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## SEVERAL AGREEMENTS; SOME CERTAIN

Men Authorized to Return to Work in Any District Where Scale Is Signed.

## MITCHELL'S WORD IS LAW FROM MAGNOLIA-ST. LOUIS CONVENTION OBEYED EVERY DEMAND.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 30.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America adjourned sine die today after authorizing the national and district officers to sign a wage agreement with any coal operator who would agree to pay the scale of 1903 or its equivalent for a period of two years. This is an advance of 5.55 per cent in wages in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, and all other districts except the southwest, composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory, where an advance of 3 cents per ton is demanded, as the 1903 scale is practically in force in that district.

The convention declined an offer made by the operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio to submit the wage differences to arbitration. When a coal operator owns mines in different districts the scale must be signed for all the properties at the same time before any will be allowed to run.

**Half a Million Men Involved.**

The action of the convention will bring out of the mines of the country 500,000 men in the anthracite and bituminous fields. These will remain on strike until settlements have been signed by districts or with individual operators. The only miners at work on Monday will be 25,000 men in the New River, Pocahontas, Fairmont and central fields of West Virginia, where an agreement was made several days ago to allow the mines to continue to work until the district convention meets in session at Charleston has reached a disagreement with the operators.

The joint state conventions of the outlying districts, to be held next week or now in session, at "Haystack," W. Va., Louisville, Ky., Des Moines, Ia., Saginaw, Mich., and Clearfield, in central Pennsylvania were empowered under the action of the convention today to sign agreements with the operators of those states if they agree to pay the 1903 scale.

**Some Will Make Peace.**

Men will return to work as soon as the scale is signed. The agreement in these joint state conventions any of the miners can sign the scale and resume work where individual operators pay the advanced scale.

It is anticipated that the scale will be signed in a few days by employers of 75,000 men. The Pittsburg Coal company, and F. L. Robbins, of western Pennsylvania, who also owns mines in Ohio, Illinois and West Virginia, will, it is expected, sign at once, together with a number of independent operators. The miners expect to get the advance soon in all the Indiana mines south of the Fairmont & Ohio railway, in a number of central Indiana mines, in one-half of the Illinois mines, and in a large percentage of the mines of Ohio. The duration of the strike in Michigan, Kentucky, central Pennsylvania, Iowa and West Virginia can better be determined when the state conventions meet, when expressions from the operators as to their intentions will be made.

**Mitchell's Opinion.**

President Mitchell said today he believed one-half of the tonnage of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania would sign the scale, and a large number of independents having an annual output of 3,000,000 tons, who protested here against the advance, but who would pay the advance demanded, and their men would resume work. The miners expect very few operators in the southwest will sign at once.

The joint conference of this district adjourned today after disagreeing and after the miners had unanimously declined to submit the differences to a commission to be appointed by President Roosevelt.

**Executive Board to Meet.**

The national executive board will meet tomorrow morning to take up the

## ALPINE IS GREATLY EXCITED OVER RECENT RICH DISCOVERIES OF ORE

(Special to The Herald.)

American Fork, March 30.—Alpine is excited over several rich mineral strikes recently made in the hills east and north of town. Some time ago Ira McDaniel of Alpine made a strike, getting a good vein, almost at the grass roots, which assayed \$11 in gold and 3 ounces in silver. He succeeded in getting "Uncle Jesse" Knight interested enough so that he sent a man over to inspect the prospect, and it is rumored that the man was very impressed with its appearance and will probably take hold with a view to developing it. This prospect lies directly on the mountain east of this city.

About two and one-half miles north of this claim and on the old workings formerly owned by the Pacific Mining & Milling company, Samuel McCauley of Alpine has opened up something apparently big. At a depth of only fifteen feet from the surface he cross-cut a vein which is twenty feet wide, through which there is a fourteen-inch streak of rich tellurium ore. An average sample assayed \$75.20, the values running 63 ounces in silver and the rest in gold.

The vein has been traced and found to run directly through two claims owned by the Pacific company. This company will put men to work right away to locate and open up the vein on its property. Close by these claims

James McGregor Files Suit for \$900,000, Alleging Unlawful Extraction of Ore.

## JAMES MCGREGOR FILES SUIT FOR \$900,000, ALLEGING UNLAWFUL EXTRACTION OF ORE.

James McGregor, or, to be more exact, the Magnolia-St. Louis Mining company, yesterday filed an action in the federal court against the Silver King Mining company, of Park City, and David Keith and Thomas Kearns, demanding judgment for \$900,000, or three times the value of ores which allegedly have been "secretly" willfully and unlawfully" extracted from plaintiff company's Magnolia and St. Louis claims. The suit has been threatened for several months past, and at the time it looked as though McGregor and the King management would get together and fix things up without resorting to the courts, but nothing came of the negotiations.

