STRIKE POSTPONED

Anthracite Miners and Owners Confer with Peacemakers.

At a Meeting in New York Operators Declare that They Cannot Grant the Demands for a Higher Wage Scale and an Eight Hour Work Day.

New York, March 23 .- Mine workers and mine owners of the anthra-cite fields debated their differences for four hours yesterday in a confer-ence arranged by the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation, but the meeting was without result save that the workers agreed not to strike on April 1 as decreed at the Shamokin convention. There is to be further friendly discussion between the two interests and Senator Hanna, as chairman of the industrial department of the federation, was empowered to call another conference any favorable time within the next

The workers asked for an increase in pay, a shortening of the working day to eight hours and the adoption of a scale for the entire district. The operators declined to grant the de-mands as to time and pay and re-fused to permit the complete union-

ization of their properties. The presidents of the coal com-panies outlined three propositions and said that under no circumstances would they recede. Those proposi-tions were as follows:

"First —There should be no distinction between union and non-union men.

'Second-That the officials of the companies would meet committees consisting of employes to discuss and adjust all grievances. The members of the committees must be persons in the employ of the companies, but the matter of their employment would not be inquired into, either as to their eligion, politics or membership in labor unions.

"Third-That the companies must be prepared to meet the market re-quirements and that the output of the mines must be maintained at their productive capacity and in no way be interfered with." way be interfered with.

AGREES TO SURRENDER.

An Insurgent Leader in Samar Island n insurgent Leader in Samar asiand Promises to Quit Fighting-Other Philippine News. Manila, March 28.—Gen. Smith, who

is in command of the American forces on the island of Samar, had a three hours' interview, Wednesday, with the insurgent general Guevarra and several officers of his command. Guevarra succeeded Gen. Lukban as in surgent leader in Samar and has sig-nified his intention of surrendering to the American authorities. It was arranged between Smith and Gue-varra that the latter, with the entire force under his command and all their rifles, would surrender April 15. The serviceable rifles to be turned over number 250; of these 125 are Krag-Jorgensens

At the trial by court-martial of Maj. Waller, of the Marine Corps, for the execution without the trial of the execution without the trial of mattrees on Samar Island, a native scont by the name of Smoke testified to the existence of a plot among the native leaders of the Waller expedi-tion to murder Maj. Waller and Lieut. Williams.

It is believed that the cholera here has abated. The cases recorded yes-terday are of a milder form and Americans here have ceased to be alarmed concerning the outbreak. The disease has been entirely con-

fined to natives and Chinamen. According to yesterday's statement of the medical authorities there have been, since the beginning of the out-break, 67 cases of cholera and 48 deaths from the disease.

MAIL POUCH ROBBED.

A Package Containing \$3,000 Disapears While in Transit from Milwaukee to a Michigan Town. Iron Mountain, Mich., March 98.

Although the postal inspectors have been working on the case for several days, no clue has been found to the disappearance of a \$3,000 money

THEIR TRADE IS FADING. HEAVY RAINFALL. Liquor Dealers Are Planning an Anti-

to wage war against the prohibition movement and to try to show that "prohibition laws are ineffectual." The association will be a national organization. It will have its head-quarters at Louisville and will be sup-ported by a fund to which the dis-tilling and liquor jobbing interests of the entire country are expected to

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tion will have unlimited financial

backing, for representatives of the trade everywhere are taking a deep

interest in the movement and already

have authorized the promoters of the organization to call on them for funds. The money will be used in employing speakers to conduct cam-paigns in states where the prohibi-ligible are actempting in distribution

tionists are strong; in distributing printed matter; in employing statis-ticians and writers on economic sub-jects and anti-prohibition arguments

Stops will be taken to hold a na-

tional convention of liquor men,

which a permanent organization will

A prominent distiller, discussing

A prominent distinct, discussing the meeting, said: "The trade is clamoring for the organization and there is apparently little doubt of its success. The entire trade of the country will be combined on a cam-

paign of education. "The special aim of the organiza-

tion will be to show the people in some states, where the prohibition movement is especially strong, the

fallacy of their position. At present a prohibition movement is sweeping over the southwest and liquor inter-

over the southwest and inducrified over the southwest and inducrified and Mansas prohibition is also strong. We want to show these pople with speakers and literature, that in passing prohibition measures they only reduce their revenue and do not benefit their states."

