fany Deductions Made from Pay of minera' strike.

Copper Diggers, WORK IS DONE BY CONTRACT

f Miner Strikes Rich Vein and Makes Good Wages Rate is Reduced in Next Contract-Grave Charges Made.

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 10.-The conressional investigators resumed their inuiry into conditions in the copper counry promptly at 9 oclock this morning. O. N. Hilton, counsel for the Western ederation of Miners, read into the record in the mines as a strike breaker. nore notations on miners' pay envelopes show the low monthly wage carned y some workers under the contract sys-

Despite the lact that it was the coldest then the hearing began.

tore and board" were snown on some of strike in Colorado.

he envelopes yould take out of the employes' pay taken to the Delegua mine. he amount owed it and then would pay he store keeper and the boarding house ceper from what was left."

ome dating back as far as 1898.

Miners Work on Contract. At the suggestion of Mr. Casey of the ommittee, A. W. Kerr, assisting Hilton, xplained the system of pay used by the ompanies. All under ground workers, scept the miners, he said, were paid a ay wage. The miner worked on con-

William J. Rickard, president of the alumet local of the Western Federation Miners, then resumed the witness stand nd continued the story he began last

Mr. Howell asked the witness if a ainer was not able to make more by conract than on a fixed daily wage.

Rickard said he could during the term f his contract if he happened to strike good vein, but in that case he was cut own when the time came to make a lew contract. It was for that reason, e said, that the men demanded a mininum wage of \$3 a day.

"What would happen if a miner refused contract tendered him by a mine boss?"

"He would have to work somewhere ise," the witness replied. He added that miner who took such action would find ifficulty in finding employment in this ection because most of the mines were wned or controlled by one cosporation, he Calumet & Hecla. He made the statenent that a man of his age could not aford to leave one company's employ beause their companies would not take n a new man who was over 40.

The witness told about the miners' ocal union and its connection with the Vestern Federation. A strike was orlered by referendum vote, although, he aid, the federation officers opposed it.

More Work Demanded. The men insisted on going out, because onditions were growing worse, said

"How?" asked Chairman Taylor. More work was demanded of the men,

tickard.

eplied the witness. Chairman Taylor asked the witness to ive specific instances where more work vas required. Rickard said the installaion of the one-man drill had put an trying to say. dded burden on the miners and tramhers, who were forced to move twenty our cars of rock daily instead of sixteen

eighteen, as formerly. 'You think, then, that the companies iave been increasing their efficiency at he expense of the men?" asked the chair-

"I certainly do," he answered. Rickard was cross-examined by Allen

r. Rees of counsel for the mining com-

"You have said that when you were mployed in the Atlantic mine you were ompelled to patronize the company tore," began Mr. Rees. "Do you think ou would have been discharged if you ad dealt with stores in Houghton?" "I certainly do."

"Do you know of anyone who was so lischarged?" "No."

MORE CHARGES OF PEONAGE

Sicilian Says He Was Kep tUnder Guard of Soldiers. DENVER. Feb. 10 .- Further testimony



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MINERS PAID SMALL SUMS in the Colorado coal fields was introof the house committee on mines and mining, which is investigating the coal

> Salvatory Valentin, a Sicilian, told the mmittee that he had been brought to Colorado from Pittsburgh through deception and forced to work in the Delague mine. One of his fellow strikebreakers, he declared, was shot and killed by an

> unknown person in the mine. James Adams, the young Missourian who last night testified that he was held prisoner in the Delague mine, was recalled to identify the contract under which he said he was brought to Colorado. He was unable to identify possitively his own signature. The alleged contract, produced by counsel for the mine operators, bound the signer to work

Salvatorie Valentin, a Sicilian, was called as the next witness for the strikers. He said he came to Colorado rom Pittsburgh, at the solicitation of a man who was seeking 2,000 men to work ay of the winter on the range, the ball in the mines in the Trinidad district. He as well filled, principally with strikers, signed a contract on December 13, he leclared, in which he was told, accord-Deductions for such items as "hospital, ing to his statement, that there was no ern Colorado. He said that Mario Zenl. ing. his little girl, Frances, contracted

When the train reached Trinidad, he "We will prove," said Mr. Hilton, "that said, all the curtains in the coach were many instances the mining company closed, and the laborers aboard were

He was not permitted to go outside

was guarded by soldiers on the way to The exhibits covered a wide period, and from his boarding house. One of his companions, he testified, was shot and killed while in the mine. He did not know who did the shooting, but he saw the body carried out of the mine by militia men, he said. Valtentin said that leased. after the shooting he tried to leave the mine, but was told that he was indebted to the company \$136 for tools and transportation. On the morning of January 28 he again demanded his release and was given a military escort from the mine to a boarding house. Reaching there he was told that he must pay the company's \$136 before he would be permitted to leave the camp. He tried, with several companions, to go out one of the gates, but was stopped by soldiers. That night, however, he and forty-seven Italians succeeded in passing the guards. He went to the strikers' camp at Ludlow.

