

**TRUE RECORD AND LIFE OF NE-
FARIOUS 'MOTHER' JONES**

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Congressman Kindel of Colorado created a sensation in the house of representatives on June 13, when he presented to it what he claimed was the record of "Mother" Jones, who has been held up to public admiration as a spotless angel of benevolence. The documents which Congressman Kindel presented to the house of representatives and now appear as part of the Congressional Record of June 13, were, he said, obtained by him from the public library in Denver.

"They contain much valuable information concerning the life and character of this stormy petrel," added the Colorado congressman as he handed up to the clerk of the house of representatives the appended statements about "Mother" Jones.

The mine owners of Colorado obtained part of the information in their own state and an agent in San Francisco was commissioned to get whatever links of the chain were to be obtained from residents of this city. Following is the biographical sketch as it now stands in the records of congress. It is interesting reading as it depicts a totally different person from the tender-hearted, pious and philanthropic old lady to whom Mrs. Fremont Older and other talented newspaper correspondents devoted pages of eulogy as the greatest living exponent of true womanly qualities, and most persecuted and courageous of female martyrs to a great cause. Unfortunately for Mother Jones, her biography as written up by her newspaper friends is not preserved in the records of congress, and Congressman Kindel's terrible contribution is part of the nation's archives.

The Petrel's Stormy Life.

People settled in Maine. Educated in common school. Taught a country school for several years.

Married a prosperous farmer, and when widowed immediately allied herself with a labor movement then attracting attention in the east, claiming that she wanted to elevate the laboring classes, educationally and socially.

Began to associate with labor leaders and reformers at the time of the A. R. U. strike of 1894. Since then has kept pretty busy stirring things up. Has had a record or never advocating peace nor arbitration; but always being for strife and war.

Was particularly prominent in the Pittsburg strike of 1895, miners' strike of 1897, central Pennsylvania strike of 1899 and 1900, the coal strike of last year in the anthracite district of Pennsylvania, and the textile strike in Philadelphia.

During the latter strike she placed herself at the head of one hundred men, women and children, and started with them on a march to Oyster Bay to interview President Roosevelt and demand his intervention in behalf of the strikers. She held daily meet-

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