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BAD CONDITION SHOWN BY MEDICAL TESTIMONY

Strike Commission Examines Physicians. Miners' Wages Insufficient to Pay Doctors' Bills.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 21.—Expert medical testimony brought out before the strike commission today shows that miners usually have asthma or rheumatism. Dr. Robert Gibbons was the first witness called. Dr. Gibbons said that no child under 15 should be allowed to enter the employ of the mines and that no man should be employed without prior medical examination.

FOR ROBBERY

John Larson Charged With Stealing a Watch.

Marshal C. B. Duncan of Tekoa, Wash., arrived this morning over the O. R. & N. bringing with him a man named John Larson, who is charged with stealing \$200 and a watch, the property of Sam McMaster, a ranch owner near Tekoa.

Larson was captured on a freight train at Cofax, Wash., and was detained until the arrival of the sheriff from Tekoa, who took the man in charge and turned him over to the county sheriff this morning.

London: Don Carlos of Portugal has an awful appetite, and is willing to trade an African province for a square meal any time. He smokes 30 big black cigars every day, is a bullfighter, and his step-mother was an American woman. That's what they are saying about the good king of Portugal since he came here.

EQUALS LAST YEAR'S BIG BUILDING RECORD

With five weeks yet to be heard from Spokane for the present year shows 21 more building permits than last year and the amount so far invested comes almost within \$100,000 of the record of last year, which is conceded to have been the banner year for buildings.

1906. This year not quite 11 months show \$1,296,358 investment. The present 12 months has to compete with such projects as the Great Northern depot, the Spokane hotel and numerous churches and other fine edifices.

REPUDIATED.

Hibernians Take Support From Catholic Herald.

The Catholic Herald, purporting to be the organ of the Catholics of Spokane, was rumored to have been repudiated by the Hibernians last evening and this rumor has been confirmed.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 1, at their meeting last evening passed a motion by which the Catholic Herald is no longer the official organ of their order.

The Catholic Herald only appears at irregular intervals and only three numbers have been issued so far this year.

MUCH TO LEARN ON THE TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The president's message to congress was almost the sole topic at today's cabinet meeting. The proof sheets were read and to be opposed to calling an extra session of congress after March 4 on the matter of tariff revision, believing that even the best informed

men in the house have much to learn on the question. He is desirous of appointing a tariff commission to collect all possible information, thus enabling congress to approach the matter intelligently. He fears that an extra session might result in a deadlock between the senate and the house.

mas of infection, carrying death and disease to those rising in them. Dr. Butler, superintendent of the Wilkesbarre poorhouse followed Dr. Gibbons and said that 79 per cent of the inmates of the poorhouse were miners. He had performed many autopsies and invariably found the lungs of the dead men black and badly diseased.

Questioned further he said the blackened condition obtained many years after the miner had given up his occupation.

Rev. Roberts resumed his testimony and Darrow, counsel for the miners, read portions of Mr. Roberts' book purposely omitted by the operators' counsel, thus putting a very different light on its statements.

Roberts said the poverty limit of a workman with an average family of five children was \$475 a year, and that the result of long investigation showed that miners get from \$400 to \$450 a year. He emphatically stated that it was insufficient to maintain even a decent standard of living.

COSTLY.

Chamberlain on Cost of the Boers Since the War.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Joseph Chamberlain this morning issued the parliamentary papers replying to the Boers' appeal for further relief. He says in addition to the \$15,000,000 of free grant that the bughers' camps since the close of the war have cost Great Britain a million dollars monthly.

FEDERAL BUILDING NOTES.

Deny United States Marshals Pugh and Ide are expected to return today.

Judge Nash is again at his desk. He reports a quiet trip.

The civil service examination papers will be prepared today and will be sent to Washington with a request to give them special attention in order that employes who are eligible may have preference during the holiday rush. The department looks for heavy increase in the holiday shipments this year.

BRUTAL.

Charge of Cruelty in a Divorce Case.

