

SUFFERINGS OF MINERS.

Pitiable Condition of Men Who Risk Life For Bread.

LIVING IN WRETCHED SQUALOR.

The Pennsylvania Legislative Committee Unearths a Condition of Affairs Which is a Disgrace to the Land of the Free.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The legislative committee that is investigating the condition of the miners of the Pittsburg district completed its second day of personal inspection among the miners yesterday. When the work was finished the members of the committee made the statement that no such suffering was ever known by them to exist before, and they are well convinced that something must be done, and at once, to alleviate the condition of the unfortunate thousands who are in the district.

The territory that was inspected was in and about the tanning, on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad, about 40 miles above Pittsburg. The miners are unable to make more than a dollar a day at the outside, and very more frequently their way for the day is from 25 to 50 cents. The greater part of these employees are foreigners, there being but ten American born families in the entire number.

Alongside the depot is a row of sheds, one story high and built of unplanned boards. The building is about 100 feet long by 12 feet deep. It is divided into three departments, for each of which the inhabitants pay \$6 per month to the company. The shed stands on posts, and a small lake of foul water covers the ground under it. In this building 100 people live. In the winter time, it is said, four of them would lie in a bed, place a cover over themselves, and as many more lay on top of them, their heads in the opposite direction. When the weather is warm enough their bed is on the floor. Bread and water forms the greater part of their food, with canned sardines and cheese occasionally as luxuries.

A little further up the stream are a number of frame buildings which answer the purpose of houses. There is absolutely no drainage, and under each house a pool of stagnant water stands the year round. All the refuse is dumped into the little stream, and a spring on one side of it is the only place for the miners and their families to secure water. There has been much sickness and a number of deaths lately, all of which are blamed on the surroundings.

After leaving the settlement in and about Banning the committee went to Jacob's Creek, about three miles below Banning, where the Darr mines of Osborne & Sager are located. The condition of the miners here is worse than anything than at the mines at Banning. The men work from three to four days a week, but the wages they receive are so small that they can scarcely manage to exist. The greater part of the miners are foreigners, with a good sprinkling of Americans, and some negroes.

The company owns the miserable hovels which shelter the inhabitants. One of the most wretched is a shed about 15 by 12 feet. For this hovel the company receives \$1 per month, and it would cost about \$25 to build it. The occupants of these houses are Peter Jones, his wife and child and eight "boarders." Where these 11 persons manage to find room enough to stretch out at night is a mystery. Inside there was a varied assortment of furniture, for the cooking, eating and sleeping is all done in one room.

"We just manage to live," said Mrs. Jones, "but if it wasn't for the boarders that we keep Peter could not make enough in the mines to keep us from starvation."

"Miner Gets More Than His Share."

Pittsburg, April 20.—Yesterday's session of the legislative committee appointed to investigate the condition of the miners in this district was devoted to hearing the operators. W. P. Dearmit, president of the New York and Cleveland Gas company, said the miners were getting 54 cents per ton and were paid for all coal mined. As regards wages the miner, he said, was getting more than his share. As an illustration, the company, on a \$1,000,000 investment, had a profit of less than 1 per cent last year.

A Brother's Murderous Revenge.

Port Gibson, L. T., April 21.—Ike Rogers, the man who captured Crawford Goldsby, alias Cherokee Bill, came to town yesterday, and had only alighted on the platform when he was shot dead by Clarence Goldsby, a brother of the desperado. Not less than 200 persons were on the depot platform when the shooting occurred, and there were 50 shots exchanged between him and the crowd before he was captured. Goldsby is about 21 years old, and has always been considered a peaceful, inoffensive boy.

The White Squadron at New York.

New York, April 21.—The white squadron arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Hampton Roads, and anchored off Tompkinsville, S. I. The vessels passed in the narrows at 6 p. m., the flagship New York leading, followed by the Maine, Amphitrite, Texas, Raleigh and Columbia. The squadron is to take part in the naval parade next Tuesday, when Grant's tomb is dedicated.

An Old Time Minstrel Dead.

