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NO GENERAL STRIKE

MINERS TO WORK WHEREVER ADVANCE IS PAID.

Iowa Field is in Doubt—Union Leader Predicts Operators Will Yield—Southwest is Not Hopeful—All Work Has Ceased.

A Des Moines, Ia., special says: Immediately after receiving word of favorable action on the Perry resolution at Indianapolis the joint conference of Iowa miners and operators in session here agreed to undertake the adjustment of a new scale and contract.

The national convention of United Mine Workers of America adjourned sine die at Indianapolis, Ind., Friday after authorizing the national and district officers to sign a wage agreement with any coal operators who would agree to pay the scale of 1903 or its equivalent for a period of two years.

The action of the convention will bring out of the mines of the country immediately 509,500 men in the anthracite and bituminous fields. These will remain on strike until settlements have been signed by districts or with individual operators.

President Mitchell said he believed one-half of the tonnage of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania would sign very soon.

MURDER MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

No Light Is Shed On the Minneapolis Tragedy.

Instead of clearing the mystery of the murder of six Bulgarians in a Minneapolis dwelling the arrest in Duluth of ten persons on suspicion has only deepened the mystery.

AS FROM THE GRAVE.

Miners Rescued After Being Entombed 20 Days.

At Lens, France, fourteen of the 1,200 miners who were entombed in the coal mines at Courrières twenty days ago were taken from the mine alive and well Friday.

He Stole for Many Years.

Joseph P. Tinney, a note teller in the National Bank of North America, at New York, was arrested and arraigned in police court Friday on the charge of stealing \$34,000.

Fire at Moscow, Idaho.

The main building of the University of Idaho at Moscow was completely destroyed by fire early Friday.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.15 @ 5.25. Top hogs, \$6.27 1/2.

Labor Wins Big Victory.

A London special says: The government has surrendered to the labor party on the trades dispute bill.

May Use Polish Language.

Under orders from St. Petersburg, the inspectors of schools will permit the use of Polish as the language of instruction in all the schools and universities of Poland.

MINERS TO BE IDLE. Suspension Begins Saturday in Both Great Fields.

Representatives of Iowa, operators and miners, held a joint meeting at Des Moines Friday for the purpose of declaring a suspension of work in Iowa mines for sixty days.

Iowa operators, however, still see hope of avoiding a prolonged suspension. They said at Des Moines Thursday night that if the miners' convention at Indianapolis should rescind the Ryan resolution prohibiting a settlement in any district except when a basis is fixed for all districts, and should accept the offer of a 5.55 per cent advance made by the Pennsylvania bituminous interests, they would make the same offer to prevent a shut-down in Iowa.

Secretary Perry, for the Iowa miners, said that if a contract should be signed in Pennsylvania every other operator would be offered a contract based upon this.

The operators of Iowa Thursday decided to offer arbitration as a last effort to prevent a prolonged shut-down. Over 14,000 mine workers and 326 mines in Iowa are involved.

Iowa miners have a strike fund of \$210,000.

At Indianapolis, Ind., the joint meetings of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, composed of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and of the southwestern district, composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, reached a final disagreement Thursday on the wage scale to go into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1.

The action of the two conferences will directly cause the suspension from work after Saturday of 178,000 miners unless something unforeseen, like submission of the differences to arbitration, should intervene and indirectly will affect 206,500 more miners, not including its effect on 150,000 miners in the anthracite field, who Thursday night were ordered to suspend work Monday.

BIG RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS.

Eleven Thousand Arrived in New York Thursday.

Over 11,000 immigrants arrived in the harbor of New York Thursday on board seven steamships from European ports.

This number is the record for a single day which has been made thus far during the annual spring flush of immigration.

Ellis island, where the immigrants are examined and either rejected or admitted to the United States, can care for less than half of Thursday's arrivals, its limit being 5,000 daily.

TRY TO SOLVE CRIME.

Arrests in Connection with Minneapolis Tragedy.

A Duluth, Minn., special says: The police have arrested eleven foreigners believed to have come from the "house of murder" in Minneapolis. All are well supplied with money.

The leader of the men arrested here is Kuzman Skuloff. Skuloff admitted to Chief Troyer that he is the man who rented the Minneapolis house and took the party there, but maintains everything was all right when he left there with the party.

The police have in custody eight men, two boys and one woman. Some are Bulgarians and some Macedonians. None speak English to any great extent.

