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ILLINOIS MINERS TO STAY ON STRIKE

MEN AND OPERATORS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AT JOINT MEETING.

Peoria, May 20.—All negotiations between representatives of the United Mine Workers of Illinois and the coal mine operators of the state were declared off last night. This means that the strike of the 72,000 union coal miners in the state, who have been out pending the result of the conference will be declared an indefinite struggle.

The joint committee on wage scales met yesterday and it was apparent from the start that the members would be unable to agree, but the conference was not called off until a determined effort had been made to get together on the disputed points.

The committee is composed of nine men each from the miners and the operators and almost as soon as the meeting was called the three main points of difference were referred to a smaller committee of eight members, four from each side of the dispute. These three questions were tonnage mining rates, the closed shop, and the regulations governing shot firers.

Just when the permanent strike order will be made has not been announced, but it is certain the men will not return to work pending further adjustment of their difficulties.

President John H. Walker of the state miners' organization is here in charge of the situation and it is likely some of the officers of the national organization will come to the support in the crisis.

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BATTERS ARE IN GREAT DANGER

BEING HIT BY A PITCHED BALL IS ANYTHING BUT A JOKE TO THE STICKERS.

GAME IS DANGEROUS

Many Star Base Ball Players Have Had Their Ability Impaired by Being Hit By Ball—Fatalities Are Few.

The hitting of a good batter with a pitched ball intentionally, by the opposing pitcher to scare him and to weaken him at the stick, is an old game in baseball, but at that it is a dangerous one. The recent death of young Louis Menz of Freeburg, Ill., shows that the national game is one of the most dangerous to young men can play. Baseball never has been considered a dangerous game, but the recent fatality demonstrates that it has its dangers.

Young Menz, at bat, was looking for an outcurve. He stepped close to the plate to allow the anticipated bend of the ball. The pitcher "outgassed" him, as baseball players call it. Instead of an outcurve he threw an inshoot, a "fast ball," as professionals have it. "Fast balls" always have shoots on them. This one hit the batter over the heart and he died.

It is really a tribute to the excellence of pitching that so few players are injured while at the bat. Considering the tremendous speed with which the ball is thrown, the dullness of the eyes that hit but once a week, the necessary proximity of the batter to the plate, the absolute necessity of the pitcher "putting it over," it will be seen that batters are very fortunate to escape serious injury while at the bat.

Oddly enough, the danger of being hit with a pitched ball is not feared so much by amateurs as by professionals. The amateur instinctively seems to close to the plate as the professional does. The professional, however, is not so great. Of course, the control of the professional pitcher is much superior to that of the amateur, but his speed and the width of his shot are also much superior, too.

It is when professionals are pitching against amateurs that they are in greatest dread. They fear to hit them. The amateur instinctively seems to depend upon the skilled professional not to hit him, and therefore abandons care of himself.

Pitchers Who Hit Batters.

The marvel of the infrequency of injury from pitched balls is made greater when it is understood that many of the professionals will deliberately throw a ball at a batter's head in order to handicap his hitting by driving him away from the plate. Very few of the great pitchers have been above trying this trick when they are hard pressed. "One at his nut" is the way ball players put it. To have a ball whizzed by your teeth, hissing like a snake, is not at all reassuring, especially if a man has been once "climbed" by a pitched ball, as the players state it.

One of the famous old pitchers, "Silver" King of the Browns of the '80's, was known for his belief in the effectiveness of a ball thrown at the batter's head in a tight place. If a batter had been hitting King with certainty and frequency, old "Silver" would tip his catcher; he is entirely confident. For King spoke with a decided Teutonic accent. A fast one at the head or in the ribs usually had the desired effect.

When Rusie Jolted Jennings. One of the most famous and fearful of head hitting was that of Hugh Jennings, now manager of the Detroit club, by Amos Rusie, the most wonderful of all men that ever curved and bawled. Jennings was with Baltimore then, and was noted for his close hugging of the plate and his willingness to accept a base by being hit by the pitcher. He relied upon his quickness of eye to minimize the effect of the blow. Rusie had a fearful curve ball. Jennings was willing to turn his shoulder, accept a deflected blow, or let it hit his shirt front or the back of his knickerbockers, but he would do this with pitchers of average curve, but Rusie's curve was too sharp in the break and too fast for him to avoid. Jennings stood close and got one full in the head.