A TERRIFIC DELUGE.

Many Sections of Mississippi Suffer

from a Bownpour of Rain.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 28.—Nearly eight inches of rainfall in the past 24 hours have almost isolated Vicks-

burg so far as railway traffic and wire communication are concerned. Not a train on the Yazoo & Missis-

sippi Walley road has entered or left

the city since Wednesday night. A passenger train from New Orleans

succeeded in getting only as far as Port Gibson, 25 miles south, where it is still held, the tracks south of that

point for two miles being washed

away. In this city the damage will amount

to thousands of dollars. Many stores and residences in the eastern section have been flooded to a depth of sev-

eral feet. Streets are washed out and

many bridges undermined. At the National cemetery many terraces were cut to pieces and the fine steel bridge across Mint Springs bayou, built by the government five years ago, is on the point of collapse, and all traffic across it has been stormed

At Yazoo City the greater part of the town is flooded and many build-

ings have been undermined and wash-

Ings have been undermined and wash-outs are reported at many points on the railroad near there. In east Mississippi the downpour has been terrific, all the creeks are roaring torrents and much damage

Floods in North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D., March 28.—ihe tie-up of the Northern Pacific road at McKenzie is complete. Water covers the track to a depth of several fect for a distance of two miles. It rose seven inches in a night and with a high wind is washing the roadbed hadly. Attemnts to transfer meson

badly. Attempts to transfer passen-gers from east to westbound **trains**

were abandoned, the mud being so

deep that teams could make no pro-gress. Settlers on the low land have

gress. Settlers on the low land have been forced to abandon their houses.

has been done.

It is understood that the organiza-

contribute.

particularly.

Liquor Dealers Are Planning an Atti-Prohibition Crusade. Louisville, Ky., March 28.—A meet-ing of representatives of Louisville whisky interests—manufacturing and Mississippi Suffers from Flood and Storm. jobbing—was held here Thursday to revive the National Protective association, organized in Chicago in 1886 to wage war against the prohibition

Tornado Strikes Tupelo--Enormous Loss to Hailroads, Farms and Several Towns Reported--Inhabitants Arc Driven from Their Homes.

New Albany, Miss., March 29 .- The rainfall for the last 24 hours has been extraordinary. The water in Talla-hatchie river rose five feet last night, washing away the long bridge at the end of town. Water has risen to the lofts of a dozen houses and inhabitants are on their roofs awaiting boats which are being secured for their resuce. Trains have been aban-doned. Thousands of dollars' damage has been done in this county and the waters are still rising.

Tupelo, Miss., March 29.—A terrific rain, wind and electrical storm passed through Tupelo and neighbor-ing country Friday. It approached rapidly from the west and did con-siderable damage in the town. The wind was terrific and a blinding sheet wind was terrific and a blinding sheet wind was terrine and a binding sheet of rain accompanied it. For several minutes in the height of the storm nothing but flying debris could be seen. Plate glass windows, chimneys and many trees were blown down. Seventy-five negro cabins and a negro church, which had just been com-pleted, were blown down.

Meridian, Miss., March 29.—Ele en inches of rain have fallen during the past 48 hours. The streams are raging, many farms are under water, bridges have been washed away and railway traffic is at a standstill. The wreck of the Alabama Southern freight near York, due to the wash-ing out of the roadbed has completely suspended travel on that road be Meridian and Selma.

Meridian is entirely cut off from the outside world, except that two West-ern Union wires are still in operation, and not a train is moving within 50 miles of the city. A fast freight on the Northwestern railroad ran into six feet of water and the crew is in danger of being swept away. Efforts to reach the train by boats have been futile, owing to the swift current. The floods are general throughout south Mississippi, doing a large

amount of damage.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Easter Trade Was the Largest Ever Known in This Country.

