and that the plumbers of the town be employed at union rates to lay it again and 1,800 feet more that is yet to be put down.

The commissioners refused to comply with the demand, and a meeting of the building council will be held this evening and County Commissioner Haggerty will attend it as a committee from the commissioners to present the county's side of the difficulty and secure a settlement.

Question of Wages.

The commissioners have three men digging the trench and laying the pipe, and pipe and labor cost about 90 cents a foot. The plumbers say that the screwing of the joints of pipe together is plumbing and should fall to them. If their demands were acceded to a boss plumber at \$12 and a plumber at \$6 a day would have to be employed to screw a few joints of pipe together every day in addition to the \$12 a day for labor.

The ditch cannot be dug first because it caves in. The commissioners say P. Augustus Heinze laid about 2,000 feet of pipe here in the same way and was not interfered with. The commissioners hope to get the matter adjusted amicably after Mr. Haggerty presents the situation at tonight's meeting.

JAMES COULTER RUN OVER BY N. P. ENGINE AND IS KILLED

James Coulter, 30 years of age, was run over by a Northern Pacific switch engine in the upper yards of the company east of the St. James' hotel, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. His right leg was severed. He is at St. Paul's hospital, and may die.

If this unfortunate young man dies it will be a blot upon the city of Butte and the county of Silver Bow.

Owing to the fact that the city has no decent hospital and not even an arrangement with any of the private hospitals for the reception of emergency cases, it was, according to the statement of Chief of Police Reynolds, one hour and thirty minutes before he could be gotten into a hospital and receive medical attention.

A few minutes after the accident occurred Policeman Ingraham, who was in the vicinity of the railroad yards, was notified.

Stopped Flow of Blood.

He rendered what assistance he could. Railroad men tied up the wound and stopped the flow of blood which was ebbing his life away while he lay there writhing in agony.

Chief of Police Reynolds was notified and finally succeeded in getting the man into St. Paul's hospital.

As near as can be learned Coulter was sitting on the railroad track with his feet inside the rails. He did not notice that a switch engine stood on the track 50 yards above him, neither was he observed by the engineer who started the locomotive.

Before he had time to get out of the way he was caught and almost crushed to death. Had Coulter seen the grim engine moving toward him a second sooner he might have managed to have freed himself and escaped unharm.

Coulter is unmarried. He has resided in Butte and hereabouts for 15 years. Of late he has been working in the smelter at Anaconda. He has no relatives here.

His father, Joseph Coulter, lives at Grovenhurst, Ontario, Canada. Coulter died at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon after suffering intense pain. He was a strong, healthy young man but his constitution could not withstand the shock.

GREAT MORAL WAVE TOUCHES THE BUTTE CITY COUNCIL ON ITS FIRST MEETING---NEW SCAVENGER ORDINANCE

Repeatedly the Inter Mountain has called attention to the need of a scavenger system in Butte under municipal supervision and operation.

City Attorney Lamb has for two years been an earnest advocate of the plan. Dr. T. J. Sullivan, city physician, immediately after his appointment a short time ago, took up the proposition with Mr. Lamb and it has finally received favorable recognition at the hands of the city council.

Report Submitted.

The report of the health committee submitted at the council meeting last night, embodied recommendations that the city attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance providing for a scavenger system for Butte.

"I think that I will be able to show the council," said Mr. Lamb, "that the taxpayers of the city will save 75 per cent in the cost of disposing of garbage under the proposed municipal system and management, to say nothing of the great benefits which will follow in a sanitary way."

The cost of establishing the new system will be comparatively nominal and Mr. Lamb is of the opinion that the cost of establishing and maintaining the new system can be defrayed by drawing on the general fund.

Great Moral Splutter.

Starting off with a moral splutter the new democratic council took up a resolution at its first business meeting held last night, providing for the suppression of the red light district.

The resolution which was prepared by City Attorney Lamb and which was introduced by Alderman Kroger, besides defining the limits of the district, places certain restrictions upon inmates of the

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ORDER IS RESTORED REFUSES TO TALK

RUSSIANS ARE NOW ONLY OUTWARDLY PEACEABLE.

RECENT LETTER FROM MOSCOW

Lands of the Nobleman Will Be Divided Up Among the Farmers—Extreme Suffering From Famine Reported.

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press, after a personal investigation of the situation in Southern Russia, writes from Moscow under date of Saturday, May 3, as follows:

Comparative order has been restored in the government of Poltava and Kharkoff, but the peasants are only outwardly quiet, believing that the grant of a division of the lands of noblemen will be effected during the coming autumn, leaving hardy land owners only 20 acres and a yoke of oxen each.

Authentic particulars of the disorders prevailing during the last three weeks, show they were largely due to extreme suffering from famine, which was utilized by agitators to foment a rising.

