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## CHILD LABOR LAWS

They Seem to be Disregarded in Vicinity of Scranton, Pa.

**Non-Union Men Testify—They Were Victims of Mob Violence, Their Relatives Were Boycotted and Their Lives Made Miserable by the Strikers.**

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 16.—The mine workers, after occupying 19 days in presenting about 160 witnesses practically closed their case before the anthracite coal strike commission yesterday.

Several little girls employed in silk mills were called to the witness stand and as a result Chairman Gray plainly gave his opinion of parents who send their children to work at a tender age. The first girl called was only 11 years old and she had to go to work because her father had been hurt in the mines. She said she worked from 7 a. m. until 6 p. m. for \$2 a week.

Another 13-year-old girl said she worked all night in the silk mill at Dunmore for 66 cents a night.

Judge Gray here inquired as to the law in Pennsylvania regarding child labor at night. One statute was found which partially covered the case, and the chairman remarked that it seemed as though the statutes of Pennsylvania in this part of the state do not seem to bother any one.

After hearing all girl witnesses the miners put a breaker boy on the stand. He is 14 years old and has a 10-year-old brother working in the breaker of the Red Ash Company at Mount Carmel.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—Notwithstanding that the mine workers announced Monday that they had closed their case with the exception of calling one more witness, the two sessions of the strike commission yesterday were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men. They were John C. Haddock, an individual operator; Rev. Peter Roberts, who is assisting the miners, and President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers testified as an expert on trade unions. He created a sensation when he strongly implied that the coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The anthracite coal operators yesterday opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers before the strike commission and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the non-union men.

Five witnesses were produced who testified that strikers had killed one man and had seriously annoyed two other men who worked during the suspension.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—The coal strike commission yesterday listened to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the two sessions by the attorney for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man.

Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

"The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather while a street car strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify." He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced them to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper, he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

John Doran, manager of the Wilkesbarre silk mills, testified that because he would not discharge two girls who had relatives working in the mines, the 1,100 employees went on strike and stayed out eight weeks until the matter was fixed up.

These witnesses and others that were called testified that their wives were insulted on the streets, their children were beaten by other children and could not be safely sent to school; that local unions requested storekeepers to refrain from selling goods to any one related to a man working in the mines; that their houses were stoned; that they were stoned, shot at and hung in effigy and that life was generally made miserable for them and their families.

### President Baer's Statement.

New York, Dec. 17.—President Baer, of the Reading railroad, made a statement yesterday deprecating the course pursued by the independent coal operators, who it is alleged have forced the price for their coal up to \$11.50 a ton to dealers, equal to \$14 to the consumer. "Unfortunately there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads," said Mr. Baer. "If their sense of obligation to the public can not deter them from asking prohibitive prices, nothing the public or the railroads can do would be effective."

## SOLD TO THE TRUST.

The Union and Sharon Steel Plants Are Absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation—The Deal Involves Many Millions.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, announced yesterday the purchase of the Union and Sharon plants of the Union Steel Co. near Pittsburgh, the transaction involving a bond issue of \$45,000,000. Judge Gary gave out the following statement concerning the transaction:

"The finance and executive committees of the United States Steel Corporation, accompanied by the presidents and other prominent officers of the subsidiary companies of the steel corporation, recently made an inspection of the Union and Sharon steel plants now controlled by the Union Steel Co., and as a result the finance committee has purchased the same for the steel corporation on the following terms:

"These plants are located near Pittsburgh on the Monongahela river, and at Sharon, Pa., respectively; they were started some time before the formation of the United States Steel Corporation and not in opposition to it. These properties have rod, wire, nail and other works in operation as going properties; when fully completed they will have five modern blast furnaces and 25 open hearth furnaces, with capacity to manufacture 7,500 kegs of nails daily; new and modern tube mills, bar mills, tin mills, sheet mills, plate mills, etc.; they have about 5,000 acres of coking coal in the Connellsville region, besides terminal railroads in the coke region; 6,200 acres of fuel coal on the Monongahela river, limestone properties and valuable developed or mines in the Mesaba and Marquette regions containing about 40,000,000 tons of ore, two lake steamers and steel railroad cars.

"The steel corporation pays the exact cost of the manufacturing plants, to be determined by auditors appointed for the purpose. For the real estate, ore properties and the coal lands they will pay something more than the cost value, but not to exceed the present value. The stockholders of the Union and Sharon plants agree to furnish about \$10,000,000 new cash to be expended in the completion of improvements and further development of the properties in such manner as the steel corporation may determine."

### LEAPED INTO A DITCH.

An Erie Passenger Train Is Wrecked—Two Men Killed and Several Badly Injured.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Two men were killed, four badly hurt and a score or more slightly injured because a train on the Erie railroad ran away and was ditched at the Union street crossing Tuesday afternoon.