The complaint filed during the afternoon contains allegations that are to the point, though brief. It is alleged that through underground workings which reach out from the Silver King mine the defendant company has entered the boundaries of the Magnolia and St. Louis claims and mined ore therein, moved it away and converted it to the uses of the defendant company, without the consent or knowledge of plaintiff or its predecessors, which means James McGregor and his associates. The complaint refers to certain "concealed" underground workings through which the defendant company gained access to the claims mentioned, but no particulars are given touching the location of these workings.

It is a matter of history, however, that James McGregor several months ago got permission from the Silver King company to enter some of its workings for the purpose of satisfying himself whether his ground had been trespassed upon or not, and it was during this investigation that he followed a drift running approximately south from King workings into the McGregor ground.

**Shaft Being Sunk.**

The two claims of the Magnolia-St. Louis company are located about 1,600 feet southerly from the Silver King company's shaft. A shaft is now being sunk by the company, and President McGregor stated that he expected to reach the workings through which the alleged trespass and mining has been carried on. The shaft is now down over 100 feet and it is expected that it will reach the workings in July. Some ore has been found in sinking the shaft.

As property of the Silver King Mining company entirely surrounds the Magnolia and St. Louis ground, the latter will probably be long drawn out and stubbornly contested one. W. C. Hall and Frick, Edwards & Smith are attorneys for the plaintiff company.

**Statement by Principals.**

Mr. McGregor was asked last evening for a statement.

"I don't know that there is anything for me to say on the subject," he said. "The suit speaks for itself. This action is for trespass on one level only, which I myself have seen. If an underground survey proves that there have been other trespasses, further action will be taken."

When advised of the filing of the suit last evening, David Keith, president of the Silver King Mining company, stated that he had been expecting the action, but did not know that the papers had been filed. "Of course the suit will be fought to a finish," said Mr. Keith, "and you can say for me that I know the Silver King company will win. We know that the vein has its apex in Silver King territory and we shall prove it. We have mined no ore that belongs to James McGregor or his company. The vein is a small one and has no connection with the main ledge of the Silver King property, in the sense that it is a part of it. There is not a particle of danger that Mr. McGregor will get judgment in this action and there is no occasion for any stockholder of the Silver King to become alarmed over it."

## IDAHO UNIVERSITY BURNED

Boise, Ida., March 29.—It is shown by the records here that the main building of the Moscow university, which burned today, cost \$250,000. The insurance carried on the building and contents amounted to \$105,500 in twenty-four companies. It is estimated that it would now cost fully \$500,000 to replace the building.

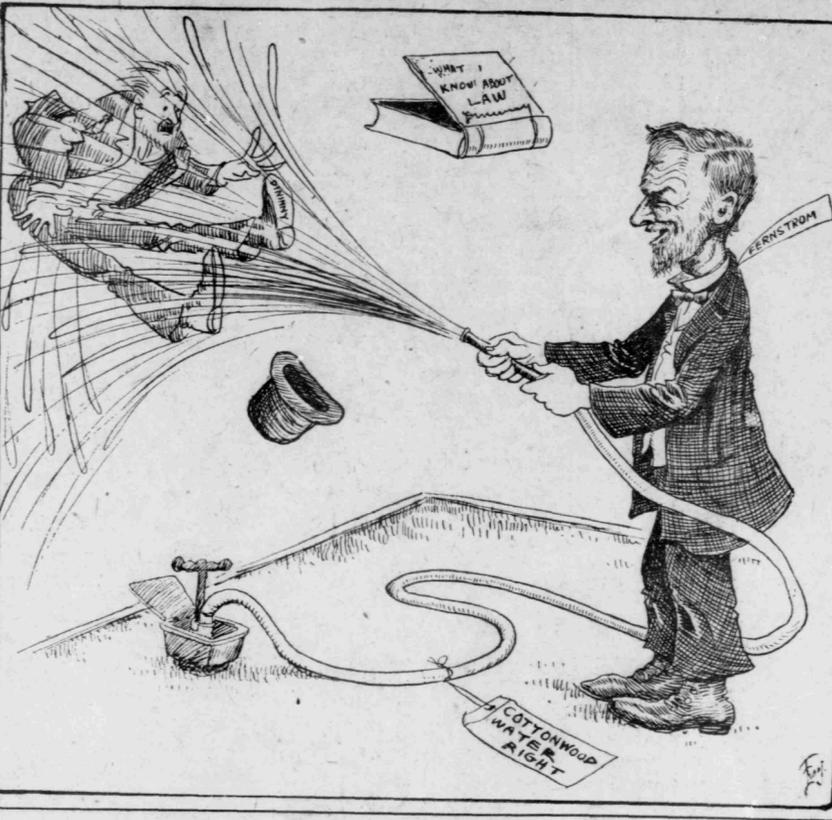
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## JEFF DAVIS AHEAD OF SENATOR BERRY

