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## MENACE OF COAL STRIKE APRIL 1 IS INTENSIFIED

Big Operator Sees No Hope of Averting Gigantic Labor War.

All Mine Districts Will Stand Together Against Employers.

Wage Conference Unlikely and Wage Claim Prevents Peace.

Formal Demands, Affecting Half a Million Miners, Presented.

Recognition of the United Mine Workers of America Is Sought.

### WOMEN AS FACTORS IN COAL COUNCIL

Spring Valley, Ill., Feb. 24.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, today by long distance telephone, summoned his wife to New York to meet him. She left this evening.

It is understood that the women are to have a prominent part in the settlement of the strike in the bituminous fields should one be called and it is believed here that the calling of Mrs. Mitchell to New York has to do with this matter.

### MINERS PRESENT DEMANDS

Now the Matter of a Coal Strike Is Up to Operators.

New York Herald Special Service. New York, Feb. 24.—The formal demands, affecting 500,000 coalminers and more particularly the 177,000 men employed in the anthracite region, which have been in the hands of the United Mine Workers' committee for a week, have been formulated at last.

At a meeting of the scale committee of the Miners' union, held today, it was decided that the twenty-nine members of the committee should return to their homes in Pennsylvania. Those that remain here, besides John Mitchell, are J. D. Nichols, Fahy and Dettery, district presidents, and Secretary Dempsey, Gallagher and Hartline, together with a committee of seven of the operators.

This breaking up of the full committee of thirty-six members was taken to indicate that there would not be any meeting of the committee as a whole for some time.

Representative Volstead has recommended Harvey Harris for postmaster at Vesta in place of M. E. Lewis, resigned.

## ROOSEVELT'S FOES OWN TO MISTAKE

Aldrich and His Allies Against Rate Bill See Their Jest Is a Boomerang.

### ROOSEVELT HAS WON RATE REFORM FIGHT

By Publishers' Press. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 24.—"It means defeat for those opposing the rate bill. It means the bitter knowledge of absolute defeat. Aldrich knows the senate better than any other man in congress and he must be convinced that rate legislation on lines laid down by the president is a certainty."

In these words Senator Warner discussed the reported action of Senator Aldrich in forcing Senator Tillman to take charge of the Hepburn rate bill on the floor of the senate.

"According to the forms of the senate," Senator Warner went on, "the action of Senator Aldrich is inexcusably vulgar. Tillman is a radical democrat who is not popular with his own party and the only result of Aldrich's action will be contempt for Aldrich. He must have lost his temper completely. I can only think that the knowledge of defeat has thrown him off his balance. Theodore Roosevelt has won his fight."

By W. W. Jermans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The sessions of the senate next week promise to be unusually interesting, for it is believed the rate question is to figure prominently in that body.

An unprecedented position confronts the senate. Senator Tillman, the most rabid and unreasonable democrat in either house of congress, has, by the vote of certain republican members of the senate interstate commerce committee, been placed in charge of the most important measure of a republican president—rate regulation. Tillman at the same time is the president's most bitter and malignant personal and political enemy. No other instance in the history of congress is recalled where a minority member of either house has been placed in charge of a major policy of the majority involving political policies of the highest significance.

### Points to the Bitter Feud.

Nothing could better illustrate the bitter feud between the president and such members of the senate as Aldrich, Kean and Foraker, who are supposedly the representatives in that body of the interests which want the rate bill killed.

The country thought the house of representatives had done an unusual thing when it reported the Hepburn bill by unanimous vote and passed it with only seven dissenters. But yesterday's occurrences in the senate committee, when the bill was up for consideration, make the performance of the house seem tame.

Senator Dolliver, driven to his last resort, turned on his enemies, and by a coup as brilliant as it was effective, forced the issue just at the time and place best calculated for his purposes. He took a short cut thru the maze of amendments and arguments which confronted the committee, by moving that the house bill be reported unamended. On this he forced an issue, and it carried. Every democrat in the committee voted for it. Dolliver and Clapp, republicans, did the same, and the vote of Cullom was also cast for it on the proxy which Dolliver held for him.

### No "Senatorial Courtesy."

No profligate displays of the boasted senatorial courtesy have marked the consideration of this bill in the senate committee. Every effort of parliamentary tactics and of outside influence has been employed to defeat the favorable report. Senator Cullom, the venerable father of interstate commerce legislation, absent because of illness, was granted the right to be voted in favor of the house bill only after strenuous protest, and upon its being made plain that, if the privilege were denied, he would take the long journey from Florida at the risk of his life. And even after this had been granted, it was proposed to deny him the right to have his vote cast against the amendments to the measure, although he had telegraphed a general authority to Senator Dolliver to vote him against all amendments except those regarding which the committee should be unanimous.