On further examination the witness said he served in the United States army in the Philippines. "Did you have any trouble while

the army?" he was asked. "I got shot in the back," he replied. The witness said before he had con sulted the United Mine Workers' attorney at Trinidad relative to securing a return of the money he had paid for transportation to Colorado. The attorney advised him not to seek legal redress, he said. "I'm going to hunt up the fellow who got me to come out here," he volunteered 'What will you do when you find him?' asked Representative Brynes.

"I'm going to shoot him," was the coo "How much time will you give him to pay you your money back?"

"Twenty minutes." The witness further swore that he had heard Adjutant General John Chase instruct his men, in clearing the streets of

Trinidad; to "kill as many as they wanted Later the witness said his father was German.

Further questioning developed considerable doubt as to whether the name Valentin was that of the witness, himself, or that of a relative. Attorneys and committeemen were frankly puzzled and at

Just before luncheon recess the witness was excused, the committeemen apparently having decided that no further information was to be secured from him.

Charles Comiskey is Reported Better he was asked.

ROME, Italy, Feb. 10 .- A consultation in regard to the condition of Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago club of the American league, was held today between Dr. John Edward Jones, American consul at Genoa, and Prof. Giuseppe Bastianalli, a leading Roman specialist, It was decided to submit Mr. Comiskey

to an examination under X-rays. Dr. Jones related to the professor the circumstances under which he had been called to give medical attention to Mr. Comiskey, who was taken seriously ill yesterday while traveling by train from Naples to Rome with the members of the Chicago and New York base ball

Mr. Comiskey, who had been some tesigned to establish charges of peonage what indisposed before boarding the chill after passing Caserta and his symptoms rapidly became such that his wife and other relatives who were with him became alarmed. They called Dr. Jones, who diagnosed the case as a severe attack of indigestion, with arked cardiac symptoms.

Today's consultation between Dr. Jones and Prof. Biastenelli lasted more than an hour. The professor submitted the patient to a rigorous examination, essectally on the chest and abdomen. He nal organs were in excellent condition, stomach trouble. It was therefore juries having been selected by Sheriff agreed to subject the patient to an Fart.

X-ray examination on Wednesday at Probe in Michigan.

Mr. Comiskey was much better today, but on the advice of the physicians he will remain in bed the whole day.

MAN KILLED BY SEISMIC SHOCK AT BINGHAMTON

BINGHAMTON, N. F., Feb. 16.-Rocco Parse, a laborer, was killed as a result of the earthquake shocks here this afternuon. The tremors caused a cave-in of and testify. a trench in which he was working.

north as Montreal and as far as Philaiphia felt distinct earthquake shocks of various varying intensity between 1:34 first he would suggest that the causes nd 1:37 o'clock this afternoon. Indications were that the entire northeastern the first subject of inquiry as necessary section of the United States was in the to determine the justice or injustice of zone of tremors. At no point included the miners' contentions resulting in the Frenzer Hall, 24th and Parker Streets in the first reports was serious damage strike.

> recorded in New York City, Albany, Rome, Syracuse and other points. In Canada shocks were felt at Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto. Prescott, Brockville and other places. The shock also was felt at Philadelphia, throughout Connecticut and in Massachusetts.

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Commander Booth Improving. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, who has been ill for several weeks with peritonitis, is much improved today. Ac-cording to her physician she will be able to leave her room for a short time to-morrow.

FIVE DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP

Witness in Colorado Strike Inquiry Tells of Acts of Military.

SUSPECT MADE TO STAY AWAKE Soldiers Stationed in Front of His

Cell Throw Water on Him-

Charges of Peonage Are Made.

eral strike investigation commission yeslabor leaders were the witnesses.

continued his testimony with an attack seen him. upon the militia and the military methods of handling the strike situation in southarrested as a suspect, was kept awake pneumonia, and died within forty-eight

the camp to buy beer and tobacco, and sleep. Zeni afterwards was released."

Organizer on Stand. He testified that he was arrested at received no response over the wire. Walsenburg, held nine days, then re-

you?" he was asked. "None that I knew of," was the reply. He said some of his mail was never delivered, and that all the letters he received while he was in jail had been opened by the military authorities. Major Edward J. Boughton, judge ad

ocate of the National Guard of Colorado, cross-examined the labor leader. "Don't you snow you were held on suspicion of importing arms after the disarmament order was issued?" he demanded. "You did buy arms, as a matter of fact, didn't you?"