New York, April 21.—Billy Birch, the old time minstrel, died at his home yesterday afternoon of paralysis of the brain and chronic Bright's disease. He had been very ill for over a month. Birch had an eventful life. He made a fortune in the minstrel business when he was one of the combination of Birch, Wambold & Backus, and lost it all in speculating in stocks. He was 65 years old.

Alleged Victories for Addicks.

Dover, Del., April 21.—The Addicks leaders here say that the administration will today announce the appointment of George Moore as postmaster at Cheswood and William Cole for the same position at Leipzig. Both are claimed to be Addicks victories. Mr. Addicks' adherents say that they will also dictate the Hartley appointment as postmaster.

AN INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

To Determine Whether a Pennsylvania Legislator Tried Extortion.

Harrisburg, April 20.—In the senate last evening Congressman Galusha A. Grow, by resolution, was invited to address the chamber. Mr. Grow made a few remarks of a general nature, and the business of the senate was then taken up. Lewis T. Derosse, ex-speaker of the house of representatives of New Jersey, was also the guest of the senate, and he, too, made a brief speech.

The senate voted on the governor's veto, by a vote of 35 to 0, the resolution providing that the legislature attend in a body the dedication of the Grant monument in New York. Both branches of the legislature passed this resolution, but the house afterwards asked the governor to withhold his signature from the resolution. Upon this ground the governor stated that he vetoed the resolution.

In the house the senate resolution calling for an inquiry into the charges that an attempt was made to extort \$50,000 from an insurance company to defeat the McQuown bill prohibiting the insuring of children under 16 years, on motion of Bliss, of Delaware, was concurred in.

Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, moved to amend the resolution to provide that the investigation be conducted exclusively by a committee of senators. The motion failed. Mr. Bliss then moved that the resolution be amended to provide that the committee be composed of five senators and three representatives, instead of three senators and five representatives. The amendment was voted down by 59 to 56.

The Eskin bill taxing direct inheritances over \$5,000 passed finally on a special order by a vote of 104 to 42.

Harrisburg, April 21.—The legislature has decided to take a day off to attend the unveiling of the Grant monument next Tuesday in New York city. Plans for the trip are being made by a joint committee of the two bodies, and will be announced during the week. The senate will adjourn tomorrow until the following Wednesday, and the house expects to get away Friday morning.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Scranton, Pa., April 19.—Frank Dambrosio, who was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, charged with killing Rocco Salvatore, at Bunker Hill, Dunmore, in November last, was sentenced by Judge Archbald on Saturday to ten years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and \$100 fine.

Pittsburg, April 21.—The grand jury yesterday brought in true bills on six counts against C. Linford Woods, of Pittsburg, and Edward T. Farrow, of Brooklyn, insurance agents, alleged to have fraudulently written \$200,000 worth of policies in the New York Mutual Reserve Fund Life association, making Woods the beneficiary. C. T. Harper, of the Mutual association, is prosecutor.

Wellsboro, Pa., April 19.—The post-office in this borough was entered by burglars early in the morning. The safe was blown open and between \$200 and \$300 in cash, postage stamps and money orders stolen. The explosion was heard by several persons, and the alarm was given at once, but no trace of the burglars has yet been obtained. It is believed to be the work of a gang of professionals.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., April 19.—A fatal explosion occurred at the stone quarries at Franklin forge, in which Charles Carbury lost his life and Workmen Leonard, Kelly and Collins were badly injured. An employe struck a match to light his pipe and carelessly tossed it aside. It fell among some dynamite near by, and almost instantly the explosion occurred, throwing the men in every direction.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 21.—Anthony Zemitis, charged with the murder of Andrew Yelsley, and who was convicted of the murder at a former trial, was granted a new trial, which was begun yesterday afternoon before Judge Savidge. Yelsley was killed in the Blackman mine about the latter part of August, 1895. Yelsley met his death by a pistol shot. Zemitis was last with the man who was murdered.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., April 19.—Charles Kratzer, the 15-year-old son of Peter Kratzer, died Saturday from the result of an operation performed for the purpose of saving his life, and Harry Ketter is in jail to answer to the charge of murder. A few weeks ago Kratzer struck Ketter with a snowball. The latter, it is alleged, drew a revolver and shot the boy in the leg. Lockjaw resulted, making the operation necessary.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 19.—At 2 o'clock in the morning four masked burglars entered the home of Henry Anderson, at Hughestown, and going to Mr. Anderson's room demanded his money. Two of the burglars stood over Anderson with pointed revolvers while the other two started to search the house. They succeeded in getting \$11 in money and two silver watches. They then tied Anderson to the bed with a rope and fled.

