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### TAKES EFFECT NOV. 1

**IF MINERS' WAGES ARE CHANGED THE NEW RATE WILL DATE FROM THE PRESENT.**

Commission Takes Action at This Time to Simplify and Expedite the Investigation and in Order to Prevent Pressure for Hasty Action on the Whole Subject—Investigation of Mines Around Scranton Continues.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 1.—The anthracite strike commission has officially decided that if any change is made in the rate of wages of the men it shall date from Nov. 1. This announcement was made by the commission through Recorder Wright in the following brief statement given out by him:

"Voted unanimously, if the commission, at the conclusion of its hearings and deliberations, makes any award affecting existing rates of wages such award shall take effect from Nov. 1, 1902."

The recorder of the commission stated that this resolution was adopted by the commission because it felt that it was important to make its investigations deliberately and that it might be well in order to relieve itself from pressure from any source which might cause undue haste to inform the operators and the miners that should the investigation and the deliberations following it warrant any change whatever, either in the way of increase or reduction of wages, such change should be from a certain date, thus enabling all parties to facilitate their calculations.

The action of the commission in taking this step at this time will save the commissioners a lot of time. It is known that each side to the controversy would take a determined stand on the question of when the new rate of wages, if one is made, shall go into effect. The operators, in their original proposition to President Roosevelt, wanted the commission to fix the date. The miners wanted the prospective new rate to be retroactive and go into effect on the day when the miners returned to work, Oct. 23.

**SELECTED BY MINE WORKERS.**  
 Commission Visits One of the Worst Collieries in the Region.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 1.—The coal strike commission during the day visited the Manville colliery at Green Ridge, two miles from this city, and drove through the nearby territory for the purpose of viewing the habitations of the men who toil in the mines. The Manville mine is operated jointly by the Delaware and Hudson and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western companies. The mine is one of the worst for miners in this territory. The veins are small and there is barely room enough for workers to stand up. The colliery was visited at the suggestion of the mine workers' representatives.

The commissioners' party left the hotel at 9:20 o'clock and drove to the mine. After donning suitable clothing the party proceeded under ground. Accompanying the commissioners were Assistant Recorders Mosely and Neill, General Superintendent Rose of the Delaware and Hudson and General Superintendent Phillips of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, which companies operate the Manville colliery on alternate months; District President Nicholls of the United Mine Workers, P. W. Tolan, president of the Manville local of the United Mine Workers, and William Watkins, foreman of the mine.

Commissioner Wright did not go into the mine but returned to the hotel to look after correspondence. Extremely Tiresome Work.

The commissioners inspected three breasts and were in the mines two hours and a half. The first breast was 2,200 feet from the foot of the shaft and the commissioners had to walk along in a stooping position owing to the low roof. It was extremely tiresome for those unaccustomed to the mine.

At the face of the breast a miner and his helper were found. Some of the commission plied the two men with all sorts of questions. The man said he was able to get out four or five cars a day, told how much he made, and gave other information to the commissioners.

Judge Gray was so fatigued by walking in a bent over position for an hour that he decided to go to the surface. He was hoisted to the top with Bishop Spalding. General Wilson was the most aggressive of the commissioners in seeking information. He did not appear to mind the physical discomfort and went wherever he was asked. He asked many questions of both the company officials and of the miners and their representative and usually got answers to questions from both sides that were at variance with each other. Commissioners Clark and Parker also plied the miners with many questions. The commissioners returned to the Hotel Jermyn at 1 o'clock.

**LINKS THE BRITISH EMPIRE.**  
 Last Section of Imperial Cable Laid at the Fiji Islands.

London, Nov. 1.—The last section of the British imperial cable was laid at the Fiji Islands Thursday. A congratulatory cable message to King Edward reached Buckingham palace during the morning, being the first message sent over this line, which links the British empire together.

**KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF.**  
 Domestic Troubles End in a Tragedy at Grover, Wis.

Coleman, Wis., Nov. 3.—Peter Grant shot and killed his wife at Grover, six miles north of Coleman, during the day. Grant then went to his barn and fired two shots into his own body with fatal effect. It is believed the tragedy was the result of domestic troubles.

### DIABOLICAL MURDER.

**Three Persons Killed and House Fired Near Palmyra, Wis.**

Palmyra, Wis., Oct. 31.—What is supposed to have been one of the most diabolical murders ever committed occurred at 3 o'clock a. m. when the home of William Wilkinson, three miles southeast of this place, was burned to the ground after it is thought, the three occupants had been robbed and murdered. The names of those whose charred remains were found in the ruins are as follows: William Wilkinson, aged forty-two years; Albert Wilkinson, aged forty years, and Julia Wilkinson, aged thirty-six years.

