

HOPE TO END STRIKE

OPTIMISTIC FEELING PREVAILS AMONG ANTHRACITE MEN.

First Session Adjourns Without Coming to an Agreement—Miners Expect Some Solution of Present Problem at Next Meeting.

New York, April 4.—The committees representing the anthracite operators and the mine workers of eastern Pennsylvania held their first joint meeting here and after nearly a three hours' session, adjourned until tomorrow without coming to an agreement. Each side to the controversy had refused to make the slightest concession and the whole question apparently is as far from solution as it was before the conference began. In the meantime the tie-up of the anthracite industry remains complete, without indication that resumption of mining will occur very soon. Notwithstanding the fruitless session and the apparently hopeless deadlock between the workmen and their employers, rumors are still current that a way will be found that will enable the operators and miners to stand on common ground and settle their differences.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Information concerning the conference in New York between operators and representatives of the miners was eagerly sought by the idle workmen in the Lard coal region. Definite results were not expected from the first meeting, and there was no disappointment when it was learned the conference adjourned until tomorrow. In fact, the friendly spirit in which both sides are reported to have met has aroused throughout the region a feeling that the suspension of work will only be temporary. The situation is practically unchanged. In Shamokin, the Enterprise colliery, owned by W. L. Connell & Co., was operated short-handed by nonunion men. In Scranton, the Oxford colliery, a small nonunion operation, and twenty washeries were worked. Aside from these plants there were no attempts in any part of the region to operate the collieries.

MINERS SLOWLY RESUME WORK. Situation in Pittsburg District Grows More Pacific.

Pittsburg, April 4.—With the exception of one or two points outside of the Pittsburg district the strained situation between operators and miners in the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania is hourly growing more pacific. Following the signing of the scale demanded by the miners, the mines of the operators who signed the scale resumed their operations, although, in many instances, with reduced forces.

In the Pittsburg district there were 18,000 miners working and 1,200 were idle. Nearly all of the mines of the Pittsburg Coal company were in operation and it was expected that those men who are out will return within a day or so. It was explained that following holidays, it was generally several days before all the men returned to their labor. The cause of the idleness of the men, however, was said to be due to their failure to receive word of the signing of the scale.

The independent operators who refused to sign the scale employ between 12,000 and 14,000 men, and they are all idle and will be so until either the scale is signed or an agreement is reached between the operators and employees.

Southwest Operators to Sign.

Kansas City, April 4.—Negotiations are in progress in the various mining districts of the southwest that are expected to result in the resumption of work by a large number of men within a few days. The officers of the mine workers of the district, including western Arkansas and Indian Territory, have received overtures from operators with a view to signing the scale. In the Kansas field a number of operators are ready to sign the scale as soon as it is ready. A district convention, to be held in Pittsburg, Kan., next Monday, will arrange the details of the contract. By the middle of next week it is expected the contract will be signed by many operators in the Kansas field. All the mines in the southwest remain closed.

Long Speaks on Rate Bill.

Washington, April 4.—Long (Kan.) spoke at length in the senate in support of the house railroad rate bill and his speech was taken advantage of by a number of senators to make inquiry concerning the recent conference at the white house, in which the Long amendment was considered, if not originated. The controversy was participated in by Foraker, Allison, Aldrich, Bailey and Bacon. Long assumed complete responsibility for the amendment, but both he and Allison declined to divulge the proceedings of the conference.

Aeronaut Blown to Sea.

New York, April 4.—Some uneasiness is felt for Paul Noquet, an aeronaut, who made an ascension from New York and who, it is feared,

has been blown to sea. The police along the Long Island shore have been asked to keep a watch for the missing balloon and members of the Aero club are anxiously awaiting news.

Illinois Bank Shuts Doors.

Peoria, April 3.—The private bank of Teis, Smith & Co., Peoria, failed to open for business, having assigned to U. J. Albertsen as trustee. Liabilities, \$400,000; assets, \$250,000, partly worthless.

