

PEACE REIGNS AGAIN IN IOWA COAL FIELDS

JOINT CONFERENCE RATIFIES TWO YEARS' AGREEMENT THIS MORNING.

WORK IS RESUMED IN MAJORITY OF MINES

Joint Scale Committee, After Hours of Wrangling Finally Came to An Agreement at Midnight Saturday—Barrred From Interstate Conference.

Des Moines, April 18. — (Special.)—Once more peace has settled over the mining districts of Iowa and today work was begun in nearly every shaft in the state.

Long Fight Ended.

The long fight which commenced on March 8, was practically brought to a close at midnight Saturday when the joint scale committee of thirteen miners and thirteen operators decided in favor of adopting the report of the sub-scale committee and refer the newly prepared scale to the joint conference for ratification.

This morning the conference met at the Odd Fellows' hall at 9 o'clock and the scale as prepared by the committee was read and explained to the members of both sides of the house.

Considered as a whole, the new scale is something of a loss for the miners, judged from their stand before the joint conference.

The Miners Are Losers.

During the past few weeks, when every day brought new possibilities of peace or war to the mining interests of Iowa, much complaint has been heard among both the miners and operators because the delegates from this state are not allowed to make their agreement at the same time and in the same body with Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

DIDN'T FIGHT WHISKEY. Miles All Right as a Soldier, Says "Drys," But

Des Moines, April 18.—At the county prohibition convention here yesterday a motion to endorse General Miles for the presidency was defeated.

WANT GAINS

STOCKHOLDERS IN THE WHISKY TRUST ASK ACCOUNTING FOR PROFITS.

New York, April 18.—Action brought by certain stockholders of the American Spirits Manufacturing Co., known as the whisky trust, to compel an accounting for the profits of that concern came to trial today before Judge Davis in the supreme court.

GIVES HIS EMPLOYEES STOCK.

"Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo Makes a Present of \$10,000.

Toledo, O., April 18.—Mayor Jones, the "golden rule advocate," has made the employees of the S. M. Jones Company a gift of \$10,000 worth of stock of the company.

The gift is a clean present, the mayor stating that there are "no strings" to it, and in addition to a "golden rule fund" of \$10,000 founded by Mayor Jones last Christmas.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

Bishop Stephen M. Merrill Still Remains Active in Church.

Chicago, Ill., April 18.—Bishop Stephen M. Merrill of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has been in active service in the ministry for forty-nine years and thirty-two in the episcopate, and is called the "John Marshall of Methodism," denied last night the report that he would tender his resignation at the general conference of the church to be held in Los Angeles, Cal.

HERO OF WARS IN WANT.

Veteran Arrives at Omaha Seeking Home to End His Days.

Omaha, Neb., April 18.—Albin Kalka, a hero of the Austrian war with Prussia, who left his native country to enlist in the union army against the south, arrived in Omaha Sunday clad in rags and covered with dust of travel.

RIVER GIVES UP DEAD.

Body of Unknown Man Found in Mississippi At St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., April 18.—The body of a well dressed man has been taken from the river here but his identity is unestablished.

TAX IS REPEALED.

Measure Passed By House Benefits Leaf Tobacco Growers.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—The house today passed a bill providing for the relief of growers of leaf tobacco. It repeals the internal revenue tax of six cents per pound on leaf tobacco "in hand" and all special taxes.

OPPOSES HEARST AND PARKER.

Tom Johnson Declares Neither Candidate Should be Nominated.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 18.—Tom Johnson, in an interview Sunday declared against both Hearst and Parker as democratic candidates and said he favored a compromise on some man acceptable to both factions.

ROYALTY ON WALES.

Prince and Princess of Wales Start for Vienna Today.

London, April 18.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their suite, started today for Vienna where they will visit Emperor Francis Joseph.

TWO BANKS GO

DAVID ROTHSCHILD CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT, IS THE CAUSE.

New York, April 18.—A receiver was appointed today for the Globe Security Co. Last week when the Federal bank was closed, it was said that David Rothschild, the former president of the bank, was also interested in the Globe Security Co.

