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## WOULD IT BE ANY USE.

To those who have been insisting that the government step in and arbitrarily adjust matters between the coal operators and the United Mine Workers, it must be a discouraging shock to note the attitude of the railroad strikers in the face of the ruling of the United States Railroad Labor Board.

The railroad employees, on the average are a higher type of workmen than that found in the ranks of the coal miners. There is not so large a percentage of foreigners, and the work required demands a higher grade of workmen. That such a class of labor should go out on strike in defiance of the ruling of a federal board is vastly more disconcerting than a similar occurrence would be coming from a coal mining body already wrought up and in most uncertain temper.

If this type of workmen, exemplified by the strike of the shopmen, refuse to abide by the decision of the federal board, appointed by the United States government to adjust wages and smooth out difficulties, what sort of a show would a similar board have in the present ruction between the mine operators and the miners?

## THE WOMEN IN THE RACE.

THE Republican and Democratic tickets for the primary election August 1 are now before the voters and for one solid month candidates will be presenting their virtues before their own parties for support.

The tickets this year are unique in that they bear the names of women for some of the offices—the first time in the history of West Virginia that women have ever run in the primaries for party nomination. There are six women in the field; four Republicans and two Democrats, and their presence there ensures a heavy vote among Marion County women at the primaries. Needless to say the women who have entered the race are there because they are sure they can be of use to their county and state if elected. It is doubtful if any other six candidates to be voted upon August 1, represent so much unselfish ambition to serve as this half dozen women who make the initial attempt for office.

With one exception the women are offering themselves for school board duty, and a more fitting place for womanly activities cannot be named. It is a matter for regret that every district board did not present the name of at least one woman for this office, for every school board would be the stronger and the better for the voice of a woman in directing the affairs of school matters.

Now that organized bodies of women are interesting themselves in legislation of various helpful kind, and are coming more and more forcefully before the state legislature each session to present their views upon welfare matters and improved civic conditions, there is a big demand for women representatives in the state legislature. In answer to this demand there are several women on the county primary tickets throughout the state, and Marion County also has one. It is safe to say that the women who are elected to the state legislature will go into office with an unbiased view of the things to come up for their consideration. They will not be bound by old prejudices nor trammelled by old bitternesses. They will be looking

## THE MAID ON THE COURTHOUSE

"Say, you distinguished looking individual with the nice rimmed glasses," said the maid on the courthouse, "this morning as she saw a tall and handsome man walking up the boulevard de luxe, Walter Corbin stopped dead in his tracks and shoes, bowed and raised his hat. The sun was shining brightly and the frosty petals on Mr. Corbin's unadorned pate dazzled the maid much more than even more so.

"Fair one, said Walter in his sweetest and most melodious tones, 'fair one, what sort of a raspberry have you saved for me, seeing that thou has dished out several of late to underserving folk?'"

"Raspberry, indeed," said the maid, "I speak only the truth, and truth is golden, wealth beyond imagination, ye truth crushed to earth shall get up and stare you in the face."

"Cut out the oratory," suggested Mr. Corbin, "It's too blamed cold to hold an impromptu forensic society meeting on the broad highway."

"Pardon, my love," said the maid, "a thousand pardons, I shall proceed to the dirty work at once. What I want to know is what you were doing at Ashland, Ky., on July 4 that you did not get the report of the fight back

into the future exclusively, and will not be ruled by selfish expediency, but by unselfish desire to do their very finest and greatest work for the constituency which placed them in office.

That the women will be popular candidates goes without question. Any man who watches the good business head of the average woman, and the economy and efficiency with which she administers the affairs of the home, or the business office, will find little difficulty in picturing the efficiency and economy with which she will handle public affairs.

## MOB RULE FINISHED.

THE topmost idea now circulating through the public mind is that there has been considerably more than a plenty of mob law. Threatening situations now find the officers of the law being overwhelmed with volunteered assistance if need arises, and action of the court that gives drastic punishment to proven mob leaders is approved with emphasis by the people.

Judge Southern gave four men four years in the penitentiary last week for assaulting a man on his way to work in a non union mine, and the sentiment throughout the community was one of complete approval of the judge's decision. The people are in hearty accord with the judge when he states that "the government of the United States is the best government on earth and that mob rule will not be countenanced in this country."

