

STANDPATTERS ENDORSE TAFT

COAL STRIKE PARALYZES ENGLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Feb. 29. — Several hundred thousand miners employed in the coal mines throughout the British Islands quit work at 4 o'clock this afternoon, according to reports received here by Premier Asquith. It is predicted that a million men will be out by midnight. Orders for the strike followed negotiations by government officials, mine owners and the men which had been pending for a week. To stave off the threatened strike the British cabinet met in a last effort today to induce the coal operators to grant the men the minimum wage scale for each district. Reports received up to a late hour show that the walkout of the miners is complete. Strike leaders declare that the tieup of the coal industry will affect other industries to such an extent that it will throw at least another million men in other lines out of employment. The price of coal is already soaring, the operators refusing absolutely to fill any orders outside government needs.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Little hope is held out today by the government for an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between the coal miners and the owners. About 800,000 men employed in the collieries throughout England and Wales most likely will quit work tonight, when the strike order becomes effective. Alarmed over the situation the British cabinet is meeting. The men are standing pat on their original demand, having wired Premier Asquith today that they will walk out unless granted a minimum wage scale in each district. The government is trying to induce the coal operators to meet the strikers' demands. Compulsory parliamentary legislation putting in force a minimum wage scale seems to be the only hope of settling the dispute. Realizing the crisis which confronts the country, the government is holding troops in readiness for instant service. Many of the miners quit ahead of time today and many others gave notice of quitting when their notices to their employers became effective.

CHINESE ARMY IS IN REVOLT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PEKIN, Feb. 29. — Serious fighting is expected here today as a result of the revolt last night of hundreds of soldiers who, dissatisfied because of Yuan Shi Kai's surrender to the republicans, paraded through the streets, firing rifles, threatening officials and wrecking the native buildings. Loyal troops are under orders to suppress the revolt.

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CONSTANCE AND IRENE FARBER.

"Two young New York girls, girls, attracted them. There was a long family conference and the girls visited the theater. The mother went with them. She has been with them ever since. In musical comedy the three traveled all over the country. A vaudeville manager saw the girls and advised them to enter the variety game. They arranged an act, a simple enough one—neither of the girls ever took a singing or dancing lesson—and went around to the agents. It was hard work. One day, however, a "temperamental" actress quit her place on the bill at the Majestic theater in Chicago. The agent sent for the Farber girls and caught them in a photographer's studio being "took" in their stage clothes. It was a hurry-up taxicab trip to the theater and a breathless entrance. After it was through— "Well, the critics still talk about "the Farber girls."

ESTHER MISSING AT TRIAL, BAKER DEMANDS RETRACTION

Miss Esther Allstrum, pure food inspector, did not get official notification she was to be investigated by the mayor this morning, so she did not go near the trial. Mrs. J. Q. Mason and other Women's club leaders insisted that Miss Allstrum did not write the article in the magazine which lauded her work and quoted her as attacking Asst. City Atty. Baker for failure to back her up in pure food cases. Harry Nash, meat dealer, was present, and absolutely denied the statements concerning his case in court in the article. Mrs. Mason said Miss Allstrum reviewed the article before it was published and approved it. Another hearing will probably be held tomorrow, and the mayor will have Miss Allstrum present. "I don't care whether Miss Allstrum wrote the article or not," said Baker. "She is quoted as attacking me, and has made the same charges elsewhere. I want her to substantiate them or withdraw them."

WILSON MAY BE DROPPED OUT

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, it was learned today is in imminent danger of losing his official head because of the Florida Everglades scandal. President Taft, according to reports, has offered Wilson's portfolio to three different men.

JACKSON AFTER HIS BOYS

Virgil Jackson, divorced husband of Mrs. Josephine Brown, has heard of the murder of his wife and wants the boys. He wired Probation Officer Read today. Read replied that if his record was all right and he could take care of the boys he could have them.

VICTORY IS WON FOR STRIKERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 29.—Early settlement of the strike of textile workers is expected to follow a semi-official announcement that President Wood of the American Woolen mills had wired from Boston notifying his associates here that the strike must be settled at once. It is expected the mill owners will submit to the strikers some sort of a compromise agreement before the end of the week. A swift settlement of the Lawrence strike is expected by federal officials today as a result of the visit to Lawrence of Labor Commissioner Neill and other federal investigators.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 29.—That the dynamite found in a trainload of goods for the American Woolen company was but another "plant" on the part of the mill owners to arouse public sentiment against the strikers was the assertion made here today by strike leaders. Discussing the incident William D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, who is directing the strike of the textile workers, said: "The only dynamite located thus far is that which has been planted by detectives in the employ of the mill owners. The federal authorities are investigating the strike and it is very likely that local detectives with dynamite on their hands had to get rid of it in a hurry, so they placed it in the trainload of goods for the 'woolen trust.'"