He fell flat. Four four days his life was despaired of, but a powerful constitution pulled him through, though he never was the same nifty man again at the plate, and it was months before he could play. The incident, by the way, is something like Katsiba, the character woman in Gilbert & Sullivan's famous opera, "The Mikado." He has a "caricature of a face." When coach of Cornell baseball team, he dived face first against the concrete bottom of an empty swimming tank. It is not easy to imagine anything more trying on the face than this. No wonder the crack hustler of baseball has a patched, put-together, and made-over visage. The man is a marvel of vitality and energy. He sustained two shocks that would have killed the average man, yet he is as full of energy as a dynamo today.

Wallace Hit. Roderick Wallace, the famous infielder of the Browns, had his batting efficiency seriously and permanently impaired twelve years ago when he was hit in the head by a ball thrown by Chick Frazier, who was then with the Louisville club. Wallace was laid out for dead, and it was many days before he went to bat again. A constitution of iron enabled him to withstand the shock, but he never was quite the same hitter afterward. Dan Hoffman, the center fielder of the Browns, was the victim of a fearful blow at the hand of Jesse Tannehill, then with Boston, some years ago. Hoffman was at the time deemed the

most promising young player in the American league. He was having his first season and a most brilliant one it was. One day he made a triple, a double and a single off Tannehill in three trips to the plate. The fourth time up Tannehill hit him a fearful blow over the right eye. The optic was driven out on the cheek. It almost killed the trained and muscular young athlete. Hoffman lay as if dead, and it was four days before he recovered consciousness. Then his nerves were ruined. From 170 pounds he declined to 128. He could not sleep nor eat for six months, and the following season saw him play with but an eye to see. Hoffman says that it has taken him six years to get back in full strength. He has never been able to hit left-handed pitchers since that awful day. Now, six years after, Hoffman is at the mercy of the average left-handed pitcher. From a man who hit left-handed pitchers with freedom and ease, he is usually taken out of the game when a left-hander is pitching against his team. Tannehill, who hit him, is a left-hander.

Hoffman has never forgiven Tannehill for hitting him. He says that it was done with malice aforethought, because he had been hitting the pitcher hard during the game.

Why Lush's Neck is Crooked. Johnnie Lush, the star pitcher of the Cardinals, was hit by Andy Coakley on the neck and was all but killed. His neck has never been straight since that time, and for years his health was so impaired by the awful shock that he felt that he was generating into a consumptive.

Bresnahan of the Cardinals, was hit and severely hurt by Jack Taylor, in 1904. For a long time after this injury Bresnahan assumed a semimask that protected the exposed side of his head against the mistakes or designs of the pitcher.

Hundreds of lesser lights have been hit and injured to a degree less serious than those above mentioned. It all goes to show that baseball is not without its great dangers, especially to men at the bat. Most of the injuries on the field have come about through collisions between fielders, such as that in which Hub Collins died when he collided with Harry Stovey at Boston, many years ago. But field accidents have been infrequent and unimportant compared to those which have taken place between pitched balls and batters at the plate.

Batted balls injure very few players, though the way men hit them about in practice would often make one wonder that accidents are not more frequent. The most notable accident of this sort that ever occurred was when Schriver of Pittsburgh hit Pitcher William Hart of the came club on the chin with a ball batted in practice. The drive shattered Hart's jaw and his face fell down upon his breast as "like a board," as one player who saw the accident described it. It was wired up again and the man given a semblance of human appearance. Hart is now 50 years old and is rated the best pitcher in the Southern league.

Withal the paucity of accidents in baseball is a tribute to the great skill of the players. With death whistling by them every minute they are at bat, only one player in one million is ever seriously injured while playing the game.

OBITUARY.

George W. Wilson.

George W. Wilson was born February 18, 1846 at Richland, Ohio, and died May 9 at Bonnier Springs, Mo. His body was interred in the Eldon cemetery. He was a soldier in an Ohio regiment and served two years. He then moved to Iowa and married on April 3, 1870 to Miss Nancy Grinstead. To this union was born 6 children. One died and those living are Mrs. Laura Miller of Wakesha, Mich., Perry Wilson, Eldon; Mrs. Hattie Erickson and Ann Miller of Eldon and Mrs. Nellie Webster of Valley Junction. He lost his first wife and was married to Mrs. Sarah Filson, who survives him. He was a member of Vorhis Post G. A. R. at Eldon and was buried with military honors by the Post. Mr. Wilson was ever a loyal and true citizen and husband. His loss is deeply mourned by his relatives, family and comrades.

