

## HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN ON STRIKE

### GOVERNOR MILLS GUEST OF LAS CRUCES AND THE COLLEGE CELEBRATION IN UPPER VALLEY

Chief Executive of New Mexico Is Honored by the Citizens of the Section.

EL PASOANS ARE AT THE MEETING

Breakfast to Governor This Morning, Dinner Tonight, Luncheon at Noon.

Las Cruces, N. M., April 1.—Las Cruces is the capital of New Mexico today. Governor W. J. Mills, recently inaugurated as the chief executive of the territory, accompanied by his staff and many of the prominent territorial officials, is making his first official visit to the city of the twin crosses and all Las Cruces and the surrounding valley are paying their respects to the distinguished jurist-governor.

The governor's train arrived at 8:05 and was met at the mission station by



GOV. W. J. MILLS.  
A reception committee of prominent citizens, the battalion from the New Mexico agricultural college, headed by its crack band, and a guard of mounted horsemen. The governor and his staff were escorted down Las Cruces avenue to the Don Bernarde hotel, where breakfast was served to the governor, his staff and his invited guests.

### BIG FREIGHT RATE FIGHT IS OPENED

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The biggest freight rate fight since the passage of the Hepburn rate bill entered its final stages today when the government filed in the supreme court of the United States a brief in the so-called Missouri river rate case.

**27 Answers for 55 Cents**  
Courtland, Ariz., March 30, 1910.  
Editor El Paso Herald:  
Enclosed please find 55 cents as payment as per your statement. We had 27 answers to our classified advertisement. Thanks.  
Yours very truly,  
THE COURTLAND TELEPHONE CO.,  
H. D. McVay.

### TRAMP CHOKES RAILWAY BILL WOMAN; FIRES REPORTED TO HER HOME

Dalhart, Texas, April 1.—Declaring that if she did not give him money that he would make her sorry, an unknown tramp attacked Mrs. Chris. Stanley at her home this morning and after he had choked her and knocked her senseless, set fire to the house and made his escape.

### HOUSE BURNS; WOMAN SAVED

The unconscious woman was rescued from the burning house by two carpenters who first discovered the flames. It is claimed that the tramp was still in the house searching for money when the two men rushed in. After they had rescued the victim of the assault, they returned for the tramp but he had fled.

The flames gained fast headway and the house was burned to the ground despite the efforts of the fire department. Nothing was saved, but the house and furniture were insured.

Mr. Stanley is a prominent contractor of the city and, although he was working near, he knew nothing of the outrage until the house was burned half to the ground. Citizens are indignant over the outrage and a posse has been organized to search for the tramp. If he is captured, mob vengeance will be the result. It is said that Mrs. Stanley gave the same tramp his supper yesterday evening.

### ALLEGED FRAUD OPERATIONS ARE REPORTED EXTENSIVE

Bowie, Tex., April 1.—The alleged swindling operations of Gaston Alexandre and E. D. Hudspeth, cotton dealers of this city, who are charged with defrauding W. J. Moody & Co., of Galveston, out of \$20,000, are said to involve large milling firms in Germany, New England and Los Angeles.

A Bremen, Germany firm, it is said, tried to collect about \$4000 from the men because of short weight in shipments. Galveston, Tex., April 1.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon W. L. Moody, Jr., of W. L. Moody & Co., declined to discuss the swindling charges preferred against Gaston Alexandre and E. D. Hudspeth, of Bowie, who are alleged to have defrauded the firm out of \$20,000. It is claimed that Alexandre is well known in cotton circles here. It is understood an effort will be made to obtain the arrest of the men. Alexandre is in France, and Hudspeth in Nicaragua.

### WRECK NEAR WEATHERFORD

Weatherford, Tex., April 1.—A broken wheel caused the wreck of a train on the Mineral Wells and Northwestern railroad between Weatherford and Mineral Wells late yesterday.

Fire cars were derailed. The passengers, en route to Mineral Wells, were transferred to another train at the scene of the wreck. None were injured. The track was cleared today.

### RAILWAY BILL REPORTED TO THE HOUSE

Minority and Majority Reports Are Presented on Administration Measure.

