

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 anthracite fields debated their differences for four hours yesterday in a conference arranged by the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation...

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 presidents of the coal companies outlined three propositions and said that under no circumstances would they recede.

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

"Second—That the officials of the companies would meet committees consisting of employees to discuss and adjust all grievances.

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

AGREES TO SURRENDER.

An Insurgent Leader in Samar Island 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 Guervara and several officers of his command.

It is believed that the cholera here has abated. The cases recorded yesterday are of a milder form and Americans here have ceased to be alarmed concerning the outbreak.

According to yesterday's statement of the medical authorities there have been, since the beginning of the outbreak, 67 cases of cholera and 48 deaths from the disease.

MAIL POUCH ROBBED.

A Package Containing \$3,000 Disappears While in Transit from Milwaukee to a Michigan Town.

Iron Mountain, Mich., March 28.—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 package, stolen from the mails while in transit from Milwaukee to this city.

The packet reached Milwaukee in safety and was put in a pouch, which could not be opened until Iron Mountain was reached, the registered mail being re-distributed at the latter point.

Went Under a Flag of Truce. Louisville, Ky., March 28.—The Courier-Journal says: Berry Howard, under indictment as a principal in the murder of William Goebel, and whose trial is docketed for the April term of the Franklin circuit court, once went to Frankfort "under a flag of truce" raised by the commonwealth...

Dowieites 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.

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.

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 American wares."

THEIR TRADE IS FADING.

Liquor Dealers Are Planning an Anti-Prohibition Crusade.

Louisville, Ky., March 28.—A meeting of representatives of Louisville whisky interests—manufacturing and jobbing—was held here Thursday to revive the National Protective association, organized in Chicago in 1886 to wage war against the prohibition movement and to try to show that "prohibition laws are ineffectual."

It is understood that the organization will have its headquarters at Louisville and will be supported by a fund to which the distilling and liquor jobbing interests of the entire country are expected to contribute.

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A TERRIFIC DELUGE.

Many Sections of Mississippi Suffer from a Downpour of Rain.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 28.—Nearly eight inches of rainfall in the past 24 hours have almost isolated Vicksburg so far as railway traffic and wire communication are concerned.

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 several feet.

In east Mississippi the downpour has been terrific, all the creeks are roaring torrents and much damage has been done.

Floods in North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D., March 28.—The tie-up of the Northern Pacific road at McKenzie is complete. Water covers the track to a depth of several feet for a distance of two miles.

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.

Failure for the week numbered 205 in the United States, against 268 last year, and 22 in Canada, against 29 last year.

HEAVY RAINFALL.

Mississippi Suffers from Flood and Storm.

Tornado Strikes Tupelo—Enormous Loss to Railroads, Farms and Several Towns Reported—Inhabitants Are Driven from Their Homes.

New Albany, Miss., March 29.—The rainfall for the last 24 hours has been extraordinary. The water in Tallahatchie river rose five feet last night, washing away the long bridge at the end of town.

Tupelo, Miss., March 29.—A terrific rain, wind and electrical storm passed through Tupelo and neighboring country Friday. It approached rapidly from the west and did considerable damage in the town.

Meridian, Miss., March 29.—Eleven 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 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.

Demand 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 causing much alarm, as an agreement will probably be reached during the intervening month.

A severe reaction occurred in cotton, due entirely to the excessive speculative purchases which made the market top-heavy.

Weakness appeared in the cereals early in the week.

MAN AND MONEY MISSING.

Teller of a New York Bank Disappears—His Shortage Is \$12,500.

New York, March 29.—H. C. Copeland, president of Riverside bank, complained to the police yesterday that H. G. Bell, receiving teller of the concern, was missing and that an examination of his accounts disclosed a shortage of \$12,500.

On that day his cash failed to balance and he was asked for an explanation. He denied that there was any shortage and said that he would quit his place.

Brained with an Ax.

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.

THE STRIKE FEVER.

It Seems to be Rampant Among the Textile Workers.

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, became apparent Friday when the agents of all the cotton mills caused to be posted on the gates notices informing the operatives that after today the mills would be closed until further notice.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 29.—The cotton mill situation in Rhode Island is causing much concern on the part of the manufacturers as well as the mill operatives.

Fall River, Mass., March 29.—About 300 operatives of Globe yarn mills Nos. 1 and 2 are out on strike.

Secretary O'Donnell, of the National Spinners' association, was questioned as to the probable action of the national committee in Boston towards the Lowell strike.

New Bedford, Mass., March 29.—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 meeting 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 Repeals 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 investigating 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."

Washington, March 29.—The state department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the Danish government the charges against the integrity of American statesmen preferred by Capt. Christmas and brought to the attention of the house of representatives.

Washington, March 29.—A letter from Hon. H. Clay Evans resigning the commissionership of pensions, together with an appended statement, was made public at the White House last night.

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.

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 and litigation involving millions of dollars is to cease.

Began 200 Lawsuits.

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

AN AFRICAN SHRINE.

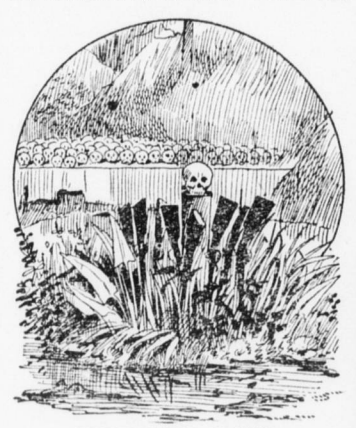
"Long Ju-Ju," Mecca of the Slaves of Fetichism.

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

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 be banished from the land and the wrath of the gods appeased.

Some interesting figures concerning the "Long Ju-Ju" have just come out of the interior from a correspondent with the Aro expedition. It is estimated that every year 500 pilgrims journey to the sacred spot to receive the fetich decree and advice which is vouchsafed to them by the recognized powers.

The approach to the Ju-Ju is through dense bush, which gradually becomes thicker and thicker, until the entrance is reached. The Ju-Ju is an oval-shaped pit 70 feet deep, 60 yards long, and 50 yards wide.



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 precipitous sides of rock into a narrow gorge and into running water.

Over the rock from which the running water springs is a roof of human skulls with a curtain, the top part of which is composed of clothes and the lower part of native matting, screening the rock and hanging just short of the water's edge.

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 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.

Bugs Ent Up a Church. Bugs are eating the First Presbyterian church of Middletown, O. The insects are of the beetle species, and bore holes in the stones of which the edifice is composed.

WHERE DOCTORS FAIL

To Cure Woman's Ills, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds. Mrs. Pauline Judson Writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Soon after my marriage two years ago I found myself in constant pain. The doctor said my womb was turned, and this caused the pain with considerable inflammation. He prescribed for me for



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

four months, when my husband became impatient because I grew worse instead of better, and in speaking to the druggist he advised him to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash.

Advertisement for Tower's Fish Brand Waterproof Clothing. It features an illustration of a fish and text describing the product as the best in the world, made in black or green, and available from A.J. Tower Co. in Boston, Mass.

SALZER'S SEEDS

Advertisement for Salzer's Magic Crushed Shells. It lists various types of seeds and their benefits, such as Bearless Barley, Speltz, and Victoria Rape. The advertisement includes contact information for John A. Salzer Seed Co. in Wisconsin.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes. It features a portrait of W.L. Douglas and text describing his shoes as the best in the world, with prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$3.50. It also mentions that his business has doubled in four years.