Little Rock, Ark., March 29.—With practically complete returns from sixty-two out of seventy-five counties, Governor Jefferson Davis has a majority of 2,672 over Senator James H. Berry for the Democratic nomination for United States senator. Senator Berry, at his home in Bentonville, again declined today to express an opinion as to the probable result, saying that he preferred to wait further returns.

Returns from the Fourth congressional district indicate the nomination of W. E. Craven by Fort Smith for representative in congress to succeed John S. Little, nominated for governor.



Found the Water Right.

## CANNIBALISM IN ARCTIC REGIONS

Horrible Stories Coming From Chukchis, a Remote Part of Russia in Asia.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Horrible accounts are reaching St. Petersburg of cannibalism and starvation among tribes inhabiting the Arctic plain of the Chukchis peninsula, at the extremity of Asia. Most of the remainder of the winter during the winter of 1904-05, leaving the inhabitants without means of communication or food. During the last winter whole tribes have died and members of the Omolons and Oloya tribes, when facing starvation, assembled in council and decided that nothing remained but death.

**Agreed Upon Death.**

They agreed that each head of a family should kill his wife and children and then commit suicide. The tribesmen gathered on a plateau covered with snow and ice, and in the darkness of the Arctic winter the Spartan decision was executed, not a single member of the two tribes surviving.

**Revolting Details.**

More revolting still is the story of what occurred in the family of the Yukibir family. A mother and nine of her children having died of hunger, the father, a surviving daughter and a nephew lived upon the remains, and when they were consumed the father murdered the nephew. A Russian named Dolganoff, who went to the region to buy furs, reported the situation at Yakutsk, Siberia. He entered a snow hut of a Yukibir family while the latter were eating the head of a murdered relative.

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## FREE ALCOHOL BILL FAILED

Vote in House Committee on Ways and Means Was Almost Unanimous.

Washington, March 30.—The house committee on ways and means today authorized a favorable report on the free alcohol bill. The vote on the bill was 16 to 2. Dalzell (Pa.) and Grosvenor (O.) voting against it.

**Scope of the Bill.**

The bill was reported as prepared by the sub-committee and introduced by Chairman Payne. It provides that beginning three months after its passage domestic alcohol of such degree of proof as may be prescribed by the commissioner of internal revenue and approved by the secretary of the treasury, may be withdrawn from bond without the payment of internal revenue tax, for use in the arts and industries and for fuel, light and power, provided it shall have been mixed in the presence of and under the direction of an authorized government officer, before withdrawal, with denaturing materials suitable to the use for which the alcohol is withdrawn but which destroy its character as a beverage and render it unfit for liquid medicinal purposes.

**Penalty for Re-Distillation.**

A penalty of five years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine is imposed for either re-distillation or the use of any process to render the alcohol so withdrawn salable as a beverage or for medicinal purposes. There is appropriated \$250,000 for the employment of such additional force of chemists as may be necessary to the internal revenue bureau to administer the act.

## RICH STRIKE AT BEATTY.

Beatty, Nev., March 30.—A rich gold discovery is reported fifteen miles north of Beatty. Assays show a depth of a foot are said to give a return of \$12. Strikes are also reported in moderate circles, and prospectors are on the ground, and a townsite has already been located.

## GENERALS LIPS SEALED

Former Governor of Canal Zone Cannot Criticize His Superior Officer.

Washington, March 30.—The course of the president in dismissing the members of the Walker canal commission was inquired into by Senator Morgan today, when General George W. Davis, former governor of the canal zone, was on the stand. Senator Hopkins objected on the ground that an officer of the army should not be put in the position of criticizing his superior officers.

"It would be the height of impropriety," said General Davis, "to express approval or disapproval of the president, who is his superior officer."

Senator Morgan said he would not press the question. He commended the witness for his moderation in declining to say anything in an affair which might in any way reflect on the administration.

General Davis expressed the opinion that the United States is expected to be robbed in adjusting titles to the land in the canal zone, and that the cost would be many millions of dollars. The cost to this government would be much greater, he thought, if the minority plans for the canal were adopted.