Five Overcome by Gas.

Ignorant of the mechanism of a gas fixture, a family of Austrian immigrants, who recently arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., was overcome by illuminating gas Wednesday night in a tenement house. Schayze Weinstein, father, died Thursday, and his wife and three daughters are said to be dying.

Great Revival for Chicago.

An evangelical revival that will sweep Chicago with a wave of religious awakening was planned by the Union Evangelist committee, of Chicago, in the First Methodist church. All Protestant denominations are to be asked to aid in the calling to Chicago of Evangelists Torrey and Alexander for a series of revival meetings.

\$200,000 Fire at Dover, N. H.

At Dover, N. H., the Masonic temple, the largest business block in the city, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning, entailing a loss of \$200,000.

Great Irrigation Project.

The United States government has accepted the offer of the Washington Irrigation Company to sell the Sunny-side canal and lateral works, the largest private irrigation system in the northwest, located in Yakima and Benton Counties, Wash., for \$250,000.

Fire at Fort Worth.

The wholesale Wadsworth-Cameron drug house at Fort Worth, Tex., has been totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$106,000; insurance, \$93,000.

BIG DAM SWEEP AWAY. Havoc of North Platte Flood in Wyoming.

A Denver, Colo., special says: Wyoming is experiencing the worst floods in recent years, according to dispatches from Cheyenne and other points received here Wednesday night. The Platte River from the Colorado to the Nebraska line, a distance of 500 miles, is running over its banks and flooding the adjacent country. Nearly all the streams in the state are floods.

In the eastern portion of Colorado snow and rain fell Wednesday night. At Casper, Wyo., the North Platte River has been rising at an alarming rate for forty-eight hours. The great dam at Colva, erected by the reclamation service as a temporary construction to divert the waters of the river while the Pathfinder dam is being built, has been washed away and its loss will seriously interrupt the completion of the government enterprise.

Although the heavy rains of the last few days had caused much apprehension among residents of this part of Wyoming, none was prepared for the overthrow of such a piece of engineering as the huge dam. When the waters swept through the immense masonry many workmen barely escaped with their lives.

The dam had been built at a cost of nearly \$100,000. The steel bridge built by the government six miles below the dam at Pathfinder was also carried away.

Small cabins, barns and property of all descriptions are floating down on the swollen stream, which is spreading over the lowlands and causing great loss to stockmen and ranchmen. Miles upon miles of lowlands are flooded, and it is feared much stock may have been drowned.

A report from Lander says that 300 sheep belonging to Charles Souther which were housed in a large shed were drowned and swept away.

SIX ARE SLAIN.

Fearful Tragedy Occurs in Italian Lodging House in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., special says: The bodies of six Italian laborers were found in a room in Tenth Avenue early Wednesday. Neighbors called the police, who entered the shack and found the bodies of the men literally stabbed to pieces.

Four murderous dirks of a razor-like keenness were found. All the bodies were dressed as laborers. The house was an Italian lodging place. The men apparently had been dead for two days.

None was identified, and none of the residents in the neighborhood admits a knowledge of the affair.

The shanty where the tragedy occurred was rented to nine Italians, who are believed by the police to have constituted a Mafia or "black hand" organization.

OHIO SALOONS HIT HARD.

High License Will Force Five Thousand to Close.

A Columbus, O., dispatch says: Between 10,000 and 15,000 men will be thrown out of employment by the enforcement of the Aiken \$1,000 liquor tax law just passed.

Five thousand proprietors of saloons that will close and 2,500 bartenders will be made idle. Bakers and brewer employees will also suffer.

It is estimated the gain in the state's revenue will be \$3,450,000. Joe Miller, legislative agent for the brewers, is authority for the statement that between 10,000 and 15,000 people will lose their jobs by the closing of the saloons.

Tells of Hoodling.

The man who gave his name as Jas. Howard, when he was arrested in Vienna last October for robbing a depositor at the tellers' window of a bank there, admitted to the judge before whom he was arraigned his identity was Joseph Killoran, an American postoffice and bank robber.

Fast Trains in Collision.

The California limited, westbound, and the Atlantic express, eastbound, on the Santa Fe railway, met in head-on collision at Cosimo, near Flagstaff, Ariz., Tuesday evening. No person was killed or seriously injured. Several passengers were slightly bruised.

