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MINERS YIELD POINT

Committee Offers to Accept Scale of 1903 for One Year.

OPERATORS REFUSE THE PROPOSITION

Would Mean Restoration of Out of 5.55 Per Cent Made Two Years Ago.

MINE OWNERS WOULD RENEW OLD SCALE

This is Not Satisfactory to the Employers' Committee.

ADJOURNMENT IS TAKEN UNTIL TODAY

Two Other Proposals Made and Rejected and Opposing Sides Are No Nearer Together Than at Last Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.—The joint conference of the operators and mine workers of America of the competitive and southwestern district adjourned late this afternoon until tomorrow morning, divided on every proposition. The joint conference of the operators and mine workers of America of the competitive and southwestern district adjourned late this afternoon until tomorrow morning, divided on every proposition. The joint conference of the operators and mine workers of America of the competitive and southwestern district adjourned late this afternoon until tomorrow morning, divided on every proposition.

Proposals of Operators

H. N. Taylor, president of the operators then moved that the wage scale of 1902 be accepted for two years, providing the miners agree to pay the expense caused by the shot fires law in Illinois. This, it has been figured by the operators, amounts to 2 cents per ton of mine coal and on an average of \$100,000 per year. This proposition was defeated by the unanimous vote of both operators and miners.

Record Price for Ore

LOUISVILLE, March 22.—A record price, \$4.00, was paid for a ton of local iron ore in a room for a price which is a record for the district.

RAILWAY ENGINEERS MEET

A. W. Johnson of N. Y. C. & St. L. Railway Elected President of Maintenance of Way Association.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, in annual convention today at the Auditorium hotel, elected the following officers for the coming year:

First Vice President, A. W. Johnson, general manager of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railway.

Second Vice President, Walter G. Boyer, New York chief engineer Lehigh Valley railway.

Treasurer, W. S. Dawley, chief engineer Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway.

Secretary, E. H. Fritsch, Chicago, formerly assistant secretary. The office of assistant secretary was abolished.

No election for president was held, as President Kelly's term of office has not expired.

The convention has been in session for three days and adjourned after hearing various reports on "tracks," "water service" and "wooden bridges and trestles."

FORMOSA TRADE IS GROWING

Japanese Government Plants Camphor Trees and Will Increase the World's Supply.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Department of Commerce and Labor has issued a bulletin discussing the development of the trade in Formosa, taken from publications of the Japanese government.

The introduction of an enlightened and energetic government seems likely to result in a vast increase in population. There has been a large increase in the production of rice, sugar, coal, sweet potatoes and jute, while the production of tea has decreased.

The principal industrial products are camphor and camphor oil. Formosa is the world's chief purveyor of camphor. The government already has taken measures to secure a permanent supply by planting millions of young camphor trees.

Trade between Japan and Formosa has in recent years been growing with great rapidity, while that between Formosa and foreign countries has remained practically stationary.

GREAT GRAFT IN WISCONSIN

District Attorney at Green Bay Loses Twenty-Six Cases of Alleged Bribery.

GREEN BAY, Wis., March 22.—District Attorney Samuel H. Cady appeared before the county board and applied for the appointment of a special assistant to work with him in prosecuting a total of twenty-six all-predominant cases which he says he has uncovered, being municipal grafting cases not touched by the grand jury investigation of several years ago.

First on the list was the arrest of Charles M. Carpenter of Chicago, the Barber Asphalt company's Wisconsin agent, for alleged payment of a \$500 bribe to Alderman Henry Forth in 1901.

Battleship on Trial

QUINCY, Mass., March 22.—The battleship New Jersey, constructed for the government by the Fore River Shipbuilding company, left today for an unofficial test of its engines at Green Bay, Wis. The trip will be held on March 23 or 24, when it will be required to make nineteen knots an hour.

Mrs. Huntington Gets Divorce

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Superior Judge Graham today granted a divorce to Mrs. Henry E. Huntington on the ground of desertion for a year and a day. The divorce was granted on the ground that she was not there was any money settlement.

RADICALS PLAN REVOLUTION

Secret Meeting to Be Held in Finland to Decide Upon a Program.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The agitation among the workmen's organization involves a bold plan on the part of the social democrats and other radical elements to overthrow the present government by a general strike, elected secretly at a meeting to be called at some place in Finland early in April, at which an ultimate plan of operation will be decided upon. A division of sentiment exists among the leaders. Some of them favor calling a general strike in the middle of April for the purpose of forcing the lower house of Parliament to demand the immediate convocation of a constituent assembly on the basis of universal suffrage, but the more audacious aim at setting up a provisional government. They believe the time is ripe to organize a general uprising, and that, if successful, their representatives could boldly contest the authority of the government. The authorities here, who perfectly realize that something big is preparing, already have learned of the possibility of a general strike, and Interior Minister Durnovo has sent circulars to the governor generals and governors apprising them of the state of affairs and instructing them to "take the necessary measures" to meet the movement.

