

TO STRIKE APRIL 1

HALF A MILLION MEN WILL BE IN MINERS' STRUGGLE.

Faint Hope of Peace—After Failure of Conference the Great Miners' Convention Sings "America" and Adjourns to Prepare for Struggle.

One of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in a national convention of the United Mine Workers of America was the final adjournment of that body at Indianapolis, Ind., Friday afternoon after the dissolution of the joint conference of operators and miners of the central and southwestern districts and after the national convention had administered a stinging rebuke to one of the oldest officers of the organization for transgressing one of the fundamental laws of unionism in voting contrary to his instructions to stand for an increase of wages.

When the lusty voices of the miners mingled in the singing of "America" had hushed, an oppressive silence fell upon the assembled delegates. President Mitchell slowly pronounced the words which adjourned the seventeenth annual convention without day, thus dissolving every hope of averting a giant industrial war without the intervention of some unexpected and powerful influence.

The apparent determination of both operators and miners indicates that neither will make overtures for further negotiations and unless some influence which is not now foreseen steps into the breach 550,000 men connected with the mine workers will walk out of the mines in every section of the country on April 1. There have been intimations that two agencies—the president of the United States and the National Civic Federation—may be appealed to set in motion negotiations looking to a rehabilitation of the joint state agreement, or at least a discussion of some possible means of bringing the operators and miners together for further negotiations.

The joint conference adjourned Friday sine die without an agreement on a wage scale. The adjournment was immediately followed by a call for a meeting of the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America for 2 o'clock. A motion by F. L. Robbins, the spokesman for the operators, that the present wage scale be continued was lost, as it required, under the rules, a unanimous vote to carry any of the principal propositions.

END OF A GREAT SWINDLE.

Creditors of the Famous Franklin Syndicate Receive Dividend. At New York a meeting of creditors of William F. Miller, of the Franklin syndicate, a final dividend of .132 on the dollar was declared.

With the sending of the checks and the final order of the court discharging the trustee in bankruptcy there will be a legal end of one of the greatest swindles of the last century. Of the principals Miller, the originator, is the only one at liberty. He is working in a shoe store in Brooklyn. His partner, Edward Schlestinger, is dead. Robert F. Ammon, who was a party to the swindle, is serving a term of imprisonment in Sing Sing.

There were 31,110 creditors, with claims aggregating \$228,000. A former dividend of 15 per cent was declared, making the total dividend to creditors .282 on each dollar.

IT WAS A LOVE MATCH.

Details of the Yerkes Marriage Are Learned.

Doubt as to the marriage of Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, widow of the multi-millionaire traction magnate who died a month ago, to Wilson Mizner, the young Californian, was set at rest at New York Friday by the filing of the certificate of marriage with the bureau of vital statistics.

In addition a newspaper quotes Mrs. Yerkes in confirmation. According to this paper, Mrs. Yerkes said Friday: "All I can say is I am happily married."

New President Chosen.

Abraham W. Harris, president of the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Md., has been unanimously elected by the board of trustees as president of Northwestern University at Chicago to succeed Edward James James, resigned.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$2.85 @ 4.65. Top hogs, \$5.50.

Eloped with Papa's Chauffeur.

Miss Grace Eall, member of an exclusive social circle at New York and only daughter of Thomas R. Ball, whose wealth is reckoned as close to \$4,000,000, has eloped with her father's former chauffeur, John Schring.

Coldest of the Season.

At Olons, N. Y., the temperature Friday touched the lowest point reached in the Adirondacks this season. It was 29 degrees below zero at Meacham Lake.

MINERS FOR STRIKE.

Struggle Almost Certain to Follow Conference.

An Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch says: The rejection of the counter proposition offered by the coal operators of the central competitive district by an almost unanimous vote of the national convention of United Mine Workers and the adoption of a resolution offered by Secretary W. D. Ryan, of Illinois, placing the miners on record as a unit in refusing to sign an agreement for any district until an agreement was signed for all districts which, in the opinion of the officers of the miners organization, will result in a disruption of the joint agreement and possibly one of the greatest strikes of organized labor the country has ever known.

