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VOTE TO CONTINUE STRIKE

Suspension in Anthracite Mines Made Permanent.

MEN LISTEN TO NO RESTRAINT

Hazleton, Pa., May 16.—The anthracite miners in convention late yesterday afternoon decided to continue the strike of the 145,000 men against the mine owners and to fight it out to the bitter end. The matter of calling out the engineers, firemen and pump runners will be decided by the delegates today. The vote to continue the suspension was as follows: Total vote cast, 811; for strike, 461 1/2; against strike, 349 1/2; majority for strike, 111 1/2.

The step taken by the miners, after practically considering the matter for two months, has wiped out the uncertainty of the situation and it is freely predicted that the most serious labor struggle in the history of the country, if not in the world, is about to begin. That is the view taken by nearly every miner. While the leaders are cautious and will not forecast their actions, it is not unlikely that the miners' fight will be carried into the bituminous coal regions and into other fields of industry. Mine workers for 18 months have been looking forward to the strike that is upon them. They have saved their money and are considered to be in better shape today for a fight than they were in the great strike of 1900. That struggle ended in the mine owners giving the men a 10 per cent increase after six weeks' suspension. The operators are on record as being unalterably opposed to granting the men any concessions and they have personally informed the mine workers' leaders of that fact. The workmen fear the present fight may mean the destruction of their organization, because they believe the mine owners are bent more on wrecking their union than they are in opposing the demands for higher wages and shorter work days.

President Mitchell's advice to the miners was for peace, and he gave it to them in the plainest and most forceful language. He was ably assisted by President Fahey and Secretary Hartlein of the lower district, and Secretary Dempster of the upper territory. President Nichols of the First district was the great champion of the strike advocates. Mr. Mitchell, who was the last to speak, was listened to with the greatest attention. It is also said that a telegram was read from the American Federation of Labor against a permanent suspension. But the delegates would not listen, and amid considerable suppressed excitement the vote was taken. For a time it looked as though the peace advocates would win, but when delegation after delegation from the lower district, the last to be called, answered "yes," it was seen that the men who favored a fight had won. The result was received by the convention with applause, which, however, was not very enthusiastic or prolonged. The men appreciated the seriousness of their decision, which no doubt dampened their ardor. The proposition to call out the engineers, firemen and pump runners was separated from the main question early in the discussion. There was an almost equal division in this matter and the debate became so involved that it was decided to consider that phase of the question separately. The men, having thrown down the gauntlet to their employers, have taken renewed courage, and it would not be surprising if the convention today decided to call out the other employees referred to. The miners insist that nearly all the engineers, firemen and pump runners belong to their organization and say they can get them all to quit if they want to. In the event that this is brought about, it would do incalculable damage to the mines, through flooding, unless the companies can succeed in filling the men's places.

Asks Protection for Chinese.

Denver, May 16.—Governor Orman received the following telegram from Secretary of State Hay: "The Chinese minister asks protection against threatened violence and forcible exclusion of Chinese at Silverton, representing that one has been shot, others badly beaten and a house occupied by some of them broken into and robbed."

Another Strike of Linemen.

Chicago, May 16.—The Chicago Telephone company faces another strike of linemen. The men who were employed last October to take the places of the linemen who went on strike have been organized and last night they voted to quit work on Monday unless their demands for an increase in pay were acceded to.

Jones Pleads Not Guilty.

Detroit, Mich., May 16.—William M. Jones, accused of murdering George T. Heywood, who was killed on the street a short distance from his home last month while on his way home from a dance, was arraigned yesterday in the recorder's court and pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for next Tuesday.

HOT WORDS IN THE HOUSE.

Members Warm Up on Philippine De-

and Become Personal.
Washington, May 16.—The house yesterday was plunged into an exciting debate on Philippine affairs. Thus far the subject of alleged atrocities in the islands has engaged the attention of the senate alone and only occasional echoes have been heard in the house. But yesterday the reports of cruelty and outrage were rehearsed in the house with vehement bitterness. The naval bill was the order of the day, but it received only scant attention, after the allegations of Philippine outrages were presented. A speech by Vandiver (Mo.) reciting instances of alleged outrage brought on the discussion. Personalities and recriminations were freely passed about. Vandiver was supported in his criticisms by Wheeler (Ky.), while vehement defense of the American soldiers was made by Hepburn (Ia.), Grow (Pa.), Hill (Conn.), W. A. Smith (Mich.) and Lessler (N.Y.).

General debate on the naval bill closed at 4 o'clock and when the house adjourned the measure was being read for amendment.

Hepburn declared that Vandiver had seized on every exaggerated story in order to attack the American soldiers.

"And this is done," asserted Hepburn, bitterly, "to secure a miserable political advantage."

Williams asked if Hepburn defended the order to make Samar a "howling wilderness?"

"I believe that is a lie," responded Hepburn. "I believe no American officer ever made such an order; I believe it to be a slander, pure and simple."

Philippine Debate in Senate.

Washington, May 16.—An extended speech by McLaurin (Miss.) in opposition to the pending Philippine government bill was a feature of yesterday's session of the senate. The Mississippi senator vigorously assailed the administration's policy in the Philippines. He deprecated the outrages perpetrated in the islands, whether they were committed by the Filipinos or the Americans. They were, in his judgment, the natural growth of the government's policy, for which, he maintained, the Republican party was responsible. He urged the abandonment of the policy in the interest of humanity and justice. He declared that the minority was not discussing the pending measure to obtain political capital, as all the political material which the Democrats desired had been made for them by the Republicans in this congress.