The New York and Pittsburgh limited got away from the control of the engineer several miles outside the city and came tearing down the track at terrific speed.

At Miles avenue it struck Anthony Madden, a wire drawer. The train cut him in two, and despite all the efforts of the engineer to stop, it continued on its wild career to destruction. The grade all the way into the city is a dangerous one. The C. & P. tracks cross the Erie's at Union street where the wreck happened. As the train rounded the curve, Engineer Warren H. Goss saw a C. & P. train directly across his way. He had the air on, but the terrific momentum carried him on with frightful speed. He saw a wreck was inevitable, and with a shout to his fireman to jump, he sprang from the train, receiving injuries in the fall which caused his death last night.

The next instant, his train hit the derailing switch, set for just such an emergency and the engine seemed to leap from the rails, head-first into the deep ditch, parallel with the tracks, plowing up a great hole in the bank.

The train was made up of engine, baggage car, smoking car, and day coach and was the first section of the limited. Every coach followed the engine from the track.

There were 50 passengers on the train and the first warning they had was when the crash came and their cars began to turn over.

### A Lunatic's Crime.

Lapeer, Mich., Dec. 17.—John Best, aged 28, single, a man of disordered mind, during Monday night arose from his bed and ran amuck through the house, cutting Jasper Clegg's head nearly off with a razor, dangerously wounding his own mother, wounded his sister and finished by shooting himself to death. Clegg, who was 60 years of age, boarded at the Best home. Best was committed to the insane asylum about a year ago, but six months later was discharged as cured.

### Must Pay a Special Tax.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Commissioner Yerkes, of the internal revenue bureau, has rendered a decision in which he rules that druggists and others who sell soda water drinks, claret soda, or similar beverages to which distilled spirits or any compounds thereof are added in any quantity, however small, are required to pay a special tax for retail liquor dealers, under the internal revenue laws.

### Passenger Train Wrecked.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 17.—A southbound passenger train from Cincinnati to New Orleans on the Alabama & Great Southern railroad was wrecked 70 miles south of Birmingham yesterday, a rail having been removed near a trestle which spans a small creek. The locomotive left the track and toppled into the creek. The mail, baggage and express cars and two coaches followed. Express Messenger Conner was killed. Mail Clerks Kelly and Riggs, and Fireman Darr were severely hurt. The few passengers escaped unscathed.

## THEY LACK ELASTICITY.

Comptroller of the Currency Says National Banks Should be Allowed to Issue Circulation in Excess of Value of Bonds Deposited.

New York, Dec. 19.—William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency; President Wilson, of Princeton university; Rev. Robert S. MacArthur; Maj. Gen. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the New York State Bankers' association, given at the Waldorf-Astoria, last night. Five hundred members and guests of the association were present. Comptroller Ridgely spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency," saying in part:

"The one great objection that can fairly be made to the national banking system is the lack of elasticity in the currency which is issued.

"Any satisfactory solution of our present currency problems should include some plan for the retirement of the legal tenders. I believe the bank note circulation can be greatly improved by a few quiet, conservative changes which will add to its elasticity, or rather introduce some elasticity where there is now practically none.

"I think the best plan which has been suggested for modifying our bank currency is to allow the banks to issue more than the par value of the bonds deposited. The first consideration should be to make these notes absolutely secure to the holder. The government can safely guarantee or insure the notes if protected by the bonds held for a part of their value, and in addition by a guarantee fund to be raised by a tax levied on the bank circulation."

### DEWEY'S SHIPS.

A Big Squadron Will be Within Easy Reach of Venezuela's Coast.

Washington, Dec. 19.—According to the approved plans the principal fleet ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet will rendezvous next week at the island of Trinidad, right off the coast of Venezuela and at St. Thomas near Porto Rico. Rear Admiral Higginson commanding the North Atlantic squadron, will have command of the battleship fleet at Trinidad in his flagship Kearsarge, with Rear Admiral Sumner, commanding the South Atlantic squadron on his flagship Iowa, as second in command.

The fleet at St. Thomas, which includes two battleships, will be under command of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, commanding the European squadron, on his flagship Illinois. The fleet of cruisers and smaller vessels, which will anchor at St. Kitts, will be in command of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean division, on his flagship Olympia. Although not so stated, Admiral Dewey will retain the converted cruiser Mayflower as his flagship and will spend most of the ten days' holiday at San Juan. He is now at Culebra with the bulk of his immense fleet.

### AN IMMENSE DITCH.

Will be Constructed in Order to Reclaim Thousands of Acres of Indiana Marsh Lands.

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 19.—Preliminary steps are under way in the northwestern counties of Indiana, including Laporte, Starke, Porter, Lake and Jasper, to construct what probably will be the largest artificial waterway of its kind east of the Mississippi river. When completed it will reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres of Kankakee marsh lands now regarded as worthless.