In the trial of the divorce case of Mrs. Anna Williams against her husband, Elmer C. Williams, charges of extreme cruelty were substantiated in the testimony.

Miss Bessie Jones took the stand and testified that she was living in an apartment house with the Williams family and on one occasion she was the postman at the door and, receiving a letter for herself, went into the Williams apartment to read her epistle.

Having done so she was in the act of throwing the letter in the fire when Williams, according to her story, entered and took possession of the letter. Mrs. Williams attempted to get the letter and as the gong sounded the wife was on the floor.

Miss Jones said: "He was a very naughty man and always came home grumbling and was so cross." It was stated that Mrs. Williams appeared to be in much agony over the publicity of her troubles.

LOCKED UP.

Accuses a Woman of Robbery and Later Gets Into Trouble.

John Johnson, a tiller of the soil who lives near Ritzville, reports that he was drugged and robbed at the Stockholm gambling house Wednesday evening.

Johnson claims he went into the resort about midnight and there he saw a fascinating miss and drank with her. After this, he states, he knew nothing of what went on and when he did recover was minus \$53, an overcoat and his pocket-book. He states that Alma Green was his lady companion in the drinking affair.

Johnson appeared this morning and inquired for information regarding a warrant for Alma Green. Officer Burns told him to come back at 1 o'clock and he did so. It was stated that the incident had made a general disturbance in the police court.

As a result Chief Reddy ordered him locked up, and now Johnson is sorry he spoke.

CROWDS ATTEND.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 21.—Hotels here are already overtaxed with visitors to the Harvard-Yale football game. Many of them may be disappointed in securing seats.

WON A VASE.

The beautiful cut glass vase which was competed for by the ladies of the Main Ave. Church Altar society was presented to Mrs. Engel of Union Park.

HORSE STOLEN.

Bert Cofeen in Jail Charged With the Crime.

Officer Nelson arrested Bert Cofeen this morning on the charge of horse stealing.

Last evening Cofeen, it is said, was driving on Riverside and ran into a pedestrian, knocking him down. On account of the reckless driving Officer Nelson followed the rig.

Cofeen drove to the Fall Creek stables and put his horse in the barn. The officer was looking for a man who stole a horse at Wayside and after looking the horse over decided to take Cofeen into custody.

It was stated that Cofeen had sold the horse to Proprietor Tripp of the stables and had received part payment in cash and was to return this morning for the balance of payment and to give a bill of sale.

The officer was on hand when Cofeen put in an appearance and arrested him on suspicion of being the man wanted at Wayside.

BARTENDERS

Will Form a Union and Ask Shorter Hours.

As predicted in The Press several days ago, the bartenders of Spokane will be offered a chance to organize a union.

T. S. Heskett of the American Federation of Labor hopes to perfect the organization this evening at a meeting to be held in the rooms over the Club on Howard street.

Bartenders in Spokane, it is stated, are under a nonunion system, working an average of 12 hours per day at \$15 per week.

The bartenders when organized intend to ask for an eight-hour shift, claiming that 12 hours is too long for any man to work at that particular business.

The matter of organizing this union is exciting much interest among proprietors.

The formation of a union and the request for an eight-hour day may result in the saloons only running 16 hours.

CHIEF REDDY

Gets High Office in New Fraternal Order.

The anniversary of the foundation of Grand Barrack No. 1 of the Covenant Order of Musketeers was celebrated last evening and the members met in the Fraternal Brotherhood hall partly in recognition of the event, but principally to find ways and means of adding to the past year's great success of the order.

The chief of police, John F. Reddy, has recently been appointed grand lieutenant field marshal with a seat in the board of trustees.

Charles B. Ogden was initiated at the meeting last night.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, when a basket social will be given. All lady members must bring gentlemen with them and the gentlemen must bring ladies.

OGDEN MADE GRAND DEPUTY.

