

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEN IN THE FLAT TOP FIELDS GO OUT.

The immediate cause is the notice of a twenty per cent. reduction—All quiet so far but trouble is feared.

POCAHONTAS, VA., April 30.—Special. Fifteen thousand men, employed in the Flat-Top coal fields at the several operations along the Ohio extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad, went out on a strike to-day at noon. The immediate cause of the strike was the posting of notices by the operators of a 20 per cent. reduction in the wages of the miners, to take effect May 1st. The men compelling the strikers are those employed at the thirty-seven operations along Elk Horn river and Simmons creek.

THE OPERATIONS AFFECTED. The only operations in the region affected by the strike are the Southwest Virginia Improvement Co. and the Browning mines, at Pocahontas, Va., and the Crozier, Houston, and Upland works on the Elk Horn.

It is believed by those in a position to know that there will be an attempt upon the part of the strikers to compel the men who refused to go out with them to quit work; in such an event serious trouble is almost sure to result.

UNION MEN ON THE FIELD. The officers of the United Mine Workers of America are in the field, and are managing the strike, which promises to be one of the great ones in the history of coal mining. It is stated upon good authority that many of the operators are in sympathy with the strike, and hope through its influence to bring the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company to an agreement by which alleged favoritism will be brought to an end, it being the claim of the operators that partially in the percentage of cars has heretofore been given to the Southwest Virginia Improvement Co. and the Crozier, Houston, the Crozier, the Houston, and the Upland operations.

THE SITUATION CRITICAL. The men claim to be in a position to maintain the strike for an almost indefinite period, if such should prove necessary to bring about a satisfactory settlement with the operators. The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company have placed guards at all bridges, tunnels, and trestles in the region, and will use every endeavor to prevent the strikers from carrying out their plan. The situation is most conservative believe the situation to be critical.

TO BE TRIED FOR PERJURY.

An Unprecedented Charge in Naval Circuit Against Dr. Kerstner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—The court-martial of a naval officer for perjury is a novelty in naval experience in the United States, so far as the best memories go. This, however, is the leading specification against which Medical Inspector Ed. Kerstner, of the United States Navy, is being tried. He is charged with perjury in a report made before a court-martial at the New York navy-yard on Monday, May 6th. The details of the case consist of Rear-Admiral John C. Walker, president of the court, and the other members of the court, including Rear-Admiral H. R. Wallace, Captain Albert Knapp, Thos. F. Kane, Winifred S. Seely, S. L. Casey, and Henry F. Peckling, Medical Director. The charges against Kerstner are: That he swore to the fact that the ship was in a certain position, when in fact it was in another position, and that he swore to the fact that the ship was in a certain position, when in fact it was in another position.

CLEVELAND FOR A THIRD TERM.

He May Run for President Next Time on the Gold Standard Platform.

CHICAGO, April 30.—The Chicago Mail recently sent letters to leading men of both parties, senators and representatives in Congress, members of National and State committees, Governors of States and members of Legislatures, asking them if, in their opinion, Grover Cleveland was a candidate for a third term, and if so, does he expect to run as a Democrat or as a Republican candidate, or as a third-term candidate, formed by supporters of the gold standard in both organizations.

DID DU MAURIER WRITE "TRIBUNE"?

The Question of the Authorship of the Celebrated Novel Is in a Denver Court.

DENVER, COLO., April 30.—Did Du Maurier write "Tribune"? This novel question was to-day propounded in good faith in the United States Court, when the defendants declared by Dr. Kerstner, or written by Du Maurier. They assert that the original title and book was first published in France in 1870, and afterward translated and published in English in 1871. The book, it is claimed, had been common property for seventy-five years.

TO PROTECT CANAL PROPERTY.

The Fleet Reviewer Visited United States Warships Here—Saw the Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—The action of Secretary Herbert in ordering the fleet and the Atlanta to Nicaragua port was based, as stated by Mr. Herbert yesterday, on the reports in the newspapers of civil strife over the British occupation of Corinto, but it should be added that Hon. Warner Miller, president of the Nicaragua Canal Company, was mainly instrumental in causing such positive steps to be taken. Mr. Miller impressed on Secretary Gresham and Secretary Herbert the danger that existed to the canal property in the event of a revolution, and no delay was lost in sending telegraphic orders to the two naval vessels, after Mr. Miller had thoroughly explained his view of the situation. In the event that a revolution should break out, and should center in the vicinity of the canal, marines and blue-jackets will be landed from the United States ships to give protection to the property. This course has been decided on, and was frankly admitted by officials.

