

CONDITION OF MINERS

Deplorable, According to the Report of the Senate's Committee.

VERY GREAT DESTITUTION Found in Mahanoy City, Hazleton and Vicinity.

Company Houses Found to Be Airy and in Good Condition, and Rented at Reasonable Rates--The Company Store Is Declared Un-American--Freight Rates Not Excessive, Causes of the Depression.

Harrisburg, June 14--The joint committee appointed to investigate the condition of the miners in the anthracite coal regions this evening made its report to the senate. Senator Meredith, chairman of the committee, presented the report.

"The testimony taken," says the report, "shows conclusively the deplorable condition of affairs for a period covering about two years and particularly since the first of January of the present year, since which time the men in and about the collieries have been employed not more than two or three-fourths days per week, earning on an average about \$4 per week, upon which, in many instances, they are compelled to support large families. The greatest destitution and want is found in Mahanoy City and its vicinity; Shamokin and its vicinity and Wilkes-Barre and its vicinity."

The report then goes on to say that it seems that the wages now paid upon the basis agreed upon by the operators and the miners as far back as 1875. The basis is then given and the committee says that "the manner and custom of renting the company houses certainly appears to be one which shows a strong disposition on the part of the employers to treat labor fairly."

"The committee specially inquired into the subject of company houses. The greatest destitution and want is found in Mahanoy City and its vicinity; Shamokin and its vicinity and Wilkes-Barre and its vicinity."

CAUSE OF TROUBLE. Speaking of the foreigners working in the mines, the report says: "Non-English speaking miners and laborers with English speaking superintendents and foremen must necessarily produce trouble and render the mines more liable to accidents. The committee is of the opinion that there will be no general prosperity in the anthracite regions until congress shall have passed a restricted immigration law."

The charges were that the high price charged for coal at this water, thus decreasing the consumption, was the cause of the deplorable condition of the miners, but the committee say that for a number of years none of the coal companies, save one, have declared dividends. The committee is of the opinion that the rates charged are not greater than those charged for other classes of freight.

On the subject of company stores the report has this to say: "We regard these stores as un-American." The committee makes these recommendations: First, the enactment of a law abolishing company stores; second, the prohibiting of discounting or negotiating money orders belonging to the miners; third, the enactment of a compulsory semi-monthly pay law; fourth, the repeal of the miners examining law and the enactment of a law providing for a state board of examiners and that certificates issued by the board shall entitle the holder thereof to be employed in any mine in the state; fifth, the enactment of a law providing for the appointment of an inspector of coal, to examine the coal as it comes from the mines; sixth, the passage of a resolution requesting Pennsylvania representatives in congress to vote for and urge the passage of a law restricting foreign immigration.

The senate adopted the report.

TWO TRAMPS SEIZE A TRAIN. They Shoot the Conductor and a Brakeman, and Then Escape. Parkersburg, W. Va., June 14--This morning at 4:30 o'clock two negro tramps boarded a freight train at Charleston and tried to take charge. The conductor showed fight and they began to shoot. They mortally wounded Conductor Coff and Brakeman Matheny, neither of whom can recover. After doing this they took charge of the train and ran it several miles and then stopped it and got off.

MEXICO'S NEW VOLCANO. Commission Sent to Study the Phenomenon and Earthquake. Oaxaca, State of Oaxaca, Mexico, June 14--Additional reports are being received here by mail of the recent disastrous earthquake shocks in the southeastern part of this state and on

the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. These reports tell of the new volcano that has been formed near the town of Jaualtel, about 100 miles northwest of Tehuantepec. No one has yet visited the new volcano, as the Mexicans of that section are too much terrorized to go near it, but smoke and fire can be seen issuing from a mountain some distance off.

The government has sent a commission from the City of Mexico to investigate the reports and get the facts in regard to the damage caused by the earthquake shocks. The commission will go to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec by way of Vera Cruz.

DISPATCHES SEIZED. Documents Intended for the Cuban Junta Are Intercepted. Kingston, Jamaica, June 14--Dr. Viole, chief surgeon of the Cuban insurgent army, commanded by General Garcia, arrived at Rio Buena, this island, on Saturday, accompanied by a contingent of 400 men, who had escaped from the province of Santiago de Cuba in an open boat and brought with them dispatches for the Cuban Junta at New York.

