

Country Faces Probable Tieup in Coal Industry

Operators Planning to Await Time When Miners Will Be Willing to Accept Wage Reduction.

By HOLLAND. The coal miners who are members of the miners' unions have decided to strike. The country should therefore be prepared for an announcement on April 1 that the miners have quit work and will probably maintain the attitude of strikers for at least three months.

The American people are now paying exorbitant prices for coal. These excessive charges for coal are in no small measure responsible for whatever depression is in industry continues. The operators are certain that they can make the situation more profitable by making a profit on the fact that the excessive cost of coal is a large amount of the abnormal wages which the miners have been receiving and on which they will not accept a reduction.

First in Importance. The impression in New York has almost reached conviction that the coal proposition will be either abandoned or that the contemplated measure will be postponed until a more favorable situation is reached.

Therefore this disturbing contingency is probably out of the way, at least until the government has decided on supporting a bonus measure which would give payment of a large amount of money. Therefore industrial and business leaders are now of the opinion that the coal situation will be greatly improved if the American people are not so sympathetically with the miners as to demand a reasonable reduction of wages should be.

If coal can be marketed at prices which compare well with those which were maintained before the war then another influence which will aid greatly in the restoration of industrial prosperity will have been secured. There are many indications which show that business and industry generally has begun and will be continued if the coal situation is adjusted until normal conditions are restored.

New Industrial Barometer. Andrew Carnegie used to say that the steel industry is a barometer of trade and business in the United States. But of late the depression has so affected there is today an excellent trade and industry barometer which is indicated by the reports which are made by the National Cash Register company of Dayton, O.

Well Bred Hogs Bring Top Price for Spencer Farmer. A choice load of hogs that brought the top price of \$9.90 a hundred were brought in by C. A. Brownfield of Spencer. This is the first shipment Mr. Brownfield has had on the Omaha market and he said he was highly pleased over the prices he received.

Callaway to Vote on Bonds for New School Building. Callaway, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—A special school election will be held here February 24 to vote on bonds to build an additional school building. The proposed building will be 70x80 feet, two stories and a basement. There will be room for 171 additional high school pupils.

Anselmo Family Nearly Overcome by Coal Gas. Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—Coal gas from a hard coal burner came very near causing the death of Mrs. Tony Kinship and family residing near Anselmo. Mrs. Kinship was awakened and managed to reach the door and pull it open. Other members of the family required the services of a physician.

Lutheran Church Holds Conference in Beatrice. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—About 25 delegates arrived in the city to attend the conference being held at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church for the purpose of consolidating three synods of the church. The meeting will close Thursday afternoon.

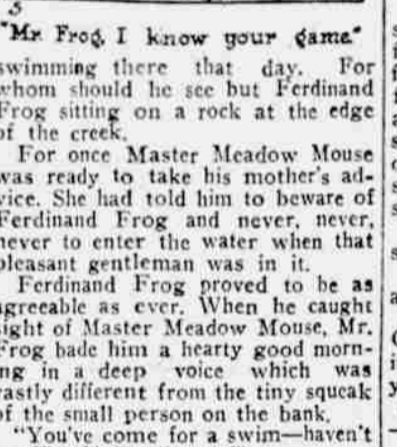
THE GUMPS---

SEE IT IN COLORS IN THE SUNDAY BEE



OH—A LETTER FROM AUNT MARTHA—SHE'S COMING IN TOMORROW—ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL—I HOPE UNCLE BIM WILL LIKE HER—

CHAPTER V. Mr. Frog Insists. Master Meadow Mouse had come to Black Creek to enjoy his first swim in its dark, sluggish water. But when he arrived on the bank he changed his mind about



swimming there that day. For whom should he see but Ferdinand Frog sitting on a rock at the edge of the creek.

For once Master Meadow Mouse was ready to take his mother's advice. She had told him to beware of Ferdinand Frog and never, never, never to enter the water when that pleasant gentleman was in it.

Master Meadow Mouse admitted that he had intended to swim. But he explained that the water looked wetter than usual and he thought he'd wait till another day. "Besides," he added, "the sun has gone under a cloud and my suit wouldn't dry quickly enough."

Parents' Problems. How can girls of high school age be taught the difference between good and bad taste in dressing? Discover which one of your daughter's friends dresses in particularly good taste. Invite her to the house often, and frequently discuss with her the question of clothes.

Liverpool Grain. Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Closing—Wheat—No. 2 red winter, 100 lbs., 10.10; No. 1 red winter, 100 lbs., 10.15; No. 3 red winter, 100 lbs., 10.10; No. 4 red winter, 100 lbs., 10.05.

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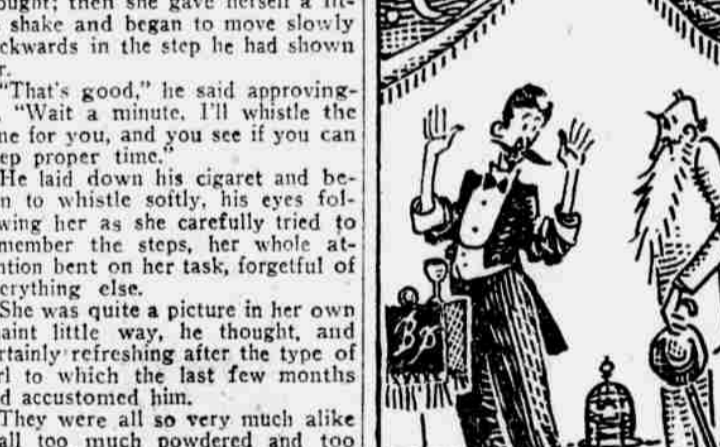


WE MUST TAKE HER OUT A LOT AND WHATEVER UNCLE BIM—I DO HOPE HE LIKES HER—WOULDN'T IT BE A WONDERFUL MATCH? SHE'S JUST THE KIND OF WOMAN HE SHOULD MARRY—SHE'S JUST 42 YEARS OLD—MAYBE YOUNG, BUT NOT OLD—AND SUCH A HOUSEKEEPER—

his and drew her back to the chair. "Not feeling giddy?" he asked. "Oh, no. She drew her hand from his and sank back against the cushions. "I could dance all night," she said.

There was a little silence; Royston was looking into the ballroom through the half-closed door. "And now?" he asked.

With a little practice you will dance beautifully," he said rather constrainedly. (Continued in The Bee tomorrow)



disappear that was brought up by the audience, but Luke Mathews called his hand by appearing on the stage with a case of rheumatism of long standing.

St. Joseph Live Stock. St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; market steady; best beef, \$11.50; best steer, \$10.50; best cow, \$9.50; best heifer, \$8.50.

Winnipeg Wheat. Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—Opening—Wheat, May, \$1.45 to \$1.47; July, \$1.35 to \$1.37; September, \$1.25 to \$1.27; December, \$1.15 to \$1.17.

Drawn for The Bee by Sidney Smith



THERE SHE IS—AUNT MARTHA—FAT AND FORTY-TWO—WHEN SHE UNLACES IT'S JUST LIKE CUTTING THE WIRE ON A BALE OF HAY—

Market News of the Day. Omaha Produce. Live Stock. Kansas City Live Stock. Receipts and disposition of livestock at the Union stock yards, Omaha, Neb., for the hours ending at 2 p. m. February 22, 1922.

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