UNITED STATES TROOPS CAN LAND.

There is no direct treaty stipulation permitting United States troops to land on Nicaragua soil, although the Clayton-Bulwer treaty allows Great Britain and this country to act in that regard through mutual consent, but this Government has never been questioned, and that American troops may be landed on

Nicaragua territory to protect the interests of American citizens in the canal property.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that instructions will be sent to the commander of the Montgomery, which will convey the canal command from St. John to Greytown, to send a guard with the commissioners when they go ashore in pursuance of their duty.

Nicaragua Will Yield.

Will Pay the Smallest Money Demanded by England.

LONDON, April 30.—Mangua (Nicaragua) advices state that the president Zelaya and his cabinet will agree to pay the \$750,000 smart money demanded by Great Britain in London within a half hour. The British ships were first taken out of the harbor of Corinto. This preliminary agreement is considered as the beginning of the end of the feeling in the country, which otherwise might render complicated the issue. Great Britain's answer to the request has not yet been given.

DE. GUZMAN SEES PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—The Nicaraguan Minister, Dr. Guzman, was again an early visitor at the State Department. He had a consultation with Secretary Gresham, and he is expected to leave the building. The nature of the conference could not be learned, but it is presumed that Guzman is looking to the withdrawal of British troops from the harbor within fifteen days, in London.

A QUADRUPLE TRAGEDY.

Four Men Shot Dead in Tennessee as the Result of an Old Family Feud.

NEWBERN, TENN., April 30.—Shortly before dark this evening the sound of a fusillade of pistol shots was heard on the main street of Newbern, Tenn. The direction of the shooting was toward the residence of the late John P. Walker, who was shot dead, as within ten seconds of the first shot the four participants in the tragedy were lying on the ground. The victims were John P. Walker, his son, and two other men. The tragedy was the result of a long-standing feud between the Walker and the Pugh families.

HE MAKES SILVER MONOMETALLISM.

Can any one, asked the Secretary, "study the facts without concluding that the United States is in a position to steady the fall States by the use of silver?"

The Secretary reviewed the history of the country's currency, and said that both Jefferson and Lincoln recognized the fact that the ratio of coinage must depend upon the commercial value of the metals in the market. In 1874, when the price of silver was at a low ebb, the ratio of 16 to 1 would advance the price of silver bullion so that it would bear a ratio of 16 to 1. It would not, in the opinion of the Secretary, be a material advance, no other metal would be presented at the mints for coinage. The ratio of 16 to 1 would advance the price of silver bullion so that it would bear a ratio of 16 to 1. It would not, in the opinion of the Secretary, be a material advance, no other metal would be presented at the mints for coinage.

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SOUND CURRENCY TALK.

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KATE FIELD MAY GET A FORTUNE.

Sensational Contest of a Millionaire's Widow's Will.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 30.—Sensational allegations, involving a possible share in a fortune for Kate Field, the well-known Washington literary woman, are made in the trial of a will case that was begun in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court here to-day. The object of the contest is to have set aside what purports to be the last will, with a codicil annexed, of the late Corbetta H. Sanford, widow of Milton H. Sanford. Mr. Sanford owned a valuable stock portfolio, valued at \$1,000,000, in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and had considerable moneyed interests in England. He was at one time rated a millionaire, and as a manufacturer, he established Corbetta, Mass. Mr. Sanford's will, made in Boston, in 1880, provided for his wife, who had become feeble-minded. The money for Mrs. Sanford, which provided that Trustees Dr. Horatio B. Storer and Dr. John W. Sawyer should pay out on her account, was the main subject of the contest. The will named Miss Anna Newton, at Edna Villa, Newport, where Mrs. Sanford had to be kept, as trustee of the will, and to leave all her personal effects to Miss Newton, the old lady's keeper.

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GOV. BROWN'S SON KILLED.

SHOT DEAD BY A HUSBAND WHO ALSO KILLS HIS WIFE.

Fulton Gordon Discovers His Wife and Brown Frigate Delicately Kills Her on the Spot.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 30.—Archibald Brown, the Governor's son and secretary, paid with his life to-day for a liaison with another man's wife. The latter shared the fate of her paramour, the wronged husband shooting them to death in the room in which he had surprised them in their guilt. Fulton Gordon is the name of the man who so terribly avenged his domestic dishonor. He was one of the most sensational in the history of the State on account of the prominence of the persons involved and the circumstances surrounding the case. It occurred at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon in an evil resort kept by a colored woman at 255 west Madison street. Brown was killed in the room, and Mrs. Gordon was shot as she was fleeing from the place.

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