These dispatches were seized by the Jamaican officials.

SHE WAS MRS. DORIAT. Woman Who Shot Herself in Church Is Identified--She Once Kept a Boarding House. New York, June 14--The woman who committed suicide by shooting in the vestibule of the Calvary Episcopal church Saturday afternoon was Mrs. Josephine Doriat. Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening Max Gebauer, a carpenter, of 409 First avenue, called at the morgue and asked to be permitted to look at the body of the woman. He examined it closely, ran his fingers through the woman's hair and closely scrutinized her teeth, face and figure. He even went so far as to approximate her weight, and asked the morgue keeper how much he supposed the corpse weighed. When he was asked whether he knew the woman, he replied, "I think I do."

Mr. Sewall left early in the evening for New York and at 8 o'clock Mr. Dryan proceeded to Armory hall, where he addressed an audience of about 4,000. He left at 10:30 for Charlottesville, where he speaks at the University of Virginia tomorrow.

NATIVES OF THE SOUTH. The Democratic Protection Congressmen Were Born in the Section That They Represent. Washington, June 14--In opposition to the statement of the Omaha World-Herald that the large number of Democratic representatives and senators from the South who had cast their votes for protective features of the tariff bill are not native-born Southerners, but men who have settled in the South from the North and East, it is pointed out that all were born and have lived all their lives in the South.

THE POLITICAL DEAD DUCKS TRAVEL IN COMPANY AND MAKE SPEECHES. Norfolk, Va., June 14--Hon. William J. Bryan arrived here this morning from Washington, accompanied by Hon. Arthur Sewall of Maine. He was met at the hotel by two committees of citizens, and after breakfast at the hotel was taken with his party in a special car to Virginia Beach, where he spent several hours. Returning at 4:30 p. m. he and Mr. Sewall held a reception at the Atlantic hotel, after which he made a brief address to an audience gathered at the Young Men's Christian association.

TRAFFIC RUMORS DENIED. No Agreement Made Between Jersey Central and Pennsylvania. New York, June 14--Second Vice President and Controller S. M. Williams, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, when asked today as to the truth of rumors that a traffic agreement had been entered into between the Pennsylvania and Jersey Central railroads said:

"I know of no arrangement to change our present relations." It was understood that negotiations looking to such an arrangement are not contemplated.

MORMON ELDERS WHIPPED. A Party of Florida Citizens Chase the Missionaries from Town. Perry, Fla., June 14--Mormon elders have been in this Taylor county for six months. A party of eighteen men, well armed, visited their camp near Rocky Creek, the other day, and after stripping the preachers, whipped them in the birch rods. They gave one of them a sound thrashing and then ordered them out of the county.

THE NEW FAST LINE. Buffalo, N. Y., June 14--The initial train of the new Buffalo-Toronto and Buffalo over the Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley roads arrived at noon today. The first train into Buffalo over the new Washburn line arrived at 7:45 o'clock this morning. It left Chicago at 3:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

QUINT CHARACTER DEAD. Bloomington, Ill., June 14--James Piper, a quint character of this city, was found dead today. He was worth \$10,000, but lived like a hermit. His age was 89. He has lived here for forty years, coming from Carlisle, Ky., where he had considerable property. He never married.

PENSION CERTIFICATES. Washington, June 14--An original pension certificate has been issued to Richard A. Holley, of Scranton.

RATIFICATION OF BOUNDARY TREATY

Exchanged at the State Department at Washington Yesterday. WORK OF U. S. GOVERNMENT FINISHED

Great Britain and Venezuela Will Now Be Left to Work Out a Settlement of the Dispute Between Themselves--Unless Unexpected Developments Arise the Affair Will Be Amicably Arranged.

Washington, June 14--The final ratification of the boundary treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela was exchanged at the state department at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The treaty now becomes binding upon both governments, and they must at once begin the preparation of the cases to be submitted to the arbitrators who will meet in Paris for organization, probably some time next winter. With today's ceremony the connection of the United States government with the negotiations ceases and the two governments will be left to work out the boundary dispute to a conclusion unless there should be some totally unexpected interruption in the workings of the machinery which has been so carefully prepared to ensure a settlement of this celebrated case.