Washington, April 18.—Conference agreement between senate and house reached today which disposes of all matters in dispute on army appropriation bill.

FIRE IN INDIANAPOLIS CAUSES FATAL PANIC

Indianapolis, Ind., April 18.—One life lost as a result of a fire panic, a number of persons injured and scores of imperiled are the results of the most strenuous night in the history of the fire department in months.

While the firemen were fighting a blaze in the Occidental hotel at 2 o'clock this morning an alarm was turned in from St. Vincent's hospital. Panic stricken men and women ap-

JAPS HURRY MEN TO THE SEAT OF WAR

OVER SEVENTY TRANSPORTS HEADED FOR COAST NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

ATTEMPTED LANDING PREVENTED BY ENEMY

Admiral Togo Made an Unsuccessful Attempt to Land Troops at Corea Bay, Between Port Arthur and the Yalu River.

Tien Tsin, April 18.—From several sources reports have been received here saying that a Japanese fleet of over seventy transports is heading for Kinchow, north of Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—A Japanese cruiser, one of the fleet which participated in the last attack on Port Arthur, was sunk by one of the mines which the Mikado's men laid as a trap for the Russian warships, according to private dispatches received here from the far east.

The dispatches, which are from eye witnesses of the last bombardment, say the cruiser is a total wreck. Whether any of the crew was saved or not is not known.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—The first of five new submarine boats building at St. Petersburg and forty wagon loads of ammunition were dispatched today to the theatre of war. The submarine boat, which was sent off in sections, is elliptical in shape and is fitted with improved electrical apparatus for firing torpedoes.

PARIS, April 18.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says the Japanese are preparing to cut the Russian line of communication along the peninsula of Liao Tung at the same time they cross the Yalu river.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—It is asserted here with great positiveness that Russia has purchased two battleships at Schichau and Elbing.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—An attempted landing by Japanese troops on the shores of Corea bay, between Port Arthur and the Yalu river on April 12 was frustrated by the Russians. The Japanese torpedo boat flotilla scouted the shores of the bay but was received with such a heavy fire from the land batteries that it retired.

Togo's flagship then recalled the nine transports which were on their way to land the troops. A squadron of ten warships protecting the transports withdrew with them.

The Russians have 20,000 troops concentrated at Taku Shan.

Seoul, April 18.—A Ping Yang dispatch says the country in the wake of the Japanese army is resuming its normal conditions. The majority of the inhabitants left their homes before the troops arrived but are now returning. They have learned that the Japanese soldiers treat the people well, pay for their supplies and are under strict discipline.

"Splendid," Togo Is Told. Tokyo, April 18.—Admiral Baron Yamamoto, minister of marine, sent the following congratulatory message to Vice Admiral Togo Sunday: "I am delighted at the success of the eighth attack on Port Arthur. The result was splendid, and while it is attributable to the emperor's illustrious virtue, the loyal and gallant action of the officers and men of the fleet played a conspicuous part. Their behavior leaves nothing to regret."

Tenders Congratulations. "I tender my congratulations to you and to the officers and men of your command, and I hope that the same noble discharge of duties will be continued while the present great national problem lies before us.

The goal is yet distant. Take the best care of yourselves in order that you all may be enabled to finish the great work expected of you."

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DISORDER REIGNED

NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HAS STORMY OPENING.

Albany, April 18.—The democratic state convention to elect delegates to the national convention was called to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Great confusion resulted from the orders which had been given to keep the doors closed until the last moment. The result was that when the doors opened the crowd burst in with a yell and a rush.

Police Are Helpless. The crush before the doors and in the hall was tremendous and the aisles were filled with such a milling crowd. The police were all but helpless. Hats were smashed, clothing was torn, faces were scratched and feet trampled in the rush.

Chairman Makes Address. Order was finally secured and Former State Senator Raikes was introduced as chairman and delivered a speech to the convention.

THE IROQUOIS IS SOLD.