Evidence secured points to murder. The most important clues to work upon are that William Wilkinson drew \$500 from a local bank Wednesday and that a rig was heard on the road near the Wilkinson home shortly before the fire was discovered. In the search of the ruins during the day William Wilkinson's body was found face downward with arms outstretched and near the charred bones of the right hand was found a revolver and \$365 in gold. A tin box was also found containing burned fragments supposed to be bills amounting to nearly \$1,000. The other bodies were also found.

A verdict had not been reached up to a late hour. From the evidence secured, it is thought William Wilkinson died while fighting with his revolver, and that his brother was struck by his assailants while he was in the hallway. The remains were placed in one casket and removed to La Grange.

**ROBBERS MAKE BIG HAUL.**  
 Secure \$22,000 in Cash at Home of Wealthy Montana Indian.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 4.—A special from Missoula says that one of the most sensational robberies that has ever occurred in the history of Western Montana was enacted at Plains, news of which has just reached this place. A wealthy Flathead Indian, named Matchell, was robbed Saturday night of \$22,000 in cash, the money consisting of \$100 bills and \$20 gold pieces. During Matchell's absence from home Saturday night a man dressed as a squaw visited his home in Camas prairie and engaged in conversation with Matchell's squaw. Mrs. Matchell noticed that the visitor was not an Indian squaw but a white man, as he could not talk good Flathead, but did not suspect anything was wrong at first. When she saw two men run out from under the building carrying something with them her suspicions were aroused, as the wealth had been hidden in that building. The robbers jumped on their horses, which were nearby, and the one that had been talking to her joined them and the three hurried away. Mrs. Matchell gave the alarm at Plains and a score of young Indians started out to locate the robbers, but no clue was discovered.

Matchell is the wealthiest fullblood Indian on the reservation. The old Indian kept his wealth concealed in a trunk in an outbuilding at his home, fearing to trust the banks.

**FOUR HUNDRED KILLED.**  
 Details of the Fight Which Ended in Uribe-Uribe's Surrender.

Colon, Colombia, Oct. 30.—Further news has reached here of the engagement Oct. 24, at Rio Frio, near La Cienega, which resulted in the surrender of the revolutionary generals, Uribe-Uribe and Castillo, together with 10 cannon, 2,500 rifles and considerable ammunition. The government general, Mariarres, reached Rio Frio with reinforcements of 2,000 men. These troops were destined for the isthmus, and their arrival at Rio Frio was unexpected. The government forces already before the rebel positions, in conjunction with the men of Mariarres' command, managed to surround the enemy completely, and, after a well contested engagement, to force them to surrender. Four hundred revolutionists are reported to have been killed. The dead were left unburied.

According to the terms of capitulation, General Uribe-Uribe undertakes to bring about the surrender of all revolutionary bands now in the departments of Magdalena and Bolivar. He goes to Bogota to confer with the Colombian government to this end.

**WORK OF LADRONES.**  
 Superintendent of Schools in Central Negros Murdered.

Manila, Nov. 4.—D. C. Montgomery, superintendent of schools in Central Negros, was murdered Friday by Ladrones three miles from Bacolod. Mr. Montgomery was going to Bacolod for a consultation with the retiring superintendent and to assume control of the division. Six natives, armed with bolos and spears, killed him and then mutilated and robbed him of a large sum of money. The constabulary here offered a reward for Mr. Montgomery's murderers and it is thought they will be captured.

This is the first instance of a teacher in the Philippine islands being harmed while in the discharge of his duty.

Mr. Montgomery leaves a widow, who is a teacher in the Island of Negros.

**THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.**  
 Locomotive Boiler Explodes With Fatal Results.

Baltimore, Nov. 3.—Three trainmen were almost instantly killed during the day by the explosion of a boiler of a Baltimore and Ohio locomotive at Halethorp. Traffic was delayed about three hours by the accident. Those who were killed were: Engineer E. W. Briggs, Fireman O. W. Hunt and Brakeman C. R. Stalling.

**Northern Pacific Workmen Killed.**  
 Whatcom, Wash., Nov. 4.—News has reached here that three men were killed while engaged in clearing out a tunnel where a cavern had occurred on the Chukanut Creek cutoff division of the Northern Pacific.