BRYAN AND SEWALL. The Political Dead Ducks Travel in Company and Make Speeches. Norfolk, Va., June 14--Hon. William J. Bryan arrived here this morning from Washington, accompanied by Hon. Arthur Sewall of Maine. He was met at the hotel by two committees of citizens, and after breakfast at the hotel was taken with his party in a special car to Virginia Beach, where he spent several hours. Returning at 4:30 p. m. he and Mr. Sewall held a reception at the Atlantic hotel, after which he made a brief address to an audience gathered at the Young Men's Christian association.

STANDS BY THE BOYS. President Insists That Newspaper Men Be Treated with Courtesy. Asheville, N. C., June 14--President McKinley and party arrived at 11:40 o'clock this morning enroute from Nashville to Washington. They were met at the depot by the citizens' reception committee and escorted to the hotel by Asheville's light infantry. President McKinley held a reception and then the party took carriages for Billmore house, George W. Vanderbilt's palace, five miles away. The president and cabinet and the ladies with them and others of the party were shown over the mansion. The party boarded the train again at 6 o'clock and the journey was resumed. Mr. Vanderbilt is abroad and a sensational incident occurred today when a Mr. Harding, the man in charge of the palace, informed the local committee that the newspaper men accompanying the president's party could not enter Billmore house.

When the president was informed of this he told Mr. Porter, his private secretary, to inform Mr. Harding by telephone that if the newspaper men were barred from the mansion he would not set his foot inside the state. This brought things to a crisis and Mr. Harding capitulated. The newspaper men were admitted to the mansion on the same footing as the president and his cabinet.

DIMES GREW INTO DOLLARS. A Remarkable Story of How a Fortune Was Made. San Francisco, Cal., June 14--Assa W. Fisk, of Boston, son of the late prominent money-lender of this city, by a former marriage, had brought suit to have his father's estate held in trust until certain claims amounting to \$1,899,064 had been settled.

Fisk says that when his father left the money-lender of this city, he came to California he took with him the claimant's savings, amounting to \$187,500. He alleges that this formed the basis for the money-lender's fortune and that it was agreed that the money should be invested in the safekeeping of the latter claims that this money loaned out at the rate of interest usually charged by his deceased father would now amount to \$954,368. He makes a further claim against the estate for \$144,000, which he says his father lost by injudicious investments in Tacoma, Wash. lands. The claimant was cut off in his father's will, hence the action.

PARIS BOMB EXPLOSION. Believed to Be a Practical Joke or the Act of a Madman--No Harm Was Intended. Paris, June 14--The newspapers of this city agree in saying that the alleged attempt to assassinate President Faure yesterday, by the explosion of a bomb near La Caselle restaurant, in the Bois de Boulogne, while he was on his way to Longchamps, was either a practical joke or the act of a madman and that the so-called outrage was arranged so as not to hurt anybody.

General Porter, the United States ambassador, has presented his congratulations to President Faure upon his escape from what appeared to be an attempt upon his life yesterday.

PLAYED WITH MATCHES. Two Children Set Fire to a House and Are Criminally Charged. Dayton, O., June 14--The firemen extinguished the fire at noon at the home of Frank Prestel, a laborer on Nassau street. They found the badly charred bodies of Rosa, aged 6, and Albert, aged 2 years, locked in each others arms.

THE CHILDREN HAD PLAYED WITH MATCHES AND SET FIRE TO THE HOUSE.

CUBAN INSURGENT LEADERS. A Denial That Rivers and Bacallao Are Under Sentence of Death. Washington, June 14--The Spanish minister here has received an official communication stating that the report coming from Havana via Key West, that the insurgent leaders, Rivers and Bacallao, are in danger of being shot, is false. Not a single insurgent leader, he says, is under the death sentence.

POSTOFFICE CHANGES. Gettysburg Advanced, and Three Offices Are Relocated to Fourth. Washington, June 14--The fourth annual re-adjustment of classification and salaries of presidential postoffices

has been completed and the changes were given out at the postoffice department today. They are based on the fluctuations of postoffice revenues at the respective places. The changes in classification in Pennsylvania are as follows:

Gettysburg advanced from third to fourth; Gettysburg advanced from third to second.

