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Election day, Nov. 4.

The men who never went to war continue to find fault with the increased pension list.

Another Injunction Case.

AN INTERESTING decision has just been made by Judge Patton, of Kittanning. The facts upon which it was based were as follows. In Clifton township, Armstrong county, Major J. G. Beale owns a small soft coal mine. In June some of the miners employed in it went on strike, and their places were taken by other men.

In July the Black Diamond brass band of 13 pieces, under the direction of Uriah Bellingham, an official of the United Mine Workers, went into camp near the mine and when the miners who had refused to strike or who had taken the vacated places started in the morning toward their work, and at night, when they returned from work, this band appeared on the scene playing its loudest, drawing crowds and causing excitement and disorder.

The members of the band were arrested and, in default of fine, sent to jail for disorderly conduct, whereupon Bellingham secured another band to do the same work. At this stage the state courts were appealed to and a temporary injunction was issued restraining such interference.

"If there is any question settled in Pennsylvania, by an unbroken current of decisions, it is that when new men employed to take the place of strikers are on their way to work their time cannot be lawfully taken up and their progress interfered with by the strikers on any pretense, or under any claim of right, to argue or persuade them to break their contracts.

The admitted purpose of the leaders of the bands was to persuade the men to quit work. The undisputed testimony is that some of the employees of the plaintiff did cease work on account of the music. Certainly nothing could be more annoying and calculated to intimidate than to be followed by a hostile brass band, which would naturally attract an idle, curious and inimical crowd, prone to laugh and jeer, and which did bawl, blow tin horns, call out opprobrious epithets and indulge in unseemly conduct.

"We think the opinion of Justice Mitchell, speaking for the Supreme court, in O'Neil vs. Behnam, applies well to this case: 'The strikers and their counsel seem to think that the former could do anything to attain their ends short of actual physical violence. This is a most serious misconception. The "arguments" and "persuasions" and "appeals" of a hostile and demonstrative mob have a potency over men of ordinary nerve which far exceeds the limits of lawfulness.

opprobrious epithets, ridicule and annoyances to and against any and all of complainant's workmen, as following them with hands of music or otherwise, and from gathering about the places of business of the complainant or the homes of his workmen for the purpose of annoying and harassing them, and are ordered and directed to pay the costs."

In comparison with some of the scenes which have been visible in the anthracite fields during the present strike, the serenades in Armstrong county seem mild, indeed. In the Armstrong case no blood was shed, no effigies were hung, no homes were shattered by dynamite and no non-union men were stoned or otherwise forcibly assaulted; neither does the court record show that boycotts were declared or that any public schools or other industries were closed down through the refusal of children of strikers to associate with relatives of men at work in the mine.

"Government by injunction" may in rare instances be carried too far, especially when it trenches upon liberty of peaceable assemblage; but in the case in point we think that all conservative men will agree that it was warranted. Men on strike must not intimidate men at work. The moment they are permitted to do so, equality of rights disappears and a form of tyranny is substituted.

A new twenty-story skyscraper, 240 feet from curb line to roof, and to cost \$2,250,000, is to be built on lower Broadway, New York. Another monument to Republican prosperity.

Sure Death for Mosquitoes.

THE NEW YORK BOARD of health has issued a valuable circular, embodying the fruit of extended experience in trying to do away with the pestilential mosquito. Here is an extract from it worthy of preservation. Learn it by heart and do what it says:

"Examine your surrounding lawns and grounds, and if any holes or hollows (even footprints of animals) hold water after a rain either fill them in or pour sufficient oil on the surface to form a film. Examine all leaders, and if any water, after a rain, lodges therein change slope or use oil on the surface. If a cesspool exists, and these are very hotbeds of mosquito propagation, keep the surface coated with oil. If any rain barrels are kept, keep the surface of the water well coated with oil and place the spigot near the bottom to withdraw necessary water, the presence of oil on the surface, of course, not affecting the water in the lead.

"Dog and poultry troughs should be cleaned at least twice a week. In short, any receptacle at all, from the smallest, capable of holding but a few ounces, to the largest, should be got rid of, or treated with oil, in the manner before stated. The oil which by experiment has been found best for this purpose is light fuel oil, though when this cannot be secured any good oil of about the same consistency will do; kerosene will if frequently renewed."

In view of the fact that it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that mosquitoes are among the most active propagators of yellow fever and malaria, with a probability that they also assist in spreading many other diseases, it behooves the prudent citizen to get them. Assassination by retail will not suffice; mosquitoes breed by the billions. Every board of health should emulate the example of the New York board and appropriate money for putting these dangerous pests out of business.

An interesting point is raised by the request of one of our naval commanders at Panama for instructions in case the Colombian authorities should carry out their threat to seize a British merchant vessel for military purposes. Ordinarily it would not present a cause for American interference, the government of Great Britain being usually quite able to safeguard its own interests. But in this case the absence of a British war vessel and the large presence of the Monroe doctrine combine to place the United States in a ticklish position. It is reported that the naval officer has been instructed to intervene if requested by the British consul and if, in his judgment, intervention is necessary to prevent a seizure. Although this disposition of the dilemma at Washington puts large responsibility on the naval officer our naval officers fortunately are a class of men who do not go to pieces under responsibility.

