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DEADLOCK REACHED.

NEGOTIATIONS between the workers and employers of the Tonopah and Divide districts have come to a standstill. The men demand a 100 advance which the operators say they cannot afford to give. The high cost of living is the chief factor in the situation. With this admission from both sides and the half-way offer of the operators to install a co-operative store it is singular that nothing has been done to exploit that phase of the subject. The subject was discussed a month ago and then allowed to drop. Had some energy been shown at that time in taking the initiative the present situation might have been avoided. Neither side has any ideas on the subject except the general assumption that retailers are making profits out of parity with the risk assumed. There is nothing to establish this inference which can be sustained only by a close scrutiny of cost sheets. Behind the retailer stands an appalling array of profit takers who have to be disposed of before any direct benefits can accrue to the consumer. The retailer may display his books and prove conclusively that he is not making more than a 100 profit but the methods of conducting the business deserve more attention than they are receiving. It is a well known fact that some of the question by harking back to the days of a firm when the retailer buys and establishing what he can get for his investment. Then back of the jobber is the wholesaler with whom there is another division of profits. These three levels, the producer and the wholesaler there is another division of profits, which the costs are accumulated. Without direct trade the consumer is at no advantage to the consumer by the mere process of going to a store. Such a business cannot be successful if there is no direct relation between producer and consumer. The direct trade established only after a thorough survey of the field and the opening of new channels. It goes without saying that in a sparsely settled country like this can be adjusted so that the consumer can get more for his money than he is now receiving. A simple illustration of the manner in which profits are accumulated and costs increased was found in Goldfield one day last week. A man had from Bishop arrived with an auto load of apples and produce straight from the farm in Inyo county. Apples and apples constituted the greater part of his load which he found no difficulty in disposing of at prices that were from 40 to 50 per cent less than what the stores were paying. The apples found ready buyers at six cents a pound and the appalling new potatoes were sold at two cents under the regular. At the same time apples, not nearly so good, were offered in groceries at the rate of two pounds for 35 cents. The boy made a profit in spite of his long overland drive of 105 miles and he received such a hearty reception that he said he would make the trip once a week. A business man in Tonopah tells the Bonanza that he bought a watermelon last Saturday for which he paid \$1.10. Reference to a Sacramento paper disclosed the fact that the watermelon market was languid and the choicest fruit was to be had for \$1.50 per 100 pounds. This particular melon weighed ten pounds and the increase of price to 11 cents a pound, certainly could not be explained on the ground of freight or express rates. While these are isolated examples it is shown that economies may be practiced through direct buying and selling, but the venture is one that cannot be undertaken by any except those with practical experience who know the markets, the best places for buying and how to exercise economies in distributing to consumers. Co-operative storekeeping has been eminently successful in England, Scotland, where it thrives principally because the business grew from small beginnings and the men who began by selling one or two yards of cotton stuffs or a few pounds of tea a day expanded with the business and fitted themselves into the growth like a cog in a wheel. It is not the business that a tyro hand can seize and establish. It would be a simpler matter to establish the direct trading system and open market which was found so advantageous to the miners of Grass Valley.

PAYING THE PRICE.

CHICAGO is just realizing that men who abstained from the fighting and burning of the recent time of riot, must pay. They are aware that out of the taxes levied upon them must be paid the heavy cost of lives and property destroyed. The murderers and looters may go free, but the citizens' punishment for failing to prevent the outbreaks is certain.

Was the high cost of electing as mayor "Bill" Thompson, and of maintaining men in responsible office who are laties, for political purposes, of thugs and lawbreakers generally.

In Chicago, as in every other city where outbreaks of lawlessness occur, it has been found in the end that the public is not so powerless and helpless as the criminals assume. The troops which now patrol Chicago's streets, bear witness to the fact that the public has at its command powers which, when they are exercised, cannot be resisted. But it is true that the public is slow to exert its powers. It is rather inclined to take the happy-go-lucky view that the forces of evil don't really amount to much, and that one set of politicians is about as bad as another, so it don't make much difference if the conduct of elections is left to the worst elements. It is only when the inevitable bill is presented that the public becomes really concerned.

No community can palter with lawlessness in any degree without paying the price.

LEAGUE MORALLY BINDING.

MR. WILSON is reported to take the stand that the league covenant does not bind the United States to go to war without action by Congress. He is said to have told newspaper correspondents that nothing in the treaty or league would bind us to act if Congress did not wish to do so. All the executive could do, according to the president's statements would be to recommend action, but

Congress would exercise its constitutional function to agree or disagree with him.