The action was taken during a called session of the mine workers' national convention, which was called to order immediately following a short session of the joint session of the operators and miners, during which the joint scale committee reported that it had been unable to reach an agreement on any of the principal questions involved and after F. L. Robbins, of Pittsburgh, floor leader of the operators, had replied to President Mitchell's question that the operators had no further proposition to lay before the miners, concluding that if there was to be an interruption of the joint agreement he wished the responsibility for such a severance of relations to be placed upon the miners.

The counter proposition submitted by the operators, which was said to be their ultimatum, provided for their signing for another year at the present wage scale, with certain modifications to reimburse the Illinois operators for expense incurred under the "shot firers" bill now effective in that state. Immediately following the rejection of the operators' proposal the convention set about to provide means for accumulating a strike fund of \$6,500,000 in addition to a like amount now on deposit in the international, district and subdistrict treasuries of the miners' organizations.

FATAL FRISCO FIRE.

Blaze on Transport Meade Costs Several Lives.

A San Francisco special says: Flames broke out late Wednesday night in the hold of the transport Meade, lying at the Folsom Street wharf. The fire raged for hours, despite the efforts of the fire department.

Three men are dead, three are missing and about a score were injured. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning the fire was well under control and the ship was flooded with water.

The Meade was to have sailed Thursday for Manila with 1,000 men of the Second Infantry and the Eighth and Thirteenth batteries of light artillery.

The damage to the vessel is not vital. Deeds of thrilling heroism marked the fire.

Eighty thousand dollars in gold, being carried as a military treasure to Manila, was rescued from the ship and guarded by soldiers.

SILK THIEVES MAKE RAID.

Store at Bloomington Entered and \$5,000 Worth of Goods Taken.

Cole Bros' dry goods store was burglarized at Bloomington, Ill., and \$5,000 worth of silks carried away. The store is located on the main street and the alley in the rear is well lighted, making it difficult to enter unobserved.

This is the third time within a year that the same store has been visited by the professional silk thieves, and the manner of operation leads the police authorities to believe that the robberies are the same men in each instance. After the first burglary the police located professional silk thieves Chicago, and they were brought back for trial. They immediately engaged counsel and proved an alibi and were acquitted.

Bridegroom Under Arrest.

State Senator Hardin K. Toney, accompanied by his bride, has arrived at Pine Bluff, Ark., and, after being tendered an ovation at the railroad station, surrendered himself to Sheriff Philpot and gave bonds in the sum of \$5,000 on account of two warrants resulting from indictments charging conspiracy and bribery.

Several Workmen Killed.

Several workmen were buried under masses of earth in a cave-in which occurred Thursday in the Erie railroad tunnel now being constructed near Otisville, N. Y. Three dead have been taken from the cave-in and two injured. The accident was caused by an explosion.

Boston Printers Strike.

At Boston a strike was declared Thursday by the book and job printers against all firms that have not acceded to the demands of the Typographical Union for an eight-hour day. It is estimated that 200 journeymen quit.

Big Panama Fire.

Early Thursday a fire started in a two-story wooden house known as the Concordia, in the Carrera district of Panama, and a large block of houses was destroyed. The losses are estimated at \$500,000.

Blaze at Brazil, Ind.

A fire Thursday destroyed the McGregor opera house, Wall's music store, Keller's drug store and several offices at Brazil, Ind.

WILL BE HANGED.

Date for Execution of Lord Barrington Is Set.

A decision was handed down in the supreme court at Jefferson City, Mo., Wednesday affirming the decision of the lower court in finding "Lord" Seymour Barrington guilty of having murdered John P. McCann in St. Louis two years ago, and fixing the date of his execution for March 15 next.

A St. Louis special says: "Lord" Barrington is one of the most interesting figures ever brought before the criminal courts of this city. He is a man of undisputed brilliancy of intellect, but he has devoted his talents to crime since he was a boy.