### VICTIMS OF MANIAC

**DERANGED ASSASSIN BLOWS UP JOSEPH KORDECK'S HOME IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS.**

Force of the Explosion Dismembers Kordeck and Tears His Body into Shreds, While the Two-Year-Old Child is Literally Blown to Fragments—House Takes Fire and Others Escape With Difficulty.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—A dynamite bomb, the weapon of a deranged assassin, blew up the home of Joseph Kordeck in Chicago Heights during the day, killing two members of the family outright and injuring several others. The house was set on fire and burned, while that of a neighbor caught fire and was also destroyed. The dead are:

**JOSEPH KORDECK**, arms and legs blown off.

**LUCY KORDECK**, aged two years, body blown to pieces.

Mrs. Lucy Kordeck had the flesh blown off her right side and is injured internally. She may die.

Seven children who escaped were injured, but not seriously.

The explosion occurred while the family was asleep. The father and mother, with the daughter, Lucy, occupied a room in the front of the cottage. On either side were rooms occupied by the rest of the family. The cottage stood three feet from the ground on wooden posts. The bomb was placed under the room and the impact of the explosion tore a hole in the floor, blew the bed to pieces, dismembered Kordeck and scattered into fragments the body of Lucy, who was sleeping with her parents. Pieces of flesh the size of a man's hand were the largest remnants of the child's body that could be found. The force of the explosion was directly upward and tore a piece of flesh from Mrs. Kordeck's side and blew her through a window. The noise aroused the rest of the family and they had hardly time to escape from the flames, which soon destroyed the cottage. Kordeck's body, torn to shreds, was found in the debris after the fire.

Charles Smith, a former boarder at the Kordeck's house, who was paying attention to one of Kordeck's daughters, has been arrested charged with the crime. The Kordeck girl was to have been married to another man next week. Smith declares he is innocent, but neighbors declare that he made the threat that if the girl refused to be his wife he would blow up the entire family with dynamite. Smith was absent from his room at the time of the explosion. His roommate, Thomas Kobilinski, claims that Smith returned to his room greatly excited shortly after the explosion.

**IN UNCOLLECTED TAXES.**  
 City of Chicago Lost \$5,610,000 in Ten Years.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—In ten years the city of Chicago has lost \$5,610,000 in uncollected taxes. A report showing this and declaring the tax assessing and collecting methods of the county full of errors, abuses and mysteries has been placed in the hands of Controller McCann by expert accountants who have been examining the books of the county treasurer.

During ten years the accountants assessed the collections of delinquent personal property taxes amounted to only \$50,000 until an investigation of the books was begun and then the county authorities were able to collect \$15,000 in a month.

It is asserted also that the county authorities have made a practice of accepting partial payments as payment in full without showing by their records why a reduction was allowed.

**BOYS BREAK FOR LIBERTY.**  
 Inmates of the New York Juvenile Asylum Try to Escape.

New York, Nov. 3.—Two hundred and fifty boys, inmates of the New York juvenile asylum, made a concerted break for freedom during the day. The plot was devised several weeks ago. Fifty of the boys succeeded in escaping, but twenty-three of them were recaptured after two hours. Those at large range in age from ten to sixteen years.

**HUNDREDS OF SHEEP PERISH.**  
 Cold Wave and Heavy Snow in Texas and New Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 3.—A cold wave has swept over this section during the past twelve hours and reports from the surrounding mountain regions indicate that the snowfall has been heavy on the slopes in New Mexico. Hundreds of sheep caught unexpectedly in the open have perished, and below this city in the Rio Grande valley the losses have been heavy.

**MAD DOG IN A DANCE HALL.**  
 Nearly Twenty People Bitten by the Brute at Collins, Wis.

Brillon, Wis., Nov. 3.—Terror pervades Collins, a country place twelve miles from here in a thickly settled district. A mad dog forced his way into a dance hall there and nearly twenty persons were bitten. Six passed through here during the day on their way to the Pasteur institute at Chicago. None of the names could be learned.

**CONVICTED OF PERJURY.**  
 Ex-Delegate Bersch of St. Louis Gets Five Years.

St. Louis, Nov. 1.—Edmund Bersch, former member of the house of delegates, was found guilty of perjury in his testimony before the grand jury as to the \$75,000 boodle fund raised to secure the passage of the Sturman franchise bill and given five years in the penitentiary. The jury deliberated but a few minutes.

**Wanted to Know.**  
 A London paper tells of an incident in an alleged literary club meeting, which nearly broke up the assemblage. In the course of a discussion on poetry some one let fall the name of Keats. One of the members promptly demanded enlightenment. "What are Keats?" he asked.

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