New York, March 29.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: Favorable weather greatly facilitated Easter retail trade, the volume of transactions in all lines of wearing apparel being of exceptional magnitude. Activity was by no means re-stricted to the specialties, however, the general distribution of merchanthe general distribution of merchan-dise exceeding that of previous sea-sons, with prices well maintained. A distinct evidence of the vigor of legit-imate trade is found in the decline of only 21.4 per cent. in bank exchanges at New York, notwithstanding the fand that transactions at the acoust oxfact that transactions at the stock exchange were not more than a third of those in the corresponding week last year, while at other leading cities clearings exhibited a gain of 9.8 per cent. over last year.

Demands for an eight-hour day after May 1 by the blast furnace men was the most disturbing feature in the iron and steel industry and this is not eausing much alarm as an is not causing much alarm, as an agreement will probably be reached during the intervening month. Pro-duction is now beyond all previous records and the movement of coke is ample, although the early opening of lake navigation may withdraw some of the transporting facilities which cannot well be spared. Buying has been notably active in bars for imple-Buying ment makers, and producers have sold their entire output so far ahead that new business is not sought. A severe reaction occurred in cot-ton, due entirely to the excessive speculative purchases which made the market topheavy. Meats again ad-vanced in the face of easier grain, a helpful influence being the largest rder ever place

THE STRIKE FEVER.

It Seems to be Rampant Among the

Lowell, Mass., March 29.—That the 16,000 employes of the seven cotton manufacturing corporations of this city who have demanded an advance of 10 per cent, in wages will strike on next Monday or will be locked out, unless a settlement is reached, be-came apparent Friday when the agents of all the cotton mills caused to be posted on the gates notices in-forming the operatives that after to-day the mills would be closed until further notice.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 29 .- The cotton mill situation in Rhode Island s causing much concern on the part of the manufacturers as well as the mill operatives. The Rhode Island Mule Spinners' association is the only organization of cotton operatives which has requested the manufactur-ers to advance wages and no definite really has been given reply has been given.

Fall River, Mass., March 29.—About 300 operatives of Globe yarn mills Nos. 1 and 2 are out on strike. These mills are owned by the New England Cotton Yarn Co., which did not enter into the recent agreement among the local mills to advance wages 10 The operatives demand the increase

President Tansey and Seretary Hib-bert, of the United Textile Workers of America, stated Friday that no meeting of the executive or emer-gency committees of that body has been called to take action upon the labor situation at Lowell. labor situation at Lowell.

Secretary O'Donnell, of the National Spinners' association, was questioned as to the probable action of the national con mittee in Boston towards the Lowen strike. He said towards the Lowell strike. He said that the national body is organized under similar ideas as the United Tex-tile Workers, and likewise it debars local unions from national support and from levying assessments on its members.

Bedford, Mass., March 29.-New The mill operatives in this city have been granted an advance of 10 per cent. in wages, the advance to take effect April 7.

Augusta, Ga., March 29.—At a meet-ing of the King cotton mill operatives Thursday it was decided to make **a** demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages on April 7.

ENTIRELY FALSE.

Abner McKinley's Partner Denies the Bribery Story–Denmark Repudiates Capt. Christmas,

New York, March 29.—Wilbur C. Brown, partner of Abner McKinley, whose name was mentioned in connection with the Christmas charge made public in congress yesterday, has sent the following letter to Representative Dalzell, chairman of the nvestigating committee: "Dear Sir nvestigating committee: "Dear Sir -The papers contain extracts read in congress from charges made by one Walter Christmas in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies. So far as these charges re-late to Abner McKinley and myself, they are maliciously false in every perticular." Washington, March 29 .- The state