How the collapse of the mill owners' fight against the strikers is coming is illustrated by the scarcity of arrests which daily are becoming fewer. On Saturday forty men, women and children were dragged to jail. On Monday thirty more were arrested. On Tuesday 42 were charged with picketing and obstructing the sidewalk. Yesterday, with the federal government investigators here, having come as the result of the publicity given the outrages by the United Press only two strikers were arrested.

DAY LEAVES YOUNG BRIDE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 29.—The police today are searching for John A. Day, whose bride of a week alleges that he deserted her, carrying with him her jewels and her savings of about \$1,000. Day, who was publicity agent for the Astoria Centennial and the Oregon state fair, met Miss Charlotte Atkins, an assistant in the office of a dentist, February 1. February 17 they were married. Four days later, the bride alleges, Day disappeared. The police say the man cashed several bogus checks before departing.

BROWN TO PEN

Willis Brown, avenger of his domestic wrongs with a scantling, is off to the pen today. His unfaithful wife and paramour, John Wilson, were buried yesterday. Judge Chapman will not appoint a guardian to take charge of the insurance which will be held for the two little sons of Mrs. Brown.

WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight and Friday.

Confessed Killing Eight Babies Out of Revenge



WINIFRED ANKERS, FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AFTER HER ARREST.

Brought up as a kitchen drudge, kicked about the world, betrayed, Winifred Ankers, found in her baby box the first treasure she had in life, and then—strange freak of disordered mentality—she murdered eight babies like her own to "have revenge," according to her confession, later repudiated. This is the Brooklyn, N. Y., woman who confessed to the killing of the eight little children in the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Home. She put oxalic acid in their milk. She worked in the home for a pittance so that she might not be separated from her own little one, confined in the home. She alleges that the nurses and other attendants treated her cruelly and to cause trouble for them she poisoned the infants. She said she wanted to make them sick, but didn't intend they should die. The confession was made after a two-hours' third degree examination, in which detectives tortured the woman by telling her that they would carry her child away from her if she would never see it again.

BOOK AGENT SEEKS DIVORCE FROM FASHIONABLE WIFE

The atmosphere of fashionable summer resorts of Washington, D. C., society, of jewels, fashions and high life, was brought into divorce court today when a worn looking man of 40 sued his wife, Mrs. Sophie D'Antignac Aspinwall, of Washington, D. C., for divorce in Easterday's court. Mrs. Aspinwall, daughter of a rich Episcopal clergyman, is demanding the suit by long distance depositions, on grounds that the church frowns on divorce. Woolsey Aspinwall, the man, is an Episcopal minister's son, and heir to a \$100,000 estate, tied up for a number of years yet. They were married in Washington in 1890. The man had studied for the ministry, but had a position in Columbia college at Washington, earning \$30 a month. His wife, he says, insisted on having three or four servants, not including the butler, on going to the summer resorts every year as soon as it got warm enough, was fond of travel and very jealous. In 1893, he says, she made him take her and two friends to the Chicago world's fair. At the end of the first year, he says, he was \$1,400 in debt. "Pawnee Wedding Presents." The wife says that he pawnee her wedding presents and some heirlooms during this period for \$475. Also that he got money on her property, worth \$15,000, which he has never repaid. The couple have been separated for some years. In 1906 when her sister married, Aspinwall, then in Nevada, sought a reconciliation. Mrs. Aspinwall turned him down, he says. Several times, the man says, the wife has threatened to kill herself when he refused to obey her wishes. She threatened to same time.

KILLS SELF AND THREE

(United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—Samuel L. Fisher, proprietor of the Elk Tannal factory, today shot and killed his wife Henrietta and daughters, Ruth, 18, and Aileen, 16. Fisher then set fire to his home at 120 Elst av., after which he ended his own life by blowing out his brains. MURDER VICTIM BURIED The funeral of Jack Alden, who was murdered by Willis Brown at East Larchmont Sunday night, was held yesterday afternoon from the Hoska-Buckley-King parlors, under the auspices of the Local Order of Moose. Rev. Moore officiated. Interment was in Tacoma. No arrangements have been made as yet for the burial of Mrs. Alden, who was murdered at the same time.