When arrested the bogus lord was identified as the notorious Barton, sometimes known under the equally notorious alias Snydenham, wanted in London by the Scotland Yard detectives for many crimes, among them the alleged murder of an English army officer. He has done time in several prisons in England.

With nothing to back his word but a charming personality and an apparently inexhaustible supply of ready cash, Barrington, or Barton, came to St. Louis and announced himself as an English lord and major of the Horse Guards of the household troops. He obtained a place in the most exclusive society of St. Louis without question.

At a social affair at the home of one of the aristocratic members of society he met Miss Grace Wilhelmina Cochran, of Kansas City, and soon they were married. This was the first downfall of the bogus lord. The brother of his bride doubted the stories of the newcomer, investigated and found that Barrington was a criminal with a long prison record, and had been married twice before, all three of his wives being alive and undivorced. The false nobleman served a term in jail and then got a job in a saloon, where he met McCann.

The victim of the St. Louis murder, McCann, a St. Louis race follower and hotel owner, was not Barrington's enemy and was never known to have crossed Barrington. On the contrary, McCann was his benefactor; had furnished means for his release from the workhouse; had taken him into his home; had given him money; had shared his profits on the races with him.

As to the motive, the police say it was robbery, inasmuch as Barrington stole winning tickets from the dead man's body amounting to \$164. The murder took place in a lonely spot near Bonfils.

OIL TRUST SCORES.

Its Vice President Need Not Answer Questions.

A decision that Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, shall not be compelled to answer the questions which he recently refused to answer in taking testimony at New York in the case of the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and other oil companies, was handed down Wednesday by Justice Gildersleeve, of the supreme court.

The application was denied for the reason that in Gildersleeve's opinion the court of original jurisdiction in Missouri should determine the question raised by Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri. Leave to renew this application was granted Hadley.

Fire at Winnipeg.

The east half of the Canadian Pacific bonded warehouse at Winnipeg, Man., was destroyed by fire. The portion destroyed was 400 feet long by 60 feet wide, and was filled with liquors, silks, teas and other goods. The loss will be fully \$100,000.

Miners Want More Pay.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mines Workers, addressing a joint scale committee of the central competitive district, at Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, said: "There must be an increase in wages or there will be no agreement."

Double Tragedy in San Francisco.

In the midst of a throng of pedestrians at Market and Kearney Streets, San Francisco, Cal., William Walbridge shot and fatally wounded his wife, Mabel, shot two bystanders and killed himself. Jealousy prompted his act.

Fighting in Sight.

The sultan of Morocco's warship Sidi el Turki is cruising off the Moroccan factory, Mellilla, awaiting a favorable opportunity to land troops. The forces of the pretender, Bu Hamara, occupy the factory.

Making Money at Denver.

With \$30,000,000 worth of gold bars on hand awaiting coinage the new Denver mint began operations Thursday. About 100 persons are employed.

Hawaii Volcano Still in Eruption.

The volcano on Savali, one of the Samoan islands, is still in eruption. The lava, after flowing fourteen miles on land, has extended four miles into the ocean.

Earth Shakes in Ecuador.

At Guayaquil, Ecuador, following an earthquake shock felt Sunday evening, two heavy long shocks were experienced Wednesday morning, causing a great panic.

Postal Pact with Sweden.

An agreement providing for the establishment of a parcels post at cheap rates between Sweden and the United States has been concluded and becomes effective at once.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

To Reopen Sugar Factory—Norfolk Business Men Have Started a New Scheme—Outside Capital to Be Interested in Sugar Industry.

A Norfolk special says: After operating a sugar factory in Norfolk for thirteen years, and for a time the largest sugar factory in the world, the American Beet Sugar Company a little over a year ago abandoned its plant here, dismantled the interior and removed the machinery to Lamar, Colo., to use in a new factory. Lack of beet acreage in this section of the state was the cause of the removal. It was declared impossible to operate a sugar factory successfully in this section of the state because the farmers refused to produce the saccharine bulbs. Since the factory has gone away the farmers around Norfolk have tripped their beet acreage and they raised this product on three times as many acres during the past summer, for use in H. G. Leavitt's factory at Ames, Neb., eighty miles away, as they had for the American people during 1904. And now a new sugar factory is to take the place of the old in the big empty building that remains.

