

# LIFE AND MILLIONS SACRIFICED IN LONGEST STRIKE IN THIS COUNTRY

## Miners and Operatives at Loggerheads For Fourteen Months

## Ten Thousand Men Are Living on an Allowance of \$2.50 a Week

THE strike of the Westmoreland county (Pa.) coal miners, which remains unbroken after fourteen months, has lasted longer than any other strike in the history of labor unionism in this country.

Over 10,000 miners, living on an allowance of \$2.50 a week collected through fifty cent assessments from every union miner in this country and forwarded from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America in Indianapolis, have been eking out an existence amid the greatest vicissitudes within a stone's throw of twenty-eight of the richest coal mines in this country without having swung a pickax or lifted a shovel for over a year.

As for the owners of the twenty-eight mines, they publicly made this statement not long ago:

"We pay the state of Pennsylvania \$100,000 a year in taxes, yet we haven't mined a ton of coal for over a year."

The mine owners in explaining their refusal to arbitrate the strike or to consent to the strikers' terms say that they are "merely trying to manage our own business in our own way without interference from the labor unions."

### The Miners' Side.

The striking miners, on the other hand, say that for many years every wagon of coal they have filled has been unfairly measured by the company officials and that they have had to work twelve hours a day instead of the desired eight hours. They say they have been obliged to patronize the companies' high priced stores and that they have been discharged by mine foremen because they refused to vote a certain political ticket.

They say they were forced to bear the cost of the new explosives and of the safety lamps which the companies have prescribed in the mines during the last two years. They say that they held a grievance meeting in Greensburg fourteen months ago to protest against these costly prescriptions and that a score of the men who had participated in this meeting were discharged by the coal companies. They say that they felt that the only way to protect themselves from continuing oppression from the companies was to insist on the companies recognizing their newly organized union.

The companies, on their side, retort that the miners' objections to the new explosive and safety lamps are mere pretexts and that the miners were all perfectly contented until delegates of the United Mine Workers of America came from the Indianapolis headquarters and began to talk unionism in the region.

Since the 15,000 miners formally struck in March, 1910, and marched from one mine to another in the district calling to their fellows to strike, too, there have been bloodshed and misery a-plenty throughout the Greensburg district.

### 120 Babies Die.

Scores of strikers, deputy sheriffs and strike breakers have been beaten, stoned and shot. Out of the 349 babies that have been born in the temporary homes of the miners since the strike began 120 have died. The miners themselves, having been dispossessed from the drab colored rows of wooden houses rented to them by the coal companies near the mines before the beginning of the strike, have built a colony of wooden shacks.

These shacks, according to persons who recently visited them, are not even weather proof. They are built from whatever loose lumber the miners were able to pick up through the district. Throughout the bitterest days of the past winter they were

heated with pans of such coal as the miners could pick up near the mine entrances and along the roads.

Following this winter of shack life there are many tales of suffering, of children born in open fields, of families that lived fireless through fierce storms of snow. According to the mine owners, the strike would never have begun but for the mine workers' national organization, and both sides agree that but for the contributions of the national organization the strike would have been broken long ago.

### \$20,000 Distributed Weekly.

Every week since the strike started \$20,000 has been sent to Greensburg from the mine workers' national headquarters at Indianapolis, the money being deposited in the shape of a check in a Greensburg bank.

It is drawn out in specie and green backs by a man named McCartney, who represents the national organization in the striking district. It is carried by him to the second floor of a deserted private residence in a Greensburg side street, which is occupied by the strikers as a local headquarters, and which has paper instead of panes of glass in its windows. Once a week across a kitchen table while a line of almost 1,000 men, women and children file by him he pushes a bill or a handful of silver across to each in turn—\$2.50 to each man, 75 cents to each woman and 50 cents to each child in every striking miner's family. Every mine worker in this country, it is said, is being taxed 50 cents a week to make up this weekly \$20,000 contribution to the Greensburg strikers.

According to a recent visitor to the strike gripped region, about ten persons have been killed and nearly 100 wounded in the course of the fourteen months' strike. The striking miners say that all they want is to arbitrate with the mine owners. They set much store on the fact that Governor Tener of Pennsylvania stated publicly recently that he was greatly in favor of a congressional or legislative investigation of the disagreement of the miners and employers. A bill making possible a congressional investigation has already passed the house of representatives and is before the senate.

### Arbitration Desired.

What the strikers would particularly like, according to their representatives, is the creation of an arbitration commission of three. One member of this commission would be chosen by the strikers, the other by the mine owners and the third either by the first two commissioners or, if these could not agree, by Governor Tener himself.

A few weeks ago in a pouring rain the striking miners of Greensburg had a big procession celebrating the strike's fourteenth month of unbroken continuance. Fifteen hundred men, 100 women and 150 children marched in the ranks. Two wealthy and philanthropic women and two clergymen of widely different creeds led the procession and afterward joined in making speeches to the strikers in the town's cramped and crowded public hall.