Lancaster, Pa., April 20.—At the opening of the April term of quarter sessions court yesterday Judge Brubaker created no little consternation, especially among the city constables.

Term after term they report to court that there are no violations of the liquor laws in their respective districts, and did so as usual yesterday. The judge gave them a severe lecture, stating that he had private information of speakeasies and bogus clubs, and concluded by giving them until Saturday to discover these places and report them, and in default threatened to have the constables themselves indicted. He spoke to the country constables in a similar way.

Prisoners Assault a Jailor.

Kansas City, Kan., April 21.—Burglar Frank Connors and Highwayman Ben Johnson, desperate criminals, seriously and perhaps fatally wounded Jailor Charles Fay at the Wyandotte county jail here yesterday in attempting an escape. Both men were armed with revolvers. Fay managed to flip his keys through a window into the jailyard before the prisoners could secure them, and other officials came to the jailer's rescue. After being locked up Connors and Johnson attempted to commit suicide, each taking a big dose of opium. It took two hours' hard work before the doctors could get them out of danger. It is believed both will live.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, April 15.

Ex-Congressman Melkjohn, of Nebraska, has been appointed assistant secretary of the navy.

Frederick A. Hecht, 28 years old, wealthy and prosperous, committed suicide by shooting in his New York home. Cause unknown.

In a family quarrel at Chicago Matthias Duster, 22 years old, was shot dead by John Formiller, his father-in-law, who then killed himself.

The president appointed Senator Wolcott of Colorado, Ex-Vice President Stevenson and General Charles J. Paine, of Boston, commissioners to urge international bimetallism.

Friday, April 16.

The National senate confirmed James B. Angell as minister to Turkey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, the wife of Henry Ward Beecher's accuser, died in Brooklyn.

President McKinley has under consideration the question of reorganizing the Dawes Indian commission.

The agricultural department has asked the co-operation of Tennessee and Iowa in the extermination of hog cholera.

Oregon salmon men are anxious over the eastern salmon market, which threatens the Columbia river canning industry with demoralization.

Saturday, April 17.

Mrs. S. M. Hanna, mother of Senator Hanna, died at Asheville, N. C., aged 84.

James M. Gordy, who murdered his bride, was sentenced at Georgetown, Del., to be hanged June 11.

The president of the Swiss republic has been selected as arbitrator of the boundary dispute between Brazil and French Guiana.

Mrs. Rivera, wife of the captive Cuban general, has heard in New York that her husband's condition is serious, and that he is thought to be dying.

Oliver Pike, the supposed victim of the Salt Lake, Utah, trunk mystery, has turned up alive, making the dead man's identity more mysterious than ever.

Monday, April 19.

Milnes Levick, the veteran actor, died in New York, aged 72.

Seth I. Milliken, congressman from Maine, died in Washington last night, aged 67.

Ernest F. Markham, of Boston, committed suicide by jumping from the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls.

At Providence, R. I., 30-year-old Joseph Phillips fatally assaulted Albert F. Wilcox, a deformed man, and then cut his own throat.

Police Commissioner Roosevelt sent to Mayor Strong, of New York, his letter of resignation of the presidency of the police board. The resignation is to take effect today.

Tuesday, April 20.

Latest reports from Alaska gold fields report them fabulously rich in mineral.

The New York assembly last night passed the bill to prevent the wearing of high hats in theaters.

A man and two women in a rowboat off Tacoma, Wash., were attacked by a huge octopus, which was killed with difficulty.

Forty Japanese left San Francisco yesterday for Mexico, where they will settle on Mexican free grants, and 500 more will soon follow.

Wednesday, April 21.

Seven Republican mayors were elected in Illinois yesterday, while Democrats won five cities.

A man and his wife were held up by footpads at West New York, N. J., late Sunday night and brutally beaten.