The Norfolk Industrial Company, an organization of Norfolk business men who donated \$150,000 to the Oxnards when their factory was installed here fourteen years ago and who, when the plant moved away were deeded back the building and the 240 acres of land they had given, have, after more than a year's investigation, determined that no other institution than a sugar factory will be placed in the now empty buildings.

It is now planned to interest \$250,000 of outside capital and add \$150,000 of local capital to make up the funds for the new company. The grounds and buildings of the present company will be put in at their exact valuation and an attempt will be made to sell enough stock among farmers and beet producers to bring up the entire amount to \$150,000, so that, with the interests of the farmers and the community associated with the success of the new project little difficulty with short beet acreage is anticipated.

HELD FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Two South Sioux City Young Men Arrested on Reservation.

John and Charley Morett, brothers, residing at South Sioux City, were Saturday night arrested at the home of Ed Streeter, a brother-in-law of the last named, on the Winnebago reservation, by Sheriff H. C. Hansen, charged with highway robbery. Their arrest is the result of the assault and robbery which was made upon an old man by the name of Kepka in South City Thursday night of last week, in which the man was relieved of his money and his clothes nearly torn from his person by a gang of toughs. Charley Hornett is already under bonds of \$500 on a similar charge.

Husband Held for Wife's Death.

Laura Kelly, aged about 29 years, died at Chadron. The cause is something about which doctors disagree, but the coroner's jury is holding the husband, William Kelly, considering that if a criminal operation had been attempted he either assisted, or at least it must have been done with his knowledge and consent. After the funeral a warrant was served on the husband. Relatives assert there is nothing true about any of the charges.

Boiler House at State Farm Burned.

The boiler house at the state farm, near Lincoln, caught fire and was totally destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$10,000. The fire department could not reach the farm in time to save the property. The building belonged to the state. There was no insurance.

Norfolk Girl Missing.

Debbie McComb, aged 14, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McComb, of Norfolk, has disappeared, and all efforts to locate her are unavailing, though it is known that she is in Norfolk. Since leaving home she has not been seen by her father and mother. She had trouble at school.

To Bring Mrs. Canfield's Body Home.

O. U. Westcott, of Grand Island, father of Mrs. Canfield, who was shot and killed Saturday at her home in Los Angeles, Cal., by a discharged coachman, left Sunday for Los Angeles, for the purpose of bringing the body of his daughter to Grand Island for burial if Mr. Canfield will consent.

Death of a Fat Boy.

A Broken Bow dispatch says: Don Stanford, the phenomenal fat boy, who has been the wonder of this part of the state for some time past, died at his home in Merna of pneumonia. The boy was only 12 years old and weighed 240 pounds.

Iowa Postmasters.

At Washington, D. C., the senate in executive session Tuesday confirmed the following postmasters: James Harvey Johnson, Logan; Joe Morton, Sheldon; Charles J. Wonsler, Tama.

Severely Hurt by Fall.

H. H. Huttie, employed on the farm of Oto Uehling, west of Oakland, fell from a load of hay, injuring his hip so severely that the doctor ordered him removed to the Omaha hospital.

Swine Plague Prevalent.

Within the last three months fully one-half of the hogs in the country to the north, east and the west of Norfolk have died from hog plague. This disease is a sort of contagious pneumonia. The area covered by the disease extends for ten miles out.

New Elkhorn Bridge Completed.

The new steel bridge erected across the Elkhorn River at a point three miles below West Point is now completed and has been opened for traffic.

COWBOY ENFORCES CURFEW.

Every Youth of Magnet Must Be Off Streets at 8:30.

Curfew rings tonight in Magnet. In fact curfew rings every night in Magnet, and it rings harder and with more effect than in any other town in the United States. When it rings, which is at 8:30 p. m. by the town clock, every youth of the village, up to the age of 25, is compelled to become absent from the streets. Magnet is a little town in Knox County of 378 inhabitants.

The town marshal, who enforces that law, is an old cowboy, a strapping big fellow with whom nobody cares to argue. And so, in order to hold his job he rings the bell and then starts out on his beat. The road clears up before his march. The younger set of the town gather at some of the neighbors' homes each night now and play dominoes.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Nebraska Man Freed After Serving Part of Term in Prison.

The jury in the Jahnke murder trial at Rushville, deliberating fifty-eight hours, returned a verdict of acquittal at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Jahnke was accused of complicity in the murder of Michael Seirk in Box Butte County in 1902. Jahnke was tried soon after the killing of Seirk and on the testimony of his brother-in-law, Oliver Olson, who was also charged with the crime, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. After serving three years of this sentence Jahnke secured a new trial with a change of venue from Box Butte to Sheridan County. Olson at this trial repudiated the testimony given before. Olson received a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment at the original trial and is now serving it in the penitentiary at Lincoln.

DEATH WINS RACE WITH WIFE.

Well Known Traveling Man Dies in a Hotel at Norfolk.

More than 500 miles from home, and with nobody at his bedside save the trained nurse and a physician, Samuel J. Farrow, a Denver drummer, who had been in the territory for twenty years in the interest of a Cincinnati clothing house, died in a room at the Pacific Hotel at Norfolk. His wife, who was racing across the country in an attempt to reach her dying husband, reached town just too late to see him alive.

Accidentally Kills His Wife.

Mrs. Edward Kennedy, of Max Tuesday lost her life as a result of a revolver falling from the pocket of her husband and being discharged. The bullet ranged upward, passing through the heart and causing instant death. Dr. E. F. Fugua, coroner, conducted the investigation, which developed these facts.

Severely Injured by Horse.

S. W. Thornton met with a serious injury at Kearney Tuesday morning, the exact extent of which cannot yet be ascertained. He was working in a stall with a horse when the animal, stepping suddenly to one side, crushed him against the partition. A number of ribs on the left side were fractured and internal injuries sustained.

Crop Special on Union Pacific.

The Union Pacific will run a crop and soil educational special over its system in Nebraska Feb. 13, 14, 15 and 16, under the direction of the department of agriculture of the University of Nebraska. The train will be under the personal supervision of Prof. T. L. Lyons, of the agricultural department, and a corps of lecturers.

Putting in Permanent Bridge.

The Great Northern is pushing work on its bridge across the Platte at Fremont, substituting steel plates and beams for the temporary wooden pilings. The new, or rather the permanent bridge, is of the steel truss type supported on piers every hundred feet. The weather is just what is needed for bridge work.

Lincoln Boy Makes Fatal Mistake.

J. Williams, son of A. Williams, of Lincoln, died in terrible agony Monday morning. He was 17 years of age and a student at the high school. It was claimed that he took a dose of liniment by mistake, mistaking it for balsam. Afterwards he was attacked by illness and died.

Prospect for Coal.

W. P. Norcross, a capitalist of Beatrice, has made a proposition to the Dempster Company to sink on his farm a well for the purpose of prospecting for coal and oil. For this work he has ordered \$2,000, and it is more than likely that the well will be sunk.

Fine Record for Teachers.

In the state examinations under the new certificate law Dakota County has scored a wonderful record. At the head of the list are Mary Timlin, Margaret Waters and Helen Kearney, with grades of 99 in botany. The only 100 score was by Miss Georgina Anderson, of Polk County, in arithmetic.

Fire Dwelling Burned.

The beautiful two-story residence of John Mader, of Prairie Creek Township, near Wood River, was destroyed by fire, together with a portion of its contents. The fire evidently started in the attic.

Burt County Farmers.

The fifteenth annual session of the Burt County Farmers' institute convened at Lyons with a good attendance. The principal speaker was Henry Wallace, of Des Moines, Ia., editor of Wallace's Farmer.

Farm Hand Arrested.

E. Piper, a farm hand from Madison, and T. O. Botcheer, an ice chopper from that place were arrested at Norfolk and sent back to Madison on the charge of stealing \$57.50 from Phillip Knapp, Piper's employer.

Hartington Farmer Killed.

Jacob Preston, a well known and highly respected farmer living five miles south of Hartington, was instantly killed in a runaway accident near his home. His neck was broken.



1327—Edward II. of England compelled to resign the crown.

1564—Pope confirmed by a bull the decrees of the Council of Trent.

1579—Dutch Republic proclaimed.

1641—Union of Catalonia with France.

1738—First stone laid of Westminster bridge, over the Thames river.

1777—Americans under Gen. Maxwell capture Elizabethtown, N. J.

1788—First settlement in Australia.

1796—James McHenry became Secretary of War of the United States. . . . Prince of Wales attacked in his carriage by the populace of London.

1807—Ball Mall lighted by gas; first city street to be thus lighted.

1814—Battle of Enotochopoco Creek.

1815—Congress purchased Thomas Jefferson's library for \$25,000. . . . Thanksgiving in New Orleans over Gen. Jackson's victory.

1830—Robert Haynes' great speech in defense of the Foote resolution.

1833—First Reformed Parliament of the United Kingdom opened.

1837—Michigan admitted into the Union.

1841—First conviction of a woman in Philadelphia for murder.

1843—Edward Drummond assassinated in London.

1847—Battle of Canada.

1850—Henry Clay introduced resolution for compromise on slavery question.

1854—Many perished in burning of steamer Georgia at New Orleans.

1855—Rutledge College, South Carolina, destroyed by fire. . . . First train from ocean to ocean passed over Panama railroad.

1856—Steamship Pacific lost between Liverpool and New York; 156 lives lost.

1861—Kansas admitted to the Union. . . . U. S. arsenal at Augusta, Ga., seized by Georgia State troops. . . . Louisiana adopted the ordinance of secession.

1863—Maj. Gen. Burnside relieved by Maj. Gen. Hooker.

1866—Freedman Bureau bill passed the United States Senate.

1867—The President vetoed the Colorado admission bill. . . . East river bridged by ice. Thousands of persons cross on foot.

1870—Massacre of the Piegan Indians by Col. Baker's force.

1871—Paris capitulated to the Germans.

1874—Olympic theater, Philadelphia, destroyed by fire.

1882—Guiteau convicted of the murder of President Garfield.

1885—Parliament buildings, and London Tower damaged by dynamite explosions. . . . Fall of Khartoum and assassination of Gen. Charles Gordon.

1886—Senator Sherman introduced a bill to suspend silver coinage.

1887—U. S. Senate passed Canada retaliation bill.

1889—Pensacola, Fla., had second snowfall in twenty-two years. . . . Riot in New York City over street car strike.

1893—Eighty miners killed in fire-damp explosion at Dux, Bohemia.

1894—James J. Corbett defeated Charley Mitchell in fight at Jacksonville, Fla.

1895—Steamer City of Macon wrecked in Delaware bay.

1896—Large loss by fire at Lewiston, Me.

1904—Mrs. Agnes Soffel arrested at Connelville, Pa., for aiding the release of the Biddle brothers from the Pittsburgh jail. . . . Mrs. Florence Maybrick released from prison. . . . Col. Lynch, leader of the Irish brigade in the Boer war, released from English prison.

1906—Largest diamond ever known in history found in the Transvaal. . . . Great blizzard along the Atlantic coast of North America.

Phenomenal Auto Sales.

The automobile shows just closed in New York City smashed all previous records. There were 250,000 enthusiastic men and women spectators during the week and the sales were phenomenal. Three million dollars' worth of automobiles were sold to individual buyers for private use, and at least \$7,000,000 worth more were sold to wholesalers and agents. When the auto men left the shows, tired to exhaustion by their seven days of exertion, they were happier than ever before. A canvass of the exhibitors showed that every one of them had done an excellent business during the week. Some have scored heavier than others, and at least three