May Check Gas Well Fire.

A sixth attempt made Wednesday to hood the big gas well at Caney, Kan., was partially successful. A six-inch pipe was lowered into the blaze and the flame now bursts from the upper end of the pipe and rises to a height of 150 feet.

Death Sentences Commuted.

At Chita, East Siberia, Gov. Gen. Rennenkampf Thursday commuted the sentences of death imposed by court-martial on thirteen postal officials who had participated in the recent strike to various terms of penal servitude.

Village Slipping Into Sea.

The village of Muehlheim, near Coblenz, Germany, is threatened with destruction by a hill which has been gradually slipping into the valley for several days. Up to this time 150 houses have been damaged and 300 persons rendered homeless.

Robbers Loot Kansas Bank.

Robbers early Tuesday wrecked the safe of the Bank of Bentley, Kan., with dynamite and escaped with \$1,500.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Admits Taking Eight Thousand Dollars—Assistant Cashier Mead of Beemer Bank Acknowledges Big Defalcation.

Assistant Cashier Mead, of the Beemer State Bank of Beemer, has made an open confession in writing over his own signature that a deficiency in the cash reserves of that bank was due to his defalcation of the round sum of \$8,300. Furthermore, in the same manner he confessed that approximately \$8,000 of this money had passed into the hands of a stranger who represented himself to be a member of the Chicago board of trade and that the money was taken in small amounts, an even \$100 or some multiple thereof, at a time covering a period of several years.

The active officers of the bank became aware of a mysterious discrepancy in the reserves of the bank early in January last following the examination by State Examiner Emmett, but felt no particular alarm as to the actual fact about this sum appearing to be short, trusting it would prove nothing more serious than a clerical error.

Examiner Emmett returned Friday to make sure of the facts, but Mr. Mead cut matters short by making a clean breast of the matter. The directors of the bank immediately made good every dollar of the defalcation, after allowing for some property belonging to Mr. Mead turned over to the bank. They have placed the young man in the hands of the law to be dealt with according to the necessities of his case.

Mr. Mead was raised in that community, and his parents are highly respected people, and the whole community is deeply stirred with sympathy for the boy and his parents.

PERU COAL OF GOOD QUALITY.

State Geologist Says Prospects for Fuel Are Good.

State Geologist Barber visited Peru Thursday and inspected the new coal mine on Honey creek, south of that town. Mr. Barber found the vein measured thirty-eight inches and pronounced the coal of good quality. He said Peru's mine was the best outlook for coal he had seen in Nebraska. A lump weighing sixty pounds was taken back with the geologist. While the party was inspecting the mine the men digging the coal knocked down a piece of coal weighing close to 600 pounds. The miners have tunneled back about fifty feet already.

Wreck on Great Northern.

The Great Northern had a wreck Thursday night about four miles north of Fremont, smashing the commissary car and derailing several others. A soft track was the cause of it. Time-keeper Frank Edmiston and Cook Oswald Krunken, the only persons in the car, escaped by jumping and were considerably bruised. There were about seventy-five laborers in the cars at the rear who escaped with nothing worse than a shaking up.

Duck Hunter Injured.

Henry Egelback, living near Brock, met with a serious accident while out hunting ducks. He was shooting a No. 8 shotgun and one of the shells seemed to be heavier loaded than common. When he fired it exploded, blowing the stock of the gun completely off, breaking Mr. Egelback's right arm in two places and left a bad flesh wound.

Japanese Return to Work.

Forty-five Japanese who have been spending the winter in Kansas returned the latter part of last week and will work on the steel gang west of Sutherland. Between that point and Sidney about 600 Japs will be employed in laying the new steel on the main line of the Union Pacific.

Harrington-Crofton Line.

The contractors for building the extension of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad from Harrington to Crofton, fifteen and a half miles, will commence work in a few days and the road will be completed in time to move the small grain crop early this fall.

To Enlarge Tekamah Depot.

News from the headquarters of division superintendent confirms the report that the Northwestern railroad will in the immediate future enlarge the Tekamah depot by an addition of thirty feet, and remodel the present rooms. Electric lights will also be installed.

To Be Sent to an Asylum.

John Schwaartzing, living near Oakdale, was brought before the insanity board at Neligh on complaint of his son that he was an imbecile, and he will probably be sent to the asylum.

New Club House.