In the beginning of the coal strike public opinion was in the balance. If anything, the miners had the advantage, for the public was impatient with the group of operators who would not even confer with the men about a wage scale, and there was pretty general belief that collective bargaining and mutual understanding had kept the coal business on a sound basis for nearly a quarter of a century, and that this was pretty good proof that it was the best way to keep coal mining conditions steady and market conditions reliable. The United Mine Workers had this public sentiment back of them and the people were disposed to be patient. There has been a great change in public feeling within the past two weeks. The Herrin outburst simply horrified the nation, coming as it did on the heels of a condition that had been featured by numerous smaller incidents, which the public had smoothed out of its mind hoping that each occurrence would be the last.

The public feels that in a measure it is to blame for the Herrin tragedy because opinion was not expressed forcibly enough to make such an occurrence impossible. There are to be no more mistakes of this kind however, and any attack on men who are at work in the mines, peaceably and honestly making a living in this, a free country, will certainly bring forth stiff punishment promptly administered.

There is no organic body in America, nor is there enough wealth or pull on the part of any individual or group of individuals, to stand against the expressed will of the public. Whenever any faction or any individual looms up in the role of oppressor or intimidator, and the public is sufficiently convinced that the accusation is true, things immediately begin to get mighty uncomfortable for the offender.

The work which is now going on to ascertain exactly where Marion County stands in the tuberculosis question is to be highly commended. The active cooperation of the Marion County Medical Society and the local Red Cross chapter with the state tuberculosis association will reveal the true state of affairs very quickly. The public is cooperating also in that those suspicious of their state of health are flocking into the clinics for examination. There is only one thing to be considered in the dreaded t. b. and that is to get after it early in the game. The disease, just like cancer, can be cured if the afflicted will only seek the cure soon enough. Every person in the county who has any reason for being uneasy over a persistent condition that implies tuberculosis should surely grasp the opportunity offered on this visit of Dr. Charles William White. It is the chance of a life time to get the opinion of the best expert in the United States.

It is strange how difficult it is to recognize individuals under certain circumstances. Evidently those lads from Locust Avenue must look altogether different in police court from what they do when gathered on Locust Avenue street corners. Then, too, everything looks different when anger coils. The police will possibly remember this hereafter when Locust Avenue gets quarrelsome.

It is all right for the colored veterans to put a hyphen in their post name if they desire it—the only hyphen America finds objectionable is the hyphen that some persons retain in their patriotism.

The Glass Workers will discover that Fairmont can warm up on acquaintance if they will stick around a little longer.

to The Times as you were scheduled to do? Will you never develop into a reliable newspaperman? That's twice now you have fallen down on an assignment. You remember a couple of years ago you were to cover the Yale-West Virginia game at New Haven and—

"I brought back a story from New Haven," interrupted Walter. "Yes, I know you did, but it was not an account of the game. You know what it was. It was about the fellow who sat in the Yale stands and yelled, 'East, north, south and West Virginia—hot dog!'"

That was not the story you were sent after."

"Now listen, lady love," said Walter. "I want you to understand that I could not cover that story on July 4. I promised Ira Smith I would bring him back an eight day clock, and anybody knows it takes at least two days to buy an eight day clock especially when the stores are closed one of the two days. It took me until train time to get the clock I wanted, and then I forgot to get a key for it. I'll have to make another trip back soon."

"That's a fine alibi," declared the maid. "You will soon be as good as 'Shorty' Molten on that alibi stuff."

"Be merciful to me a sinner," murmured Walter.

"I will," said the maid, "I'll give you one more chance. I have a tip that the twostep, waltz and corsets are coming back into style. Run along now and let me hear from you tomorrow."

"That's a whale of an assignment," declared Walter. "And I'll make good or bust. You won't tell any of the other newspapermen about it?"

"What do you mean OTHER newspapermen?" said the maid.

But Walter had vanished in the thin air.

## RUFF STUFF

"Ned" Smith threw her in reverse again this morning.

He'll strip a gear if he isn't careful.

Saturday he was afraid the Demmes wouldn't have a full house, so he came into the race.

Today he is satisfied the cards are stacked and withdraws.

He says he wishes to avoid Demmie contests in the primary.

But one wouldn't think so the way the Astonisher dashed around to get a candidate to run against Neely.

The Press Club had a meeting last night and planned a testimonial dinner for "Ned" next Monday night. Now the party has gone kerflunk.

Just when our mouth was all set for a few testimonials.

Anyhow, we ain't going back on

a good friend like "Ned," and he can still get his name in this column most anytime, even if the dinner has been sidetracked.