Washington, March 22,-110 state department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the Danish government the charges against the integrity of American statesmen pre-ferred by Capt. Garistmas and brought to the attention of the house of normagnatives. The department of representatives. The department regards the charges as unworthy its attention by reason of insufficient evidence and obvious error in state-

ment of alleged facts. ment of alleged facts. Copenhagen, March 29.—The Christmas scandal is not discussed here, nor are the facts in the case published in Copenhagen. Denmark, however, has heard from both Capt. Christmas and Niels Gron, who also has claimed to have acted as a Danish has claimed to have acted as a Danish agent in ngotiating the sale of the Danish West Indies. Each claimed **a** commission; but the government has refused to recognize either of them, declaring that neither was ever con-mected with the negotiations in the clickter docrare. slightest degree.

Evans Offers His Resignation. Washington, March 29 .- A letter

AN AFRICAN SHRINE. WHERE DOCTORS FAIL

"Long Ju-Ju," Mecca of the Slaves To Cure Woman's Ills, Lydia E. of Fetichism.

Gruesome Place Where Hundreds of Human Lives Are Sacrificed Every Year—Mysteries of the Retreat Revealed.

be banished from the land and the ings to the spirits and journey in res-Ju-Ju rites.

out of the interior from a correspondent with the Aro expedition. It is estimated that every year 500 pil-grims journey to the sacred spot to receive the fetich decree and advice which is vouchsafed to them by recognized powers. To most of them it is a dear experience. About 50 of them are sacrificed annually in order that their skulls may be offered to the gods, while fully 200 people are

western Africa to the curiously inclined explorer. On account of its sacred holdings it is closely guarded by the natives, and it is by no means easy of access, even when the traveler is accompanied by an experienced and licensed guide. The utmost secrecy is observed in approaching its en-trance. In addition to the difficulties the conducting of a visitor to the Ju-Ju is a somewhat lengthy process. When he arrives in the immediate vicinity of the uncanny spot he is led by a circuitous route and finally is

The approach to the Ju-Ju is through dense bush, which gradual-ly becomes thicker and thicker, until the entrance is reached. The Ju-Ju



Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound Succeeds. Mrs. Pauline

" DEAR MRS. PINKHAM : -Soon after

Judson Writes:

MRS. PAULINE JUDSON, Secretary of Schermerhorn Golf Club, Brooklyn, New York.

Brooklyn, New York. four months, when my husband became impatient because I grew worse instead of better, and in speaking to the drug-gist he advised him to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash. How I wish I had taken that at first; it would have saved me weeks of suffering. It took three long months to restore me, but it is a happy relief, and we are both most grateful to you. Your Compound has brought joy to our home and health to me."—Ms. PAULINE JUNSON, 47 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. \$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine. \$5000 forfeit if above testimonial le not genuine. It would seem by this state-ment that women would save time and much sickness if they would get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and also write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for special ad-vice. It is free and always helps.

THE BEST

WATERPROOF CLOTHING IN THE WORLD BEARS THIS TRADE MARK marched in backwards. then the THI Aster THE ISLAND ALTAR (Made from Many Trade Guns and Topped with Skulls.) is an oval-shaped pit 70 feet deep, 60 yards long, and 50 yards wide. In entering the visitor climbs down the In

precipitous sides of rock into a nar-row gorge and into running water. The water gushes forth from the solid rock in two large streams, which unite below a small island, on which are two altars, one made from many trade guns stuck muzzle downwards in the ground and topped with human skulls. The other is made of wood and supports more skulls, bones, feathers, blood, eggs and other votive offerings to the Ju-Ju, including the head of the last victim.