### COMMERCE COURT ONE OF FEATURES

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The administration railroad bill, stripped of many of its original features, but still providing for the creation of a commerce court and the regulation of railway agreements, consolidations, securities, rates and routes, all as amendments to the interstate commerce law, was reported to the house today by the interstate commerce commission.

The bill was introduced by representative Townsend of Michigan Jan. 10. The original measure was drafted by attorney general Wickersham, who is a sponsor for several of the amendments made by the committee, but the measure contains amendments liberal excerpts from the bill presented early in the session by chairman Mann of the committee, whose views are not in accordance with the administration, but who takes charge of the bill on the floor as committee chairman, though personally opposed to many of its provisions.

The Majority Report. Mr. Mann will ask the house next Monday to make the bill privileged, failing which he will seek suspension of the rules to expedite consideration. The majority report says:

"The Hepburn law of 1906 vastly improved the law providing for regulatory control over railroad corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce and much enlarged the scope of the authority conferred upon the interstate commerce commission. Experience gained through execution of the law shows that some important matters which should be the subject of governmental control, are not now within the scope of authority heretofore conferred on the commission. The original act to regulate commerce was exceedingly important, the Hepburn law was of still greater importance but the propositions involved in the substitute will report to your committee are of even greater importance. While they do not impose undue burdens upon the railways of the country or unduly interfere with the power to set aside interstate commerce commission orders is believed by many to be limited to the determination of jurisdictional facts and to the question of confiscation by the taking of property without due compensation. An inhibition against purchase or lease of capital stock of a directly or substantially competitive railroad or water line is made in section 12, which also prohibits the same person serving on competing directorates. It permits any corporation desiring to acquire interest in another similar corporation to make a preliminary agreement and then to file a petition with the commerce court for permission to carry out the agreement. The committee, however, is considering reporting a committee amendment to have the petition filed with the commission instead of with the commerce court.

### COMMERCE COURT

Referring to the commerce court covered in the first three sections of the bill, the report says it is proposed to centralize the existing authority and jurisdiction of circuit courts in one commerce court but without enlarging such jurisdiction or authority. The present jurisdiction of the U. S. courts is set aside interstate commerce commission orders is believed by many to be limited to the determination of jurisdictional facts and to the question of confiscation by the taking of property without due compensation.

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### RAILWAY SECURITIES

Railway securities propositions are embodied in the concluding sections. They prohibit railroads from issuing any stock or bonds except upon application to the commission, which is to specify the respective amounts of stocks, bonds, etc., authorized to be issued for the respective purposes to which the proceeds are to be applied and stating the price—their reasonable value—at which such securities may be sold. The commission is authorized to issue certificates in relation to stocks and bonds and to penalize officers or stockholders who attempt to prohibited issues. Common carriers are authorized to enter into agreements specifying freight classification and passenger and freight transportation charges, notwithstanding existing laws, including the Sherman anti-trust law, if a copy of the agreement in form and detail prescribed by the commission is filed with that body in 20 days after it is made and at least 30 days before the classification or charges go into effect. The commission, however, is vested with full authority in the matter and may suspend their taking effect. The carriers are expressly prohibited making any agreements for pooling or

### POSSIBLE FOR EL PASO TO GET INSURANCE RATE

Appointment of a Fire Marshal Would Save Insurers \$9000 a Year—Putting Wires Underground Would Save \$18,000—Poor Fire Alarm System Costs \$3000 a Year—Inefficiency of Water System Costs \$90,000 a Year.

Just how much El Paso can reduce its fire insurance rates by remedying many of the shortcomings alleged in the report of the Underwriters' association in fixing the rate for the city, is a subject that is causing considerable discussion among insurance men and business men generally.

In several instances, by the expenditure of a few thousand dollars a year, the city could save to the property owners several times the amount in insurance premiums. For instance: The lack of a fire marshal in El Paso costs the insurer 3 cents on each hundred dollars valuation. Taking \$200,000 as the amount that will be paid out by El Pasoans in insurance premiums this year under the new rate—it was over \$200,000 last year, and it is estimated at \$300,000 this year—and the average rate of \$1 per \$1000, there would be a saving to insurers of \$5000 a year by the creation of the position of fire marshal. Such an official could be secured by the city for \$1500 or \$1800 a year.