Last February, when the Manhattan Elevated Railway company of New York substituted third-rail electric power for steam on two of its lines, the engineers who had been manipulating the throttles on the steam engines were installed as motormen. They signed an agreement to work for \$3.50 a day, six trips to constitute a day's work. This was from a dollar to a dollar and a quarter more than the motormen on the surface roads were receiving, and the work, it is claimed, is easier and cleaner. But now these men are dissatisfied and want one trip a day taken off without reduction in pay. There is talk of strike, but inasmuch as a strike, in violation of contract, would have to have the approval of Chief Arthur, it can be taken for granted that there will not be one.

An ordinary locomotive, equipped with a new pattern firebox and piston gearing, the inventions of Cornelius Vanderbilt, on a road with bad grades and curves, has registered a mile in 41 seconds. Cornelius Vanderbilt is a gifted youth who finds pleasure and is bent in hard work. While that strain remains in the Vanderbilt family it will not decay.

The statement is made in the Washington correspondence of the New York Tribune that behind the Cuban \$35,000,000 loan is a gigantic financial scheme with headquarters in New York, the purpose being on the part of its American promoters to get the government of Cuba under private or syndicate control. No names are given and the story may be merely a piece of

conjecture; but it is well to recall that the Platt amendment vests the final voice in such matters in the congress at Washington. Before any unfair advantage can be taken of Cuba by an American financial syndicate congress will have to be fooled or corrupted. We do not think that either is possible.

The total value of contracts awarded on new buildings and engineering enterprises throughout New England for the past week, as compiled by the F. W. Dodge company, approximates \$4,498,000 as against \$2,571,000 for the corresponding week last year, making a total of \$8,117,000 to date this year as against \$7,423,000 for the corresponding period last year. There is little likelihood that New England will go Democratic.

There are still some doubts as to whether the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight was faked, but the cuss words used by Fitz at the accusation were unquestionably real.

Bandit Tracy should at least be favorably remembered for depriving hysterical women of the opportunity to present him with bouquets.

Cuba has awakened to the fact that it is not possible to cut much of a figure upon earth unaccompanied by a national debt.

The problem of securing men for the navy now appears more serious than that of accumulating armor plate and projectiles.

LITERARY NOTE.

The August number of the North American Review is full of notable articles. Senator O. H. Platt, author of the "Platt Resolution," makes an earnest appeal for the recognition of "Cuba's Claim upon the United States" for economic conditions which will enable her to enjoy the independence which we have conferred upon her. Sydney Brooks contributes an extremely interesting study of the character and career of the Marquis of Salisbury. John Charlton, one of the Canadian representatives on the Anglo-American joint high commission, explains Canada's attitude toward the proposal for "British Preferential Trade and Imperial Defense." Admiral G. W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States navy, tells of certain unsuspected sources of danger in the construction and management of a large proportion of passenger-steamers which prove a necessity for "State Protection of Ocean Travelers." The Hon. L. H. Courtney, M. P., and the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, M. P., write of "The Outlook in South Africa." Professor L. S. Rowe, chairman of the commission to revise the laws of Porto Rico, points out the serious problems involved in the "Extension of American Influence in the West Indies," and P. T. McGrath endeavors to forecast "The Future of the Philippines."

A PROFITABLE MORNING.

Mrs. Melville, shopping, placed her umbrella against the counter, and turning to go, took up by mistake not her own, but another umbrella, and rested upon it. "I beg your pardon," broke in an icy voice with more than a hint of suspicion in it—"you are taking my umbrella." Mrs. Melville apologized, picked up the one which belonged to her, and made her way to the repair department, where, the week before, she had left an umbrella of her husband's and an old one of her own to be repaired.

"Carrying these in her hand, she took a homeward-bound car. She noticed in a few minutes that a woman was staring at her in a quizzical way, and glancing up, saw that it was the same one she had apologized to. The woman caught her eye, winked significantly to the three umbrellas Mrs. Melville was taking home, and said: "see you have had a profitable morning, madam."—Harper's Magazine.

AN OLD-FASHIONED WOMAN.

No clever, brilliant thinker. She, With college record and degree; She has not known the paths of fame, The world has never heard her name; She walks in old, long-trodden ways, The valleys of the yesterdays.

Home is her kingdom, love is her dower— She seeks no other wand of power 'To make home sweet, bring heaven near, To win a smile and wipe a tear, And do her duty day by day.

Around her childish hearts are twined, As round some reverend saint enshrined, And following her the childish feet Are led to ideals true and sweet, And find all purity and good near by, In her divinely motherhood.

She keeps her faith unshadowed still— God rules the world in good and ill; Men in her creed are brave and true, And women pure as pearls of dew. And life for her is high and grand, By work and glad endeavor spanned.

This sad old earth's a brighter place All for the sunshine of her face; Her very smile a blessing throws, And hearts are happier where she goes. A gentle, clear-eyed messenger, To whisper love—thank God for her! —L. M. Montgomery in the Congregationalist.

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