"I did buy arms," calmly replied the witness. Representative Byrnes asked Germe how many guns he had purchased. "I bought twenty-five or thirty rifles,"

To Protect Property. "I got them to protect our property after mine guards had shot down a numper of our people on the streets of Walsenburg, and we had learned that they

planned to raid our headquarters. Edward V. Brake, deputy labor com missioner of Colorado, testified that he nad no personal knowledge of peonage in the mines. He declared that at the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's steel works at Pueblo a private employment agency charged workers \$1 a month for keeping them in employment and that the company deducted this amount from

"Why did not you prosecute the com pany and stop this illegal practice?" asked a member of the committee. "Most of these cases are in Las Animas and Huerfano counties," he asserted.

wage checks.

'It's hard to explain these matters to you gentlemen, but anybody who lives in Colorado knows you can't prosecute anybody in those countles." Hard to Convict.

"Furthermore, I can say without fear a loss to determine what the witness was of contradiction that there's nothing harder in this state than to get anybody prosecuted for anything. It's very seldom Huorfan you can convict anybody county if he's got any friends," the deputy labor commissioner continued. "Jeff Farr, the sheriff, selects the juries, and they're picked to convict or acquit, just as the case may be."

"How does Sheriff Farr get elected?" "I'd hate to say, but I have my sus-

Fred Herrington, one of the attorneys for the mine operators, leaped to his feet. "I want to protest, for the sake of the dignity of the state," he interrupted. "This has gone far enough. If he has any facts to back up these accusations, he should state them."

Chairman Foster suggested mildly that the committee wished to probe thoroughly into all the causes of the strike. He ordered, however, that the reference to "suspicions" be stricken from the record.

Evans Asks Questions. Then Representative Evans asked: 'Do you think you have constitutional government in Colorado?"

"Personally I do not." Judge Jesse G. Northcott of Trinidad, of counsel for the operators in cross-examination asked: "For what length of time has constitutional government not obtained in Colorado?"

"In my judgment it hasn't obtained since Peabody sent state troops into Cripple Creek in 1904."

.The witness then explained that he did not mean that constitutional government had been suspended all over the state but that anarchy had prevailed in the strike regions during the various times declared that all Mr. Comiskey's inter- they had been occupied by state troops. He admitted, upon further questioning except that there was a suspicion of that he had no personal knowledge of

Probe in Michigan.

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 9.-Federal in vestigation of the conditions in the copper country was formally instituted to day by Representatives Taylor of Colorado, Casey of Pennsylvania and Howell of Utah, members of the house subcommittee on mines and mining. Chairman Taylor in opening the inquiry

explained the purpose and invited all who could shed any light on the controversy to appear before the committee O. N. Hilton, appearing for the West NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- Points as far ern Federation of Miners, asserted that inasmuch as the committee had decided

that the strikers' side would be heard leading up to the alleged conditions be "We are prepared to show," said Mr Hilton, in his opening statement, "that

for a long number of years there have been engaged in the mines boys from 12 to 16 years of age and that there has been an unparalleled condition of affairs. I believe we can show that many who entered the mines as boys and who have worked all the time up to the present date, never have averaged \$3 a day for their work.

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"We will show that it has been impos ible for men to get work unless they traded at certain stores." he continued When they were hopelessly in debt they were denied houses to live in unless they ontinued to patronize these stores." Mr. Hilton said the rate of mortality

these mines was among the highest What's a Platform known in mining; that "human life was Between Demos? the taken and considered as less than that of a mule"; that many of the miners were compelled to work "in a veritable inferno" and often had to be taken out inconscious. There was no ventilation in some of the mines and no water to

frink except that which seeped through CAN'T REMEMBER BROTHER

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racks in the rocks.

DENVER, Feb. 10.-Charges of peonage dren, Frances, aged 11, and Frank, Jr. llegal imprisonment and anarchy were aged 6, he kissed his wife goodby, remet by countercharges of violence and in- marking. Twe got the best little woman surrection at a stormy session of the fed- in the world,' and went to his office, where he worked for an hour. He then terday afternoon. State officials and put on his hat anad coat and started to president. leave the room. 'Oh, Frank, there's your Ell Gross, superinten-ent of the keys, remarked an employe, pointing to Colorado Free Employment bureau, who the ring. 'I'll be back in a minute,' re previously had testified that he believed piled Frank. From that moment until

Little Glel Dies. "Two weeks to the day, after his leav-

hours. "They posted soliders in front of his "On November 15th by brother-in-law, ell," he declared, 'and those soldiers P. C. Fowler, Kansas City, received a threw water on him and stuck him with telephone call from Lyons, Kun., from their bayonets when he tried to go to Frank, who declared he had regained his TEXAS BANKERS PLEAD memory and would leave for home at once. He said he did not remember or The house committee called to the stand know where he had been. Fowler, un-Adolph Germer, international organizer wittingly, told the unfortunate man of "A week later a telegram from my

> Fowler was asked to meet him there. "From then until January 1 we lost all track of Frank, when in response to adertisements which I placed in a num- tages of their cities as financial centers. ber of papers throughout the country, I received a message from S. F. Odell at if a Texas city were not to be chosen. my brother.