CYCLONE HITS WEST INDIES. Public Buildings at St. Vincent's Island Wrecked. Kingston, St. Vincent's Island, June 14--A cyclone struck St. Vincent's Island, of the Windward group, today, seriously damaging some of the public buildings, injuring a number of persons and drowning three of the crew.

St. Vincent Island has about twice the area of Staten Island and a population of 40,000. It is 95 miles west of Barbadoes, and the most English island of the group which belongs to Great Britain. The chief products are sugar, molasses, rum, arrow root, cassava, cocoa, coffee, cotton and spice.

FIRE ON ELLIS ISLAND. Main Building for the Reception of Immigrants Burning--Valuable Records Will Be Destroyed. New York, June 14--The main building for the reception and clearance of immigrants at Ellis Island, in New York bay off the city front, is on fire. This building contains the valuable records relating to the passage of immigrants into this country through this port.

The walls have fallen in and the building will be completely destroyed. New York, June 15--1.30 a. m.--All the buildings on the island will be destroyed. The fire is now at its height, and presents a magnificent spectacle as seen from the city. The police believe that the loss of life is heavy.

All the immigrants, about 200 in number, have just been brought safely from Ellis Island to the barge office on the battery. The only persons now left on the island are the firemen and a few attendants. There will be probably no loss of life. All the records are undoubtedly destroyed.

THE COLONIAL PREMIERS. They Visit Edinburgh and Are Received by the Lord Provost. Edinburgh, June 14--Wilfred Laurier, premier of the Dominion of Canada; George Turner, premier of Victoria; Richard J. Seddon, premier of New Zealand; Sir Hugh Muir Nelson, premier of Queensland, and C. C. Kingston, premier of South Australia, arrived here today and were received at the railroad station by Lord Provost McDonald and the municipality of Edinburgh.

Later they were presented with an address of welcome by the Edinburgh chamber of commerce.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK. Employees of the Apsley Rubber Company Accept Lower Wages. Hudson, Mass., June 14--The entire force of employees of the Apsley Rubber company returned to work this morning, and the trouble at the factory appears to be ended.

They individually accepted the prices offered by Mr. Apsley, which are considerably lower than those formerly paid. Mr. Apsley, however, claims that the wages now in force are as high as any paid at other factories.

FIRE CAUSED BY A LAMP. Four Persons Burned as the Result of Its Explosion. Pittsburg, June 14--A lamp explosion in the residence of Stephen Welsh, near Sharpburg, early this morning set fire to the house and badly burned the four occupants.

The injured are Stephen Welsh, Mr. Welsh and two children. Mr. Welsh and one of the children are in a critical condition and may die. The house was entirely destroyed. The loss was \$10,000, which was fully covered by insurance.

Death of Dr. Edwards. Princeton, N. J., June 14--Dr. George K. Edwards, '89, of New Castle, Pa., died today in the room he had occupied during his college course. Dr. Edwards was a favorite with the undergraduates. While ill he traveled here from California in order to die in the town where he had spent the most enjoyable days of his life.

Brakeman Steals an Engine. Ridgway, Pa., June 14--Michael Mann, a brakeman on the Buffalo, St. Mary's and Southwestern railroad, while under the influence of liquor today, took possession of an engine and ran it two miles. He was finally arrested.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Thunder Storms Are Probable.

- 1 General--Hawaiian Treaty Is Ready, Venezuela Boundary Ratification, Senate Debate on the Sugar Schedule, Sports--Eastern, National and Atlantic League Ball Games, Whist Gossip, State--Legislative Committee Visits the Western Penitentiary, House--Finance, Beer Tax, Amateur Base Ball, 4 Editorial, Washington Gossip, 5 Story--The Girl of the White Butterflies, Facts About Our Postal Service, 6 Local--City Officials Inspect Fire Department Quarters, Three Crooks in Session, Crushed to Death at the Marine Breaker, 7 Local--School Controllers Practice Oratory, Big Lease of Coal Lands, 8 Local--West Side and City Suburban, 9 Lackawanna County Happenings, 10 Neighboring County News, Financial and Commercial.