Premier Witte's project to permit the peasant banks to issue 5 per cent bonds to finance the purchase of land from the proprietors and its sale to the peasants has been adopted by the council of the empire.

The majority of estates are heavily mortgaged to the nobles and private banks with foreign connections and the bonds will be used to satisfy these mortgages, the banks guaranteeing 6 per cent for fifteen years on the balance due the land owners.

The question of the methods, which the peasants are to follow in making their payments has been decided. At this stage the scheme does not involve expropriation by law nor the compulsory sale of estate to the peasant banks.

As a means of expelling the trials of political prisoners with whom the prisons are filled the council of the empire has decided to publish advertisements for medical prosecutors of their own motion to bring offenders to trial without awaiting an order from a superior court, which under the existing law involves indefinite delays.

BRILLIN, March 22.—Unusually large numbers of Jewish and Russian emigrants to the United States and South America are expected to leave Germany after Easter and an influential committee has been formed here with the object of directing the emigration to the best places. So far the United States is considered the best.

The Russian emigrants are expected to be directed to places where they can work at their trades. The committee here has been informed that many well-to-do Jews are preparing to go to the United States.

RIOTING IN FRENCH STRIKE

LENS, France, March 22.—Reports from various mining centers show that the strike is now general. Some disorder has occurred and a number of the company's wagons have been smashed. Twelve hundred additional troops have been ordered to the whole district is now occupied by the military forces.

Postmasters Appointed

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Lanham, Gage county, William Wetters, vice E. M. Ebyre, resigned; Martland, Fillmore county, Henry A. Pearl, vice John Muir, resigned; Quick, Frontier county, Franklin P. Nelson, vice F. P. Garlick, resigned. Iowa—Vaden, Fayette county, Arthur G. Herling, vice L. E. Higler, resigned. South Dakota—Vodany, Bon Homme county, Stella Sedlacek, vice J. F. Janda, resigned. The name of the postoffice at Hunter, Sioux county, Neb., is changed to Andrews, with Cora A. Clark as postmaster.

WASHINGTON'S PLAN TAKEN

Laying of Office Building Cornerstone to Reproduce Ceremony at Capital.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—President Roosevelt will take part in the laying of the cornerstone of the new office building for the members of the house of representatives on Saturday, April 7. The ceremony will be analogous to that of the laying of the corner stone of the United States capitol by President Washington, nearly 113 years ago. The federal Masonic lodge, which had charge of the ceremony over a century ago will have the honor of directing the swinging of the corner stone home again into place. Walter Brown, the grand master of the Masonic lodge of the District of Columbia will superintend the exercises and addresses will be made by the president and Speaker Cannon.

Three thousand invitations will be issued to prominent men throughout the United States. The cabinet, diplomatic corps, senators, members of the house, the United States supreme court, governors of the various states, prominent army and naval officers and other government officials will attend the ceremony.

In accordance with tradition the stone is at the northeast corner of the building and its location corresponds with that of the capitol cornerstone. Since the original capitol was built, wings have been added at the north and south ends, so the keystone of the building is now well toward the center of that great structure.

The foundation of the magnificent new office building is completed and the floor beams for the first story are now in place. Upon these a temporary floor will be laid and seats provided for the guests, who will view the ceremony. The high wooden fence which now surrounds the foundation will be partly torn away that a view of the ceremony may be had by persons who cannot be provided with seats.

In accordance with Masonic traditions the ceremony will be in the open air and the persons who participate in it will have no protection from the weather, regardless of what conditions may be. Simple city will mark the event and all pretensions will be avoided. In every detail it will correspond as nearly possible with the ceremony in which President Washington participated. The articles placed in the cornerstone will be the same as those deposited in the capitol stone by federal lodge and as both President Roosevelt and Speaker Cannon are members of the Masonic order the occasion will be every way harmonized with the spirit of the ceremony directed by the Virginia jurisdiction.

Smallpox in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 22.—Fifty cases are reported in the farming districts of Lincoln and Bridge, Uinta county, Wyoming, and the southern part of that county has been quarantined.

ORDER WILL HELP SETTLERS

Cancellation Dockets in Land Office to Be Open to Public.

NEBRASKANS BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE

Senator Millard and Representative Kinkaid Induce Commissioner to Reverse Ruling that Would Exclude the Public.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Millard and Representative Kinkaid have secured an order from the commissioner of the general land office whereby hereafter local land offices shall permit the public to gain information regarding cancellations of public lands. Hereafter the cancellation docket in every land office in Nebraska and elsewhere will be open to public inspection, and may be given the press for publication if the newspapers so desire.