Ill-Fated Theatre Will be Turned Into a Music Hall.

Chicago, April 18.—It was stated last night that the ill-fated Iroquois theatre had been sold to P. F. Shea of the Empire theatre, Cleveland, O., and Hurlig and Seaman, the eastern theatrical firm. A number of other theatrical men were associated with them in the deal, it was asserted.

FEARS FOR IOWA CORN CROP.

Scientist Starts Lecture Tour to Warn Farmers About Seed.

Des Moines, April 18.—Professor P. G. Holden of the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames, left last night over the Rock Island on a trip through northwestern Iowa to deliver lectures on seed corn. He says the farmers of Iowa will not get half a crop this season if they do not properly select their seed corn. This is because of the nature of the crop of last season.

SUNDAY MEETS WITH SUCCESS.

Evangelist Known in Iowa Holding Services in Rockford.

Rockford, Ill., April 18.—This city is in the throes of an old fashioned religious revival. It began Thursday when the Rev. William A. Sunday opened his month's campaign "against the devil" in the Winnebago county seat, and reached its climax Sunday when he aroused 10,000 people to an intense pitch of religious fervor.

NEW THEATRE TO FIGHT TRUST.

David Belasco to Establish Houses in Twelve Cities.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 18.—David Belasco, will secure a site in this city for a theatre which will be one of twelve to be built to fight the trust. One of the playhouses will be erected in St. Louis.

KICKED TO DEATH BY A HORSE.

Charles Barr, Prominent Citizen of Colorado Is Killed.

Marshalltown, April 18.—(Special)—Charles Barr, a prominent citizen of Colorado, la., was kicked by a horse over the heart and died today as the result of his injury.

PICKED OUT TALESMEN

DETROIT PROSECUTOR SCORED BY JUDGE FOR MISDIRECTED ZEAL.

Detroit, April 18.—Judge Phelan, of the recorder's court, discharged the jury which had been hearing evidence in the murder trial of George W. Parker, and followed this action by dismissing the entire present panel of jurors drawn for the recorder's court and ordering 150 new talesmen drawn.

Phelan's action follows an investigation of charges against jurors and talesmen that have been in progress for days, during which it developed that Prosecuting Attorney Hunt had employed two detectives to investigate the talesmen.

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HINITT GOES TO KENTUCKY

FORMER OTTUMWA PREACHER ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF UNIVERSITY.

TO LEAVE PARSONS COLLEGE IN JULY

Has Been President of Institution at Fairfield for Four Years and Has Made a Record of Which He may Well Be Proud.

Fairfield, April 18.—(Special)—Dr. F. W. Hinitt, president of the Parsons college in this city and formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Ottumwa, today announced that he has accepted the presidency of the Central university of Kentucky, located at Danville and Louisville. The college building and offices of the institution are at the former city and President Hinitt will make his home there.

Will Leave in July.

Dr. Hinitt has been the recipient of numerous flattering offers from colleges in different parts of the country during the past few months but has refused to leave Parsons, where he has done a great work during the past four years. The offer to go to the Central university, however, is such a great promotion that in justice to himself he could not overlook it. Fairfield as a whole and the college especially, is sorry to lose him. Since he took the presidency of the institution here it has improved with such rapid strides that it will indeed be hard to find a man to take his place.

No Successor Chosen.

Although the officials of the college have known that Dr. Hinitt has been considering the offer from the Central university, nothing has been done as yet toward securing a man to succeed him at the head of Parsons college. He will remain here until after the close of the present school year and by that time the trustees will have been able to communicate with several men who may be induced to take the presidency. This position itself is one to which many may aspire.

Dr. F. W. Hinitt was, until four years ago pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Ottumwa. He left this city to accept an urgent call to Fairfield to become president of Parsons college. Although the work was new to him he has made a splendid record and one which has brought him before the eyes of the most prominent educators in the country. He has, during the past few months, received several offers of other positions but not until the presidency of the Central university was tendered did he make up his mind to leave Fairfield.