The bill providing for the erection of a union railway station in Washington and the fortifications appropriation bill were passed.

Baseball Results Yesterday.

National League—Philadelphia, 4; Cincinnati, 8; Pittsburg, 5; Boston, 1; Chicago, 8; Brooklyn, 7.
American League—Washington, 2; Baltimore, 6; Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 6.
American Association—Kansas City, 2; Toledo, 1; Milwaukee, 3; Columbus, 13; St. Paul, 2; Louisville, 5.
Western League—St. Joseph, 0; Omaha, 1; Milwaukee, 3; Colorado Springs, 7; Kansas City, 11; Des Moines, 3; Peoria, 4; Denver, 6.

Indians Declared Citizens.

Guthrie, O. T., May 16.—The commissioner of Indian affairs has declared 4,000 allotted Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians in Oklahoma "United States citizens without any further action by the courts. This makes 1,500 more voters in Oklahoma. Two thousand of these Indians are now in camp at Fort Reno, dancing and speech-making.

Philadelphia Record Sold.

Philadelphia, May 16.—By order of the United States court of eastern Pennsylvania James E. Mack, special commissioner, yesterday sold at public auction 9,050 shares of the 10,000 shares of the Philadelphia Record Publishing company, par value \$100. William S. Stenger of Philadelphia bought the stock for \$2,300,000.

Daughter of Dowle Dies.

Chicago, May 16.—Esther Dowle, daughter of "Dr." Alexander Dowle, proprietor of "Zion," died last night of burns, having suffered for hours, while "Elijah II" prayed over her.

Twenty Thousand Out.

Stockholm, Sweden, May 16.—Fully 20,000 persons here went out on strike and their ranks will be swelled today.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

William Green shot and killed his divorced wife at Montgomery City, Mo., and then committed suicide.

T. H. Donohue, a well known horseman, died in St. Joseph, Mo., Thursday, after a short illness with pneumonia.

Eastern Montana stockmen, particularly those of Yellowstone county, are threatened with severe loss by reason of the drought.

Patrick Valentine, aged 22, was shot and killed at Houston, Tex., Thursday by Miss Ella King for refusing to carry out a promise of marriage.

Attorney General Crow of Missouri Thursday instituted an ouster suit in the supreme court against Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Packing company for being a member of the alleged beef trust.

SOUFRIERE STILL ACTIVE

More Doom is Predicted for Island of St. Vincent.

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND DEAD

Damage Greater Than at First Estimated—People Are Homeless and Thousands Are Suffering for Food and Clothing—Scenes at St. Pierre.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., May 16.—Scientists who have come here from the British island of Trinidad predict another volcanic eruption on St. Vincent within a short time. The damage done to St. Vincent by the volcanic eruptions is now known to be considerably more than was at first estimated. The present uneasiness of the inhabitants of the island is increased by the continuous agitation of the volcanic craters. Friday morning large stones and volcanic dust fell in the neighborhood of Georgetown for two hours, terrifying the people there.



MONT SOUFRIERE, VOLCANO NOW IN ERUPTION IN ST. VINCENT.

No person has yet been able to approach within eight miles of the new crater of the Soufriere volcano. But, judging from what can be seen from a considerable distance, the old lake at the summit of the mountain has disappeared. The numerous fissures in the mountain's side continue to throw out vapor and the subterranean murmuring and tremblings indicate continued unrest. During the afternoon of Monday a dense volume of steam and smoke rose from the volcano and the whole island was covered by a peculiar mist. The inhalation of noxious vapors is increasing the spread of sickness.

Starvation threatens the poorer classes of the afflicted district. Nearly every remaining negro hut in the Caribbean contains decaying bodies and the horrible stench is driving people away. Mutilated bodies are tied with ropes and dragged to the trenches, where they are buried. Some times bodies are cremated. The local government is feeding and sheltering about 3,000 refugees.

Nearly two thousand deaths on this island have been reported.

PYRES FED WITH PETROLEUM.

Bodies at St. Pierre Burned in Great Fires Which Light Up Island.

New York, May 16.—In the destroyed city of St. Pierre the work on the ruins is being continued in an unsatisfactory manner, says a Fort de France dispatch to the Herald.

The dead are being burned, the pyres being fed with petroleum and tar. Great fires are kept going, which, at night, light up the entire island, and which, being seen at St. Lucia, led to the belief that Fort de France had burned. Although thousands have been burned, many still remain to be cremated.

Some of the walls of the houses that still stand crumble and fall at touch. Some idea of the terrible heat that poured down from Mont Pelee may be had when it is known that the iron rollers of the Pringle sugar mills were melted as though they had been put through a furnace.

New York to Investigate.

Albany, N. Y., May 16.—Former Supreme Court Justice Judson S. Landis, as referee, yesterday began an investigation under the provisions of the Donnelly anti-trust law to determine whether or not an illegal combination to manipulate the price of meat exists among the large packing houses of the west.

Killed by Fence Wire.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 16.—Henry Bodea, aged 60 years, and Harvey Clay, colored, aged 24, were killed instantly by coming in contact with a barbed wire fence, across which a broken electric light wire had fallen.

Bryan in Havana.

Havana, May 16.—William Jennings Bryan, who is now here, is receiving considerable attention. He has been invited to a number of dinners and has many callers.

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