USE STEAM ROLLER TO DEFEAT PEOPLE'S WILL

The republican state central committee met here this morning at the Tacoma hotel, placed the state convention at Aberdeen May 15, endorsed Taft, gagged the progressives and provided for a hand-picked-delegation to the national convention. The committee paid no attention. The committee order provided that three delegates at large and one for each 200 votes for Cosgrove be sent to the state convention by county conventions held May 4. Endorse President Taft. The committee endorsed Taft and the last platform, eight men voting against it to 19 for it. The progressives were sat upon effectively by the state political machine. So smoothly was the steam roller running that when one standpatter forgot and voted wrong, Chairman Colner ejaculated "What?" and the committee man promptly came back to earth and changed his vote. A resolution presented by Tom Murphine of Seattle asking Governor Hay to call a special session to provide a presidential primary was ruled out of order by Chairman B. W. Colner. On appeal from the decision of the chair Colner was sustained 19 to 7. Murphine introduced it again after the resolutions report had been adopted and the chair ruled it off in order but Tom Fisk choked it off with a motion to adjourn, which was voted through 17 to 12. Murphine called attention to the absolute certainty of a hand-

COINER SAYS HIS STANDPAT DINNER WAS A TAFT VICTORY

Tacoma and Washington is overwhelmingly for Taft—and for Hay. Colonel Chairman Beverley Standpat Colner makes this announcement today. He knows, he does. He took a poll at his dollar dinner to the state committeemen and local standpatters last night and 127 voted for Taft, while only 46 voted for Roosevelt, with seven scattered. So it's all settled. That is it is settled until the 1,140,810 people who didn't attend the dinner get a chance to express themselves. As far as the 180 diners are concerned, the election is all over. Only one "progressive," George H. Walker of Seattle, was on the program, he being assigned the harmless theme, "Get Together." Hay Lauds Taft. The Taft campaign was started by Chairman Colner proposing a toast to the president, which was drunk, then Gov. Hay spoke to the theme "The President," which added more eulogies. The conclusions by the governor made a fitting opportunity to drink a toast to the governor of the state and this was accomplished as per schedule. Mrs. Frances King Sears of Seattle and Mrs. Addie Barlow of Steilacoom spoke for the women. W. T. Dovel of Seattle, made a plea for the "constitution," declaring the fight in this country is whether we shall have a constitution as a bulwark of liberty or be subjected to the "fifal will of a fickle majority." Charles Claypool of Olympia made the old time regulation republican speech on achievements of the party. Hay Hits Muckrakers. Gov. Hay devoted his entire speech to condemnation of "muck-raking," declaring "these murdering janissaries have so poisoned our political criticism that it has lost all semblance of fairness, honesty or worthy purpose," and that the worst of it is directed against the president. Progressive Protests. The first protest against the attempt to credit Colner's dollar dinner poll as a Taft victory reached the Times office shortly after 9 o'clock this morning in the following letter which will be endorsed by thousands of progressive voters: Editor Times: I would like to express through your valuable paper my disgust and I think the disgust of thousands of other voters in this state of an article that appeared in this morning's paper, headed, "Republicans of State for-

Novelist Scores Officials

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—William Dean Howells, the noted novelist, in a statement to the United Press today, scathingly denounced the action of the authorities at Lawrence, Mass., in preventing children of the striking textile workers from leaving for other cities, where they could be better cared for. "The action of the Lawrence authorities," said Howells, "was an outrage. I can think of nothing more outrageous than the action of the police in preventing innocent sufferers being sent where they could be properly cared for while their parents fought out the battle for better living and working conditions. There was no possible excuse for such treatment of the poor parents and their children." Charge Taft With Politics In Exposition Deal (By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 29.—Col. D. C. Collier, head of the San Diego Panama exposition, declared today that he was in the fight against President Taft to stay, as the result of what he calls "Taft's groveling" to San Franciscans to secure the California delegation in the coming cam-

Charge Taft With Politics In Exposition Deal

Collier declared, "that the time has come by when a man can stick a knife into our dearest hopes and San Diego will still get down and grovel at his feet." Collier said that the president had agreed with the San Francisco delegation that San Diego's exposition should be shoved aside.