The commissioner a month ago issued an order to land office officials not to permit public inspection of cancellation dockets. Reference is made, of course, to the cancellation of land entries, or homestead entries, in cases where the settler or entryman fails to comply with the law and is forced to relinquish any claim to the land. Upon representations made by Senator Millard and Representative Kinkaid, the commissioner of general land office, remonstrating against his action, he today wrote a letter to Senator Millard as follows:

After careful consideration it was decided that the interest of good administration, as well as that of the general public, would be subserved by maintaining a cancellation docket a public record, open to inspection at all times, and permitting the cancellation of entries to be made as desired. The enclosed circular of instructions to that effect has been sent to all registrars and receivers.

Docket to Be Open to Public

The circular directs that cancellation records be kept on the counter of local land offices at all times, open to the inspection of the public, and all cancellations ordered made during the day before the order of the general land office, must be immediately entered on the cancellation record and also upon tract books and plats. This order will be of an immense advantage to homesteaders, enabling them to relocate upon homestead claims, which in many instances are completely excellent, and in some cases well improved.

The joint resolution extending the time for the opening of the Shoshone Indian reservation to settlement from June 15 to August 15 passed the senate today and has gone to the president for approval.

Representative Kinkaid today secured the consent of the senate to a bill for the examination at his home of Philip King, an old soldier residing in Arcadia, Valley county, Neb. Mr. King is seeking an increase in pension, but is so feeble that he is unable to travel to be examined by the pension examining surgeons, and the pension examining board has been at his home without additional expense to him.

E. A. Cudahy and wife of Omaha are in Washington. They spent the day at the capitol, and were in the house private gallery when the vote on the sidewalk bill was taken. Later they crossed to the senate side and were placed in the private gallery there by Senator Millard, who later entertained them and Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Congressman Kennedy, at luncheon. Mr. Cudahy is in Washington enroute to New York.

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SNOWSLIDE NEAR GRANITE, COLO.

Half Dozen Men Reported Killed in Winfield and Clear Creek Districts.

GRANITE, Colo., March 22.—An enormous snowslide came down last evening in the Winfield and Clear Creek mining districts. It is reported that at least six dozen men among the dead is Harry Winchcomb, the pioneer prospector and mining man of Chaffee county. A relief party was organized here by James Ball and has gone to the scene of the disaster. The news of the slide was brought to town by a courier.

DURANGO, Colo., March 22.—The snow blockade which has existed uninterruptedly on the southern line of the Denver & Rio Grande since March 11 was broken today by the arrival of a through train from Denver.

Blockade conditions on the Rio Grande Southern and the Silverton branch of the Denver & Rio Grande were broken today and train service between Durango and Telluride will not be restored for several days.

After being snowbound for twelve days on the lofty summit of Cumbre pass, at the crest of the San Juan range, fifty miles from the nearest railway station, fifty passengers arrived in Alamosa, in the heart of the San Luis valley.

The train left Durango March 10 and after it became stalled the snow continued falling day after day until it lay on the level higher than the smokestack of the locomotive.

Railroad employees carried provisions to the imprisoned passengers by climbing the mountains on snowshoes and they were made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. Owing to the high altitude several passengers became sick.

The rotary plow penetrated to the train last night and this morning the fire was again started in the frozen engine and the journey made to Alamosa.

CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON

Letter Written by John A. McCall Says It Was Agreed to Keep Disbursements Secret.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A letter which former President John A. McCall of the New York Life wrote the day before his death, in which he stated the conditions under which he employed Andrew Hamilton as executive representative of that company, was made public today. It was directed to Alexander E. Orr, president of the New York Life company, and dated Feb. 10, 1905. The letter is as follows:

My Dear Mr. Orr: I am conscious that I have but a slight chance to recover, and I am desirous that you and the company officials through you shall have no doubt of the nature and character of the employment of Andrew Hamilton, if I am here to be heard when the time comes to make it known. He was employed by me to act as executive representative of the company, especially in matters of taxation and legislation in the United States and other countries affecting the company's interests.

He refused to accept the duty unless it was made confidential and secret, and that no accounting of money advanced to him should be made to the company.

I told him that this condition he would impose as an absolute one, and unless it was accepted he would not undertake the duty. Whether my attitude was legal or not will be left for others to say. I believed it was, and I was justified in my belief.

He was to act, and that the interests of the company and the policyholders demanded steps of this nature be taken, but aside from the main reason for my present writing is, that there may remain no doubt as to the nature and character of the employment of Andrew Hamilton, my retainer and contract.

JOHN A. MCCALL.