LEAVES ALL TO ACTRESS.

Contest on for Fortune of the Late Dennis Le Duc.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—Fiercely wages the war for the great estate of Dennis Le Duc, heir to the millions of the famous Joel Le Duc at Montreal, and a wealthy man in his own right, whose death occurred a few days ago at Colegrove.

On the one hand is Isabel Sells Gilbert, an actress, to whom Le Duc was strongly attached, and to whom he willed the great bulk of his fortune, and on the other hand is the dead man's castoff daughter, Mrs. Georgette Elliott, to whom he has willed one single dollar, with the alternative that, if she contested, that dollar was to go to the Salvation Army.

Record-Breaking Immigration.

Albany, N. Y., April 2.—During the last three months of 1906 there were 165,304 alien arrivals at the port of New York, according to the quarterly bulletin of the state department of labor. This is an increase of 9,000 over the record-breaking figures of a year ago, the influx from Italy alone being larger by 20,000 than in the last quarter of 1905. "New York becomes the home of 63,413 of the newcomers," says the bulletin, "and the fact that 35,728, or one-fourth of the 140,000 immigrants over fourteen years of age can neither read or write, is not altogether reassuring."

Wainwright Arrested in New York.

New York, April 3.—After a pursuit of four weeks by the police of three cities, detectives arrested Thomas J. Wainwright, describing himself as a lawyer of Boston, who is charged with robbing the residence of Dr. Nicholas J. Pinault of Minneapolis of jewelry, silverware, pictures and securities to the value of \$100,000. The police say that Wainwright, who is twenty-eight years old, and apparently a man of excellent education, is known by a dozen aliases and is one of the most accomplished criminals in the country.

Dowie Starts for Zion City.

Chicago, April 4.—A telegram was received from John Alexander Dowie by Judge Barnes, the head of the law department at Zion City, ordering him to revoke the power of attorney that Dowie had given to Overseer Voliva, the present head of Zion City. Judge Barnes was ordered to confer the power of attorney upon Fielding H. Withite, secretary of the Paradise Mexican plantation, Dowie's latest venture. In this telegram Dowie said that he was starting for the City of Mexico and that he expected to be in Zion City early next week.

Anarchist Plot in Spain.

Madrid, April 3.—The Spanish authorities have discovered an anarchist plot at Lebrija, twenty-nine miles from Seville, the notorious center of the Black Hands, to assassinate the royal family during the visit of King Alfonso, the dowager Queen Christina and the sister of the king, the infanta Maria Teresa, to Seville during holy week. The censorship prevents the sending of details regarding the conspiracy.

Dowie Deposed by Zion.

Chicago, April 3.—John Alexander Dowie, head of the "Christian Catholic church in Zion," was deposed as a religious leader, suspended from membership in the church he founded, shorn of his temporal possessions as far as they are located in Zion City, the home of his church, and warned to accept the situation quietly lest worse things befall him.

Killed While Mailing a Letter.

Lincoln, April 3.—The police were notified of the death of an old farmer named S. Yonsen by being run over by a train at York. The man was mailing a letter. The envelope blew out of his hand and across the railroad track. In running to get it, it was supposed he stumbled on to the track ahead of the locomotive.

Sven Alive and Well.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 4.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance in this city some weeks ago of Chris Sven, a farmer, has been solved. Sven is alive and well, at Bergen, Norway. The authorities believed he had been murdered.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Receipts of Cattle Are Liberal and the Market Steady.

South Omaha April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,200; steady; native steers, \$3.80@5.00; cows and heifers, \$2.80@4.40; western steers, \$3.25@4.65; canners, \$1.75@2.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.00; calves,

\$3.00@3.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.50@4.10. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; steady to shade lower; heavy, \$6.27@6.52½; mixed, \$6.27½@6.30; mixed, \$6.25@6.30; pigs, \$5.25@6.10, bulk of sales, \$6.27½@6.30. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; stronger; yearlings, \$5.40@5.60; wethers, \$5.25@5.85; ewes, \$4.40@5.80; lambs, \$6.00@6.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; slow; common to prime steers, \$4.00@4.40; cows, \$3.40@5.00; heifers, \$2.75@3.50; bulls, \$2.00@4.25; calves, \$2.75@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$6.45@6.62½; light, \$6.45@6.57½; heavy, \$6.39@6.50; packing, \$6.52½@6.57½. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; steady; sheep, \$4.50@6.50; yearlings, \$5.75@6.40; lambs, \$4.75@6.70.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; steady to 10c lower; native steers, \$4.25@5.10; western fat steers, \$3.80@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.80; cows, \$2.25@4.75; heifers, \$3.50@5.25; calves, \$3.00@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 15,700; steady; top, \$6.40; bulk of sales, \$6.25@6.35; heavy, \$6.30@6.40; pigs and light, \$5.25@6.32½. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; 5c to 10c higher; lambs, \$5.25@6.50; ewes and yearlings, \$4.50@5.80.

Matthews Case Is Put Off.

Lincoln, March 30.—The hearing of Dr. T. L. Matthews, accused of unprofessional conduct, will be concluded during the latter part of May. After a sensational hearing before the secretaries of the state board of health, the matter was postponed at the request of the attorneys for the Omaha man. He is accused of misconduct in connection with the death of Miss Edith Short last fall.

Referee Will Be Chosen.

Lincoln, April 4.—Attorneys for the alleged grain trust and Attorney General Norris Brown will appear before the supreme court today and agree on a referee to take testimony in the suits against the alleged combine. Attorney General Brown has expressed a preference for E. C. Calkins of Kearney to take testimony. The attorneys for the defense have signified that they will be satisfied with Judge A. M. Post, Lieutenant Governor McGilton, Judge T. L. Norval, Judge W. G. Hastings or Judge E. M. Moisman.

Mrs Macomber's Mail Stopped.

Lincoln, April 4.—Mrs. Ida Grace Macomber, whose letters hereafter will be stamped "fraudulent" and returned to the writers by order of the postoffice authorities, is now an inmate of the hospital for the insane at Norfolk. She was taken to that institution about a year ago from the hospital for insane at Lincoln. Mrs. Macomber conducted a matrimonial bureau while in the Lincoln hospital and did a thriving business, receiving many days as high as fifteen and twenty letters from men who wanted to get married. Some of these men who had answered her appeals for a husband even went so far as to send money, jewelry, pictures, dress patterns and anything else which the sender thought might please the object of his affection. The postal authorities were appealed to and the order prohibiting her from using the mails to fleece lovesick men has been issued. Mrs. Macomber conducted her bureau for a number of years.

TO SAVE SONG BIRDS.

Nebraska State Officials Make Move in a New Matter.

Lincoln, April 3.—An effort is to be made by state officials to save the lives of the song and insectivorous birds of Nebraska. Chief Game Warden Carter has now in preparation a circular which is to be distributed by State Superintendent McBrien in all of the schools of the state. The school children are to take the appeals to their parents, Mr. Carter remarked that the farmers and horticulturists should be especially interested in the preservation of the birds, as insects would become almost exterminated if the birds were let alone. A single robin eats at least sixteen pounds of insects in a year.

A picture of Nebraska song birds will adorn the front cover of the circular, which will contain ten excellent reasons for not killing birds. Extracts will be given from the Nebraska laws and penalties for bird slaughter. It is hoped that the little pamphlet will result in much good, not only to the members of the feathered tribe, but also to the farmers and fruit growers of the state.

CATTLEMEN'S LATEST MOVE.

Prominent Rangers Under Charges Want Million Acres for Grazing.

Omaha, April 4.—A new move has just been inaugurated on the part of the cattlemen, with a view to nullifying the proceedings against them in the United States courts for this district, for alleged illegal fencing of public lands. A petition is being circulated which asks that the Dismal River forest reserve be extended to

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