

THE STRIKERS' BIG VICTORY

Ranks of the Non-Union Diggers in West Virginia Broken.

FOUR THOUSAND QUIT WORK

The Appeals of the Emigrants Sent Out From Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Prove Successful—Give Up Steady Work and Increased Wages to Help Their Brother Miners.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 17.—The most sanguine expectations of the leaders of the great coal strike are well nigh fulfilled. The ranks of the non-union diggers in West Virginia have been broken. Four thousand miners along the Norfolk and Western Railway quit work tonight, and the victory thus achieved by the union agitators will in all probability settle the strike. The miners who ceased work this evening did so probably because of the coal that is mined in West Virginia. They are not in the Pittsburgh district while the competitors and the miners themselves said they were not included.

Commissioner Schmidt, who is staying in Pittsburgh, while his colleagues are in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, working up the uniformity agreement, received a telegram tonight from I. V. Barton, West Virginia labor statistician, saying: "The situation in West Virginia has changed. The miners will strike." It is supposed that Mr. Barton has received important news. Only the other day he said the miners of his State would not go out.

Commissioner Schmidt received here today from Chicago word that Col. Reed, a large operator here, had refused to sign the uniformity agreement because DeBartlett had dictated the terms.

ALASKA'S WEALTH IN GOLD

Continued from First Page.

The balance to be paid as it is taken out. Now I am taking a trip to the old country—Finland, and am coming back next year." Fred Lohmeyer: "I went to Alaska years ago, when I left here six weeks ago. I brought out \$13,000 in gold dust with me. I have had considerable experience in mining, and say without hesitation that Alaska is the richest country I have ever seen. I have interest in a claim near Dawson, and am going back in the spring." Greg Stewart: "I had a partner, and I sold out my interest for \$45,000 and put my money back again at interest in mines. My partner had 1,500 ounces of dust, but it fell short four ounces on the way down. The dust will go over \$17 an ounce, but we are all getting rich from the mines. I brought a few hundred ounces with me, but I get interest of 2 per cent on short loans. I expect to return next spring."

John Marks: "I brought \$11,500 in gold dust with me, but had to work for every bit of it. My dust is plenty of gold in Alaska—more, I believe, than the most sanguine prospectors—but it cannot be obtained without great effort and endurance. The first thing for a prospector to do when he reaches the country is to begin prospecting. As snow is from two to four feet deep, prospecting is not easy. Snow must first be shoveled away, and then a fire built on the ground to melt the ice. As the ground thaws the shaft must be sunk until bedrock is reached. The average prospector has to sink a great many shafts before he reaches anything worth while. If gold is found in sufficient quantities to pay for working, he may begin drifting from the shaft, and continue to do so as long as he finds enough gold to pay."

Albert Fox: "I had partner went into the district in 1895 and secured two claims. We sold one for \$25,000. I bought 300 ounces, which netted \$5,000. Everybody is apt to be overruled. I wouldn't advise any one to go there this fall, for people are liable to get hungry before spring. About 800 went over the summit from June 5, 600 miles, so there may not be food enough for all."

Robert Kook: "I've been four years in Alaska. I had a half interest in a claim on El Dorado Creek, and sold out my partner for \$12,000. I bought a half interest in a claim on the Bonanza, below the discovery claim, and my share is worth about \$15,000. I brought \$14,000 in gold dust, and shall return in the spring after rest and recreation."

J. B. Hollinshead: "I was in the diggings about a year and brought out about 1,500 ounces, which I suppose will bring \$17 an ounce. I'm not sure about going back, though I have a claim on Gold Bottom Creek, fifteen miles from Bonanza. It is less than a year since I located my claim. My dust will bring over \$25,000."

M. S. Norton: "I was sick and couldn't work, so I cooked for Mr. McNamee. Still I had a claim on the Bonanza, but didn't know what was in it, because I couldn't work it. I sold out last spring for \$16,000 and was satisfied to get a chance to return to my home in Los Angeles."

Thomas Flack: "My dust will bring more than \$6,000. I have an interest in two claims on the El Dorado. One partner sold out for \$60,000 and another for \$55,000. I had an offer of \$50,000, but refused it just before I came to Los Angeles."

organized for years and who defeated the uniform agreement of eighteen months ago. Mr. DeBartlett assuming that three that they were in the Pittsburgh district while his competitors and the miners themselves said they were not included.

SEATTLE GOLD-MAD.

Half the Police and Firemen Resign to Go to Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., July 17.—The streets of this city are thronged tonight by excited people, and the population is preparing for an immense exodus into the Klondike region. When the next spring clean-up is made Klondike will contain 10,000, instead of 4,000, as now.

The miners left Dawson City June 19, and were seven days on the trip by steamer down the Yukon to St. Michael. After another week's rest they sailed on July 3, on the steamer Portland, arriving here today, bringing one and a half tons of gold along.

Inspector Strickland says that complete order is maintained in the camp by the Canadian mounted police. Little disorder prevails, but this may be due to the fact that the departure of the Portland party, as the Alaska Commercial Company sent 10,000 gallons of whisky into the camp on July 12.

