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IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION SHOWN TODAY

GREAT NORTHERN SWITCHMEN HAVE RETURNED TO DUTY AND NORTHERN PACIFIC TO FOLLOW.

RETURN OF NORMAL CONDITIONS

MINES AND SMELTERS AROUND BUTTE WILL SOON RESUME OPERATIONS

Butte, Mont. Dec. 30.—The railroad strike situation shows further improvement today. The great Northern switchmen are on duty, following the adjustment of their demands yesterday, and the Northern Pacific switchmen announced that they would return to work today.

With the return to normal conditions by the roads, work in the mines and smelters which has been restricted since coal shortage, soon to be resumed at full speed it is said.

THE RESIGNATION STORY IS UNTRUE

PRESIDENT WINDER OF CLINCHFIELD COAL CORPORATION AT DANTE SAYS EVERYTHING IS SMOOTH.

J. H. Winder of Philadelphia president of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation who was in the city today stated to a representative of the Leader that the report that he and Superintendent J. T. Roan had resigned was absolutely without foundation as everything has been and is running smoothly at Dante.

The report had it that the stockholders held a meeting in New York some time ago and appointed H. M. Waite as vice president of the concern thinking that the management under Mr. Winder was expending too much money with comparative small returns and with Mr. Waite on the ground they might be able to expend funds for maintenance and equipment. The appointment of Mr. Waite at the time looked to the other officials as an injustice, according to the report.

It was thought that Mr. Roan, or W. T. Tyler chief engineer of the corporation should have been placed in the vice presidency of the company. This dissatisfaction it was claimed caused Mr. Winder and Mr. Roan to send in their resignations some time ago. The stockholders refused to consider the resignations, as it is understood the services of the two men are invaluable to the progressiveness of the corporation.

WRIT OF ERROR HIS SOLE HOPE

LOOKS LIKE NO CHANCE FOR ICE KING MORSE TO ESCAPE FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY.

New York, Dec. 30.—The sole hope for liberty is pinned on an appeal for a writ of error that will undoubtedly be denied Charles W. Morse, former ice king, banker and steamship magnate. Early today Morse was in a state of collapse in his cell at the toms.

Following the decision of Judge Hough in circuit court denying Morse a new trial, the prisoner became nervous to the point of breaking down. All night long he paced the cell, rousing the prison physician when he wanted to administer an opiate.

The struggle to get a writ of error seems forlorn. Legal precedent is all against Morse and it appears there is no escape from serving a fifteen years sentence.

DIRTY CHAMBERLAIN AT STON JAIL

DISGRACEFUL REV LATIONS ARE MADE BY WITNESSES IN INVESTIGATION WHICH IS NOW GOING ON.

Charleston, Dec. 30.—Still another woman, a United States government prisoner, who was confined in the county jail, was forced to yield to the wishes of inmates of the prison who had keys to her cell, according to the testimony of a witness who was examined by the jail investigating committee yesterday. This witness was L. A. Nelson, a painter, who during the last part of March and the first of April was employed to do some work in the jail. He testified that he saw two of the male prisoners enter the cell of this female prisoner and force her to submit to their desires. He stated that the door was partly open and that he saw one prisoner hold the woman while the other outraged her. He also testified that the woman afterward told him that the men in the jail had nearly killed her.

At the opening of the meeting of the committee yesterday, Attorney W. G. Barnhart requested the committee to recommend the temporary suspension of Jailer Riley. He gave as his reasons, that a number of witnesses yet to be called, are inmates of the prison, who have part of their terms yet to serve, and who could hardly be expected to testify fully before the committee when it would be necessary for them to return to and complete their terms under the jailer against whom it might be necessary to give evidence of damaging character.

The committee declined to act or make a suggestion of this kind.

Some other evidence which seemed to show the extent of the liberties which Jailer Riley allowed some of the prisoners, was that of two girls of the Red Light district, one of whom testified that one prisoner was allowed to leave the jail and come out to visit her, and that on another occasion they had seen him at another house. They testified that the first time this man had come to the house, the jailer brought him. She said that he told her he crawled out through a window at the jail.

Other testimony, corroborative of the former evidence in regard to drinking and gambling in the jail, was heard by the committee, date on the 10th day of March, 1909.



Melvin W. Sheppard, the world's middle distance champion runner, who was announced that he will never race in Philadelphia. Sheppard is indignant over his suspension by the Military Athletic League of the Quaker city. The reason given by the N. A. L. for his action was that Sheppard had tried to persuade W. J. Hayes, another runner to quit Philadelphia and join the Twenty-Second Regiment of New York.



John G. Gleason on the left and his partner in the Jeffries-Johnson fight enterprise Tex Richard. Although both are pulling at the same end of the rope they are nevertheless constantly disputing each other as to where the big battle will come off. The recent utterances of Governor Fry of Utah makes it rather plain that the bout cannot be held in the Mormon state. Gleason has said all along that Richard might as well stop the Utah talk and it appears now that Gleason knew better what he was talking about than his partner.

EXTRADITED IN THE SNEAD CASE

MOTHER AND MOTHER-IN-LAW ARE TAKEN TO NEW YORK AND PLACED IN JAIL.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother-in-law and mother of Mrs. Oeey Snead, the bath tub mystery victim, were extradited today and taken to New York. They were placed in Essex county jail, where their sister, Miss Virginia Wardlaw is being held. The extradition papers were signed yesterday.

TO ATTEND HIS NIECE'S WEDDING

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft, accompanied by his daughter Miss Helen and Master Robert, left here at 8 o'clock this morning for New York to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Louise Taft, to G. H. Snowden of Seattle.

TO RENEW FIGHT ON UNCLE JOE

Washington, Dec. 30.—The report of the retirement of Speaker Cannon has again been revived with more or less elaborate detail. The latest report is that he would not retire from Congress, but that he is serving his last term as Speaker, having made a record for continuous service equal to that of Speaker Stevenson, of Virginia, who was honored with four elections to the office.

By such an announcement he would, it is claimed, destroy the issue of Cannonism in the congressional elections next fall, and at the same time leave the field open to aspirants without creating petty jealousies.

It is conceded by the Speaker's enemies that he can carry his district by a safe majority, but even his friends say his re-election as Speaker would be doubtful. Furthermore, the signs point to a possible Democratic House.

THIRD KILLING IN TONG WAR

CHINESE ACTOR SHOT TO DEATH AND MANY FLEE IN FEAR OF GENERAL HOSTILITIES

New York, Dec. 30.—The third killing in the revival of Tong War was recorded today. Early this morning an actor in a Chinese theatre was shot to death by Hatcher men who had waited in ambush on the third floor of his residence.

Immediately after the shooting a police detail in Chinatown was strengthened. Many of the better known Chinese remained in hiding, and a number are reported to have fled from the quarter in fear of a general hostilities.

REPORT SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 30.—The details of imports and exports during the month of November and the eleven months ending with November, just completed by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, show a large increase in importations of manufacturers' materials, while manufactures ready for use and foodstuffs also show totals the eleven months ending with November. Exports show a slight decrease in the value of foodstuffs sent out of the country, an increase in the value of crude materials for use in manufacturing, and a marked gain in both manufactures for further use in manufacturing and manufactures ready for consumption. The value of manufactures ready for use exported in November was forty million dollars, against thirty-one million in November of last year; and for the eleven months ending with November, 427 million dollars, against 419 million in the corresponding months of last year. Of manufactures for further use in manufacturing the exports of the month were twenty one and a half million dollars, against sixteen million in the same month of last year; and for the eleven months ending with November, 229 million, against 214 1-2 million in the same months of last year.

SHIRTWAIST GIRLS WIN THEIR STRIKE

HAVE GONE HUNGRY AND FACED PRISON IN THE STRUGGLE TO COME OUT VICTORIOUS.

WALKING DELEGATES EXCLUDED

MANUFACTURERS TO RECOGNIZE THE UNION, ALL BUT THE EMPLOYERS OF 7000

New York, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made today that by tomorrow the strike of 40,000 girl shirtwaist makers will be over and the girls who have gone hungry and faced prison cells, will be victorious.

Seven thousand girls are still out, the employers of the others, having capitulated.

A labor organizer said today that the manufacturers were willing to recognize girls' union, but not walking delegates. The girls are willing to exclude delegates.

ACTION WAS A TEST OF LAW

Huntington, Dec. 30.—Ruling that he had no jurisdiction Judge E. S. Doolittle of the circuit court this morning dismissed the suit of the West Virginia National Bank, and certain stockholders therein, which prayed that certain relief be granted in the matter of tax assessments on bank stocks. The question at issue was the constitutionality of the statute which provides for the assessment of stock at its actual value, without deducting therefrom the personal indebtedness of the owner.

The action was in reality a test of the law, the West Virginia National Bank having been selected to fight it through the courts. The first step was a suit instituted which sought to compel B. G. Dunkle, assessor of Cabell county, to deduct the personal indebtedness of the shareholders from the value of their stock, but this was dismissed without adjudication when it was shown that Dunkle was no longer an office holder.

Then Vinson & Thompson attorneys for the bank and the stockholders, appeared before the county court and formally asked that the petitioners be allowed to deduct from the assessed value of their stock the amount of their personal indebtedness. The petition was refused. In some manner the petitioners failed to conform in this action to the requirements of the statutes, and in consequence, it was found necessary to make application to the county court the second time. The court made a ruling similar to that rendered at first.

WEST VIRGINIANS TO OPERATE IN CUBA.

Charleston, Dec. 30.—For the purpose of marketing the guano beds, minerals and timber, of Calapatch, Isle of Pines, Cuba, the Calapatch Development Company, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., was chartered here today with a capital of \$50,000. The incorporators are Fred Paul Grosceup, J. F. Hudson, Paul B. Grosceup, Pushur Higginbotham, and Charles M. Saunders, of Charleston. It is said that John L. Steele and Janvin Browne, of Washington, are heavily interested in the concern.

LAWYERS WILL HAVE BIG FEED

The Mercey and McDowell Bar Association will hold their annual banquet at the New Altamont Hotel tomorrow night, beginning at nine o'clock. It goes without saying that lawyers know how to have a good time when they get together at a banquet. D. E. French of this city has been selected as toastmaster. Responses will be made by Judge J. M. Sanders, J. M. McGrath, Judge I. C. Herndon, J. S. Kahle, J. R. Henry and others.

THINGS FROZEN UP GENERALLY

MERCURY FLIRTS WITH ZERO, AND THE PLUMBER MAKES HAY IN THE DEAD OF WINTER

The division office registered at zero this morning while thermometers about town ranged from four to six below zero.

The plumbers were kept on the hustle all day thawing and repairing water pipes. The coal dealers are busy hauling coal, and the railroad men are experiencing great difficulty in getting trains over the road. The mines are greatly handicapped in loading coal also. The empty cars will not roll under the tippie and a request has been made to the officials of the railroad company to furnish engines at the mines to place cars for loading.

Trains Frozen Up.

Passenger train No. 18 that lays over at Gary all night was frozen up this morning when the train crew reported for duty. It took about three hours to thaw out the steam pipes.

No. 4 arrived in the city ahead of No. 18 making all the local stops.

TO OPEN UP NEW COAL OPERATION

NEW RIVER POCAHONTAS CONSOLIDATED WILL OPERATE MINE AT THE MOUTH OF WAR CREEK

According to a report received here today the New River Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company, will open up a new operation at the mouth of War Creek about four miles from Berwind.

The coal at the new operation has been analyzed and found to be identical with the No. 4 Pocahontas vein. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

STRENGTH IN MAY WHEAT

Chicago, Dec. 30.—May wheat showed considerable strength with sales at 1 1/4-3/4. Investors and shorts were the leading buyers. Corn was quiet but stronger, oats steady and provisions firmer. Opening wheat December 1 1/8-3/4; oats, July, 43 5-8; corn, May, 66 5-8; pork, Jan, 21 6/8.

Cotton Steady.

New York, Dec. 30.—At the outset the cotton market was steady and only one to ten points higher due to the heavy selling which resulted from strong cables. All positions established new high records. After the call there was a slight reaction, but at 10:20 there was no sign of weakness. Opening December offered 15.78; January, 16.70; February, 15.92; March, 16.01; May, 16.30; July 16.26.

TRAINS TOO LONG IT IS CLAIMED

It was learned today that a committee of railroad men from the different lodges on the Virginian will likely confer with the officials of that company in the near future relative to the enormous amount of tonnage being handled on that system and an effort will be made to bring the tonnage down to a smaller basis. It is claimed the trains now being handled on that railroad are too long and about double in tonnage the trains handled by the N. & W. C. & O. and C. C. & O.

It is understood that all the trains run on the Virginian have between 100 to 125 cars in the train.

JAIL EMPTY FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

For the first time in many years, the city jail was empty this morning. The last of the prisoners were turned loose yesterday, and no arrests were made last night.

IN THE GRIP OF TERRIFIC COLD WAVE

THE ENTIRE EASTERN HALF OF COUNTRY IS SUFFERING THE SEVEREST WINTER WEATHER IN MANY YEARS

MANY PERSONS ARE OVERCOME

THE CHARITABLE AND MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSES IN NEW YORK ARE FULL

New York, Dec. 30.—The entire East and South are in the grip of a terrific cold wave. At 8 o'clock here this morning the temperature had dropped to 8 below and was still sinking.

Suffering is intense and many persons have been overcome. The charitable and municipal lodging houses are full.

Cities in all the eastern half of the country report the coldest weather of the winter, and some of them the coldest in years. At Washington 8 degrees below was reported, Augusta, Ga., reports 13 below, Richmond 10, Atlanta 12, Chicago reports zero.

ONE OR OTHER MUST RETIRE

Washington, Dec. 30.—When Congress reconvenes next week a special joint commission to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy will be appointed. It will be the first time in history Congress has placed a Cabinet officer on trial at his own request. On Tuesday or Wednesday the joint resolution providing for the investigation will be presented by the Senate committee on public lands and the house committee, on rules. It is expected it will be adopted with little opposition.

Senator Knute Nelson, of Iowa, Chairman of the committee on public lands, will likely be Chairman of the investigating commission. So bitter has become the discussion in the President's official family, and so embarrassing to the Administration, that it is generally predicted either Ballinger or Pinchot must leave the Government service as the result of the congressional inquiry.

T. C. Jending who has been in St. Luke's hospital for some time is improving.



James E. Sullivan, secretary of the New York Stadium Association, who for the past year has been an energetic advocate of the erection of a great white-walled structure containing a diamond, a gridiron, a track and an athletic field after the general plan of the ancient stadium at Athens. Secretary Sullivan believes that the construction of this mammoth theatre will take on positive form shortly after the opening of the new year. The plan is to erect first in New York with the hope that other cities all over the country will follow suit.