If all the Demmes had as much sense as "Ned" they would all resign and save a lotta energy.

The Astonisher said Harvey Lanham, Edwards campaign manager, issued a pronouncement yesterday. That must have been after we left. We got a Pen Marva

Gotta see Harvey today and get one o' those jawbreakers he passed out to Joe Lehman.

Harvey's also getting to be some steering wheel. He is said to have "steered" Edwards through the maze of those who turned out to greet him."

Which reminds us that corn on the cob will soon be with us.

No, he isn't a candidate.

The Rev. W. J. Eddy yesterday married two couples in ten minutes. That's making a long blind in a short time.

Spears is booked to arrive in Morgantown today. It's cool enough for football.

Here's your chance—an advertisement reads: For sale cheap, one oxyacetylene welding outfit.

Have you bought earmuffs for your tomatoes?

Tom Connell says he's still famous despite his tonsillitis.

Tom doesn't talk much anyhow. A blanket manufacturer willing to part with some could make a good campaign right now.

Of course, you still have to have a mattress to be comfortable.

And rest in peace and read Ogilens' newspaper.

With the Lilly of the Kanawha Valley blooming in Sutherland.

Call a cop. Real quick!

## AMERICAN CHEMISTS PRAISED FOR WORK

BOSTON, July 6.—The time has come when teachers may justly dwell upon the word "American" in chemistry instruction. C. H. Stone, president of the English High School, Boston, said today in an address before the Department of Science Instruction, National Education Association here.

"During the past ten years this country has shown that it has chemists second to none; it has shown that there is an American chemistry," Mr. Stone said. "Mention of only a few lines of endeavor, such as optical glass, dyes, war gases, explosives and nitrogen fixation will show that today we stand upon a chemical level with any of the nations. The names of our American chemists should be as readily used in our class work as those of European chemists. Let us give to America and to American chemists the credit which is their just due."

"When we look into the future and realize the great part which chemistry is destined to play in this country, a strong feeling of responsibility comes over us. To lay the broad and deep foundations of chemical knowledge on which others may raise the superstructure, to cultivate in youth those powers of observation and of reasoning which lead to the best results, to waken in them a realization of what chemistry means to our country now and in the future, the safety, comfort, health and material wealth of our nation, this is the task of the high school chemistry teacher."

## BUBONIC PLAGUE CLAIMS THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS

AMOIY, China, July 6.—The bubonic plague which usually breaks out in South Fukien during June made its appearance this year in April. It has already claimed victims by the thousands, especially in the interior districts where public health receives little or no attention. There the people are ignorant and know no precautions or remedies save superstitious rites and customs.

In Amoy the foreign health officers, schools, local Young Men's Christian Association and Boy Scouts are doing every thing in their power to prevent the spread of this deadly. Instructive lantern lectures are given in public places by the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boy Scouts make excursions to villages in the district distributing pamphlets on the plague, its cause and prevention.

## STEAMER STRIKES WRECK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—Beside the sea-battered hull of the steamer Whittier, lost a month ago, the steam schooner Arctic was a water-logged wreck today on Saunders Reef, seventy miles north of here, with her crew of approximately fifteen apparently in no danger. The steamer Bruuswick was standing by. In a fog last night the Arctic struck the wreck of the Whittier.

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## PURSGLOVE FAVORS NON-UNION SCALE

Miners Reported to Be Recruiting Strike Breakers at Morgantown.

It is the belief of Joseph Pursglove, president of the Cleveland and Morgantown Coal Co., Cleveland, which has operations along Scott's Run, Monongalia County, that the operators will stand firm on a wage scale not to exceed \$5 a day. He appears to think that the union miners forces in the Morgantown district are gaining ground, according to the American Coal Journal, New York City.

That periodical in part says: "Mr. Pursglove said that if such a conference is called the operators will stand firm on a wage scale not exceeding \$5 a day, the highest figure the non union operators are paying. He said if there is a conference Davis will be asked to consider this point. Mr. Pursglove said that while the striking miners are demanding \$7 a day for labor thousands are willing to return to work for \$5."

"Mr. Pursglove said he had received advices from Morgantown, W. Va., to the effect that miners are swinging over to the unionists. He said that unless the strike is brought to a speedy end an acute fuel shortage will soon come. Where 50,000,000 tons a month were formerly handled, he said the quantity is now only 23,000,000 tons."