The business men of the city of Galveston have taken up this matter and are urging the appointment of such an official. That city is charged 3 cents, the same as El Paso, for having no fire marshal. The key rate fixed for Galveston is 30 cents, with practically all residences frame structures, 100, as against 50 cents for El Paso with all brick residences. The Galvestonians could reduce this to 27 cents if they had a fire

### RETAIL MERCHANTS FORM ASSOCIATION

Robert Silberberg Praises The Herald For Its Work In the Interest Of El Paso.—Committee To Be Formed To Complete The Work Of Organizing To Bring Trade Here.

A Retail Merchants' association for El Paso is now assured. A group of 35 representative retail merchants met in the chamber of commerce Thursday evening to discuss ways and means of forming such an organization for the mutual benefit of its members. A. Schwartz presided and led the discussion in favor of the association. The opinion was unanimous in favor of such an institution, the only difference being in the methods of organization and operation. It was finally decided to allow the chair to appoint a committee to represent each line of business, which would meet and prepare a report on the best methods for the conduct of such an association, the committee to report to the retail merchants at another meeting to be held next week. Robert Silberberg made a strong talk on the need for such an organization and pleaded himself to give as much toward the movement as any other retail merchant. He also spoke in general on the need for a new hotel here to accommodate the out-of-town retail shoppers. In speaking of the conditions here at present, Mr. Silberberg said: "When we had a mass meeting to do away with gambling I fought it, but if such a meeting was to be held tonight, I would be on the other side. There is something else I want to speak about, and that is the great good The Herald is doing. I want to give thanks where thanks are due. How Gambling Hurts. "I thought when they began fighting gambling that it was going to put a roof over El Paso. I was wrong then; I had been making my money from the gamblers. I am now different. I realize that gambling of all kinds hurts El Paso and we should give The Herald our hearty support in its fight on all these gambling matters. "Keno in Juarez is hurting El Paso deeply. I have been investigating. I have been watching the keno games and I can say that every night, each table takes in from \$100 to \$150 and on

### BALLINGER-PINCHOT COMMITTEE IS SPLIT

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Indications multiply that the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee which resumed its sessions today, with secretary Ballinger's counsel in charge of the presentation of the evidence, is so seriously split along party lines that a unanimous report is beyond the bounds of possibility.

The Democratic members have gone so far as to notify their Republican colleagues that the Democrats will participate in the executive sessions of the committee, but only on the understanding that the Democrats will be free to announce in the public meetings the votes and their intentions that take place in the private sittings. ILL TEMPER SHOWN. The examination of Elmer E. Todd, United States district attorney at Seattle, brought out a new strength of partisan feeling in the committee. Mr. Todd contradicted certain statements made by special agent H. L. Jones. He said Jones's statement that he had advised against criminal action in the Alaska cases "because Judge Hanford was constitutionally opposed to land fraud trials generally," was absolutely false.

### MOB FOILED AND PRISONER IS SAFE

Quanah Mob Makes Effort to Lynch Man Accused of Assaulting Child.

Quanah, Texas, April 1.—A mob of 300 enraged citizens armed with revolvers and shotguns made a desperate effort to capture B. Dyer from officers here late yesterday and lynch him. Officers foiled the mob and took the prisoner to Fort Worth on the Denver train late last night. Dyer is accused of assaulting the five-year-old daughter of Milton Winbury, 17 miles northwest of Quanah, late yesterday afternoon while her father was away. The girl's mother phoned a relative who came and seized Dyer, and turned him over to the authorities. The prisoner is white and 25 years old. George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, left for the east last night at 8:10 over the Southwestern.

