

STRIKE MAY NOT OCCUR

Miners Vote on Wage Scale Offered by Owners—Thought to Favor Plan.

RESULT KNOWN TOMORROW

Schedule Is 51-2 Per Cent Lower Than Scale for Period of Two Years, Closing April First.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—Two hundred thousand coal miners from Pennsylvania to Iowa are voting today on the question of whether or not to accept the offer of the mineowners for a two year's scale 5 1/2 per cent lower than the wage scale during the year which closes April 1st. During the past ten days the National officers of the United Mineworkers of America have been urging the acceptance of the proposal, and the National officers have been in the several fields working with the men to secure a favorable vote. It is believed today at the National headquarters that there is no doubt that the offer will be accepted, and there will be no strike. Reports of sentiment in the different states are nearly all in favor of following the advice of the National officers. The votes will be canvassed here Thursday, when the result will be made known.

Crushed Under Boulder.

The Dalles, Ore., March 15.—Caleb R. Hill, 32 years of age, died today at the hospital at this place from being crushed by a large boulder last Saturday, eight miles above here, on the Washington side of the Columbia. He and four companions were making an excavation in the bluff on the bank of the river for a fishwheel, when a large rock gave way above and pinned him to another rock beneath. The rock was of such great weight that his four companions could not lift it, but had to roll it off. Hill was English by birth, and had lived in The Dalles 15 years.

ITALIANS WORK REVENGE.

Blow up Bunk House Occupied by Jap Section Hands.

Salinas, Cal., March 15.—An attempt was made last night to kill six Japanese at Del Monte, but fortunately it failed. The affair was reported to Sheriff Nesbitt. On March 7 the Southern Pacific discharged its section crew of six Italians working between Castroville and Pacific Grove, replacing them with Japanese laborers. Five of the Italians took their money and left for the south, but the other, Farino, still loitered about Del Monte.

Saturday night about 1 o'clock a loud explosion occurred, apparently midway between Del Monte and Monterey, in the vicinity of the bathhouse, startling the residents of both places. Investigation showed that the bunk-house occupied by the Japanese had been totally demolished by giant powder or dynamite, the occupants being thrown about, and four of their number were badly bruised.

Detective P. Lewis, of the Southern Pacific, and Sheriff Nesbitt went to the scene and discovered tracks leading to and from the cabin occupied by Farino, situated about 1200 feet from the bunk-house. In Monterey they learned that Farino had been seen in possession of several sticks of giant powder. He had also been heard to make frequent threats to kill the Japanese out of revenge for having been displaced by them.

A short search resulted, in the arrest of Farino, who at first denied knowing what giant powder was, or that he had been near the house. Under pressure, however, he admitted that the tracks found were his, and that he had been near the house about the time of the explosion.

BAD FOR STAGE DRIVERS.

Floods in Southern Oregon Hinder Overland Traffic

Grant's Pass, Ore., March 15.—These are strenuous days indeed for the drivers and passengers aboard stages in the southern Oregon mountains. The continued yarm and heavy rains, deep snows of the higher ranges, and the consequent freshets of creeks and streams, slides and washouts, makes staging in this country a matter of great difficulty and danger. Some of the stages have been obliged to lay off altogether on account of washed-out bridges and roads.

A few days ago the Grant's Pass-Crescent City stage coach being hurried over a high embankment by a slide, killing one horse, throwing the mail in the creek and the narrow escape of the driver and passengers. Since that time the Williams valley stage has suffered as bad a fate. In an attempt to ford Williams creek, in the absence of the bridge, the stage was swamped, caught in a whirlpool, carried to deep water and lost. The team driver narrowly escaped, but the mail bags were thrown into the flood and swept away.

The Galice creek stage, which has been making daily round trips from Merlin to Galice postoffice for several years, has been layed off on account of the road being washed out by the Rogue's flood. The mail is carried into Galice by pack animal.

Farmers and ranchers are cut off from town and supplies by washed-out roads and bridges, and several placer mines have suffered damage by the carrying away of flumes and ditches by slides and high water.

The rainfall here is the greatest for the past 30 days ever known. From 22 to 25 inches of water have fallen in various parts of the county in this time.

Welcome to Webfooters.

Vancouver, B. C., March 15.—Secretary George Dyke announces that he has received quite a number of applications from Portland and Seattle for entry forms for the first annual bench show of the Vancouver Kennel Club. This show will commence March 30 and entries close on March 26. There are over 100 prizes, including 23 silver cups and several special trophies. There is also a special premium to handiers bringing the largest strings of dogs from the coast states and also from that part of Canada beyond this city. For Oregon handiers there is a cash prize of \$25. The same amounts will be won by Washington and California

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Dog fanciers who come from Portland to the show here can expect to receive a most cordial welcome. The United States consul, L. Edwin Dudley, is honorary president of the local kennel club, and both he and his wife are much interested in the contest. President Tulk always had a soft spot in his heart for Americans. He is a "baseball fiend" as well as a dog fancier, and the people of the country which has baseball for its national game are all friends of his.

Of course the Pacific Kennel Club league rules apply at the show, but there are a few extra rules which Portlanders who intend to exhibit might note. First, no dogs will be received after 10 a. m. March 31—the shows lasts from March 30 to April 2 inclusive. Secondly, in no case can entries be received after March 28. Thirdly, no dogs can be permanently removed until 10 p. m. April 2. Judging will commence on the afternoon of March 31.

ASSAILS TARIFF IN HOUSE.

Trusts Also Target of Congressman Garber.

Washington, March 15.—The house today passed a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to segregate certain coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw and the Chickasaw nations, Indian territory. The house then went into committee of the whole for the consideration of postoffice appropriation bills.

Burton gave a historical account of increases in national expenditures. He urged the adoption of a policy of conservatism and of the utmost care. Citing the large sums annually appropriated for pensions, Burton said no one will hesitate to pass any measure which gives due regard to the soldiers of the civil war in their old age.

"But," he continued, "the question arises under what rule should this appropriation be made?" He inquired if congress was willing to establish in this country the standard that for patriotism and devotion to country the chief reward must be in dollars.

Rucker attacked the protective system of the republican party. The republicans and the trusts, he declared, have a majority in the house and, he added amid democratic applause, "the largest majority you will ever have in the White House."

Rucker spoke of the trusts and referred to them as "those hideous monsters, the handwork of genius, inspired and directed by the devil."

Wilson made a plea for an increase of pay for the letter carriers.

Alarmed by Mormons.

Vancouver, B. C., March 15.—There is a great scare in the Northwest Territories over the Mormon invasion. Hundreds of President Smith's followers are settling in Alberta and they are sending for more. It is claimed that their ultimate aim is to dominate the policy of the northwest. Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, one of the most notable divines in the Canadian west, made a strong attack on the Mormons from his pulpit Sunday. He declared that there was undoubted proof that the Mormons were aiming to control the government of the territories, and he urged the people of other sects to keep their eyes open. It is illegal to practice polygamy in Canada.

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