Contractors have commenced work on the new home of the York Commercial club, which will be one of the finest and best in the west. The rooms will be large and will have every convenience.

Death Was Accidental.

The coroner's jury at O'Neill completed the inquest held upon the remains of Dr. S. E. Hunt, killed in the railroad yards Friday evening, and found that the deceased came to his death while attempting to board a moving train and that death was accidental.

Water Bonds Sustained.

A Gibson special says: The fight over the water works bonds was decided in court at Kearney in favor of the bonds.

BURNS WHILE MOTHER SHOPS.

Child Left Alone Pours Oil on Stove and Is Dead When Found.

While the mother was out on a shopping expedition, the little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bonebright, living at Cortland, poured kerosene on the cook stove and was burned to death.

Mrs. Bonebright had left her two children, one less than a year old, and the other 4 years old, alone in the house. During her absence the older of the two secured a can containing kerosene oil and poured its contents into the cook stove. The oil ignited and set fire to the child's clothing with the result that she was burned to death. The little one's charred and blackened body, on which there was not a stitch of clothing, was found lying near the stove by Mrs. Bonebright upon her return home. The other tot was playing around the room as though nothing had happened.

NOW IN THE NELIGH JAIL.

Escaped Prisoner Is Brought Back from Washington.

A Neligh special says: Sheriff J. D. Miller has returned from Spokane, Wash., with an escaped prisoner, Frank Donner, who was convicted of cattle stealing last year and who escaped from the jail in this city before being taken to the penitentiary. He was wounded in a fracas at a little town near Spokane and was taken to a hospital, recognized and information sent here which led to his rearrest and return.

His escape from the jail here was somewhat sensational. He removed an iron bar from the wall of the brick jail and walked out, about noon, into the country, where he was aided in his escape by a young man of his acquaintance. He is in a serious condition and has to have his wound treated daily. This time he will probably be more carefully guarded.

ALL HIS VICTIMS WILL LIVE.

Bullet Mueller Fired Into Child Wife Struck a Rib.

A Norfolk special states that all three of the victims of August Mueller, who shot his wife and her parents in Stanton county Thursday, will recover.

By marvelous good fortune the bullet which Mueller pumped into the breast of his child wife, struck a rib and was diverted from entering the lungs, glancing off and plowing around the surface of her body, so that she has every chance to live.

Fred Holmeke, her father, was shot in a very vital spot, but he, too, will live unless blood poisoning should set in.

Mueller is still in jail at Stanton, and twenty-seven more shot were extracted from his neck.

Raid on Gambling.

Bloomfield is agog over the raiding of a gambling room by the sheriff of Knox county at nearly midnight Saturday. Accompanied by Mayor Harms and Councilman Neff, the sheriff entered the gambling room conducted by John and Jim Hostetter. Ten persons were arrested on the charge of gambling. Two other places were to be raided, but they got "wise."

Will Straighten a Creek.

A mass meeting was held at Papillion by the citizens of the east end of the county to consider the matter of straightening the Papillion creek. It was decided to go ahead with the work. A committee was appointed to make estimates of the work and report at the next meeting, which will be held April 9.

Big Land Deal.

One of the largest land sales made in Nebraska this year has just been closed by a real estate agent at Gibbon. The principal part of the land consisted of what is known as the Merritt ranch near Lexington. This, together with other lands, made a total acreage of 3,200 acres. The consideration was \$79,500.

Farm Hand Arrested.

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

Tekamah Woman Dies Suddenly.

Mrs. J. C. Smith, a prominent woman of Tekamah, wife of J. C. Smith, the hardware merchant, died suddenly at her home Wednesday from hemorrhage of the brain, after a two hours illness.

Alfred Forger Arrested.

Sheriff Bauman received a telegram from Arkansas City, Kan., of the arrest at that place of Isaac N. Diskinson, who is wanted at Fremont for passing a forged check for \$21.10 on Charles Hacker.

Found Dead in His Home.

Robert McCormick was found dead in his house at Papillion. Mr. McCormick was never married, was well off, owned a nice property in town and had money in bank.

Lost His Thumb.

George Kapan, a prosperous York county farmer, met with an unfortunate accident in the loss of the right thumb while cutting wood on Lincoln creek.

Fair Dates.

The county fair will be held on September 26, 27 and 28. This fair has been held annually for a number of years, with increasing interest.

Homes Swept Away.