Technically, of course, the president is correct, but in making an assertion of that kind without explanation, he is guilty of evading gross misconception of the obligations of the treaty and league. Congress and the country will be bound by the peace treaty terms precisely as they are bound by the provisions of any other treaty into which we have entered. Congress at any time can repudiate any treaty and pass legislation in contravention of its terms, but in doing so it is guilty of breach of international faith and the country must take the consequences. There is no power on earth that can make a soldier fight, but if he deserts in the face of the enemy he is shot. So it is true that congress can do as it pleases even though the league and treaty are adopted, but if it does not conform its actions to the provisions of the covenant it lays the country open to the wrath of all the other members of the league.

AMUSEMENTS

VAUDEVILLE AT THE BUTLER

As an added attraction at the Butler, at both night shows, John M. Cuddy, "world's champion rope skipper" will appear in a novel vaudeville act. Mr. Cuddy needs no introduction to a Tonopah audience, being remembered as one of the famous Wheelbarrow Kids, also as the winner of the last interscholastic oratorical contest at Reno. John seems to have made quite a bit on the coast with his rope skipping. Mr. Huxton, manager of the Pastime theater in San Francisco, says: "I consider young Cuddy the cleverest and speediest rope skipper in the world." Mr. Cuddy has been marioneted a four over the Pantages circuit next summer. Within the last six months this young athlete has appeared in thirty-five California theaters, and judging from the news paper clippings, he is welcome to repeat his act in any of them. The act is novel—it is out of the ordinary; you have never seen one like it before, and possibly you will never have an opportunity again, so do not overlook it. He will appear at both night shows.

The feature picture today will be Evelyn Nesbit in "Woman, Woman." In the role of Alice Lindsay, Miss Nesbit portrays a woman who sacrifices herself, body and soul, to save her husband's life. But the man, who cannot see anything of nobility in her act, looks upon her as another Maedelene, who must be spurned and shunned. A puzzling situation arises which should set every wide-awake man and woman thinking, and it is worked out in an interesting way. Pathe News will also be added to the program.

Tomorrow, Mahel Norman, who recently appeared here in "Mickey," will be seen in "Potatoes," a com-



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NEW ENTRIES IN TRACK EVENTS

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 20.—A number of light harness horses, new to the followers of the sport in California will be seen in the events to be held at the state fair here August 30 to September 9.

Elmos Montgomery, trainer and owner of Jim Logan, has entered six horses, most of them strangers to this track. Among the six are Dolly D in 2:11 pace; Reinecke C. in the stakes, and Jim Logan's Gals in the futurity and stakes.

"Top" Durfee, reputed to be the oldest harness man in America, will drive for the E. J. Jordan stables, Hewitts, by Barney Bernards, out of Chonara can still do two good heats, according to Durfee, who said she would have taken the stakes this spring if she had not been over Sacramento Bay by Peter the Great three-year-old pacer, has been entered in the pacing stakes, and Enture Tramp, with a record of 2:09 1/2, has been entered in the governor's stakes.

The Cowell stables will be represented by Bill Hale, the champion five-year-old gelding, time 2:02 1/2; Zetta Lucille, time 2:09 1/2; La Panza, a green mare, Hastings, time 2:02 1/2; two new trotters, a three-year-old grandchild of Peter the Great, and Sacramento Boy, 3d Peter the Great.

Squirrel's Pathetic Search.
In moving some quilts in the cottage of Fred Hayden of Northwest Abbot, Me., five little squirrels were spilled on the floor, one of them being killed. The mother squirrel was quickly on the scene, taking one at a time and hastening upstairs with it. The fourth one she dropped at the foot of the stairs and rushed back with frantic haste, thoroughly looking over the contents of the room for the fifth one. She even climbed to the waists of the men and searched their hands in her search for her lost baby.—Boston Globe.

Comedy-drama, and Ruth Roland in "The Tiger's Trail."

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CHILEAN MINES FOR JAPS.

(Correspondence Associated Press)
SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18.—News-papers call attention to the extensive purchases of mining properties by Japanese in Chile.
It is said that more than \$5,000,000 is invested in copper and iron properties along the Northern railway. Recently Japanese have taken options on coal acreage surrounding the naval port of Talcahuano just north of Concepcion.

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JOHN D. GRANT
Chief of Police.

It Takes Nerve.
It takes a lot of nerve to stand behind a counter and charge a man two dollars for a necktie out of the same stock you were sellin' off for twenty-five cents four years ago and explain to him that the advance in price is due to the scarcity of material.—Haltmore Sun.

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