WARM DEBATE ON SUGAR SCHEDULE

Senators Hoar and Tillman Indulge in Sarcasm. CHARGES AGAINST THE SENATE

Mr. Tillman Claims that the Body Will Stand Convicted Before the American People if It Failed to Investigate the Charges--Mr. Allison Makes a Speech in Defense of the Bill.

Washington, June 14--The senate debate on the sugar schedule of the tariff bill proceeded today with only one diverting incident to relieve the monotony into which the discussion has fallen. This was the sharp exchange between Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, representing the two extremes of senatorial procedure. Mr. Tillman again referred to published charges of irregularity in connection with the sugar schedule, and asserted that the senate would stand convicted before the American people if it failed to investigate the charges. Mr. Hoar calmly and impressively repelled this statement, his tone and language being calculated as a rebuke. He declared that the vague charges of irregularity were not only preposterous but infamous. Mr. Tillman reiterated that senators would stand convicted by the people if they sought to hide behind the senatorial toga.

Mr. Allison, in charge of the bill, made another speech in defense of the schedule, presenting tables which he declared proved that the sugar refiners received less protection under the senate schedule than under the existing law. Mr. Pettigrew, South Dakota, spoke at length in favor of his amendment to place on the free list, articles controlled by trusts, severely arraigning the various large trusts. Mr. Allen, Nebraska, urged legal proceedings against the trusts. Only one roll call occurred during the day, on Mr. Lindsay's amendment to place all sugar on the same basis. This was rejected, 29 to 23. Mr. McEnery, Democrat, Louisiana, voting with the Republicans in the negative and Senators Pettigrew and Mantle with the Democrats in the affirmative.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. Heavy Crops in the West--Return of Confidence and a Revival of Trade. New York, June 14--Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower, who has just returned from a trip to the west, thinks the prospects of a revival of business in that section of the country very good. Speaking of the matter today at his office, 45 Broadway, he said: "I found that the crop of wheat is good and the corn, while a little backward, promises to develop into a good crop. Taken altogether the outlook so far as the grain products are concerned are very good, and that, of course, means better times for the farmer."

"The feeling among the people of the west seems to be much more hopeful, and with that there is naturally more confidence in the business world. As a result of these conditions, business is certainly showing that the formerly declining earnings are increasing. One of the encouraging facts in connection with the increased earnings of the railroads is that their statistics show that much of the increase is due to the hauling of freight from the east to the west. This shows that western merchants are again buying from the manufacturers and jobbers of the east, and is a sure indication of the feeling among western merchants that the future revival of business, I think the outlook good for a still further increase in the earnings of the railroads, and taken all in all, I think the business situation is very encouraging."

It is understood that while in Chicago ex-Governor Flower looked into the affairs of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad and the Chicago Gas companies. He declined today, however, to discuss the affairs of either of these companies, but his statements regarding railroads in general are understood to be based in part, at least, upon the condition and earnings of the Rock Island road.

As to regarding the truth of the reports that Comptroller of the Currency Eckels is to succeed him as president of the Colonial Trust company, Mr. Flower intimated that there might be some truth in them, but he said that as far as he knew no formal tender of the position had as yet been made. He admitted that the company was looking about for a suitable man to succeed him. He accepted the position with reluctance and with the understanding, it is said, that he was to be relieved when the proper man could be secured.

ACCUSED OF MURDER. Henry Willis Held in Taunton for Killing W. F. Randall. Taunton, Mass., June 14--Henry Willis, of Brockton, was brought into the district court here, this morning, and charged with the murder of William F. Randall, whose body was found in the woods at South Easton, yesterday afternoon.

He was not represented by counsel and pleaded not guilty. The case was continued until Friday and Willis was held without bail. Upon being arrested he said that he and Randall had quarreled and that he merely struck Randall.

HIS HAIR TURNING BLACK. Eighty-Year-Old Man Apparently Regaining Youth. West Union, O., June 14--James Dunham, a resident of Levanna, a little hamlet a few miles west of here, is 89 years old, and was once as gray as a rat. His hair is now changing to its original color black.