The camp is a typical specimen of the frontier mining village, without a regular street. It stretches for a mile and a quarter for three miles, and then the houses are found at intervals of a quarter of a mile. The majority of the claim owners are Americans, who emigrated en masse from Forty Mile, the Alaska diggings, and from Gracie City.

When the news of the great strikes reached these places in the spring the population emigrated as one man, leaving less than a hundred men to work the claims of the Yukon, which are rich enough to pay men \$15 per day. Circle City's population in the winter was nearly 20,000, and now the exodus is going on. Owing to the immense exodus, logs are sold at from \$300 to \$200 each for use in sledging supplies over the mountains to camp. Tom Cochran, a grocery clerk, staked one of the Klondike miners with \$300 worth of supplies—eighteen tons of supplies—on credit on the Portland today, was \$41,000.

Victor Lord, a western Washington logger, spent four years in the Yukon. He made \$10,000 last winter in six weeks on the Klondike, working a claim on shares. He will return after spending the summer here. Alex. Menzie, of Astoria, was a miner before he went into the Klondike this summer. He located two claims on Indian creek, and after three weeks' work brought out \$7,000. "I have mined for thirty years in California, Arizona and Nevada," he said tonight. "The Klondike district is richer than any other district in the world. I own two claims on Indian creek, and will return in the spring in time to sled over the mountains into Klondike from Dyea."

Harry Olson received \$60,000 for his interest in a claim in the El Dorado. A dozen of the most prominent business and professional men in the city are now outfitting for the trip to the Klondike, and will go into the diggings by the water route, via the Yukon River. Among them is ex-Gov. McGraw, Brig. Gen. Carr, a leading attorney, and Josiah Collins, a mining operator.

Inside of a week both the police and fire departments of the city will be short half of the regular quota of men, as resignations have been coming in at headquarters all day. The men will go to Klondike.

RUSH FOR ALASKAN GOLD.

Exodus of Citizens on the Pacific Coast to Gold Fields.

San Francisco, July 17.—The rush of prospectors to the Yukon gold fields in Alaska continues very heavy from all over the Pacific States.

LOGHEAD BEATS BALD.

The Canadian Wins a Great Race by Six Inches.

coffee, 50; dried fruits, 35; tea, \$1; tobacco, \$1.50; butter, a roll, \$1.50; eggs dozen, \$1.50; salmon, each, \$1 to \$1.50; canned fruits, 50 cents; canned meats, 75; liquors, per drink, 50; shoes \$2.50; picks, \$5; coal oil, per gallon, \$1; overalls, \$1.50; underwear, per suit, \$5 to \$7.50; shoes, \$5; rubber boots, \$10 to \$15.

Miners who have reached here do not act like people who have suddenly jumped from poverty to comparative wealth. They are very level-headed. They went to the best hotels, and they are living in the fat away, and not one started in to peddle the town red. They have worked so hard that they appreciate the value of money. What they delight in most are theaters and other amusements. They say no one knows how to enjoy these if he has not spent a year in Alaska. Three-quarters of the miners will return in the spring when they are well rested.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPERS

Bush Meeting for Temperance at Washington Grove.

PROMINENT WORKERS ATTEND

The District and Marlboro County Largely Represented—Mrs. Platt, of Washington, Presides at the Opening Service—List of Distinguished Advocates—The Program.

The camping meeting of the White Ribboners, which commenced at Washington Grove last evening, promises to be a grand success. The meeting, which is being held under the joint auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Washington and Marlboro county, Md., will continue for a week, and will be the occasion of the congregating of most of the prominent temperance workers of this city and the counties adjacent to Marlboro, in Maryland and Virginia.

There are also expected noted advocates of the cause of temperance from Baltimore, New York and the West. Among these are Rev. J. J. Blair, pastor of the E Street Baptist Church of this city, Rev. Luther B. Wilson, presiding elder of the Baltimore M. E. Church conference district; the Rev. Sam Small, Col. S. H. Hadley, of the Jerry McManey Mission, Water street, New York city; Miss Jennie Smith, noted railroad evangelist, and Miss M. R. Haslop, State superintendent of the Maryland W. C. T. U. The last two mentioned have already arrived and addressed the meeting last evening.

The District Women's Christian Temperance Union is represented by Mrs. Margaret B. Platt, president; Mrs. Emma F. Shelton, recording secretary; Miss Weighman, Mrs. M. E. Cohen and others. Among other prominent temperance workers noticed were Miss Mary E. Hughes, of Loudoun county, Va.; Mrs. E. L. Tatum, superintendent of evangelists for the District country; Mrs. Sara F. Miller, an active worker in the franchise department; Mrs. Ben Miller, Mrs. Rodgers Brook, and Miss Brook, and Mrs. Charles Harleston.

The weather last evening was very unfavorable, but despite this, there was a fair attendance at the tabernacle when the service opened. Mrs. Platt, of Washington, presided, and on the platform with her were Miss Halcup, Miss Hughes and Miss Smith. The service was given with congregational singing led by Mr. Dove, with Mrs. Tracey as organist.