"The unionists are winning miners in West Virginia, he said, and he and others are planning to resume mining operations on the same wage scale fixed as the non union mines."

Screened to Slack  
There are reports current that the Virginian Railway will build

a new pier alongside the one it now owns at Sewalls Point, Va.

Dumpings at all of the coal piers at Hampton Roads during the week ending June 24 were 337,733 tons as compared to 436,238 tons the preceding week.

It is reported that there are thirty nine idle mines in Jefferson County, Pa., with 3,347 miners affected.

The city of Philadelphia has awarded contracts to Burner Coal Co., to furnish 6,250 tons of bituminous coal to the Philadelphia General Hospital and 6,500 tons to the garbage plant. The price is \$4.45 a gross ton f. o. b. mines. The Eammons Coal Mining Co., has been awarded a contract for 10,000 tons to be delivered at the Shawmont pumping station at \$3.90 gross ton at the mines.

Two thousand English miners are on a strike at Burnley, near Wigan, Lancashire, England, rather than accept a wage cut of sixpence a day.

The Pittsburgh Fuel Co., a newly organized concern, has leased the water front property at 1234 street and Harlem River, New York City, from the William H. Payne estate for a period of forty-two years. Eight city blocks are included in the tract and this coal pier will erect eight concrete coal piers.

The fuel administrator of Massachusetts in reports shows that 5,243,413 tons of coal were delivered in that state last year. Stocks on hand on April 1, 1922, totaled 726,611 tons. Receipts for April and May were 325,113 tons. On June 1 there were 535,412 tons on hand.

Because of the discrepancy in the basis upon which prices were figured, bids submitted by twenty-one firms for the supply of 30,000 tons of bituminous coal to the Department of Mental Diseases of Massachusetts were rejected.

In the South Fork sector of Central Pennsylvania, where the Berwind White operations are located, from June 1 to 19 the production

was 633 cars as compared with 319 in the same period in May.

In 1921 American coal was used as far east as Mount Joli, Canada. Production is gaining in Central Pennsylvania, where non union plants are at work. Up until June 18, 3,554 cars of coal were loaded compared to 6,632 cars in the corresponding period in May.

The National Mining Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation is planning to open a new tract of Pittsburgh coal land at Eighty Four, Washington County, Pa., where 16,000 acres are located along the Monongahela River. The name Eighty-Four originates from an "engineering point."

The Hammond Bag & Paper Co., is erecting a large paper mill at Wellsburg, W. Va. this summer at a cost of \$200,000. It will have a steam plant and will require considerable coal tonnage.

With one possible exception, there is not an idle coal mine on the Virginian Railway in Southern West Virginia.

A third injunction proceeding has been instituted against officials of the United Mine Workers of America in the federal court at Columbus, Ohio. Officials and miners of Local 586, Lost Run, have been restrained from molesting the stripping operation of the Consolidation Coal & Coke Co.

During the week ending June 21, the Hocking Valley docks at Toledo loaded 152,280 tons of coal, making a total of 1,017,802 tons since navigation opened on the lakes.

## TRANSFER APPROVED

PITTSBURGH, July 6.—Stockholders of the Baragus Sugar Co. have approved the transfer of all holdings of the concern to the Punta Alegre Sugar Co., it was announced here today.

The stockholders met yesterday and voted favorably on the deal. Both companies have extensive holdings in Cuba.

## WARD NOT NORMAL BEFORE SHOOTING

NEW YORK, July 6.—Walter S. Ward, charged with the murder of Clarence Peters, was not normal before the killing, according to the testimony of his brother, Ralph D. Ward, before the Westchester County grand jury, made public today. The minutes of the grand jury were turned over to Ward's lawyers, by court order, recently over the protest of District Attorney Weeks.

When asked by the jury if his brother was in good health, Ralph Ward replied, according to the testimony: "No, I don't think he was; at least he was not normal."