Charles B. Ogden has been appointed grand deputy of the Covenant Order of Musketeers of America, district of Spokane.

Mr. Ogden is an old fraternal man and has been very popular and successful in the east. He expects to bring 250 new recruits into the ranks by January, 1903.

CANNON OF ILLINOIS CHOICE FOR SPEAKER

Representative Burton, Who Favors the Pacific Coast, Remains at Head of the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—It is generally conceded that Joseph Cannon of Illinois will be the next speaker of the house.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE NARROWLY AVOIDED

Story of the Reasons Has Come to Light—The Telegraphers Showed Their Strength.

One of the greatest strikes in the history of the telegraphers' organization was narrowly averted by the Southern Pacific's official head, Julius Kruttschmitt, assistant to the president and general manager. Kruttschmitt found his plans of campaign against the employees who were seeking an increase in wages had been in the hands of Pinkerton men, unknown to the Southern Pacific, were also loyal members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Manager James Aglar has been in daily session with the telegraphers' general committee, and each of their demands was carefully weighed.

The Southern Pacific will allow its telegraph operators who work from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. one hour for dinner, but declined at this session to grant the same privilege to men who work in the evening until 7 in the morning.

Ten days were consumed by the management before they would allow the midnight meal for the telegraph operator.

The officials, it is said, were delaying the work of the general committee in hopes of finding that they were in a position to deny the men the request for a general increase.

The telegraphers hesitated before calling their president to San Francisco, knowing that the appearance of Mr. Perham at a time when things were getting doubtful might result in irritating those that were hopeful of a peaceful settlement.

However, as a last resort the Order of Railway Telegraphers called their chief to San Francisco and preparations were made to place responsible men at various points on the system to direct the contest which appeared inevitable.

When the officials discovered that all the men their Pinkerton agencies employed in the south and north were members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, Kruttschmitt and Aglar threw up the fight.

President Perham also notified the railway officials that he was in San Francisco to put, if necessary, the power of the organization behind the general committee. That this organization did not have to gain their point through a strike in the old way.

The telegraphers are usually in charge of the tickets and to a large degree the freight, and under this method a road refusing to make reasonable concessions the telegraphers, through their official organ, appeal to their brothers to consider the road unfair to organized labor and divert business whenever possible.

POLICE COURT.

Two women, Eva Maloy and Nellie Toriume, were up before Judge Hinkle in police court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. They both pleaded not guilty and their cases will be tried tomorrow.

As result of a row in the Free Silver lodging house Ole Paulson was fined \$5 and costs in the police court yesterday.

BASKET BALL.

Y. M. C. A. May Meet the Big Fives.

In conversation last evening with a Press reporter Physical Director Myers of the Y. M. C. A. stated that he had received letters from the basketball five of Oregon, who ask for a game with the Y. M. C. A. five here about Feb. 4. The Washington university wants a game here Feb. 21 and the Pullman Washington five has corresponded with Mr. Myers, asking for a game to be played about Dec. 14 or 15.

About the most important feature in bringing an outside five here is the transportation matter. The expense in bringing the Oregon five here would be about \$300 and the visiting people expect the local men to defray one-third of this expense. This money would have to be raised among the athletes and it may require some time, as the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is so small at present it would be impossible to charge any admission to athletic sports.

The whole team is not out yet, but Manager Myers says he has good material in his lot and his basketball team will give good account of itself.

SUSPECTED

Of Complicity in Gigantic Swindle.

LISBON, Nov. 21.—A French woman arrested here today is believed to be Madame Humbert, who is wanted by Paris police as being connected with the famous Humbert-Crawford swindling episode, which netted many millions to its perpetrators.

DROWNED.

Thirty-four Perish in the Danube.

BELGRADE, Nov. 21.—Thirty-four persons were drowned in the sinking of a Danube steamer off the Island of Orsova this morning.

Minnie Bell was arrested at the instance of George H. Publow, who claims she stole \$20 from him. The woman was acquitted yesterday.

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