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DOLAN HITS UNION.

President of Pittsburgh Mine Workers Scores Mitchell.
TELLS WHY HE VOTED "NO STRIKE"

"Let Us Be Honest: Wages Have Been Increased and Hours Reduced; Mitchell, Ended Strikes."
 PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—President Patrick Dolan of the local district of United Mine Workers of America, whose resignation was demanded at the convention of delegates from the local union in the district because he voted with the operators at Indianapolis to maintain the present wage scale, has issued a statement in which he gives his reasons for so voting. In the statement President Dolan says: "As soon as the miners' officials of the state of Illinois saw that they could not get an agreement on local issues in their own state Secretary-Treasurer W. D. Ryan of the Illinois miners presented a resolution in the miners' convention declaring that no district in the United States would be permitted to make a settlement unless they all settled at one time. This resolution was passed, I voted against it and tried to talk against it, but was hissed and booed down."

"This resolution puts the miners of this country in a ridiculous position. One little district in Michigan, British Columbia or some other obscure place can bring strife and woe and hunger on 900,000 miners just because these little districts have some local difference. It cannot be adjusted. John Mitchell is going down to New York to ask the anthracite operators for a contract which he has not the power to enter into, as the national convention has tied his hand and foot."

"With these facts in mind, when the joint convention reassembled and the operators offered to reaffirm the present scale, I voted for it openly and honestly, and so convinced was I of the justice of my opinion that I refused to retract in the face of jeers and revilings and threats of bodily harm. I knew in the face of the resolution to tie up all districts until all have settled that nothing but a miracle or a complete breakdown upon the part of the miners would avert a tremendous strike, the end of which none can foresee, but which threatens us and the country with terrible loss."

"I was alone in my vote, but I was not alone in my opinion. At the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Pittsburgh in November I consulted President Mitchell and W. D. Ryan, and they both told me they would be satisfied with a renewal of the present agreement, but that we ought to demand an advance as a matter of policy."

"Later I consulted President Haskins of the Ohio miners. He told me the same thing. After Haskins had been defeated for re-election and was relieved of all responsibility he advocated a demand of 10 per cent increase in wages in his annual address, but the convention of Ohio miners refused to endorse his position. Is this fact not significant?"

"Let us be honest about these things. Our wages have been increased more than 100 per cent, and our hours of labor have been decreased from ten to eight hours since 1897. Is it right under this Ryan resolution to jeopardize all these things? And let me tell you, the miners of this country have never won a prominent soft coal strike under the direction of President Mitchell. Mark Hanna settled the first anthracite strike for us, and President Roosevelt settled the second. Nobody has settled our big soft coal strike, because we have lost them. President Mitchell's first big soft coal strike was in the southwest. It lasted eighteen months and ended in utter failure. Hundreds of good men were victimized. The second big soft coal strike was in Maryland, where our people of the entire state were utterly defeated. His other disastrous soft coal strike was in Kentucky, where our people were beaten."

"In Colorado, where the organization spent over \$500,000, our union was wiped off the face of the earth. In West Virginia central district we were defeated. In the Cabin Creek district, in West Virginia, where the organization spent \$300,000, we lost. In the Meyersdale region we spent \$400,000 and were defeated."

"The Pittsburgh district has been criticized because it has not more than 25,000 members. President Mitchell is as much at fault as any living man. He refuses to help us."

House of Commons Assembled.
 LONDON, Feb. 12.—The ceremonies attendant upon the assembling of the new British parliament were some what clouded by the fact that the court is in mourning for King Christian of Denmark, whose burial is to take place on Sunday, Feb. 18. Today the house of commons assembled for the election of a speaker, and the remainder of the week will be given up to administering the oath of office and other routine. King Edward will formally open parliament on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

SEIZED MEMPHIS GOLD CUP.

Millionaire Turfman Charged With "Doping" Lou Dillon.
 NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Out of the forcible seizure of the Memphis gold cup, valued at \$5,000, from Ethel E. Smathers, the multimillionaire turfman, who won the trophy from the Memphis Trotting association in 1904 by defeating the great Lou Dillon with his horse Major Delmar, there promises to come one of the greatest scandals the country has ever known.

Threats fly thick and fast. According to one side, the civil proceedings against Smathers for the recovery of the cup and damages will be followed by criminal prosecution on the charge that he and several other persons conspired to drug the mare Lou Dillon before the race and that it was by drugging her that Major Delmar was able to defeat her and take the trophy. Mercury is said to have been used. On the other hand, Smathers said that several men well known on the turf had plotted to ruin him and that they would stop at nothing to accomplish their purpose.

John J. Adams of McIntyre & Adams, counsel for Smathers, asserted that C. K. G. Billings, the owner and driver of Lou Dillon, was behind the suit against his client and that Murray Howe, who acts as complainant for the Memphis Trotting association, was in the employ of Billings.

"We mean to get that cup back or know the reason why," said Mr. Adams. "And if some of these people do not go to jail before we get through they will be lucky indeed."

The suit against Smathers is for the recovery of the cup and \$500 damages to cover the period of its alleged retention. Murray Howe was secretary and treasurer of the Memphis Trotting association at the time of the race in the fall of 1904.

DREADNOUGHT A SEA MONSTER.

King Edward Launches Largest Battleship Afloat.
 PORTSMOUTH, England, Feb. 12.—Without ceremonial function King Edward played a principal part in the supreme naval event of his reign.

The monster battleship Dreadnought, which when finished will have cost \$7,500,000, was launched here by the king.

The ceremony was the most simple possible, his majesty having vetoed all decorations and pageantry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian. There was a moment of suspense after the king touched the electric button removing the last block as the huge ship heaved and appeared to be reluctant to take the water, but she glided down the ways in a flash.

Among the occupants of the royal stand were the American naval attaché, Lieutenant other attachés, the admiral's officials and a few privileged persons.

The launch of the Dreadnought is another triumph of sea power which fills big Englanders with exultation. The admiral has been reticent about this enormous battleship, larger than either the United States ships Michigan of the North Carolina, and carrying ten twelve-inch guns, but enough is known to justify the conclusion that all other vessels of that class will be obsolete if her speed be twenty-one knots and she can carry so powerful a battery, with eighteen quick firers added. The ship is a most daring experiment, for turbine engines will be used before their two Cauders now under construction. All the maritime nations will follow them if the success of the new ships be complete. Indeed, Germany already responds to the British challenge by planning battleships 200 tons larger armed with fourteen twelve-inch guns. Mechanical invention is constantly destroying navies by making them obsolete, for the process of reconstruction becomes more costly every decade.

Viceroy of Canton Inactive.
 CANTON, Feb. 12.—The anti-foreign sentiment here is due to the attitude of the viceroy, who appears to be determined to create friction with the United States. The viceroy up to the present has taken no action in connection with the representations of the consular body regarding the recent attacks on foreigners. A leaflet has been widely circulated in the city of Canton urging the people to cooperate with a view to the expulsion of the viceroy.

Vessel Lost on Vineyard Sound.
 VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 12.—The famous Sow and Pigs reef at the entrance of Vineyard sound claimed another coaster when the New York tern schooner Joseph Hay, Captain C. B. McLean, struck on one of the western ledges, bumped over and sank fifteen minutes later in twelve fathoms of water. The six men on board, who jumped into their yawl without saving any of their belongings, were brought here by a tug.

Ice Harvest Begins.
 CATSKILL, N. Y., Feb. 12.—For the first time this season ice hauling begins here today, zero weather having for several days held the snow covered fields which had been flooded on Saturday when, working by lantern light, men marked and plowed the ice fields in Catskill creek.

A DAZZLING ARRAY

Royal Gifts For Miss Roosevelt Pour In.
EMPERORS AND KINGS PAY TRIBUTE

Mr. Longworth Much Better—Austria, Italy and Germany Testify Good Will—Presented From Many Friends.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Longworth of Ohio who has been suffering from an attack of tonsillitis, is much improved. He ate dinner with the members of the household. He will probably be out today if the weather continues favorable.

Miss Roosevelt is daily receiving a large number of handsome gifts from friends in this country and abroad, and before her wedding day, next Saturday, she will have a dazzling array. The Lucania, which has arrived at New York, brought a wedding gift for Miss Roosevelt from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary. It was in the care of Purser Andrew Milliken. It is supposed to be a magnificent necklace. The seal package is addressed to L. Hengelauer, von Hengelauer, ambassador of Austria-Hungary.

The German ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg, who are among the most intimate friends of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, will send Miss Alice a set of dessert plates especially designed in the Dresden potteries. Miss Roosevelt is especially fond of china, and her love for this ware led the ambassador and his wife to select it as a wedding gift.

The much talked of present from Emperor William of Germany has not yet arrived and is not expected in Washington until after the wedding. The gift will come directly to the German embassy and will be presented to the president's daughter through the German ambassador.

Of rare value and beauty is the gift of the king of Italy to Miss Roosevelt. It is a table of Italian mosaic work, showing scenes from Italian cities and towns. The table was made in Florence and was personally selected by the king.

A brooch of sapphires and diamonds will be the wedding gift to Miss Roosevelt from the Austrian ambassador and Baroness von Hengelauer.

The minister from Cuba and Mme. Quesada will give the president's daughter a handsome tea service of silver. This will be in addition to the collar of pearls which the government of Cuba will send.

Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks have added a handsome set of bouillon cups to Miss Roosevelt's collection of housekeeping appointments. The cups are fashioned in a peculiar and rare design and are of royal Worcester.

The New York delegation in congress, which has been invited to the wedding, will send Miss Roosevelt a set of the most expensive cut glass. From the Ohio delegation will come a large loving cup, of a size pretentious enough to be used as a punch bowl.

Few of Miss Roosevelt's friends have selected anything appropriate for a journey, with the chance of it being carried on the honeymoon trip, but Senator and Mrs. Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania have struck on a novel jewel case for a long trip. Their gift is a solid silver box a foot square. It is elaborately decorated. On the top is a large medallion bearing Miss Roosevelt's initials.

At the wedding of Miss Roosevelt, which will be performed in the historic red room by the Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, on Saturday next, there will be no bridesmaids. A thousand invitations to the wedding have been issued. Those invited are the members of the cabinet and their wives, former members of the cabinet who are now in the United States senate and their wives, the heads of the foreign embassies and their wives, the official members of the party which accompanied Secretary Taft to the Orient, the Ohio delegation in congress, and the New York delegation in congress. Late in the afternoon Mr. Longworth and his bride will leave Washington on a trip to Florida, traveling in a special car. After the adjournment of congress they expect to make a trip to Europe.

A DETROIT TRAGEDY.

John Witt, Jr., Killed His Little Girl and Then Shot Himself.
 DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 12.—Vowing that he would secure possession of his four-year-old daughter, Florence, dead or alive, John Witt, Jr., a lumber scaler, went to the home of his father-in-law, August F. L. Wieting, with murder in his heart. As a result Witt and his little girl are dead, the father-in-law is dying and Mrs. Wieting is in Grace hospital with a bullet wound in her shoulder.

Witt had twice been separated from his wife, the last time only a few weeks ago, and Mrs. Witt has been staying with her parents.

The father-in-law answered Witt's knock at the door and was instantly seized by the little girl. Loud words were followed by the report of a revolver, and Wieting fell to the floor mortally wounded. Witt then pushed over his first victim, Mrs. Wieting, and made for the room in which Mrs. Wieting and little Florence had been sleeping, but Mrs. Wieting had sprung out of bed at the shot that felled her husband, and she was shot through the shoulder as she vainly attempted to slam the bedroom door in the intruder's face.

Witt's wife was absent visiting a sister, and when Mrs. Wieting fell the murderer went unhindered to the bedside of his little girl. Holding the revolver over her chest, he pulled the trigger at such close range that the little one's night clothing was burned away and her flesh terribly scorched by the powder's flash. Witt then turned the revolver upon himself and sent a fatal bullet crashing through his skull.

IRISH ATHLETES VICTORIOUS.

Annual Games of Boston's Athletic Association.
 BOSTON, Feb. 12.—The speed and endurance of the Irish-American, Yale and Worcester runners was the principal feature of the seventeenth annual games of the Boston Athletic association.

Both Yale teams won from Harvard, the varsity by twenty-five yards and the freshmen by a close margin. Dartmouth ran away from the University of Pennsylvania, while Brown defeated Amherst for the first time in many years. Cornell also had an easy victory over Princeton.

The Irish-American team from New York was well high invincible in the long distance runs. G. V. Bonhag won the two mile Amateur Athletic union championship, and his team mates, Harvey W. Cohn and Melvin Sheppard, took places. In the mile Sheppard, running from scratch, was by far the strongest runner in the field and won without difficulty.

Neither Eckersall nor Hahn, who came from Chicago especially for the event, was a factor in the finals of the forty yard handicap, although they won heats only to lose in the semifinals.

Harvard showed some strength in the field events, Keran winning the high jump and Bangs and Stephenson places in the shot.

Pugilist Said to Have Been "Doped."
 ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Tommy Gorman, the bantamweight pugilist of this city, who was removed to the Albany hospital suffering from what his physician believed to be an overdose of some drug, is reported as much improved and out of danger. Frank ("Plucky") Evans of Schenectady, the well known bantamweight who defeated Gorman in the thirteenth round of a scheduled twenty round bout, was locked up here by order of Sheriff Pitts until the doctors could ascertain Gorman's condition.

Mackay Racket Champion.
 TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The semifinals round in the play for the gold racket at the Tuxedo club brought about the decisive defeat of Lawrence Waterbury, the national racket champion, at the hands of Clarence H. Mackay. Mr. Mackay, who is the present holder of the gold racket, will now meet Payne Whitney in the final.

Preparing to War on Insurance Men.
 NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Matthew C. Fleming, who was associated with Charles E. Hughes as counsel in the legislative life insurance investigation, has been retained by District Attorney Jerome to assist him in the preparation of the cases against the life insurance company officials whom it is said the district attorney will prosecute. Mr. Fleming was also associated with Mr. Hughes in the Stevens committee gas inquiry.

NO STREET CARS RUN

Poughkeepsie's Entire Electric Plant Destroyed.
TROLLEY CARS A MASS OF DEBRIS

Maras and Business Block Make Big Blaze—Delta's Hotel Saved by Hard Work of Fire Brigade—Loss, \$150,000.
 POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The entire plant and equipment of the Poughkeepsie City and Wappingers Falls Electric Railway company has been destroyed by fire, and today Poughkeepsie is without any surface railway accommodations, twenty-two of the twenty-three electric cars of the company having been burned. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$50,000.

The flames were first discovered in the machine room by Engineer Beasley and Fireman Anderson. On the company's plant is one of the city fire alarm whistles, and this was tied down and gave a continuous alarm, while the engineer and fireman used a small hose and fire extinguishers with which to fight the flames. The materials in the machine room and oil room adjoining were of a highly inflammable character, and the flames made great headway, driving the engineer and fireman from the building.

When the firemen arrived the flames were being driven into the war barn, from which they leaped through the big doors across Main street, making it impossible for the firemen to fight the flames at close quarters. Within fifteen minutes after the blaze was discovered the interior of the building was a seething mass of flames, and the huge dynamo and engines were completely enveloped, being warped and destroyed within a short time. No power could be generated because of a short circuit, and the twenty-two cars in the barn were soon a twisted mass of debris.

The firemen then confined their efforts to saving the block of frame buildings surrounding the power plant. Dietz's hotel, which adjoined the power house plant on the west, soon caught fire, and the rear of the building was soon covered with sheets of flame. Several firemen were overcome and had to be carried from the burning building. With a dozen streams on the wooden structure, the main part of the hotel was saved, as were the adjoining buildings. One trolley car had not yet gone into the car barn, and this is the only car the company has today.

The property and equipment is owned by the members of the family of the late James W. Hinkley. Steps are being taken to install a new plant and procure new cars. It is believed that a couple of cars can be operated on the Main street line in a day or two with power furnished by the Poughkeepsie Light, Heat, and Power company. It will take several months to install a new plant, and many conductors and motormen are thrown out of employment.

Hung Negro to Railroad Bridge.
 GADSDEN, Ala., Feb. 12.—Bunk Richardson, a negro, charged with the assault and murder of Mrs. Sarah Smith here, was forcibly taken from the jail at an early hour in the morning and hanged to the bridge of the Louisville and Nashville railroad across the Coosa river. Four masked men went to the jail, overpowered the sheriff and made short work of the prisoner. Four negroes were charged with the crime against Mrs. Smith, two of whom have been legally executed. The third, Will Johnson, was recently convicted and sentenced to death, but last week Governor Jelks commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. Richardson, the man lynched, had not been indicted, but was in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Littleton Will Not Be Rebuilt.
 NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Littleton, which was practically wiped out by fire on Friday last, will probably never be rebuilt. Many of the sufferers are disheartened and have expressed an intention to go to other towns. Mayor Bradley threatened to prosecute the proprietor of the one remaining saloon if he reopened, but his order to close was disobeyed. Bradley promptly sent a man with a sledgehammer to the saloon, and the latter knocked in the heads of over 100 barrels of beer and allowed it to flow into the creek.

Irvington Youth Shot Himself.
 IRVINGTON, N. Y., Feb. 12.—After having roomed about the country since his recent release from a hospital for the insane, Alexander O. Fisher, twenty-three years old, returned to his parents' home here, let himself into the house with a latchkey, went to his old room and, without any one knowing of his presence, lay down upon a bed and shot himself, dying before the aroused family could summon medical assistance.

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