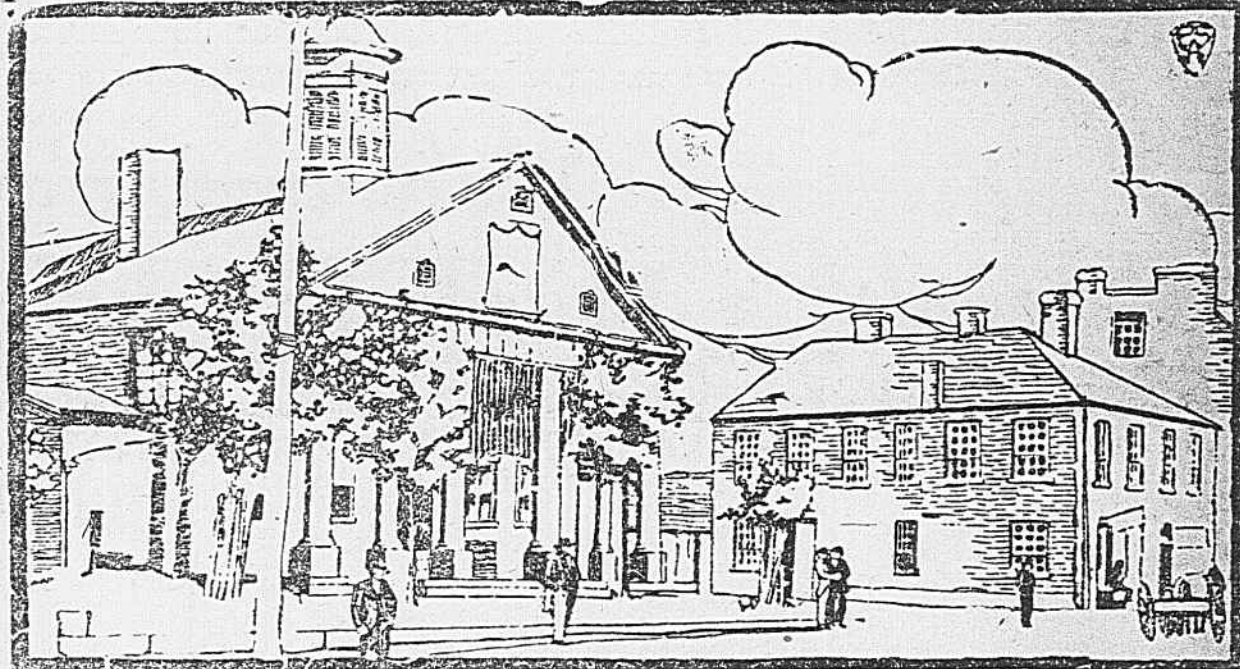
Mrs. Ward, wife of the accused, whose testimony also was made public, threw light on a news paper story written by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., to the effect that Ward, after being lodged in jail, had visited his house one night before being released on bail. In denying the story, she told the jury that the young millionaire reporter had tried to interview her on a sympathetic plea.

She said Vanderbilt sent in his card, asking if he could see her because he was in great sympathy with her. Vanderbilt was very insistent upon seeing her, but she positively refused to see him. Before the jury was discharged, it denied Vanderbilt's story.

## LEGION TO MEET

Fairmont post, American Legion, will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the club room, 1214 and avenue and Adams street. This session, plans will be made for the Legion Festival to be given July 10 to 12 in Ravine Park. All members of the post have been urged to attend tonight's meeting.

## Landmarks Of Progress in Greater Fairmont's History



## Adams Street in 1895

THE ABOVE SKETCH WAS MADE FROM AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH WHICH WAS TAKEN BY MR. ISRAEL FORMAN, 27 YEARS AGO. Mr. Forman's studio at this time occupied the ground floor room in the two story frame building (shown at right of old Court House) next to T. F. Hall's harness and saddlery shop, and the rooms above were used as an annex to the old Mountain City Hotel, which stood next door. During the year 1895, Sheriff Z. G. Morgan, represented the strong arm of the law for Marion county. C. W. Arnett was mayor; T. P. Hall, city recorder; M. A. Joliff, S. N. Jackson, T. G. Boydston, D. P. Fitch and F. H. Hough, were councilmen. The old court house stood on the present site of the county jail and Sheriff's residence. The Home Savings Bank building now stands on the vacant space shown at left of the old court house.

And just as the old court house the Mountain City Hotel, T. F. Hall's Harness and Saddlery Shop, Forman's Photograph studio and other enterprises helped further the growth of Fairmont, 27 years ago, so did the Shurtleff and Welton store give a new forward impulse to the City's march of progress when it opened its doors to the buying public of this community, more than 18 years ago. Founded and built on ideals, pledged to serve worthily a great and rising community, dedicated to the principles that only the sound, the fine, the worthwhile shall find a place within its walls, the Shurtleff and Welton store has always been—and always will be—an institution truly representative of the forward spirit evident throughout all greater Fairmont's history.

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