—Contributed.

P. KIRKHART IS CALLED BY DEATH

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF THIS CITY IS VICTIM OF STROKE OF PARALYSIS.

Peter Harrison Kirkhart, 118 North Wapello street, succumbed this morning at 3:30 o'clock, a victim of a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Kirkhart has been critically ill since Saturday, when he was stricken with the dread malady. At his bedside when death occurred were all of his children, who had been summoned here when his illness became critical. Mr. Kirkhart

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was a real estate agent, and was well known in this city. Mr. Kirkhart was born in Highland county, Ohio, June 20, 1840. He was married to Miss Martha J. Turk in Morrow, Ohio, on September 24, 1865, after returning from the war in which he served as a member of the Twenty-fourth Ohio light artillery. The family moved to Iowa some thirty-eight years ago, and to Ottumwa sixteen years ago. Mr. Kirkhart was preceded in death by his wife, who passed away nine years ago. The survivors, sons and daughters, are, Mrs. Sylvia L. Welch, of Ottumwa; Harry C. Kirkhart of Harlan; Clement H. Kirkhart of Chariton; Dell S. Kirkhart of St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Nellie J. Kirkhart of this city; Bert J. Kirkhart of Ottumwa, Keye L. Kirkhart of Harlan; and Earl L. Kirkhart of Ottumwa. Mr. Kirkhart is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Beaman of Earlman, and three brothers, Joseph of Des Moines, Jacob of Milo, Mo., and S. E. of Nebraska. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, conducted by Rev. B. F. Patt, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery. MILLER CHAPEL. Miller Chapel announcements Friday. On account of the funeral in the community, and also on account of the rain, the meetings were not held in the chapel last Sunday as announced. The ordination of elders will take place next Sunday at the preaching service. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Preaching service at 3 p. m. Rev. W. H. Hornel, pastor of the chapel, will conduct the services and will preach on the subject, "The Duties and Privileges of the Eldership." Following the sermon, the three elders elect will be ordained and set apart for the sacred office. It is desired that all of the members and friends of the chapel be in attendance. Mrs. Henry Davis of Rutledge, is visiting friends in the city today en route to Hynes.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS From Thursday's Daily. Neasham sells the best watches. Zenoleum in 1/2 pints, quarts, 1/2 gallons and gallons at Sargent's. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevenson of Seymour are guests of Mrs. M. C. DeNoon, 601 North Weller street. Mrs. Julia Rowe of Blakesburg, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, 1455 East Main street, has returned home. Victor talking machines from \$17.50 up at Sargent's drug store. Mrs. M. Donald Cox of Eddyville, is a shopper in the city today. Miss Bertha Seeman, of Belknap, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. H. Seeman, corner of Washington and Second streets, left for her home this morning. It will pay to notice the change in Harry J. Rigg's ad on page 7. The following lodge members of Keosauqua, were in Ottumwa last

evening attending the dedicatory exercises of the new A. O. U. W. hall: John Krys, Charles Luke, Melvin McDonald, George Day.

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Mrs. H. W. Enyart, of Eldon, is a visitor in Ottumwa today en route to Agency.

C. K. Miller, B. M. Manning and Harley Clemens of Keosauqua, are business callers in the city today.

Sulphur in ten pound lots, 5c pound at Sargent's.

Mrs. B. F. Garey of Moulton, is a visitor in the city today en route to Kirkville.

Mrs. W. S. Pelham of Kirkville, passed through the city today en route to Belfast, where she will visit relatives.

Blacklegoids and Blacklegine for blackleg at Sargent's drug store.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards of Moulton, is a visitor in the city today, en route to Chillicothe.

Miss Beatrice Hurly of Fairfield was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Fishel and Miss Sadie Fishel of Batavia, were shoppers yesterday in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Robert Gill and Mrs. Robert Webb of Abingdon, were city visitors yesterday.