A bill to pension the two daughters of General George G. Meade at \$100 per month each has been introduced by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania.

In a fight at Lochiel, on the boundary of the United States and Mexico, between bandits and Mexican soldiers, one bandit was killed and one Mexican wounded.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

A Rush to Buy What Was Sold in Monday's Sale.

New York, April 20.—New York dealers in stocks and bonds awoke to a realization this morning that their fears yesterday had exaggerated the danger to values threatened by the Graeco-Turkish war. The rush of first purchases in some stocks was so great as to give a range of 1/2 in the initial price, as was the case in yesterday's selling movement. Today's opening was attended by an almost equal degree of excitement with yesterday's, the eagerness to buy what was sold yesterday being feverish. The day, in fact, almost an exact reversal of yesterday's proceedings, except that the retrograde movement stopped short of full recovery of yesterday's losses. Closing bids:

Balto. & Ohio, 12; Lehigh Valley, 25; Ches. & Ohio, 10 1/2; N. Y. Central, 37 1/2; Del. & Hudson, 10; N. Y. Central, 37 1/2; D. L. & W., 14 1/2; Pennsylvania, 52 1/2; Erie, 11 1/2; Reading, 11 1/2; Lake Erie & W., 11 1/2; St. Paul, 11 1/2; Lehigh Nav., 11 1/2; W. N. Y. & Pa., 11 1/2. All asset's paid.

General Markets.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Flour firm; winter supreme, \$2.75; do extra, \$2.85; do, 100 lbs., \$2.95; do, 50 lbs., \$2.50; do, straight, \$1.50; do, western winter, clear, \$4.45; do, straight, \$4.45; city mills, extra, \$3.10; do, 20 lbs. steady at \$2.50; do, per barrel, Wheat all and lower, contract wheat, April, \$1.85; do, May, \$1.85; No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Delaware red, spot, \$0.90; No. 1 northern spring, spot, \$0.88; No. 2 red, April, \$1.40; do, May, \$1.40; do, June, \$1.40; do, July, \$1.40; do, September, \$1.40; do, December, \$1.40; Corn lower; steamer corn, spot, 25 1/2; No. 2 yellow for local trade, 30c; No. 2 mixed, spot and April, 27 1/2; do, May, 27 1/2; do, June, 27 1/2; Oats quiet; No. 2 white, carlots, 25c; No. 2 white clipped, carlots, 25c; No. 2 white, April, 34 1/2; do, May, June and July, 25 1/2; Hay firm for good; choice timothy, \$14 for large bales, best steady family, \$12.50; York steady; family, \$1.50; do, extra, whole sale, 28c; Cheese quiet; large, 9 1/2; fancy, 9 1/2; part extra, 4 1/2; full skims, 2 1/2; Eggs dull; New York and Pennsylvania, 9 1/2; western, fresh, 9 1/2; southern, 9c.

East Liberty Live Stock Markets.

East Liberty, Pa., April 20.—Cattle steady, unchanged; prime, \$1.10; do, feeders, \$1.00; do, 400 lbs., \$1.00; do, 300 lbs., \$1.00; Hogs active; prime mediums and best Yorkers, \$1.20; do, fair Yorkers, \$1.10; do, heavy hogs, \$1.00; do, pigs, \$1.00; roughs, \$1.00; do, sheep firm; choice clipped shorn, \$4.50; do, common, \$3.50; do, choice lambs, \$5.50; do, spring lambs, \$6.50; veal calves, \$4.50.

HOW SHE HELD THE TRAIN.

A Woman's Strategy That Enabled Her Daughter to Go to Town.

"Before I came to this part of the country I was an engineer on a railroad down south," said a railway man. "We used to make a long run, and we were pretty slow about it. While on that line I had some very odd experiences. I remember one day, when we reached the junction station, a woman came up to me and asked me to hold the train for five minutes. She said that her daughter wanted to take the train to the city. I told her that it was impossible for me to hold the train for her."

"I don't see why," she expostulated. "I think you might do a little thing like that."