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Wednesday—9 a. m., convention of the W. C. T. U. of Montgomery county, lasting through the day; 8 p. m., lecture, Rev. J. E. Manier, Rockport, Md.

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This terrible cutting shall not stop until

—the stock is in perfect shape for inventory—until the surpluses are disposed of—and they aren't near gone yet. You must admit you never faced such an out-and-out sacrificing before, because there hasn't been any store here that has had the nerve to lose so much money. It is daring selling—but it is justifiable—a justifiable loss—for we shall quit the season with cleared counters—and show you a fresh, new stock when the new season comes.

Hechts selling is wonderful and the opportunity is made greater by the offer we make of extending you the privilege of credit—same as though you were paying full prices.

Hechts have bought 563 duck, pique, crash and linen suits, worth \$5—which go to you for \$1.98.

Monday we shall offer the ladies of this city a bargain such as we have never before been able to offer. We have bought 563 duck, pique, linen and crash "novelty" suits from a maker who was closing out the balance of his stock, and we bought them wonderfully cheap. In the lot there is not a suit which a month ago did not sell for \$5, and the very same suits are today bringing \$3.98, and we offer you the choice of them for \$1.98.

Some are trimmed with wide braid; some are trimmed with narrow featherbone braid; others are trimmed with straps of satin; some of the piques are trimmed with duck of all colors; some of the crashes are trimmed with pique and the linens mostly are trimmed with linen colored lace; they are in reefer and blazer effects—all made for this season's selling—all this season's styles—and all thoroughly tailor-made, high-class wash suits.

The opportunity is a splendid one and won't come again this season.

We have reduced the shirt waist prices awfully.

We have the largest assortment of shirt waists in this city. We have it because we have late more waists than any other store in town—and sold more. Our last order arrived late and slightly over-stocked us, and that's why we've cut the prices so unmercifully—to reduce the stock considerably the coming week.

37c — for three tableful of Figured Lawns, French Lawns, French madras and batiste shirt waists—with detachable collars, in the most desirable patterns and this season's styles, which sold for as high as a dollar.

67c — for the choice of any waist you see on those two tables, consisting of Lappet Lawns, batiste, silk and straw grass Linens, linen-colored lawns, lace lawns, some with plain white linen detachable collars—really the most exclusive and highest-grade waists of the season, which sold for \$2.50 and \$3.

Deep cuts in the millinery department.

Here are the surprises which we promised you in yesterday's papers. Wonderful values when you consider that you've got many weeks of wear ahead. They are greater values than you've ever been offered because they are short of all profit—and nobody else ever did that in such a wholesale way as we have.

Your choice of that tableful of ladies' and children's trimmed English Milan, fancy shape straw hats, in all different colors which are stylish—which sold for as high as \$1.25—for

17 cents. 48 cents. 7 1/2 cents yard. 16 cents yard.

Two underwear sales.

We are making a quick clearance of the muslin underwear—we are making reductions in this department which are ridiculous, indeed. For instance, we are giving you your unlimited choice of fine muslin, lace and embroidery trimmed gowns, torchon lace and embroidery trimmed chemises—torchon and embroidery trimmed umbrella drawers—V or square neck Valenciennes and torchon lace and Swiss embroidery trimmed corset covers—umbrella skirts, trimmed with torchon inserting and embroidery, which sold for 79c, 98c and \$1.50, and which were very, very cheap at those prices, for 41 cents.

We are giving you your choice of a tableful of ladies' fine muslin drawers and corset covers, the former with clusters of small tucks, and the latter with Hamburg embroidery and Valenciennes and Torchon lace trimming, garment such as cost 29c elsewhere, for 12 1/2c.

Ridiculous cuts in wash suits and skirts. Ladies' white wares ribbed vests, which the smaller stores get 10c for—to go for 5 1/2 cents each.

69c summer corsets, 23c. This is the last lot of summer corsets which we can get to sell for 23c, so you better come for them at once, for the lot isn't very large. You'll find that you cannot duplicate them elsewhere for less than what we say—69 cents.

A parol sacrifice. We have just enough left of the parol stock to make us determined to clear them out in a hurry. So tomorrow morning we shall give you your choice of a lot of China silk, striped satin, pongee silk and glorious silk parasols with patterns and every kind else, which sold for as much as \$5.98—for 89 cents.

A lot of boys' dollar wash suits, 58c each. You took the 69c washable Galesa cloth suits so quickly that we were compelled to look about the market for more, and we've struck a maker who was very, very anxious to unload even if at a sacrifice. That's why you get \$1 wash suits for 58c. Have your children's collars, and are in several combinations.

Boys' crash pants, 16c. We shall continue this offering until every pair is sold. There is a lot, but some pure linens too. They are surely worth 20c.

MR. FOSTER'S HARD LUCK. Troubles With His Wife Lead to His Arrest. Alexander E. Foster, an official in the Interior Department, was arrested last night and locked up in the First precinct station, charged with threatening to do personal violence to his wife.

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