Dr. Hinitt has been heart and soul in the work of Parsons college and the result is that he has built it up to a high standard in spite of the most discouraging circumstances. Only recently a disastrous fire destroyed much of the property of the college but Dr. Hinitt went to work with a will and now the buildings and the college as a whole are in better condition than ever before in the history of the school.

New Field of Activity.

The Central university of Kentucky the presidency of which has just been accepted by Dr. Hinitt is one of the most prominent sectarian schools in the country. It is under the supervision of the North and South Presbyterians, the two branches of the church having merged their educational institutions two years ago in one large university. The collegiate and law departments of the university are located at Danville and the medical and dental colleges at Louisville. Center college, the seat of the collegiate department, was formerly Central college and was established in 1819. Its history is prominent in the history and development of the great west in which it was a pioneer and the president of Princeton said recently in an address that it has turned out more distinguished alumni than any other institution in the United States.

The fact that both the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian church, which are both strong in Kentucky, have joined hands to father the

PETER NEIDERMIER TRYS TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Central university does away with all feelings of strife and the friends of the university feel that an era of unexampled success is opening before it. This is the prospect that awaits Dr. Hinitt and he would have been singularly blind to his own interests and those of his family had he refused this offer. He has hosts of friends in Ottumwa who will regret to learn that he is to leave Iowa but will be very glad to know that he is to enter a larger field where his ability will have a greater scope than in the past.

MUSCATINE GROWING BETTER?

A. C. Rankin Organizes a State Marshall Club in River City.

Muscatine, April 18.—(Special)—What has been said to be refused impossible—the organization in a river town in Iowa of a state marshal club—has been performed by A. C. Rankin, the champion of the state marshal movement. He talked to a crowded house at one of the churches last night and this morning organized his club of fifty-six members.

BIGAMY IS CHARGED.

Allegations Against Marshalltown Preacher.

Marshalltown, April 18.—(Special)—A telegram from Columbus, Ohio, today states that Rev. W. T. Nickerson, the colored minister who left Marshalltown some weeks ago and is now wanted here for embezzlement of his church's funds, has been married since going to Ohio. A charge of bigamy may be lodged against him as he has a wife living in this city, who it is said, has not been divorced.

PYTHIANS MAKE MONEY.

Oskaloosa Band Will Play at Louisville Encampment.

Oskaloosa, April 18.—(Special)—The sum of \$1,000 was cleared by the Knights of Pythias at their fair here last week. It closed Saturday night. The money will be used to take the brigade band from this city to the national Pythian encampment at Louisville this summer.

WHISKEY CAUSES ROBBERY.

Three Dubuque Men Charged With Holding Up a LaCrosse Man.

Dubuque, April 18.—(Special)—"Jack" Fury and Ed. and Will Neuman, local talent, were jailed today on the charge of robbing Edward Laughlin of LaCrosse, Wis., while returning from a midnight debauch.

EIGHTEEN FOR ONE JOB.

Few Burlington Men Who Don't Want to Be Chief of Police.

Burlington, April 18.—(Special)—Already eighteen applications have been filed with Mayor Caster for the position of chief of police. The place has been vacant only since Saturday, when Chief Hornung resigned.

WANT MORE MONEY.

Sixteen Freight Handlers at Rock Island Go Out on Strike.

Davenport, April 18.—(Special)—Rather than work longer for less than 17 1/2 cents per hour, sixteen freight handlers employed by the Rock Island Railway Co., at Rock Island, Ill., went out on strike today.

Oskaloosa For Hearst.

Oskaloosa, April 18.—(Special)—The democratic caucuses held in this city Saturday evening showed that the members of that party in this city are for Hearst by a comfortable majority.

FATAL RESULT

MAJOR H. C. DENNIS BROODED OVER BURTON'S CONVICTION AND DIED.

St. Louis, April 18.—Physicians who attended Major Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Rialto Grain & Security Co., whose sudden death ended his connection with the case in which Senator Burton, of Kansas, was recently convicted, stated today that Dennis' death resulted from continually brooding over the conviction and sentence of Burton.