"I tried to explain to her that trains ran on schedule time, and, like time and tide, wait for no man, or woman either, for that matter. But she wouldn't have it, and finally, just as we were about to start, she shouted indignantly:

"Well, I'll just see about that."

"I laughed, but soon I ceased to laugh, for what did that old woman do but get right on the track about three feet in front of the engine. She sat herself there, firmly grasping hold of the rails with both hands. The conductor signaled for me to go ahead, as our stop was over. But I couldn't do it as long as she remained on the track, for I would kill her certainly. I called to the conductor, and he, impatient at the delay, came up. I explained the situation to him. He was as mad as I was and going up to the woman told her to get off the track."

"I just won't," she replied, "until my daughter gets on board your train."

"He pleaded with her some more and finally declared that he would be compelled to use force."

"Just you darn!" she cried. "I'll sue you for damages if you do."

"This opened a new complication, and we reasoned with ourselves whether we had better remove her by force. Just as we had determined upon a course of policy her daughter came up and seeing the old woman on the track kissed her goodby and got on the train, while her mother called to her:

"Go ahead, Mary Ann. You have plenty of time, though, for I will sit on the track until you get on board."

"And then, when Mary Ann was safely on board and we were about ready to run over the old woman, if necessary, she calmly and slowly got up and waved me a goodby, calling as we pulled out of the station:

"I hope I've taught you fellows a grain of perliteness."—Chicago Times-Herald.

HISTORIC SLAVE AUCTION.

The Sale of Pinky Said to Have Inspired the Emancipation Proclamation.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher writes of "When Mr. Beecher Sold Slaves in Plymouth Pulpit." Recalling the historic sale of Pinky, Mrs. Beecher gives these details: "An old colored man had written to Mr. G. Faulkner Blake, the brother of one of our church members, that her little grandchild, named Pinky, was too fair and beautiful for her own good, and was about to be sold 'down south,' and Mr. Blake asked if she could be freed. 'Not unless you bring her north,' replied Mr. Beecher. 'I will be responsible for her, and she shall be lawfully purchased or sent back.' The answer was a compliment, to which Mr. Beecher laughingly referred as the only tribute ever paid to him by a slave owner. 'If Henry Ward Beecher has given his word,' wrote the dealer, 'it is better than a bond.'"

"So Pinky was brought to Plymouth church and placed upon the pulpit, as Sarah, another slave, previously had been. The scene was again one of intense enthusiasm. Rain never fell faster than the tears of the congregation. The pretty child, the daughter of a white father, was bought and overbought. Rose Terry—afterward Mrs. Rose Terry Cooke, the famous authoress—threw a valuable ring into the basket, and Mr. Beecher picked it out and put it upon Pinky's finger, saying, 'Remember—with this ring I do wed thee to freedom.' * * * President Lincoln took a lively interest in the case of Pinky, the details of which were related to him by Chief Justice Chase and by Mr. Beecher. I was not in Washington with my husband at the time, and therefore cannot verify the story that the sale of Pinky inspired President Lincoln to issue the almost divine proclamation of emancipation."

Two Yorkshire Stories.

The sturdiness of the north and its rather grim self will be admirably illustrated by two Yorkshire anecdotes. A landlord of very old family proposed to make an alteration in one of his tenant's farm buildings, which the tenant declined to permit, whereupon the landlord remarked very mildly that, after all, the building was his own. Thereupon the tenant rejoined, "Nay, my forefather went to the crusades with your forefather, and you shan't touch a stone of it."

Again, a daughter of one of the leading citizens of a Yorkshire town hinted to her father's gardener that the family would like to appropriate the greenhouse to the purposes of a viney, whereupon she was told to let her father know "he may just choose betwixt me and the grapes." Of course the proposal was abandoned.

A Wonderful Island of Chalk.

The English island of Thanet, forming a part of the county of Kent, is almost wholly composed of chalk. The island is 10 miles in length and about 5 in breadth and has more chalk exposed on its surface than has any other spot of equal area on the globe. British geologists say that there are not less than 43,000,000 tons of chalk "in sight" on Thanet, and that it would take 10,000 men and 5,000 horses and carts 20,000 years to move it, providing it were dug up ready to be carted away.—St. Louis Republic.

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