Mrs. H. W. Carson of Eddyville, who has been visiting friends in Moulton, is a visitor in the city today, en route home.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bird of Dudley have returned home.

Mrs. T. A. Ott and sister, Miss Louise Ward of Eddyville, spent the day with Mrs. D. E. Ward, 408 North Jefferson street.

Miss Ruth Henderson of Keota, passed through the city en route to Hiteman, where she will visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. G. M. Clark of Chillicothe, was a shopper in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. S. Moon and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Albia, have returned home.

Miss E. Strasburger and Mrs. E. C. Verveer of Albia, Miss Rose Greentree of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. R. G. Hollingsworth of Salt Lake City, Utah, who are visiting in Albia, spent yesterday with Mrs. Morris Christie, 225 Gara street.

Mrs. Joe Miller of Albia, was a visitor in the city last evening en route from Pleasant Home.

Jo Jaques is in Albia today on business.

Mrs. P. A. Harris and daughter Miss Flossie of Eddyville were shoppers in Ottumwa yesterday.

Dr. C. A. Powers of Pulaski returned home yesterday after a visit with South Ottumwa friends.

COURT CEASES UNTIL MAY 31

District court came to a close this morning in so far as Judge C. W. Vermillion's presiding over the March term is concerned, and nothing further will be done in court until May 31. At 9 o'clock a. m. on that date, Judge A. A. Roberts will take the reins and a vacation term or properly speaking a continuation of the March term will be held. The morning was a busy one in court and numerous cases were on hand to close up cases that have been hanging five during the term. Probate matters, decrees, motions and the beginning of a liquor injunction case was made. The court finished up by 10 o'clock and adjourned the session until May 31.

Among the matters to receive attention by the court was an information and affidavit filed last evening by the clerk in which Charles Kirkland, plaintiff and R. A. Mills relator allege a violation of the Moon law against V. Silvers. The counsel for Mr. Silvers made a motion to have the case continued until next term of court. His reasons were that in filing the case with the clerk no copy of the instrument was filed and accompanied his claim with affidavits by the clerk and deputy. The opposing counsel showed that the filing was not a petition and thereby did not require that a copy be filed with the original. The matter finally adjusted itself to the satisfaction of all concerned by the attorneys agreeing to submit their sides of the case by brief to Judge Vermillion during vacation.

In the Parks-Braceley damage case won by the plaintiff recently the question of taxing the costs was discussed in court and the expense of three writs filed to plaintiff was ordered not to be taxed against the defendant. Another chapter in the much argued and stubbornly fought Randol-Winter road case was reheard this morning and the case for each side agreed to submit the supplemental decree to Judge M. A. Roberts if there should be no objections found, and otherwise to send it to Judge Vermillion at Centerville.

OBITUARY.

JACOB L. GUNTERMAN.

Jacob L. Gunterman was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, December 12, 1855 and died at his home in the same county, May 15, 1910. On November 5, 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Copeland, who preceded him to the other shore in the year 1884. God blessed the union with one child, Emory O. Gunterman. Mr. Gunterman again married, his second wife being Mary H. Stewart. To this union were born two children, one son who died in infancy and one daughter, Rebecca Ruth.

At about the age of 41, he gave his heart to Jesus and publicly professed his faith in baptism, at the hands of Rev. J. C. Cornelius, uniting with the Baptist church, of which he was a consistent member until God called him home. The deceased was an industrious citizen, a true and noble husband, a kind and indulgent father and faithful and earnest Christian. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, one son, Dr. Emery, Gunterman of Brunswick, Nebr., and one daughter, Rebecca R., who is at home with her mother. Four brothers, William, John and Thomas of this community and James Gunterman of Kansas and one sister, Mrs. Louise Israel of Ottumwa, also survive.

The funeral was conducted from the residence, Thursday, May 19 by Rev. A. W. Miller of Ottumwa, assisted by Rev. W. D. MacNeal of Libertyville. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery, southwest of Batavia.

Contributed.

CLIFFLAND CHAPEL.

On account of the rain Mrs. Hornel was unable to reach the chapel last Sunday. The regular meetings will be taken up however next Sunday. A Sunday school at 2 p. m. Preaching services at 3 p. m. Mrs. W. H. Hornel will deliver the sermon. Let every friend of the work help to bring a good attendance at these meetings. A full list will be made welcome.

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