The danger of earthquakes was ever present on the isthmus, the witness said, but he did not believe this should be considered seriously if a sea-level canal without any great masonry structures were built.

General Davis will resume his testimony Monday.

## COUNT WITTE IS ABOUT TO RETIRE

Resignation of the Strong Man of Russia Said to Be in the Czar's Hands.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Since the sitting of the council of the empire, March 19, at which Premier Witte made an enigmatical statement, which was interpreted by many members of the council as a virtual declaration that his career as premier was ended and that he would be succeeded by Privy Councillor Kokovskoff, former minister of finance, the premier has not attended the session of the council, and his continued absence adds color to the rumors of his retirement at an early date.

**In the Czar's Hands.**

The Associated Press is positively informed that the premier's resignation, based on the grounds of ill health, is before the emperor. This, however, is not admitted at the premier's chancellery. The general belief in high quarters is that if Count Witte retires it will not be M. Kokovskoff, but M. Goremykin, former minister of the interior, or General Count Ignatieff, leader of the reactionary party, who will succeed him. The combination of the reactionaries is understood to be M. Goremykin for premier and General Ignatieff for minister of the interior. In moderate circles, the fall of Count Witte at the present juncture would be regarded as a catastrophe.

## PORK BARREL WELL FILLED

Omnibus Public Building Bill Will Carry Appropriation of \$25,000,000.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, March 30.—The house committee on public buildings and grounds has completed the omnibus public building bill, but will not report it for several days. The contents of the bill are withheld from publicity, but it is known that it will carry an aggregate appropriation of about \$25,000,000.

Places in the Rocky mountain region which are to be given buildings or sites are, in part, as follows: Wyoming, building at Sheridan and site at Rawlins; Colorado, buildings at Trinidad and Boulder and increase of cost limit of Colorado Springs buildings; Idaho, building at Moscow; Utah, building at Provo.

A special meeting was held by the house public lands committee today on Chairman Lacey's bill providing for the discontinuance of the office of receiver of public land offices. Land Commissioner Richards was heard in advocacy of the bill. In moderate circles, the discontinuance of office as previously made in his last annual report.

The committee took no action today, and it is believed will decline to report favorably upon the bill, which is said to have no support in the committee excepting that of Chairman Lacey. The senate committee on public lands also is opposed to the bill, and there is no probability of favorable action being taken on it by this congress.

## WRECK IN TEXAS.

Ablene, Tex., March 29.—An eastbound Texas & Pacific passenger train collided with a freight train near Eskoota today. None of the passengers received serious injury, though several were painfully hurt. Among the injured was W. H. Amble of Los Angeles.

## THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.

Portsmouth, O., March 29.—Two trainmen were killed, one fatally injured and five other persons seriously injured in a wreck on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, near Quincy, Ky., tonight.

## WOULD REST IN UNMARKED GRAVE

John Connor, Aged 60 Years, Kills Himself Because of Poor Health.

## HE SHRINKS FROM ILLNESS

GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN AND CIVIL ENGINEER.

After signing his name to a note requesting that he be buried in an unmarked grave, John Connor, 60 years of age, formerly employed as nightwatchman at the Rio Grande Western yards, pulled a revolver from his pocket yesterday afternoon while sitting on a bench in front of the Saltair depot, Fourth west and First South streets, and shot himself through the head. Death was instantaneous. The bullet entered the right side of the head just above the ear. Ill health was the cause of the tragedy.

Four men witnessed the suicide, but they were unable to prevent it. Jacob Bal, driver for the J. G. McDonald Candy company, was passing the station while Connor had his gun in his hand. This attracted his attention and he saw the old man from his car, ran toward the station where Connor was seated. Just as Bal landed on the ground the gun exploded, and when the cloud of smoke cleared away, the body lay lifeless on the bench.

William H. Pugh, living at 37 West First South street, and C. E. Connor, living at the Colorado house, heard Bal cry out. They ran across the street to the station, as they saw the glitter of the gun in the man's hand. At a moment later the report of the revolver was heard. The body dropped back on to the bench, and as the muscles relaxed, the gun fell from the hand. Another man standing across the street saw the fatal shot fired.

## Afflicted With Tuberculosis.

For three months Connor had been at the Holy Cross hospital suffering from tuberculosis. The disease had secured a grip upon him. He dreaded the lingering death which awaited him. He left the hospital a few days ago and was going back to the hospital again yesterday. He went to the old Saltair depot to take the car to the city. He believed that he wrote a note while sitting on the bench waiting for the car and decided to take his life and end his suffering.

The note was not addressed to any person, nor was it dated. It was written in pencil and stated that Andrew J. Cronin, chief clerk of the Rio Grande Western freight office, be sent for, and that his body be taken to Edward G. O'Donnell's home, at the establishment. At the bottom of the piece of note paper he had written that he be buried in an unmarked grave, and signed his name.

Connor formerly was employed at the Colorado house while he was employed at the Rio Grande Western yards. His effects, which consist of a few clothes and a few other articles, were left there in a valise. He had no relatives living in this country that are known. Andrew J. Cronin said last night that he had known Connor for about ten years. He first met him in Colorado, and since Connor had been employed at the Rio Grande Western yards, he had become intimately acquainted with him.

## Graduate of University.

"Connor was graduated from the University of Dublin, where he completed a course in civil engineering," Mr. Cronin said. "For some time he specified it as his profession. His impaired health forced him to give this up. He came to Colorado about ten or twelve years ago, where I first met him. He was in search of better health and worked about the mines and railroad shops.

"When he came to Salt Lake he had seven years ago he was in search of outdoor work and accepted the position of nightwatchman about the Rio Grande yards. Later he was employed as flagman at one of the railroad crossings. He was compelled to give up his work about the first of the year on account of ill health. He was advised to go to the hospital, but he knew that his life was only a question of time. He was about 60 years of age, and as far I know had no relatives in this country. He was never married."

## DENIED BY HARLAN.

Washington, March 30.—Justice Harlan today denied that he is about to retire from the supreme bench, as reported in some quarters.

## SKY-SCRAPER TO COST \$1,000,000

Henry Phipps of Pittsburg Here to Consider Erecting an Immense Building.

## LOCAL CAPITALISTS TO AID PLAN TO HAVE COMMERCIAL CLUB PARTICIPATE.

Henry Phipps, multi-millionaire steel magnate, and chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., and now of New York City, is in the city looking after some of his investments. It is declared probable that while here Mr. Phipps will make definite arrangements for the construction of a huge office building on the northwest corner of State and Second South streets. In the Phipps party, which is traveling through the west and south in the private car "Olympia," combining business and pleasure, are, besides Mr. Phipps himself, H. Walton, Miss Walton, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Franks, William A. Ensko and H. A. Shaffer, all of New York.

Arriving in Salt Lake from Ogden about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Phipps began immediately the work of inspecting his holdings in this city. For the greater part of the day he was engaged in this task together with his agents, Tuttle Bros. Among the properties inspected are the buildings at Second South and State streets, extending west as far as Commercial street, the Ricketts block at Third South and State streets, better known as the Halls hotel, the Baisley building on Main street, the terrace adjoining the Board of Trade building on West Second South street, the Manitou hotel and several other minor pieces of business property. Mr. Phipps is the owner of several pieces of residence property in the Fourth precinct and has also a large amount of acreage close to the city. In all, his holdings represent an outlay of approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Phipps is a heavy stockholder in the National Bank of the Republic. He was for a considerable time connected with the institution in the capacity of a director. Recently he resigned from his official position, his son succeeding him.

## May Buy More Realty.

Although no official announcement has been made by Mr. Phipps himself, some of the members of his party intimated yesterday that he would make further investments in Salt Lake realty.

From time to time statements have been made that Mr. Phipps would build on his property at Second South and State streets, a building for State street. Here, he gave out the impression that such would be his course of procedure. The contemplated building, one of these men stated yesterday that if Mr. Phipps will agree to furnish \$750,000, local investors will raise the balance for a million-dollar office building for State street. A probable that State street will have on it within a few months a great skyscraper. The structure which Mr. Phipps has in mind for his State street property will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, and will be one of the finest buildings in the west.

## Commercial Club Interested.

That there is more than a rumor behind the Phipps building story is said to come from the Commercial club. No definite action has yet been taken by the club, but if Mr. Phipps agrees to build, officers of the club state that the organization will agree to lease for a period of twenty years, two floors in the building.

Several local capitalists have in the past week had meetings looking toward the consummation of an arrangement with Mr. Phipps for the construction of the contemplated building. One of these men stated yesterday that if Mr. Phipps will agree to furnish \$750,000, local investors will raise the balance for a million-dollar office building for State street. A meeting of some of those interested in the proposition has been arranged with Mr. Phipps for this morning. Definite results may come from that meeting before the day is over.

## Party on Way East.

Mr. Phipps and his party left New York during January for a pleasure trip through the southern states, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. The party is now homeward bound. From Salt Lake the party will go to Denver, where they will be entertained by Lawrence C. Phipps, nephew of the steel magnate. From Denver the party will go directly east to Chicago and New York.

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