Directly in the rear of the casket are the battle flags of the old first regiment, later and torn, silent witnesses to many a magnificent charge. At the head and foot of the casket are stacked arms, while across it is the broken sword of the grand old soldier.

The body is dressed in black, a favorite dress of the veteran general, and across the left arm is entwined the flag, while in the lapel of the coat is the beloved Grand Army of the Republic button.

Short Funeral Service

Previous to bringing the body to the state house a very brief song and prayer service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. McCallin, with whom General Thayer made his home. The prayer was by Rev. Mr. J. H. Fisher, pastor of the First Methodist church. Then a detachment from the Grand Army of the Republic, Farragut post, took charge of the remains and brought them to representative hall.

Pathetic, indeed, was the spectacle when the old soldier reached the state house for the third time. After overlooking the judge and the jury which tried him, declaring that he had not been tried fairly, and that many of his countrymen who had committed murder in this country had escaped the gallows, he suddenly drew an iron bar from the leg of his trousers and made a break for freedom. After overpowering the state supreme court for a while, he was severely injured. Ten minutes later, while being removed to the jail he made another break and was overpowered only after another officer had been severely hurt. Since that time he has constantly been guarded and has been allowed only a mattress in his cell. Even after that he was not permitted getting another reprieve, but was unsuccessful in getting the verdict set aside. He was sentenced to death for the fourth time on the third day of this month. A last effort to save the condemned man was made when his counsel applied to the United States supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus. The application was denied by the court yesterday. In all of his efforts to gain his freedom by means of the law, Marmo had the support, both moral and financial, of a large number of the Italian residents of the community in which he had lived.

ROYAL ARCANUM IS ENJOINED

Frank Z. Wilcox Will Hold Place in Order Until Case is Determined.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 22.—Frank Z. Wilcox, who is one of the leaders of the opposition to the increased rates of the Royal Arcanum, and who was recently expelled by Supreme Regent Howard C. Wiggin of Rome, on findings of a committee of the supreme council after trial, has secured an injunction, the effect of which is to give him all privileges of membership in the order, pending the final determination of a suit brought by him against the supreme council for reinstatement.

The injunction forbids the publication of the proceedings before the trial committee, which were to have been published in the April Bulletin, the organ of the order.

FRANK LIVELY IS AT HOME

Colorado Telegraph Operator Will Return from Kentucky to Testify in Case.

DENVER, March 22.—Frank Lively, the Denver & Rio Grande operator whose failure to deliver a train order last Friday morning was the cause of the disastrous collision at Adobe, arrived at his home at Mansfield, Ky., last evening, according to a dispatch received here today from Louisville.

Lively is reported to have expressed willingness to return to this state and tell all he knows concerning the cause of the accident. Sheriff Ewert of Fremont county will take steps at once to secure Lively's attendance at the inquest when the coroner's jury reassembles next Monday.

OMAHA HONORED AT VASSAR

Nathalie Merriam Selected as One of Sophomores to Carry Dais

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Nathalie Merriam of Omaha is one of five western girls named among the twenty Vassar sophomores to carry the daisy chain in June. High scholarship and personal beauty are attributes requisite for the appointment.

MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR REPLIES TO MR. PROUTY'S SPEECH IN BOSTON

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MOURN FOR GENERAL THAYER

Nebraskans Pay Tribute to Dead Leader in Peace and War.

BODY LIES IN STATE AT THE CAPITOL

All Plans Completed for Funeral Today, When Military Honors Will Be Given with Civic Eulogiums.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 22.—(Special.)—Nebraska today is paying a tribute to the memory of General John M. Thayer. The body of the beloved soldier-statesman lies in state in representative hall, where it was placed at 11 o'clock this morning, and all day a throng of citizens from Lincoln and elsewhere has been passing by the casket and looking for a last time upon the familiar features of the dead general. In the office of the adjutant general and in the office of the adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic have been gathered all day old comrades of the dead soldier. They are living over the stirring times when they were led to victory by the one who today lies in death's chamber above.

As soon as the body reached the state house and was placed in the hall, the supreme court took a recess and in a body Chief Justice Sedgwick, Judge Barnes and Judge Letton marched into the death chamber and paid their respects to a great man.

This was the signal for all state offices to close, and all state business will be suspended until tomorrow after the funeral and burial.

Where the Casket Rests

Representative hall has been fittingly decorated as a temporary resting place for the dead soldier. Across the end of the room, forming a background, is suspended a great American flag. The speaker's station and the railing around it is covered with flags entwined with which are broad strips of mourning. The casket, reposing upon a gold-covered funeral car, is directly in front of the speaker's station. The casket is of broadcloth with gold and ebony trimmings, and across the top is a silver plate bearing the inscription: