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PROSPECT OF A STRIKE.

By 550,000 Coal Miners Beginning April 1.

Retirement of General Chaffee—President Elliot Condemns Football—Canal From Pittsburgh to Lake Erie. Middy John Paul Miller Pardoned. Carnegie Hero Awards.

With prospects pointing to a strike of 550,000 coal miners beginning on April 1, unless the present deadlock is broken by some unforeseen influence, the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America adjourned Friday afternoon, after the dissolution, without reaching a settlement of a wage scale, of the joint conference of the operators and miners of the Central and the Southwestern districts.

With assessments from now until April 1 the miners, with nearly \$3,000,000 on hand, could be in possession of something like \$6,000,000 by April 1st.

Formal Strike Order Expected.

It was intimated at the international headquarters at Indianapolis of the Mine Workers of America that before the adjournment of the present session of the executive board Secretary Wilson would be instructed to prepare a formal strike order, effective on April 1, in order to avoid re-assembling of the board after the adjournment of the present session.

Collieries to Be Operated in Full.

The collieries of the anthracite region have orders to operate at full capacity from now until next April. A number of washeries in the Schuylkill field that have been closed will resume operations today on full time. The companies expect to add 2,000,000 tons of coal to their storage stock in the next eight weeks.

Retirement of General Chaffee.

In explanation why the general order retiring General Chaffee did not contain a history of his army career and of the brilliant services rendered by him to the government, a statement was issued at war department quoting article 802 of the regulations governing the department which says "orders eulogizing the conduct of living officers will not be issued except in cases of gallantry in action or performance of especially hazardous service."

General Bell's selection as chief of staff of course makes it impossible for General MacArthur to fill that place, but it does not interfere with his promotion as lieutenant-general in due course when Lieutenant-General Bates retires April 14.

Major-General Corbin, who will arrive in San Francisco March 2, will succeed to the rank of lieutenant-general. He will proceed to St. Louis to take command of the Northern department. This will be the first time that a lieutenant general has commanded at St. Louis since General Sherman's time. This, the highest office in the army, heretofore has been held by the same officer who was detailed as chief of staff. But General Corbin, although it was understood that he might have also succeeded to the two offices, declined the honor in advance of it being offered to him.

General Bell, though chief of staff, will not be the ranking officer in the army but will be given the rank of major-general, while the office of lieutenant-general will pass in succession from General Bates to General Corbin and in turn to General MacArthur, who will retain it until 1909, when he will retire on account of age, unless he feels disposed sooner to retire, in favor of General Leonard Wood.

President Elliot Condemns Football.

An unqualified condemnation of the game of football as it is played by the American colleges and schools is contained in the annual report of President Charles W. Elliot to the board of overseers of Harvard college.

In support of his position, President Elliot gives these reasons: Football causes an unreasonable number of serious injuries and deaths; violations of the rules of the game are highly profitable and are constantly perpetrated; much profitable foul play escapes notice because it cannot be detected; opportunities are offered for several players to combine in violently attacking one player; there is no such thing as generosity between combatants; acts of brutality are constantly committed; as a spectacle football is more brutalizing than prize fighting, cock fighting or bull fighting; the game sets up the wrong kind of hero, the man who uses his strength brutally, disregarding the injuries he may suffer or inflict on others.

For Repeal of Mortgage Tax Law.

The repeal of the mortgage tax law of New York state and the substitution thereof of a recording tax of one-half of 1 per cent in lieu of all other taxes on mortgages was advocated in resolutions adopted by a mass meeting of the Allied Real Estate Agents, a national organization having a membership of 2,600.

Farmer Killed by a Bull.

Ferrin Lawrence, a farmer living near Cortland, N. Y., was killed by a bull in his barn Sunday when he went to do his evening chores. The bull had been confined in a box stall in the basement but had become loose without Mr. Lawrence's knowledge. As Mr. Lawrence entered the basement the bull knocked him down repeatedly and gored him. Mr. Law-

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Examined by Colonel Mann, Editor of Town Topics.

Testimony of Two Witnesses Who Contradicted Colonel Mann as to the Letter Writing the Words "O. K." and "W. D. M." on the Ward Letter—Secretary in Contempt.

New York, Feb. 6.—In the examination of Colonel William D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, on a charge of perjury, the stenographic record of the Haggood trial was admitted as evidence by Justice McAvoy, who conducted the hearing.

Bartholomew Monihan, official stenographer at the Haggood trial, testified that Colonel Mann said during that trial that he was absolutely sure he had not written the characters "O. K." or "W. D. M." on the Ward letter. At this point Assistant District Attorney Hart said: "The reason the paragraph referring to Reginald Ward was not put in the record was because it was of too scandalous a character to put there."

Midshipman John Miller Pardoned.

The president pardoned John Paul Miller of Kentucky, recently convicted of hazing at Annapolis naval academy. The reasons assigned for the pardon are that the accused is one of the best students of his class; that his academic record is excellent; that so far as known this case is the only one of hazing with which he has been connected; that he undoubtedly committed an offense against the military laws, but that dismissal would be a harsh punishment for a single instance of misconduct involving no cruelty or immorality on his part and no serious hardship or ignominy on the part of others.

Railroad Rate Bill in House.

Chairman Hepburn, in charge of the railroad rate bill in the house of representatives, is unable to see the end of the discussion of that measure. Speaker Cannon will let the debate run, and estimates that it will be Wednesday of Thursday before the last speech is delivered and the vote recorded on the measure.

As soon as this is accomplished the pension appropriation bill, reported from committee last week, will be taken up. This bill carries a total of \$140,245,500 to pay the pensions of veterans for the year.

Carnegie Award to Heroes.

At Pittsburgh Friday Captain Mark Casto of the fishing schooner Alberta and his crew of six men, who on January 14 in a fierce gale rescued the crew of 42 men and 10 passengers from the Clyde liner Cherokee, which ran aground on Brigantine Shoals near Atlantic City, N. J., while on her way from San Domingo to New York, were made beneficiaries of the Carnegie hero fund. Besides medals to the captain and crew, a sum aggregating \$9,500 is awarded.

Delegates Saw a Bullfight.

The brilliant though bloody spectacle of a bullfight in honor of the conference at Algeciras, Spain, on Moroccan reforms was the event of Sunday. Crowds came from all parts of Andalusia to the vast stone amphitheater where the bullfight is, and more than 6,000 persons saw the fight. The foreigners present witnessed the scene with mingled admiration at the audacity of the matadors and horror at its cruelty.

World's Largest Battleship.

Much interest attaches to the launching at Portsmouth, Eng., on Saturday next of the Dreadnought, the largest and most powerful battleship in the world's navies. All the lessons experts learned from the Russo-Japanese naval battles have been considered in building this vessel, so that it is expected the finished product will present many innovations in naval construction.

Transfer of Rochester Railway Co.

Control of the Rochester Railway and Light company was transferred to the Mohawk Valley Co. This latter company is the holding company for the electric traction lines secured in the interest of the New York Central railroad, and 60 per cent of the Rochester company's capital stock passes into the hands of New York Central interests by this transfer.

Cuban International Auto Races.

On Feb. 11 at Havana, Cuba, will be begun the second international automobile races, which will last three days. The most important event is the 200-mile municipal challenge cup race. Last year the event was won by a Cuban. Many of the participants in the Ormond-Daytona races will take part in these races.

Casey Murder Trial Delayed.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The opening of the trial of William Casey on the charge of murdering Charles Keough, a bartender, here last spring, was delayed through the objection of Casey's attorneys to the method in which the special panel of jurors was drawn. One hundred and fifty jurors were dismissed and work of securing a jury from the talemans on regular attendance at the court session was started. The sheriff is after 100 more. The objection was made that the special panel had not been personally summoned by the sheriff.

Canadian Pacific Half-Year Dividends.

Montreal, Feb. 6.—The board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred and 3 per cent on the common stock for the half year ended in December last. After the payment of operating expenses, fixed charges and the dividends now declared the surplus for the half year is \$4,869,816.

Fire on U. S. Transport Meade.

Three men were killed and 58 injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade to the extent of \$2,000, as she lay at the Folsom street pier at San Francisco.

President Castro is actively engaged in making preparations to resist a possible French invasion in Venezuela.

A Striking Fact.

A young man was riding in the cab with a locomotive engineer. "Now," said the young man, shuddering, "suppose a stage load of children were to glide on to the track from that lane—what a blessing it would then be if you could stop short, instantly, like a man walking."

"Blessing?" said the engineer. "Why, young fellow, if that stage you speak of were to appear now, and I could stop short like a man walking, I wouldn't do it. Instead, I'd keep right on and kill the kids."

"Why?" "Because it would be the more humane course. In one case there would be a stage load of kids slaughtered; in the other case there would be the slaughter of a trainload of people. This train is going at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, and the sudden stoppage of a train going at that rate would give the passengers precisely the same shock that they would get from a fall of fifty-four feet—a fall from a house-top."

Preparing For the Storm.

A correspondent in the north of Ireland sends the following account of an interesting incident that came under his observation: "Being on a walking tour through Inishowen and passing along the edge of Lough Swilly, the romantic Lake of Shadows, he noticed an immense gathering of rooks on the sandy shore. In company with several others, the tourist was attracted by this novel spectacle and began to wonder at the cause of it. An old man who was working in a field near the place offered an explanation. He said that the birds were picking up sand to ballast themselves in a storm and that when they did it was a sure sign of approaching bad weather. He added that on shooting rooks after a gathering of the sort he had found that they were loaded with sand. As a matter of fact, the gentleman concludes, a violent gale set in early next morning.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Spider's Web.

If we compare the dimensions of the spider with those of its web we are forced to admit that the little creature is a true engineer, able to construct a cable network of relatively enormous size. Thread after thread is put in position in the desired and necessary order, and sometimes prolonged observation on the part of the investigator is required in order to understand the reasons which direct the spider in its complicated operations and which make it always follow the same order and the same laws. Some of these reasons are explained by geometry, others by the strength of materials, and he who succeeds in discovering the "why" of all the interesting details of the method employed is compelled to admit to himself that he could not have achieved so good a result with the same materials.

Poor Richard.

"In December of the year 1732," says Bigelow's "Life of Franklin," "Franklin commenced the publication of what he styled 'Poor Richard's Almanac,' price fivepence. It attained an astonishing popularity, and at once. Three editions were sold within the month of its appearance. The average sale for twenty-five years was 10,000 a year. He was sometimes obliged to put it to press in October to get a supply of copies to the remote colonies by the beginning of the year. It has been translated into nearly if not quite every written language, and several different translations of it have been made into the French and the German. It contains some of the best fun as well as the wisest counsel that ever emanated from his pen."

China's Flag.

The flag of China is one of the gayest among ensigns. The body of the flag is pale yellow. In the upper left hand corner is a small red sun. Looking intently at the sun is a fierce Chinese dragon. The dragon's belly is a brilliant red and white. His green back is covered with stiff knobs. He is standing on his two hind paws and the left fore foot. His feet are five-toed and slightly hooked. His long, five-forked tail stretches away in the rear. The dragon's neck is arched back. His mouth is wide open, and he looks as if he were about to try to swallow the red sun.

Then and Now.

"When old Fladger came to this town twenty-five years ago," said the man in the mackintosh, "everything he had in the world was on his back." "And now?" queried the man who had his feet on the table. "Well, his wife and six daughters have relieved him of the burden. They carry it all on their backs now."—Chicago Tribune.

Postprandial.

"Judge Gooden just went down the street. I thought you said he was attending a big banquet to him this evening." "Not at all, I saw him coming out of Del's, and I merely remarked there was a big dinner in his honor this evening."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Procrastination.

How rankling defers from day to day the best it can do and the most beautiful things it can enjoy without thinking that every day may be the last one and that lost time is lost eternally!—Max Muller.

Sufficient Reason.

Roomerton—Guess I'll have to give up boarding. Flatfish—Gob to get married? Roomerton—No, but my landlady wants her money.—Chicago News.

A Joker is near akin to a buffoon, and neither of them is the least related to wit.—Chesterfield.

SHORTER NEWS ITEMS.

Pithy Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Wednesday.

Count Frederick Lamsdorf and Baron Roenne were pulled from their sleighs and murdered by revolutionists in Courland. Captain William T. Van Schaefik, under sentence of 10 years' imprisonment for the General Slocum disaster, was released from the Tombs under \$10,000 cash bail. The house of representatives passed a resolution calling on President Roosevelt for information as to an alleged combination by the Pennsylvania railroad and allied lines in violation of the anti-trust law.

Thursday.

Charles G. Dawes testified in Chicago that he heard Commissioner of Corporations Garfield give pledge of immunity to the beef men. Stockmen in convention in Denver declare depression in cattle industry is caused by decreased consumption of beef, due to people's resentment toward beef trust. President Roosevelt directed the interstate commerce commission to send to the house all its information bearing on the alleged Pennsylvania railroad combination. A resolution was introduced in the New Jersey senate directing the attorney general to begin proceedings to oust the Oil Trust and its subsidiary companies from the state.

Friday.

It is stated upon reliable authority that Admiral Togo will visit America in April with two armored cruisers. Five engineers began the survey for Lockport's water supply from the Niagara river Thursday morning. They began in a snow storm. Violent scenes in several of the more notable churches of Paris marked the beginning of the taking of inventories under the law of separation. Based on the assertion that Albert T. Patrick was convicted on perjured testimony, notice of a motion for a new trial was served on the district attorney.

Saturday.

District Attorney Jerome will vigorously resist every step taken by Albert T. Patrick in his new attempts to escape the death penalty. Lieutenant General Chaffee retired as chief of staff of the army and was succeeded by General Bates, who will be followed by General Bell. Violent and armed opposition met the attempt to enforce a clause of the separation law in the churches of Paris and throughout France. Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania in a speech in the house attacks the Hepburn rate bill and says it would plunge the nation into sectional strife. Attorney General Mayer in an address before the national insurance convention declares the people look to heads of big companies to recover any funds wrongfully diverted.

Munday.

Fearing a famine in lumber the Canadian Pacific railroad takes steps to provide for the future by planting trees on its prairie lands. Members of the Chinese imperial commission pledged their best efforts to remove all friction that has existed between China and this country. Countess Boni de Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, leaves her husband in Paris, and it is reported in New York that a divorce will follow. Immediate and radical reforms in the conduct of life insurance, as developed in the legislative inquiry, are demanded by the report to be presented to the legislature by the Armstrong committee. Trial of the new gasoline electric railway car on the Delaware and Hudson road at Schenectady resulted in success and railroad men say it will displace the steam locomotive on all short runs.

Tuesday.

According to Berlin advices the execution of rebels in the Baltic provinces by the Russian authorities proceeds without mercy. Miss Cynthia Roche, now at Newport, has renounced her claim to a British title and taken out citizenship papers in the United States. Father Joseph Murgan of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., invents a method of sending wireless messages to Europe through the earth instead of through the air. Two aeronauts, Messrs. Pollock and Dale, successfully crossed the English channel in a balloon, leaving London and alighting at Bernouville, 20 miles inland in France, four hours and ten minutes later. Members of the vestry of St. George's Episcopal church, New York, accepted the resignation of the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, who has been ill a year, and selected the Rev. Hugh Birkhead to succeed him.

EXPENSIVE CHANGES.

Pennsylvania to Divert the Course of Conemaugh River.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—The Pennsylvania is preparing to divert the Conemaugh river from its present course in order to avoid building two bridges. A new channel for the river, a half mile long, will be dug between the terminal points of a curve, almost a semi-circle, which the river now makes. The center of the new channel will be a quarter of a mile from the central point of the old channel. Contracts for the work will be awarded shortly. The change in the channel of the Conemaugh is only a part of the improvements which the railroad company will make this year between Bolivar and Sheridan, on the Pittsburg division. On this stretch of 18 miles over \$5,000,000 will be spent in the elimination of curves, reduction of grades and the extension of the third and fourth tracks. Sharp curves at Lockport, Cemetery and New Florence are to be done away with. The grade is to be reduced from 5 per cent to 3 per cent. The elimination of the curves will reduce the length of the line a half mile.

CLAIM TITLE TO COAL LANDS.

Attorneys Preparing Heirs' Suit to 35,000 Acres Near Scranton. Wilmington, Del., Feb. 6.—Rody Marshall and Charles G. Carter, lawyers of Pittsburg, are preparing papers for a suit to be filed by the Kunkel heirs to try to get possession of 35,000 acres of coal land held by the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Reading and Lehigh Valley railroads located near Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and valued at about \$75,000,000. Mrs. Harriet E. McCulloch of this city, Page Hudson and Joseph Hudson of Pittsburg and several members of the Kunkel family through Pennsylvania and in Louisville, Ky., are claimants to the land. The original Kunkel was the great-great-grandfather of the Hudsons and he got the land by grant from William Penn. He leased the land for 99 years to various persons and went West and died. A search for a title by a capitalist who wished to buy some of the land recently divulged the alleged right of the Kunkel heirs to it.

United Presbyterian Convention.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—A national convention of the laymen of the United Presbyterian denomination will be held in this city for three days, beginning Feb. 13, to exchange ideas on Christian work and offer suggestions for advancing the church work throughout the country. The convention will be under the charge of members of the Young Men's Mission League of the United Presbyterian church and will be the first ever held by that denomination. More than 1,000 delegates are expected. Among the speakers will be Hugh Kennedy of Buffalo, N. Y.

Midshipman Miller Restored.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 6.—The action of the president in pardoning Midshipman John P. Miller of Lancaster, Ky., who was convicted of hazing by court-martial, was promulgated at dinner formation at the naval academy Sunday and Miller resumed his position as captain of the 12th company. The navy department has asked further information relative to the cases of Midshipmen Stephen Decatur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., and Peteressen B. Marzoni of Pensacola, Fla., both formerly members of the first class.

B. & O. Firemen.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—The differences between the Baltimore and Ohio and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen have culminated in the withdrawal of the brotherhood committee, which was in session in Baltimore for four weeks. J. J. Hanrahan, grand master of the brotherhood, has taken charge and will confer with Vice President Potter. The difficulty is over the refusal of the company to accede to the demands of the firemen for shorter hours and a slight increase in pay.

Blood on Locomotive.

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 6.—While walking along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Spring Mill, Joseph Masal and Michael Augustine, both of Spring Mill, were struck by the locomotive of a freight train and instantly killed. The train crew were not aware the men had been killed until they arrived at Conshohocken, when the front of the locomotive was found to be covered with blood. An investigation was made and the bodies of the men were found.

Lake Shore Wreck.

Cleveland, Feb. 6.—Five coaches were derailed and the engineer and fireman of a westbound passenger train were slightly hurt in a wreck early yesterday on the Lake Shore at the foot of Alabama street. The train was sidelined by a yard freight train. The passengers were considerably shaken up, but it is said that none of them were seriously hurt. Both trains were moving slowly.

Wireless Underground.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 6.—Rev. Father Murgan, pastor of the Slavish Catholic church of this city, already noted as the inventor of an aerial wireless telegraph system, announced that his experiment with an underground system has proved a success, and that he now feels confident that it will be possible to send underground wireless messages to Europe.