Over the rock from which the running water springs is a roof of hu-man skulls with a curtain, the top part of which is composed of clothes and the lower part of native matening th e rock and hanging just short of the water's edge. The lower portions of the rock composing the other sides of this crater are draped with mats only. The sacrificial functions of the Ju-Ju are performed on the left side of the entrance, opposite the island, where a flat-topped ledge has been hewn out of the rock. The waters as well as the walls and whole interior of the charnel-house abound in fetich lore. The pool is about 12 inches deep and abounds in tame, lazy-lookin, gray-colored fish, about two feet in length. These fish have long suckers and glaring yellow eyes. The roof of the Ju-Ju is formed by a mass of densely intertwined creepers. At the left of the entrance, through which the visitor is escorted, rests the greatest evidence of the devotion of the native worshipers to their belief in fetichism. There lie the skulls of scores who have been sacrificed in order that the Ju-Ju rites might be fully administered and the spirit world communicated with through material offerings. The natives in these fetich centers of West Africa believe that by venting their wrath upon human beings, animals and even inanimate objects they are enabled to worship the gods. If they are prosperous and escape what they regard as misfortune, the objects of their devotion are petted. but if the reverse is true they min ister the most excruciating punishment and cast some portion of the object in the Ju-Ju.



Textile Workers.

Fifty human lives are sacrificed every year at the "Long Ju-Ju," one of the many fetich centers that dot the jungles of central and western Africa, in order that evil spirits may wrath of the gods appeased. The "Long Ju-Ju" is one of the most notorious and most powerful meccas of the slaves of fetichism. It is here that hundreds of the superstitious natives pile up their material offerolute bands to deposit the relics of

Some interesting figures concern-ing the "Long Ju-Ju" have just come

sold into slavery. The remainder are allowed to go away free. The "Long Ju-Ju" is one of the most fascinating spots in

age, stolen from the mails while in transit from Milwaukee to this city. The package was consigned from a Chicago bank to Iron River, Mich. The packet reached Milwaukee in

safety and was put in a pouch, which could not be opened until Iron Moun-tain was reached, the registered mail being re-distributed at the latter point. The clerks at the office here noticed nothing wrong with the pouch, but when it was returned to Milwaukee, a slit in the bag showed how the money had been stolen.

Went Under a Flag of Truce.

Louisville, Ky., March 28.—The Courier-Journal says: Berry How-ard, under indictment as a principal in the murder of William Goebel, and whose trial is doeketed for the April term of the Franklin circuit court ee went to Frankfort "under a flag truce" raised by the commonwealth, and held a conference with the attorneys for the state. He went when there were rewards aggregating \$2,000 outstanding for his capture and when men were searching Harlan and Bell counties for him. Howard's expenses to and from Frankfort were paid and he was allowed time to get back home and pre pare himself to resist arrest.

A Wall from a Briton.

London, March 28 .- In an editorial this morning on the "American invasion," and the shrinkage in British investments in the United States, the Daily News says: "We are assuredly not trying to make out a case for protection or the boycotting of Amercan wares. But it is a matter of ser ious import that, while we are wasting our wealth, energies and man-hood in the South African desert, the Americans are steadily securing con-trol of our industries. It is time the trol of our industries. It is time the nation aroused itself to a sense of the gravity of its position."

All country roads are almost impas-sable and many bridges are gone. The high water all through this section is unprecendented.

A Message to Congress.

Washington, March 28.—President Roosevelt sent a message to congress yesterday calling attention to the fact that the Americans would soon evacuate Cuba, and calling attention to the necessity of establishing diplomatic and consular relations with the new republic without delay. He recommended that provision be made for an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at a salary of \$10,000 a year, a secretary of lega-tion at \$2,000 a year, and a second secretary at \$1,500 a year, and a con-sul general at Havana at \$5,000 a year.

Dowieites in Quarantine.

Dowlettes in Quarantine. Chicago, March 28.—Discovery of smallpox in the building on Michigan avenue occupied by John Alexander Dowie as a college, chapel, hotel and publication office of Leaves of Healing, has resulted in 173 Dowieites being quarantined. Even if no new eing quarantined. the disease shall develop cases these followers of Dowie and nearly a score of servants employed in the place, will not be allowed to leave it for 20 days. Three policemen guard the entrances and exits of the building.

Captured a Schooner.