The peasants were not the only believers in the issue of an imperial ukase permitting a division of the property of the nobility and a charitable distribution of potatoes by the steward of the Duke of Mecklenburg.

Story of Hampton Roads Conference Denied by Mr. Vest

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 8.—At the conclusion of Mr. Burton's speech in the senate today, Mr. Vest of Missouri took the floor and denied the oft-repeated story of the Hampton Roads conference between President Lincoln and delegates of the confederacy, when it was alleged that Lincoln said that if he might write the word "Union" they might fill in any other terms.

Mr. Vest said that John H. Regan, the last survivor of the confederate cabinet had denied the story, and he (Vest) the last surviving member of the confederate senate, could assert it was not true.

Mr. Vest asserted that Lincoln told the delegates nothing but unconditional surrender would be accepted. The details of that conference were given him by Alexander H. Stephens.

"It will be only a short time," said Mr. Vest, "before I shall join the 25 colleagues of the confederate senate who have gone before, and in the interest of the truth of history, I feel it my duty to deny the story that has been circulated." He said that Mr. Lincoln had made any such offer, the men who refused it, would have been responsible for the fearful loss of life that followed, as the terms gave the South everything they could ask in reason.

Queen Wilhelmina's Condition.

(By Associated Press.)
The Hague, May 8.—The bulletin issued from Castle Loo at 2 p. m. announced that the condition of Queen Wilhelmina continued satisfactory.

Great Falls Democratic Politician Under Arrest.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)
Great Falls, May 8.—Excitement was created here today by the arrest of James Greely, one of Great Falls' prominent citizens, on the charge of stealing shingles from Dunsmuir Bros.

Greely alleges that enemies are behind the prosecution. His hearing will take place Tuesday. Greely is wealthy, a democratic politician and well known in all parts of the state.

EXPLOSION OF SLAG AT THE NEW WORKS INJURES NINE WORKMEN

CHIEFS TO MEET

WILL TRY THE BERTILLON SYSTEM IN MONTANA.

HOPE FOR HELP FROM STATE

Laws Do Not Now Provide for Taking Measurements or Photographs of Criminals—Intend to Try It Anyway.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, May 8.—The chiefs of police of Helena, Butte and Great Falls have mutually agreed that the work of their several departments would be greatly facilitated by the installation of a rogues' gallery and the Bertillon system of identification.

Chief Travis of Helena is taking a great interest in this problem. While visiting in Philadelphia this summer, he was shown every courtesy by the police department of that city, and in fact he donned a policeman's uniform and took an active place on the force for several days.

But he paid particular attention to the work of the branch of the Bertillon identification bureau, so that he is now competent to take the measurements, which are considered to be the most absolute means of establishing the identity of a criminal in existence. A man can never get away from his measurements.

William Wallace, Jr., offered \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who robbed his residence some time ago. J. A. Harris has just been sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary for doing that job, and, in ready recognition of the good work done, Mr. Wallace yesterday handed Chief Travis his check for \$200.

Obstacle in the Way.

It is this money which Mr. Travis proposes to use for the establishment of a branch of the identification bureau in Helena, provided certain difficulties can be removed.

The principal obstacle in the way is the fact that the laws of Montana do not provide for obliging a criminal to have his picture taken, and his measurements recorded. Chief Travis is of the opinion, and Chief Reynolds of Butte agrees with him, that he might get this expensive system established here and then be enjoined from using it by criminals who had become wised up to the fact that Montana laws do not authorize it.

An attempt will therefore be made to secure the necessary legislation. To this end Chief Travis of Helena, Chief Reynolds of Butte and Chief Cook of Great Falls will meet in Butte at an early date and talk the situation over. It is their intention, anyway, to work in harmony on the system. At this conference they will discuss plans for securing the needed legislation.

And in the meanwhile Chief Travis will get an opinion from the city attorney of Helena as to whether he could be enjoined from taking pictures and measurements of criminals as the law now stands.

County Attorney McConnell is of the opinion that he would be safe in doing it anyway.

EAST HELENA STRIKE IS IN A FAIR WAY OF A SETTLEMENT

(Special to Inter Mountain.)
Helena, May 8.—It is learned upon excellent authority that as a result of a conference last night between C. W. Whitley, Northwestern manager of the American Smelting & Refining company, former Governor Hauser, a heavy stockholder thereof, and Phil Bowden of Denver, representative of the Western Federation of Labor, and a local member of the strikers' union, the former two telegraphed the officials of the Smelter trust in New York, recommending that the terms of the strikers be accepted.

These terms are simply for the recognition of the union formed among the 600 employees of the East Helena Smelter, now on strike.

It is believed this suggestion will be approved by the New York officials of the company and work will be resumed at once.

Many mines closed down will also resume.