> "I wired back the telegram he had or his person when picked up and also wired R. F. Young, mayor of Clear Lake, who responded promptly that Odell was workfor Clear Lake, when I received another found. He leaves a widow and nine chilnessage from Frank, saying, You are dren, one daughter being married. nistaken in man, will see you on way o Denver.'

Clarence Finch spent the greater part : son, of the morning attempting to bring back ome trace of memory to the mind of his brother. Pictures of the man's wife, children and home were not recognized by him, but a photograph of his mother he remembered. The brothers left police headquarters and obtained rooms at the Paxton hotel preparatory to their leaving for home Wednesday morning.

Frank remembered that he had worked as police reporter on a St. Joseph daily, and in his pocket carried a knife which he declared he had secured while employed there from a man held for murder by the name of Tom Smith. In an envelope a number of confederate bills were found. "I got them in a poker game at Clifton Forge, Va.," he declared with a smile. From a note book it was found that he practically visited every section of the country in his wanderings, of which places he can give brief accounts. Because he was found by the Omaha police his relatives have been saved the expense of a nation-wide search for him.

Finch is 46 years of age and was educated at Bakers' university of Baldwin, Kan. Local physicians declare it is possible that association with his folks and home surroundings may bring back his memory.

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Party Bosses Inquire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Repeal of the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American coastwise ships from tolls, favored by President Wilson, is to be made a subject of consideration and action by a democratic caucus of the sennte

That this would be a wise and neces sary course in the interest of party harmony and the nation's foreign policy is the conclusion of administration senators who have discussed the subject with the

How soon the caucus will be called has not been determined, but several senators today asserted the democrats would get together to weigh the altuation as prepeonage was practiced in the coal fields, this moment not a friend or relative has sented by the president and settle for themselves the whole controversy.

The fact that the democratic party en dorsed the toll exemption policy at the Baltimore convention, these senators and President Wilson hold, should not be a subject of open controversy at this time, because conditions involved in the tolls question have changed since that time

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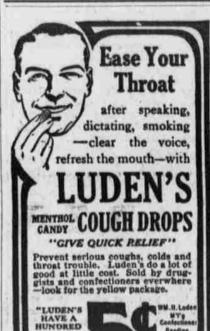
AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 10.-Secretary o of the United Mine Workers of America, his daughter's death, and as a result Treasury McAgoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, the regional reserve bank organization committee, today heard brother was received by Fowler from the bankers of Texas in support of their "What was the charge made against Hutchison, Kan., asking for funds to contention that a reserve bank should be continue his journey from Sante Fe, established in this state to accommodate where he already had transportation, the cotton, cattle and grain interests of

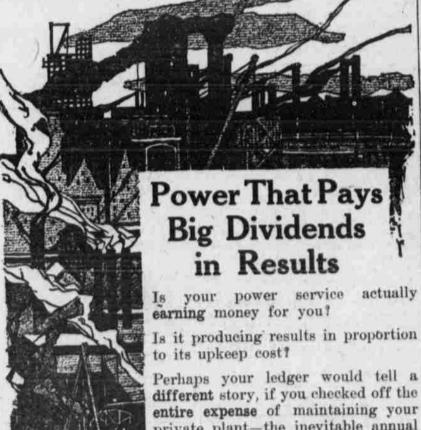
Representatives from Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas set forth the advan-Several of the speakers favored St. Louis Clear Lake, la., as follows: 'Your add Kansas City was also suggested as a ounds samiliar and it may be you are logical point. The committee will leave or New Orleans tomorrow.

Two Deaths at Sargent. SERGENT, Neb., Feb. 10.-(Special.) James Carmody was found dead in bed ing in the office of the Weekly Mirror here Saturday morning. He had been dead of that city. I was preparing to leave for two hours from heart failure when

Fred Cram died this morning of kidney trouble. He had been in the live stock "The wire from the Omaha police Sun- buying business here for ten years. Beday was the first word we have heard sides his parents, who reside in Burwell, he leave three brothers, a widow and

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