### Where Aldrich Failed.

It was right here that the opposition overplayed its hand. Attempting to disfranchise Cullom during the consideration of amendments, they forced Mr. Dolliver, in order to prevent amending the bill to death, to ignore pending amendments and move at once that the bill be reported as it came from the house. This brought the issue, sharp and unmistakable; and on this issue Dolliver and Clapp, with the solid democratic support, won the day.

But the resources of senatorial discourtesy were not yet exhausted. Beaten on the real issue, the Aldrich following refused to permit Mr. Dolliver to report the bill which he had himself written and for which he had fought so long and successfully. Senator Aldrich moved that Senator Tillman, democrat and the bitterest antagonist of the president, be instructed to report the bill.

It was a sardonic jest with the president as its butt; it was also a means of depriving Dolliver of the credit of handling his own bill on the senate floor; and, finally, it was an effort to arouse prejudice by making the bill look like a Tillman measure, and therefore dangerously radical.

### The Selection of Tillman.

Senator Dolliver did not ask to be permitted to report the bill. He wanted Senator Cullom, by right of seniority and because of his paternity in interstate commerce legislation, to do this. But on the vote four republicans—Aldrich, Kean, Crane and Foraker—and one democrat—McLaurin—voted for Tillman; two republicans—Clapp and Elkins, and one democrat—Newlands, voted for Dolliver. The others refrained from voting.

Thus there was a democrat on each side, and the issue was decided by the republicans; and the votes of the four defeated opponents made it a democratic measure to the extent of turning it over to a democrat to report and to manage on the senate floor.

There was a vigorous effort on the part of the defeated faction to magnify this incident into the appearance of the predominating achievement of the day.

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## MILWAUKEE BUYS ALPHABET ROAD

Line Intended to Link Duluth and Albert Lea Is Sold Again.

Long Sought Entrance to City at Head of Lakes Secured.

By Publishers' Press.

SUPERIOR, WIS., Feb. 24.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has bought the Mankato, Glenocoe, St. Cloud & Duluth railroad, which is partly constructed from Albert Lea to Duluth and the purchase of which was attributed to the Illinois Central. For years the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has tried to reach the head of the lakes and it is assumed that for three years it has been back of the road which has secured right-of-way from southern Minnesota to the head of Lake Superior. Agents of the Milwaukee road declare that the line will be pushed to completion at once.

Railroad men say that in competition with the Wisconsin Central, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Soo lines, the Milwaukee road is forced to make this extension north in order to gather in its share of traffic from the head of the lakes and from the Canadian lines.

## FIRE DESTROYS BIG PLANT AT LA CROSSE

Disastrous Blaze Follows an Explosion at Engraving Company's Works.

By Publishers' Press.

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 24.—Fire which followed an explosion in the plant of the La Crosse Engraving company at 7 o'clock tonight destroyed that establishment, one of the largest in this city, and seriously damaged the plants of the La Crosse Cornice and Roofing company and the La Crosse Camp (electrical manufacturing) company. The plant of the Star Knitting Works, adjoining, was threatened with destruction for two hours, but was saved. The fire started near the elevator shaft in the engraving company's plant on the first floor and shot upward in a few moments, causing a roaring furnace in the stockrooms.

The combined loss will be between \$75,000 and \$100,000, two-thirds of which will be sustained by the engraving company. The losses are two-thirds covered by insurance.

### HENDERSON NEAR DEATH

Former Speaker of House May Not Survive Night.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 25.—Former Speaker David B. Henderson is sinking rapidly. He is sleeping at midnight. The attending physician says he may not survive the night.

### BISHOPS INVITED TO BALTIMORE.

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 24.—Bishop James Schwebach has received an invitation to attend the centenary celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of the Baltimore cathedral in that city, some time the latter part of April. All bishops of the church have been invited, and many will attend.

## OMEN OF DISASTER IN CABLE'S SILENCE

Break in Communication With the West Indies Is Announced and Another Martinique Horror Is Feared.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Announcement was made tonight by the Commercial Cable company that the cables between Porto Rico and St. Thomas and Porto Rico and St. Croix are interrupted, cutting off all stations south of Porto Rico.

The cause of the interruption is not known, but the fear is expressed that it may be due to new eruptions of the volcanoes in those regions, attended perhaps by earthquakes. If such is the case it may mean that there has been serious loss of life and damage to property as occurred at the time of the eruption of Mont Pelee four years ago.

## CENTENARIANS AT ALTAR OF HYMEN

Mexican War Veteran and His Bride Were Lovers Fifty Years.

Special to The Journal.

MARYSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 24.—For fifty years they have been lovers, but not until each had passed the century mark could Samuel Kuhns and Sarah Jackson make up their minds to wed. The ceremony has just taken place in Penfield township. Captain Kuhns is 101 and his bride is a little over 100. She is a daughter of Andrew Jackson and a relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Behind this singular romance lies a story of the war. The couple first met in Springfield, Ill. Mr. Kuhns, born in Richmond, enlisted in the Mexican war and won a captain's commission. In the civil war he served under Grant and Sherman. He was one of the first to go up against that terrible wall at Fredericksburg, when men of the union were mowed down like sheep under the hail of Confederate bullets. He was at the taking of Vicksburg and was in Sherman's march to the sea. He was twice imprisoned in Libby.

Kuhns heard that his sweetheart was married and for many years he wandered over the country, finally settling in Columbus. At a recent reunion of army veterans the long parted couple met again and renewed their old vows.

### 15 IN RUNAWAY CAR ON PRECIPICE BRINK

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24.—At 9 o'clock p.m. an Allegheny & Millvale electric car, running at high speed, jumped the rails at a point near the terminal of the line. The car plunged over an almost perpendicular embankment, alighting on its forward edge on a ledge and fortunately remained in that position. The variation of only a few feet either way would have sent the car to the bottom of a precipice and doubtless all on board would have been instantly killed.

Miss Alferetta Cuts, aged 28 years, was probably fatally hurt. Fifteen other passengers were piled in a heap at the end of the car and were removed with great difficulty. All were more or less bruised.

### ARMY OFFICER AS DESERTER

Washington, Feb. 24.—First Lieutenant Arthur H. Freshwater, Twenty-ninth infantry, has been dropped from the rolls of the army for desertion, having been absent without leave from his station at Fort Bliss, Tex., for three months. Charges of embezzlement and other financial irregularities have been filed against him and it is believed he went west to Mexico.

## CUMMINS AFTER RAILROAD LOBBY

Iowa Governor Ready to Explain Charges and Investigation May Follow.

By Publishers' Press.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—Information received at Des Moines tonight gives almost positive assurances that the railroad lobby which has been at the capital ever since the legislature opened, six weeks ago, will be subjected to official investigation on the charge by Governor Cummins in a recent open letter, announcing his candidacy for a third term, that the railroads are using money to beat the primary bill now pending.

The senate has adopted a resolution asking the governor for specific facts. Tonight it became known that the house would pass the resolution, and also that Governor Cummins possesses sufficient evidence of a sensational character, which, after he gives it to the assembly, will form the basis of an investigation.

### Primary Doomed to Defeat.

The state-wide primary election bill, one of the Cummins reforms before the present legislature, is doomed to defeat by fusion of the stand-pat and democratic members. There are 100 members of the house, of whom twenty-one are democrats. Of the republicans, Governor Cummins has a bare majority, but tonight it became known that the stand-patters had effected a combination with the democrats by which the defeat of the bill is certain. In view of the certain action of the house, however, the attitude of the senate cuts no figure.

Cummins will go before the people for a third term with the defeated primary bill as an issue.

### LONGWORTHS GUESTS OF PRESIDENT PALMA

Gala Performance at the Opera, with Cheers for the Couple.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—President Palma tonight entertained Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth at dinner at the palace, and afterward accompanied them to the opera, where they were the guests of honor at a special performance. The theater presented a brilliant appearance, having been especially decorated in honor of the occasion.

American and Cuban flags intertwined were set off with hundreds of colored electric lights, while among the guests were members of the foreign legations, the United States minister and the leaders of Havana society.

An immense crowd cheered the Longworths as they entered the opera-house.

## CHICAGO WOMEN BANDED TO SEEK SAFETY AT POLLS

Clubwomen Unite to Gain Protection Against Attacks in Streets.

Effort Will Be Made to Force Saloon License to \$1,000.

Movement Is Started to Secure the Ballot on City Affairs.

Meetings in Churches Will Seek Means to Suppress Crime.

Unsafe Metropolis of West Is Aroused to Stamp Out Perils.

Special to The Journal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Characterizing as a "disgrace to a civilized community" the harvest of crime reaped in Chicago in the last few months, the women's clubs of Chicago, bound together in the Cook County League of Women's clubs, have called upon every organization of women in the city and every industrial clubwoman to work tirelessly for the passage of the high license ordinance in the city council March 6.

Immediately following the adoption of the resolution demanding the \$1,000 license, the league unanimously adopted a resolution calling for a mass meeting of women, at which all questions pertaining to the safety and welfare of women in Chicago will be thoroughly discussed.

At this mass meeting the club women of Chicago propose to assert themselves in favor of a municipal suffrage plank in the new Chicago charter.