BIG FIGHT MAY BE PULLED OFF BY A SALT LAKE CLUB

(By Associated Press.)
Salt Lake, Utah, May 8.—A movement has been started among the more prominent sporting men and sport-lovers of this city to organize a club and offer a purse to Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons to meet here in a 20-round contest during the Elks' National convention in August next. It is decided to offer the heavyweights a purse of \$20,000.

If successful in getting the signatures of the men to a contest here, it is planned to have the fight take place in the oval of the Salt Lake Palace Saucer track, the ring to be located out in the center in the open.

The seating capacity of the amphitheater can be made 20,000, and with the vast crowds that will be here from all over the country to attend the Elks' meeting, no question of the financial success of the undertaking is entertained.

Bishop Potter Is Better.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, May 8.—It is said at Bishop Potter's residence today that the bishop, who was seized with a fainting spell yesterday due to fatigue from overwork was much better today and resting comfortably in bed.

SLAG LADLE FULL OF MOLTEN METAL COMES IN CONTACT WITH COLD WATER.

NINE MEN SERIOUSLY HURT

Wild Excitement Created in Anaconda When It Was Reported That Seven Men Had Been Killed—Unavoidable and Unforeseen Accident That Could Not Be Prevented—No Damage Done to the Machinery.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, May 8.—One of the slag ladles in the converter building at the Washoe smelters exploded with great violence and injured nine workmen. Following is a list of the injured:

Patrick Paley, 719 East Fourth street; will lose one eye, head and face cut, legs and arms bruised.

Larry Dower, 511 East Front street; probably fatally injured; will lose both eyes, face lacerated beyond recognition, left arm almost torn off.

James Gleason, 306 Cedar street; left leg badly lacerated below the knee, may be broken; back severely hurt.

George Ward, finger broken, not seriously injured.

James Dunn, 506 East Commercial avenue; head cut, left shoulder dislocated, right hand burned.

Mike Connors, severely cut in the face.

Thomas J. Malloy, assistant foreman, hit in side by flying slag, not seriously injured.

During Lunch Hour.

The accident occurred during the lunch hour, while the men were sitting around in groups.

The huge ladle, containing about five tons of hot slag, was being carried out to the dump when the explosion came. It was caused by slag coming into contact with the water.

James Dunn, one of the injured men, tells the following story: "I was standing with my back to the ladle, a few feet away, when the explosion came.

"I was struck in the back with a piece of hot slag and knocked down, and for a few seconds was probably unconscious. When I got up I saw men lying all around me, and the slag all over the floor. Some of the men were bleeding, and I thought sure a number of them were killed.

"I found that I was hurt and I could render no assistance, and they sent me to the hospital on the first load."

Unavoidable Accident.

Assistant General Manager Cairns said: "It is one of these deplorable accidents that cannot be foreseen or prevented.

"It is fortunate that more men were not injured. The fact that it was the noon hour and lots of men were sitting around makes it doubly so."

In ten minutes after the explosion the report reached the city that seven men had been killed, and for a time the wildest excitement prevailed. The report spread like wildfire, and men, women and children ran to the hospital to be on hand when the victims of the explosion arrived.

Those who had relatives employed in the converters were frantic with fear for some time.

The explosion created no damage to the machinery in the converter plant, and probably if the accident had taken place during working hours the list of injured would have been considerably less.

WOMAN IS KILLED

FOUND IN HER YARD BY OFFICERS FATALLY STABBED.

CAROUSAL AT HER OWN HOME

Taken to the Hospital But Expired Before She Could Make a Statement—Men Are All Arrested.

(By Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, May 8.—Mrs. George Hergert was killed early today during a carousal at her home in Dayton, Kt. Her husband, William Thornton, Frank Kent, Thomas Shields and William Murray, alias Ford Mattox, have been arrested on the charge of murder.

Hergert is the son of a wealthy distiller who died at Pekin, Ill., two years ago. Owing to his habits his inheritance was left in trust.

When his monthly remittance came, Thornton, Kent, Shield and Murray were accustomed to visit the Hergert home. On one of these occasions yesterday, their visit continued during the night.

At 1 o'clock this morning the officers were attracted by screaming and found Mrs. Hergert lying prostrate in her yard, stabbed.

She died soon after reaching the hospital, without being able to make any statement.

Five men were taken out of the house afterwards in such a condition that none of them up to noon were able to talk. The dead woman's maiden name was Mary Seilinger of Clyde, Ohio. She had no children.

Fire Burns Oil House.

New York, May 8.—Fire which started early today in the cooper house of the Swan & Finch oil refinery on Staten Island sound, below Elizabethport, N. J., spread rapidly and destroyed thousands of barrels of refined and crude oil stored in the yard and in the shipping sheds. As the fire reached the big tanks they exploded, sending the burning oil high in the air and scattering it over nearby material. The loss was \$100,000.