A contract has been let for the first 14 miles in Laporte and Starke counties for \$120,000. The ditch will be 80 feet wide and 16 feet deep. It is the plan of the other counties to continue the ditch to the Illinois state line, a distance of 60 miles. The cost will be about \$1,000,000.

The project has been taken up by the owners of large farms along the Kankakee. The payment is to be made by assessments on benefits derived from the ditch.

### A Strange Story.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 19.—John De Camps, 80 years old, who mysteriously disappeared from his home near Greenville, O., a year ago, has been found at Somerset, a village near here. De Camps and an elder brother owned an estate valued at \$100,000. The elder brother died and the next day a sister filed a suit in partition. Another part of the family also tried to get possession of the estate and in the litigation De Camps, it is said, was kidnapped by one faction and brought to the home of his niece, Mrs. Rogers, at Somerset. The Greenville court has been notified and an effort will be made to take De Camps back home and restore his property to him.

### A "Santita" Sues for a Divorce.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—"Santa Teresa," the young woman believed by the Yaqui Indians and many Mexicans to possess divine powers, has sued her Indian husband, G. N. Rodriguez, in the local courts for divorce. It is alleged that the marriage was forced upon the girl at the point of a revolver by her impetuous admirer, at Clifton, Ariz., June 22, 1900.

### Gen. Swayne Dies.

New York, Dec. 19.—Gen. Wager Swayne died yesterday afternoon at his residence here, of a complication of diseases. His widow, two sons and a daughter were at the deathbed.

### Boers to Come to America.

Denver, Col., Dec. 19.—Nearly 9,000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to "trek" to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is Gen. Samuel Pearson, late quartermaster general of the late South African republic, whose headquarters are in New York. Colorado friends of the Boers have been in communication with Gen. Pearson in regard to suitable lands for the settlers, and Gen. de Villiers, who is now looking over the lands, has expressed himself as very favorably impressed with the state.

## MINISTER BOWEN.

He Is Venezuela's Only Representative.

Castro Gives Him Full Power to Act—Allies Notify Venezuelans That They Are About to Blockade Six of Their Ports.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following cablegram was sent Wednesday by the navy department to Admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets:

"Send competent officer in torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to American minister."

The following cablegram also was sent to Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, now lying at La Guaira:

"Send Van Duzen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily."

It was stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American legation and is feeding them from his own table. As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a dispatch boat to keep Mr. Bowen in touch with the cable station nearest to La Guaira, which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington, in case the La Guaira cable shall be cut as an incident to the blockade.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as president of the republic and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document, Mr. Bowen may act without restriction and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Mr. Bowen.

It has been learned from an official source that the allies will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guaira of the blockade, to become effective December 20 at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona. La Guaira Dec. 19.—The German cruiser Falke, which has been anchored for the past two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, yesterday captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her mainmast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned her. This action has caused great indignation among the Venezuelans and excitement runs high at Maracaibo.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The state department has learned that a mere money payment will not meet Germany's desires. Count Quadt, the German charge, had a long interview yesterday with Secretary Hay touching Venezuela and the fact is now apparent that while money will satisfy Great Britain and Italy, Germany must have an apology. The difference between her case and that of the other powers is that the German legation at Caracas was attacked, its windows broken, the minister's sick wife terrorized and the German national honor otherwise touched in a manner that cannot be healed by money.

Touching the question of a guarantee of any obligations that may be assumed by Castro as a result of Mr. Bowen's good offices, it is suggested in official circles that, the United States being without power in the absence of legislation to assume directly any responsibility for the execution of Castro's pledges, it is still possible for the state department to give an assurance to any parties who might be induced to produce the money to pay the judgments against Castro that, when the time comes for repayment, the United States government will exercise its good offices to see that the obligations were kept. It is distinctly stated, however, that no pledge will be made on the part of the United States to forcibly collect any indebtedness of this kind.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A fact which impresses the foreign observer here is the quiet indifference of the newspapers and people toward the Venezuelan affair. Not a Berlin newspaper has a leading article on the subject and the news published is largely an abstract of what the London and New York papers are saying. The Germans appear to be astonished at the commotion in Great Britain and the United States over what is regarded here as a mere episode. Spanish-American war.

London, Dec. 19.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that Germany is supporting the claims of Belgium against Venezuela, which amount to \$1,250,000.

### Lynched.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 19.—A negro named Scott Bishop is reported to have been lynched yesterday near Marbury, Ala., 20 miles from Montgomery. Bishop, it is charged, murdered Wade Hicks, a white man.

### Upheld Common Law Marriage.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—The supreme court handed down a decision yesterday which upholds the workings of the common law marriage statutes of this state. The case was one wherein the husband declared his marriage void because it had been performed less than six months after his wife had secured a divorce from her former husband. The court declared such a marriage unlawful, but held that the common law marriage statute legalized the union, because the couple had lived together after the statutory period had elapsed.