One of the women was Mrs. Glendover Evans of the Woman's Trade League of Boston. She is the wife of a stockholder in one of the mines in which the strike is going on. The other woman was the wife of a political officeholder in Pittsburg.

One of the two clergymen was the Rev. D. L. Schultz, who last August resigned his position as pastor of the Loraine Street Baptist church of Pittsburg in order to work among the strikers. The second clergyman who headed the strikers was Rabbi R. I. Coffee of the Tree of Life synagogue of Pittsburg.

### WHALE NETTED FORTUNE.

It Yielded Oil and Something Else. Ambergris Worth \$60,000.

In a vault at the headquarters of a wholesale drug firm in Boston are about 100 pounds of ambergris. It is valued at \$60,000, according to experts.

Trade quotations give the present market value of ambergris at from \$10 to \$15 an ounce. The 100 pound package is by far the largest amount of ambergris received in Boston or New England in many years and is said to be of uncommonly high quality. It was picked up by the crews of the bark Bertha, Captain Ben Vera, and the brig Viola, Captain John A. Cook, who found it while whaling off the coast of Africa in December.

The crews of the Bertha and Viola were pursuing sperm whales when the lookouts sighted several spouting in the sunlight. One fellow about thirty feet long lagged behind the others. He was sluggish, and it happened that the harpoons which simultaneously pierced his sides came from small boats from both ships. That's why the crews are dividing the spoils.

The laggard yielded only fifteen barrels of oil, but the grumbling of the whalers was dispelled by the huge black lump of ambergris taken from him.

## CASE LIKE THE SIAMESE TWINS

### Mystery of Indian Boy's Disappearance Explained.

### HAD BEEN MISSING TEN YEARS

#### Body Found in a Cave in Oklahoma Has Two Heads, Four Arms and Four Feet—Boy Came Across It While Hunting Rabbits.

The mummified body of a child was recently found in a cave near Okmulgee, Okla., by Emmons Lowe, a farmer boy. The body has two heads, four arms, four legs and four feet and is that of a person nearly five feet tall. The arms are all of the same length and reach far below the knees.

The Lowe boy found the mummy while hunting rabbits. He followed his dog on the trail of a rabbit into the cave and while groping around came upon the body. The flesh on the bones has dried, and apparently there has been no decay.

Old residents in the vicinity of the cave say the body is that of an Indian boy who has been missing several years. It was known to them that there was such a boy among the Indians. He was kept out of sight as much as possible by the other members of the tribe to which he belonged, but had been seen by a number of white persons.

John Pepper of Okmulgee said he had seen the two headed Indian boy a number of times. The monstrosity was in reality two persons with one body, he said. The mummy is that of two persons, apparently, even the shoulders of each being separate and perfect, the body very wide and the lower limbs fully developed. The bodies appear to be joined together below the shoulders and from there down to the hips. Physicians have examined the body and say there were really two persons or two bodies and that they were grown together and could not have been separated even by a surgical operation.

Pepper remembers that the Indian boy or boys walked and talked when alive. The Indians were reticent about them, or him, and little was known of him outside of the tribe to which he belonged. It is supposed that the "twins," as they were called by the white people who had seen them, wandered away and died in the cave. Pepper says they have been missing nearly ten years, or at least it has been that long since he saw them alive.

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The original suffragette, according to Dr. Paul Haupt, professor of Semitic languages in Johns Hopkins university, was Eve, who dominated Adam and caused him to eat of the forbidden fruit.

"Some people think that when the Lord created Eve he took not only a rib from Adam, but also the backbone," says Dr. Haupt.

Dr. Haupt apparently subscribes to this view. His theory is set forth in a paper which he read before the American Philosophical society in Philadelphia. For his authority Dr. Haupt quotes the Bible. In Genesis xvii, 7, he finds the quotation: "And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him." The context seems to have no relation to this quotation, and Dr. Haupt intimates that it was interpolated probably by a woman who knew her rights, for in the preceding chapter Dr. Haupt finds that the Lord pronounced a curse on Eve, saying:

"I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy sighing. In pain thou shalt bear children. Nevertheless thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

Dr. Haupt says: "I have discovered that the story of the fall of man and the story of Cain and Abel were written in parallel columns. In the space between commentaries were made. Some woman or some man under the influence of woman wrote this suffragette gloss in the space between the columns. Later it crept into the column containing the story of Cain and Abel, and there it is found today."

### Korea's Population.

Figures recently published by the Japanese ministry of finance give the population of Korea as 12,363,400 natives, 145,046 Japanese and 11,791 foreigners. There is plenty of room for very many more people, as the country is 600 miles long by 135 miles broad. Its parallels are about the same as from Concord, N. H., to Wilmington, N. C.

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**KICK! KICK! KICK!**

A few suggested subjects at which to kick! The weather, of course. Tight fitting shoes. The high cost of living. The hobble skirt and the Harem trousers. High hats on week days. Suffragism, etc., etc., etc. The funnier the better.

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