He is cutting his third set of teeth, reads the finest print without the aid of glasses, is hale and hearty, and walks as brightly as a man of 40 summers. In a word, he seems to have imbibed a draught of the elixir of life, and is a boy again.

THE HAWAIIAN TREATY READY

It Has Been Prepared and Approved by President McKinley. THE SENATE'S ATTITUDE

Approval of Important Committee Secured. The Treaty for Hawaiian Annexation Will Be Sent to the Senate Soon After the Return of the President from His Trip Through the South--On Lines with the Treaty Withdrawn by President Cleveland--An Early Report Is Looked For.

Washington, June 14--A treaty for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States will be sent to the senate soon after the return of the president to Washington from his trip to Nashville, unless present plans are altered. The treaty has been written and all its details were fully agreed upon before the president and Secretary Sherman left for the South. There is no doubt, it is said, of the president's acquiescence in the terms of the treaty for the reason that he was made fully aware of them before he left.

The treaty is on the general lines of the one which was defeated during the administration of President Harrison and withdrawn by President Cleveland. It provides for annexation without the exaction of conditions on the part of the Hawaiians as to the form of government to be vouchsafed to Hawaii, leaving that question to be entirely disposed of by the government of the United States.

The United States will agree, however, to assume the debt of the present Hawaiian government, but will come into possession of all the Hawaiian crown lands and other possessions.

ALLIGATOR STEALS A BOAT. Two Children Have a Terrifying Trip and Are Happily Saved. Palatka, Fla., June 14--While the two little daughters of Hiram Johnston, living near Georgetown, were in a boat on the bayou, washed a pool, which they had thrown overboard with a rope attached, an alligator swallowed the dog and attacked the boat.

Johnston, hearing the girls' screams, ran and began firing his shot gun at the beast. The rope tied to the dog was also attached to the boat, and the alligator started to go about in a circle, twisting the craft and nearly spilling the frightened children.

It then started up the bayou, dragging the boat after it. It made the entire circuit of the bayou, several miles in distance, Johnston firing at it when ever he could. He at last shot it in the eye and the alligator in his panic upset the boat, Johnston finding the alligator's head and some friends rescued the girls.

DIVORCED FIVE TIMES. Rapid Record of a Woman Only 34 Years of Age. Clinton, Mo., June 14--Mrs. Addie W. Buzzall, 34 years of age, has been married and divorced five times. In each case she has been the libellant.

Her five former husbands are living and most are neglected. Her husband, Mr. Buzzall, says that when she finds a husband fails to come up to her ideas of industry, thrift and congeniality, she promptly sets him aside.

She says that she is now looking for the right man to handle her farm and herself. From fifty miles in every direction suitors have flocked to her. One man was reputed to be worth \$10,000, and he urged Mrs. Buzzall to go with him. He had been divorced and explained that after seventeen years of married life he had found his wife too "slack."

TEARS A \$500 BILL. A Young Millionaire Creates a Scene in Court at Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon, Ill., June 14--The young millionaire, James E. Berry, was arraigned before Judge Wells today on a charge of wife abandonment, preferred by his new wife, Mrs. Sadie Miller Berry. The case was set for trial next Wednesday and Berry was required to give bond for \$300 for his appearance.

Great excitement ensued when Berry objected to furnishing bond and began displaying all kinds of bills and saying that he would go the bond himself without the aid of other people and this not being permitted he made things lively by tearing a \$500 bill in two while the spectators stood struck with awe at his actions. Several friends signed the bond.

THREE STRUCK BY A TRAIN. Two Men Killed and One Fatally Injured Near Johnston. Johnston, Pa., June 14--Two men were killed outright and one fatally injured on a Pennsylvania railroad bridge a few miles east of here just before midnight last night.

One of the victims was knocked into the Conemaugh river and his body has not been found. All three were tramps, according to the railroad men.

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, June 15--In the middle states and New England, today, clear weather, rising temperature and fresh to light southwesterly to southerly winds will prevail with temperature maximum of 85 or more in the interior of this section. On Wednesday, in both these sections, fair, sultry and warmer weather will prevail with fresh southerly and southeasterly winds and a warm wave followed by some showers and by local rain and thunder storms in the western districts of this section.