Panama, Colombia, March 28 .-Great excitement was aroused here last evening by the arrival of the government gunboat Chucuito towing a schooner filled with men wearing red bands on their hats, the insignia of the revolutionists. The Chucuito met and captured the schooner off Capira. She is laden with salt and ammuni-tion for the revolutionary general Lugo, who is operating in the vicin-ity of Capira. Among the prisoners ity of Capira. Among the prisoners on board the schooner were two officers who were captured at Agua brained with Dulce. Both officers were wounded, by her side.

army.

Weakness appeared in the cereals arly in the week. Failures for the week numbered early

205 in the United States, against 206 last year, and 22 in Canade, against 29 last year.

MAN AND MONEY MISSING.

Teller of a New York Bank Disap pears-His Shortage Is \$12,500.

New York, March 29 .--- H. C. Cope land, president of Riverside bank, complained to the police yesterday that H. G. Bell, receiving teller of the concern, was missing and that an ex-amination of his accounts disclosed a shortage of \$12,500. He charged him with embezzlement of that sum and asked the police to arrest him. Bell has not been at the bank since Mondav

On that day his cash failed to balance and he was asked for an explanation. He denied that there was shortage and said that he would quit his place. He was asked to re main, but walked out. An examina-tion of his accounts was commenced at once, and it is charged that the dis covery that he had been systematholding out deposit slips was made.

Brained with an Ax. o, Tenn., March 29.—Mrs Jellico, Tenn., March 29.--Mrs. Green Older was murdered at her home at Saxton, Ky., eight miles north of Jellico, Thursday night by an unknown man who escaped. Mr. and Mrs. Older returned from church about 9 o'clock. Mrs. Older entered the house, while Mr. Older went to the hen house in the rear. A moment later he heard his wife scream and running to the front saw a man disrunning to the front saw a man dis appear. Older ran into the house and found his wife dead on the floor in a pool of blood. She had been brained with an ax which was lying

from Hon. H. Clay Evans resigning the commissionership of pensions, together with an appended statement, was made public at the White House last night. The statement appended to the letter is as follows "Mr. to the letter is as follows: "AR". Evans some months ago verbally ex-pressed his desire to resign, and finally put it in writing on March 15. The president, however, has told him that he will have to remain as commissioner, in the first place until his successor has been determined upon, and in the second place until there is some position to tender him which the president will regard as a pro-motion."

Three Killed, Six Injured.

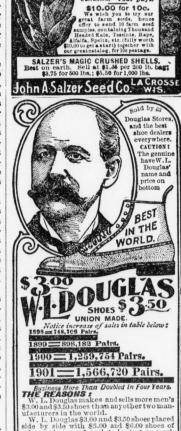
Joliet, Ill., March 29.—Three men dead and six injured is the result of a collision near Sag bridge on the Joliet & Chicago electric railroad Friday. The wreck was the result of a collision between two cars going at a rapid rate of speed. A dense fog prevented the motormen from seeing The wreck occurred about 20 rom Joliet. The cars came tohead. ahead. The wreck occurred about 20 miles from Joliet. The cars came to-gether with terrific force and were piled in chaotic state. The scene of the accident is the same spot where **a** terrible wreck occurred on the Chicago & Alton road 29 years ago, when over a score were killed.

Mining Companies Consolidate. Salt Lake, Utah, March 29.-The Daly West and Quincy mining companies, two of the largest properties in the state, are to be consolidated in the state, are to be consolidated and litigation involving millions of dollars is to cease. The combination will form the fifth largest mining company in the United States.

Began 200 Lawsuits.

Chicago, March 29.—Two hundred suits against the Chicago Union Trac-tion Co. were started yesterday by tion Co, were started yesterday by the city of Chicago for refusal to transfer passengers from one line to another without extra fare,

Bugs Eat Up a Church. Bugs are eating the First Presby-terian church of Middletown, O. The insects are of the beetle species, and bore holes in the stones of which the edifice is composed. The stones are crumbling, and many of the holes are large enough to admit a lead pencil.



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