A special from Chadron says: Heavy rains have fallen for two days on the upper Platte River, and in western Nebraska and Wyoming there is a flood, carrying bridges and houses before it.

Insults at Tekamah.

The general merchandise store of T. J. Frew, of Tekamah, was robbed Friday night. Entrance was gained through the rear window. The value of the goods taken will not exceed \$25,000.



1330—Edmond of Woodstock, Earl of Kent, beheaded.

1529—College of France founded.

1549—Thomas Seymour, Lord High Admiral of England, beheaded.

1556—Archbishop Cranmer burned at Oxford.

1602—Queen Elizabeth died. Succeeded by James I.

1730—British Parliament prohibited British subjects lending money to foreigners.

1744—France declared war against England.

1776—Washington's triumphal entry into Boston... Congress authorized employment of privateers.

1782—Spain acknowledged independence of the United States.

1801—Paul I., Emperor of Russia, assassinated. Succeeded by Alexander I.

1804—Duke of Enghien shot by order of Napoleon.

1808—Murat entered Madrid.

1814—Battle of Tarbes.

1815—The "Hundred Days Treaty" of Vienna concluded by England, Austria, Russia and Prussia.

1819—Augustus F. Kotzebue, German dramatist, assassinated.

1821—Naples occupied by Austrian army.

1823—Abdication of Sturbridge.

1829—Duel between Wellington and Winchester.

1831—Insurrection of slaves in island of Antigua.

1839—Anti-Corn Law league formed.

1848—Abdication of King of Bavaria.

1849—Raditzky defeated the Sardinians at battle of Novara.

1854—Two earthquake shocks felt at Macon, Ga.

1860—Cession of Savoy and Nice to France by treaty of Turin.

1862—Gen. Shields defeated "Stonewall" Jackson at Kernstown, Va.

1867—Winter Garden theater burned in New York... Labor riots renewed in France... Gathering of Fenians at St. Albans, Vt.

1868—Earthquake shock at San Francisco.

1871—Marriage of Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne... French Assembly removed from Bordeaux to Versailles.

1875—Destructive tornado in Georgia.

1877—John D. Lee executed for complicity in Mountain Meadow massacre.

1878—Paul Boyton swam the Straits of Gibraltar in five hours and five minutes.

1881—Candahar surrendered to Ameer Rahman... Boer war ended; British terms accepted... Potchefstroom surrendered to the Boers.

1883—Destructive floods in Halifax.

1885—Earthquake shocks felt in Panama and Aspinwall... Arabs defeated at Hasheen.

1886—City of Helena, Ark., nearly destroyed by fire... Steamer Carthage passed through Suez canal at night by electric light... Kansas City switchmen's strike ended... Great strikes in Belgium.

1889—Chief Justice Fuller's daughter eloped with Matt Aubrey.

1891—Prince Napoleon burned at Turin... St. Paul's Episcopal church at New Orleans burned.

1893—Berling sea court of arbitration assembled at Paris.

1895—German Reichstag rejected proposal to send birthday congratulations to Bismarck... Sixty miners killed by explosion at Evanston, Wyo... Attempted assassination of Li Hung Chang at Simonoseki, Japan... Chinese-Japanese peace conference begun at Shimonoseki.

1897—Blockade of Crete began.

1905—Fifty-eight persons killed by boiler explosion at Brockton, Mass.

Steel Trusts' Big Earnings.

The report of the United States steel corporation for 1905 shows an increase of over \$46,000,000 in net earnings, or a total of nearly \$120,000,000. The total undivided surplus on Dec. 31 was \$84,738,450. The gross receipts reached the vast total of \$385,331,736. There was decided improvement in the export trade, both as to quantity and price. In defense of the practice of selling to foreign customers at lower prices than those prevailing at home, the report says that in this way surplus stocks are disposed of, thus preventing increase in cost of production and the shutting down of works. The number of employees increased to 180,158. During the year 12,256 employees subscribed for 23,989 shares of preferred stock at par.

The Church in Insurance.

Rev. E. F. Blanchard of Paterson, N. J., writing to the Christian Work of the recently exposed rascality in the insurance companies, says that the underlying motive of present-day insurance is un-Christian, namely, selfishness, or the enrichment of a few promoters. He advocates a system of Christian insurance as one of the needs of the times. Its purpose would be to help people out in the hard places of life. He suggests that churches adopt a system of benefits for their people.