### Protection Thru Ballot.

They believe that with the ballot in their hands they will be strong enough to compel the authorities to afford their sex the protection which has been denied the unprotected women who by the nature of their employment are compelled to venture alone in the public streets.

At this meeting a demand will be made upon Mayor Dunne to enforce the ordinances forbidding the sale of liquor to minors and to close all disorderly dance halls in the city limits.

The mayor also will be called upon to refuse to grant temporary liquor licenses to the keepers of dance halls.

Recent action of the leading club of the city in declaring for high license is being followed up effectively. Today the political action committee of the Union League club sent a letter to each of the 1,500 members of the organization reminding them of the resolutions adopted by the club Feb. 10, and urging them to request their alderman to vote for the higher license.

### Endless Chain Plan.

Similar letters were also sent out by the directors of the Chicago Commercial association, urging the members not only to speak to their aldermanic representatives about the issue, but to create an "endless chain" of pressure by making the same request of their employes and friends. Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Company sent such letters to all their employes.

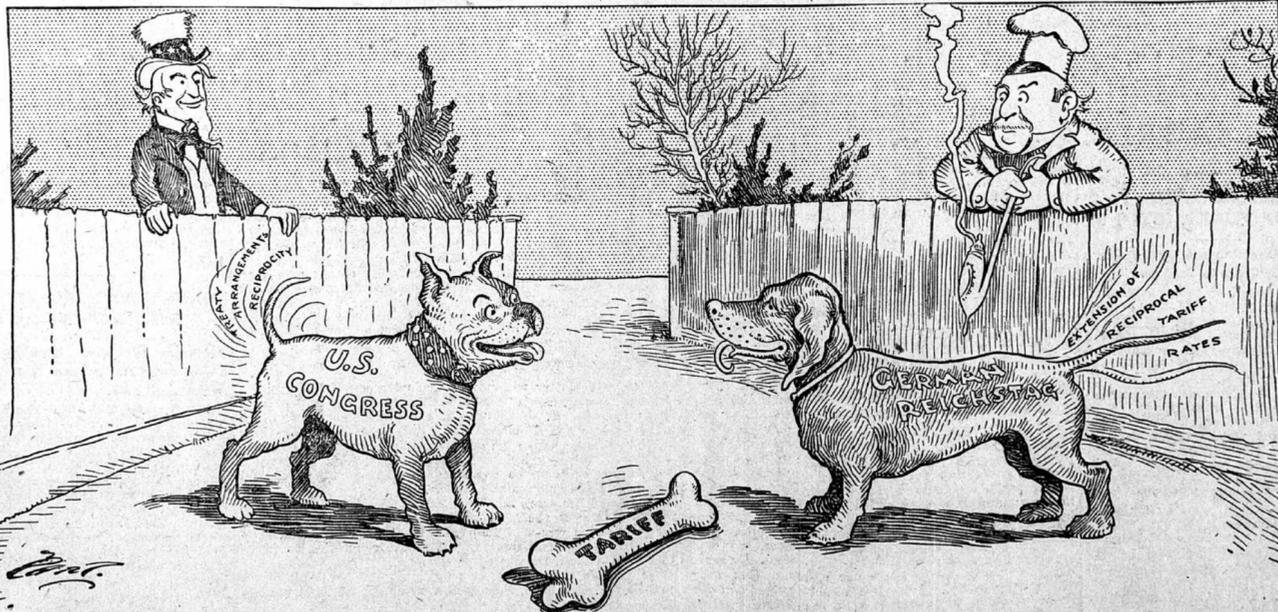
President F. J. Shead has called a meeting of the Anti-Crime association for tomorrow evening at the Grand Pacific hotel for the purpose of perfecting the organization by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws.

### Churches in Movement.

Churches in Chicago will take a concerted stand tomorrow for the suppression of crime. Mass meetings and special services will be held in many of the churches for the purpose of stirring the city authorities to action in the campaign against vice and disorder.

The largest meeting of the day will be held in North Shore Congregational church. Invitations have been extended to all voters of Buena Park to attend this meeting. Rev. J. N. Hall of Wesley Methodist church, who is leading a movement for the union of all churches and civic leagues in an organization to rid the city of crime, will be one of the speakers. He will invite the people of Buena Park to join the general crusade, which now reaches into every corner of Chicago.

The women of Wesley Methodist church, of which the murdered Mrs. Bessie Hollister was a member, are in earnest in their desire to learn jiu-jitsu and other methods of defense from instructors of the art. Encouraged by their pastor, Rev. J. N. Hall, the women are forming classes for the purpose of studying the art of defense. Many of the women are carrying cayenne pepper to punish men who offer insults to them.



THEY'LL WAG THEIR TAILS AWHILE LONGER. No Tariff War—One of 'Em Dassen't, T'other's Afraid.