### 300,000 COAL OPERATORS CEASE WORK IN MINES

FIVE CARS DYNAMITED IN PHILADELPHIA; WOMEN ARE FORBIDDEN TO PARADE

Labor Leaders Making Effort to End the Philadelphia Tieup—Pilots Strike in New York, Painters in Chicago—No Disorder in the Coal Regions, But All Men Are Out.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—Five cars were dynamited in this city last night and early today. Windows were scattered but no one was injured. John Mitchell, accompanied by Dennis Hayes, fourth vice president of the American Federation of Labor, went to New York today. It is rumored that a meeting of labor leaders will be held in that city today and another effort made to settle the street car strike here. The police have refused permission for a parade of women strike sympathizers Saturday, but preparations for the parade are being made. PILOTS OUT ON STRIKE. New York, N. Y., April 1.—At midnight last night the pilots and masters of the townships of the Baltimore & Ohio, the Lackawanna Central of New Jersey, and the Lehigh Valley railroads went on a strike for an increase of wages and for shorter hours. Many hundreds of men are affected and it is feared that quantities of valuable perishable freight will be tied up. Reports are prevalent that the strike will spread to other classes of employees in the harbor. All other railroads entering the city have effected settlements with their men. CHICAGO PAINTERS STRIKE. Chicago, Ill., April 1.—One thousand painters and decorators who demand a wage increase of five cents an hour went on a strike this morning. It is feared by night that \$500 will be out. There is also danger of a sympathetic strike as the members of the allied Trades Unions have been authorized to quit work on all construction where the painters' demands are not recognized.

### ALAMOGORDO HAS NO SALOON NOW

Alamogordo, N. M., April 1.—Alamogordo's only saloon has been closed in order to keep from paying the \$3000 annual city license on account of a new ordinance effective this date. The churches will advocate continued prohibition.

### PEARY IS THROUGH WITH ARCTIC TRIPS

Chicago, Ill., April 1.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who arrived in Chicago today, declared positively that he is through with polar expeditions for all time. "I am absolutely at the end of my career as an explorer," he said. "The reports that I am to lead an expedition into the Antarctic regions are not true and I certainly do not contemplate another trip to the north pole."

### PLAY BALL!

This will soon be the cry from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson Bay. Therefore, be sure to place your order today for the El Paso Herald of Saturday, April 2, containing the first installment of our Annual Baseball Review and Forecast by JOHN B. FOSTER. The story of April 2 will contain—

- Study of the American League Possibilities for the Season to Come.
- Comments About the Work of the Veteran Pitchers of the American Teams.
- Two Great Groups of Twirlers in the Leading Nines of the Junior Major Circuit.
- Changes in Players and Managers and the Possible Results Which May Follow.
- Condition of the National Sport Never So Favorable as It is at Present.
- Illustrations and Sketches of the National Game to Suit the Time of Year.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—Celebrating today the anniversary of the institution of the eight hour day in the mines of the country, 300,000 bituminous coal miners faced an enforced holiday of unknown duration. The principal bone of contention is the miners' demand for an increase in wages of 5 percent. Conferences between the miners' organizations and the operators in several districts have been arranged. In the Brazil block coal district of Indiana there will be no suspension for the operators yesterday conceded to the higher wages demanded. In Illinois and western Pennsylvania there will probably be a prolonged siege. A conference of miners and operators in the northern district of Colorado is being held in Denver today, but it is believed no settlement will be reached and 3000 miners will quit work today. THIRTY THOUSAND IDLE. Kansas City, Mo., April 1.—Practically all of the 30,000 men employed in the coal mines of the Southwestern Interstate field, including Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas remained away from the mines today. About 3,000,000 tons of coal have been stored in the southwest and it is not believed the effects of the strike will be felt unless it lasts more than 60 days. The operators claim it is impossible to grant an increase in wages in this field on account of competition of oil and natural gas. MAY GRANT INCREASE. Terre Haute, Ind., April 1.—Officers of the Operators' association of the 11th district announced today an increase of 5 1/2 percent in wages. It will probably be granted to the miners next Wednesday. NO KENTUCKY STRIKE. Lexington, Ky., April 1.—A representative of one of the large coal mining companies in eastern Kentucky said today that there will be no strike in any of the mines in that section. The mines employ about 10,000 men and they are all non-union. FORTY THOUSAND OUT. Columbus, O., April 1.—All union bituminous miners in Ohio, about 40,000, went on a strike at midnight for an increase of five cents a ton for pick mines.