IOWA GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 18.—J. B. Howe, Oneida Junction, Iowa, a brother of Mrs. Effie Schenkel, the young woman who took her life at a State street hotel, came to Chicago yesterday to make arrangements for the removal of his sister's body to her former home at West Union, Iowa. The girl's father will arrive in the city today. "I cannot understand why Effie should end her life, unless it was because of her unhappy marriage," said the brother as he stood, with tears streaming down his cheeks, looking at the body of his sister at Buffum's morgue. "She was only twenty-one years old, had a good home and everything she wanted."

CHICAGO BANDIT MAKES TWO ATTEMPTS TO CHEAT THE GALLOW.

EATS PHOSPHOROUS AND SEVERS ARTERY

Leader of the Gang of Youthful Robbers and Murderers Begs Surgeons To Let Him Die—Second Attempt While At Hospital.

Chicago, April 18.—Peter Niedermier, the leader of the car barn bandits, who are condemned to die on the gallows made two desperate attempts at suicide today. His condition is precarious and it is feared that he will not survive.

Swallows Match Heads.

Niedermier first masticated and then swallowed the heads of about 100 sulphur matches, then he sawed at the radial artery in his left wrist with a sharp pointed lead pencil.

Perseveres in Attempt.

Striking a bone in the wrist he gave up trying to sever the artery and turned his weapon to the large veins in his forearm which he tore open, leaving a large jagged wound through which the blood gushed in streams.

Taken to Hospital.

He was removed to the hospital where his wound was sewed up by the physicians.

Makes Second Attempt.

While lying apparently unconscious and with guards standing by, Niedermier made a second attempt at self-destruction. With both arms under the bed clothing Niedermier stealthily removed the bandages from a wound, and with the sharp finger nails of his right hand tore away the stitches which the surgeon had taken in his left arm.

Horrible Discovery.

When the blood began to spurt from the lacerated wound he unconsciously uttered a groan and made a convulsive movement which attracted the attention of the physicians and on throwing back the covering the attendants saw with horror what Niedermier had done.

Begs for Death.

Niedermier opened his eyes and with a leering wan smile pleaded with the doctors to let him die. He lost a large quantity of blood and was almost pulseless for a time.

May Yet Cheat Gallows.

Most of the danger now is from the possibility that the phosphorus has burned him so severely that his life cannot be saved for its final snuffing out on the gallows.

Letter Found in Cell.

In a letter written by Niedermier and found concealed in his cell, he expresses repentance for his career and regrets leaving the few who have loved him, but glorifies in his courage and loyalty to his kind. The reason assigned for his attempt to commit suicide was to show the public that he could cheat the gallows, notwithstanding his guard which was placed over him.

His Views on Religion.

Niedermier yesterday declared that hereafter any one visiting him to talk religion must answer his questions instead of interrogating him.

"I want to talk with some one," he said, "who can show me there is anything reasonable about religion. I have several searching questions which must be answered before I will be satisfied."

None of the three condemned bandits attended the Episcopal services in the jail yesterday. Van Dine and Marx said they did not care to go because it was not Roman Catholic.

WOMEN IN CONVENTION.

Daughters of American Revolution Open National Session.

Washington, April 18.—The thirteenth annual continental congress of the national society, Daughters of the American Revolution, convened here today with over 2,000 delegates, alternates and visitors in attendance. The sessions will continue throughout the week. Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, the wife of the senator from Indiana, presides.

STOPS WORK

COMPLETION OF THREE BATTLESHIPS AWAITS SETTLEMENT OF LABOR TROUBLE.

Quincy, Mass., April 18.—Work in the extensive yards of the Fore River Ship & Engine Co., here is tied up today by a strike of 2,600 men over the question of hours. The action stopped the work on the battleships Rhode Island, New Jersey and Vermont.

Russia's Empress Is Ill.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—The empress is suffering from influenza, which is almost an epidemic here.